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Campus Resiliency, Efficiency and a Reduced Carbon Footprint

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- **NYS Policies & Programs**

- Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) Initiative
- NYSERDA Energy Programs
- REV Campus Challenge
- Roadmaps Technical Assistance Program
 - Provided funding for Union College to develop an Energy Master Plan



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- **Campus Overview**

- Founded 1795
- First Planned Educational Campus in US
- More than 120 Buildings on Main Campus
- 2.2 Million Gross Square Feet
- \$2.0-2.5MM/year Utility Expenditure
- 1.8 MW CCHP Plant (2016)
- New Integrated Science & Engineering Complex
- 14 Major Capital Projects in 10 Years
- Future Campus Expansions
- Dynamic Energy System on Campus

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- **Energy Master Planning Overview**
 - Identify the Need – Why Develop an EMP?
 - Carbon Reduction Goal
 - Future Growth Targets
 - Consolidation of Focused Projects
 - Campus Architectural Master Plan Alignment
 - Identify Key Stakeholders
 - Facilities
 - Finance
 - Residence Life
 - Set Path for Execution
 - Expect Path to Change Course



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- **Our Planned Course**

- **Phase 1 - Data Collection/Baseline Assessment**

- High-Level Benchmarking
- Review Central Plant Operation
- Rank Buildings by Energy Use, Energy Cost & Level of Opportunity
- Host Charrette with Stakeholders to Review Findings and Focus Phase 2 Efforts

- Phase 2 – Goal Setting & ECM Analysis

- Phase 3 – Rank Initiatives & Recommendations for Implementation

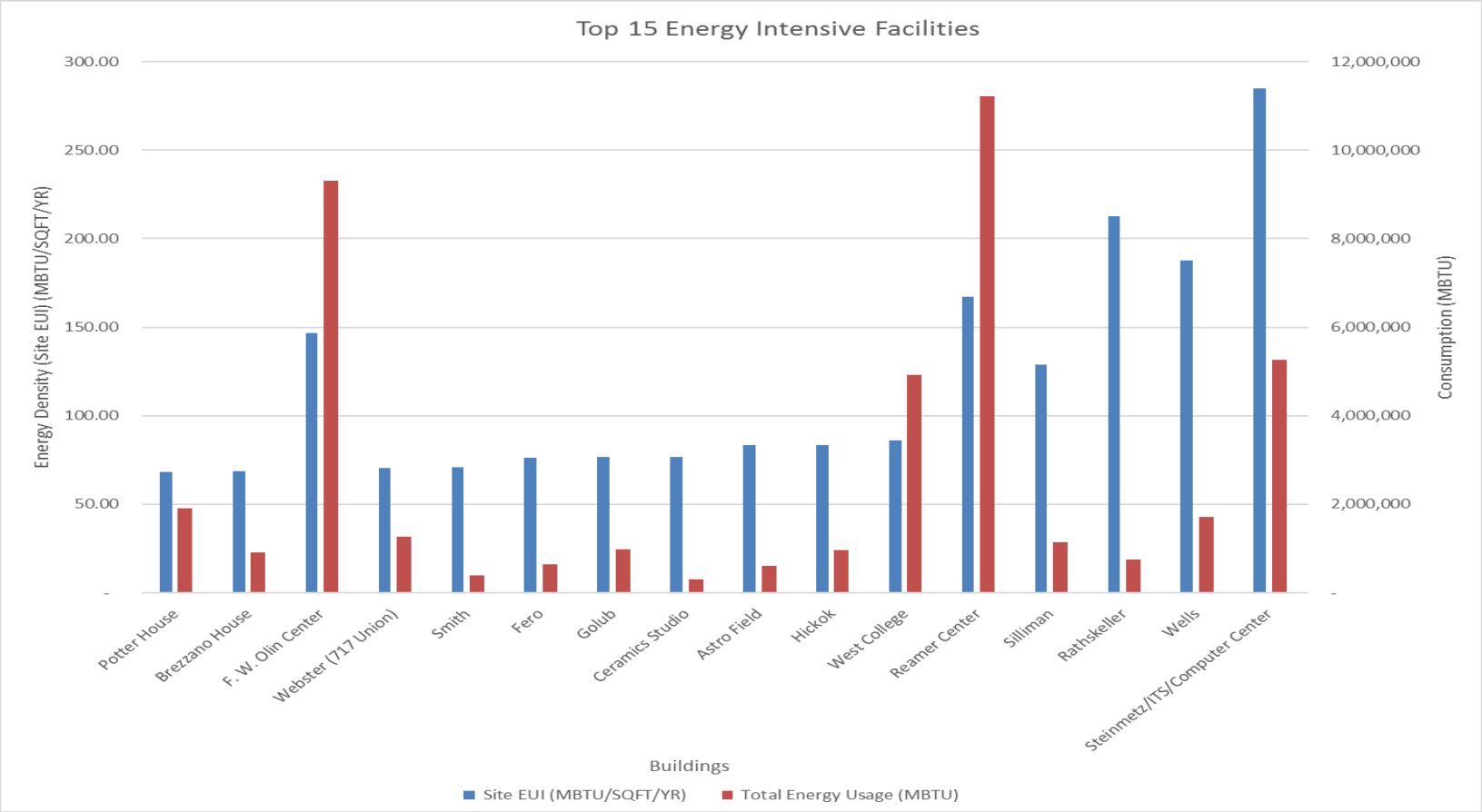
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- **Phase 1 – Initial Benchmarking**
 - Set Project Boundaries – On-Campus Buildings
 - Perform Campus Utility Analysis & Benchmarking
 - Target High-Energy Users
 - Review Previous Energy Audits & Projects
 - Site Walkthroughs – Develop Initial ECM Opportunity List



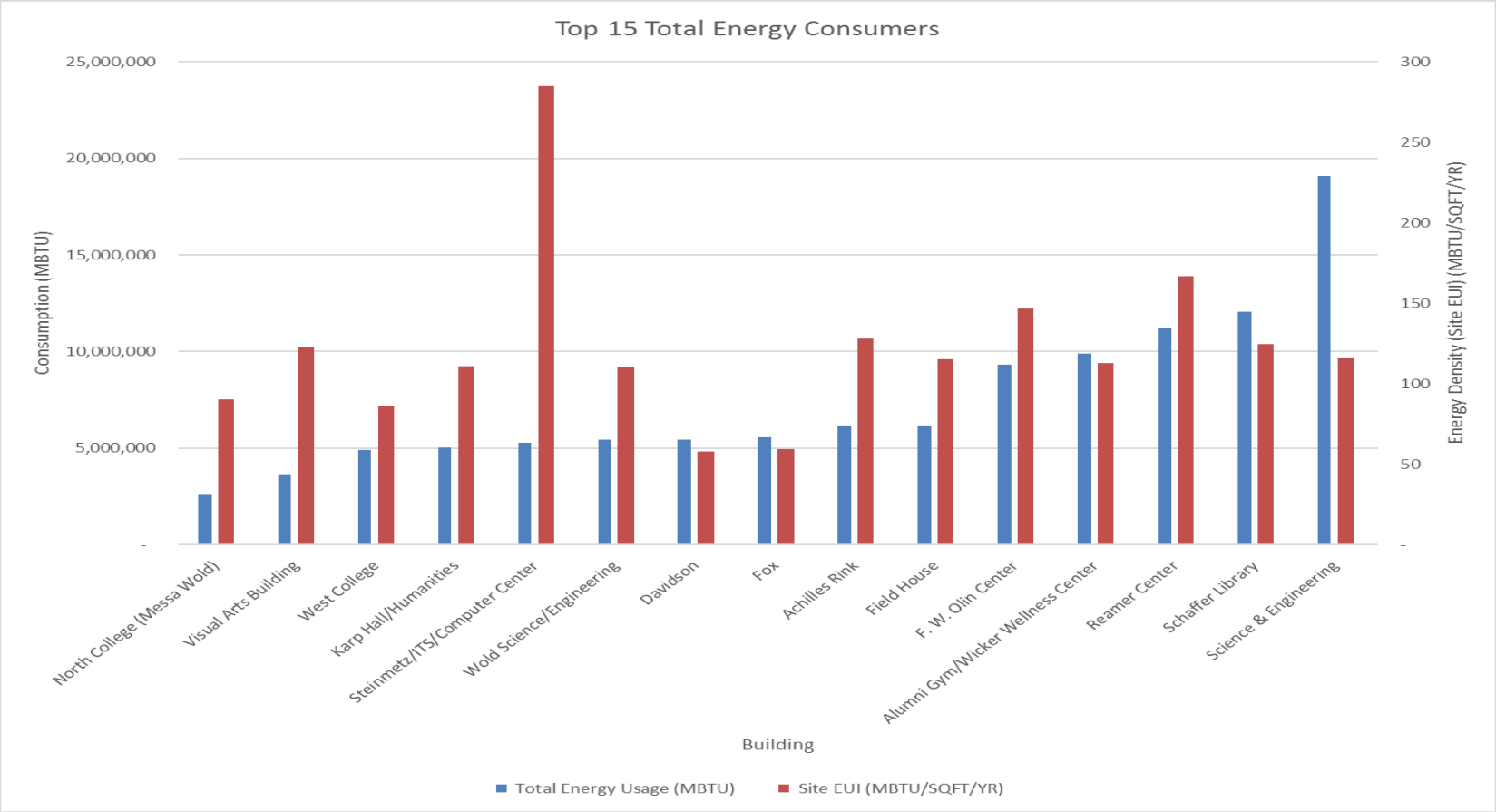
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- Phase 1 – EUI Review



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- Phase 1 –Total Energy Review

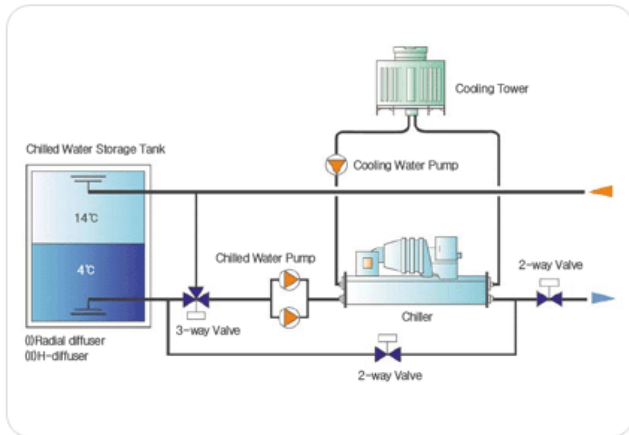


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- **Phase 1 – Central Plant Opportunities**

- CCHP Plant Expansion
- Organic Rankine Cycle
- Expand Chilled Water Usage
- Chilled Water Storage
- Battery Storage
- Satellite CCHP for Ice Rink
- Satellite Dorm Mini-Plant Microgrid



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- **Phase 1 – Sample Building Opportunities**

- Reamer Campus Center – 3rd Highest Energy User
 - Install LED Lights
 - Install Lighting Controls
 - Install Destratification Fans
 - Install Demand Control Ventilation
 - Install Condensing DHW Heater
 - Replace Pneumatic Controls
 - Install Ultra-Low Flow Water fixtures
 - Insulate HW Piping
 - Install Kitchen Hood Controls
 - Replace Domestic Booster Heater
 - Install Walk-in Freezer Controls
 - Install Daylight Sensors



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- **Phase 1 – Sample Building Opportunities**

- Hickok House – 30th Ranked Energy User

- Install condensing DHW heater
 - Install VFDs on HHW pumps
 - Install condensing boiler
 - Install LED lights
 - Install lighting controls
 - Insulate HW pipes



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- **Phase 1 – Conflicting Building Opportunities**

- Fox, Davidson, Webster & West Buildings
 - Each building had significant ECMs identified
 - All buildings part of current plan for Mini-Plant
 - Coordinate Demand-Side ECMs with Mini-Plant
 - Review Options with Stakeholders

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- **Phase 1 – Key Takeaways**

- Overall Campus Energy Consumption on Increasing Trend (campus expansion)
- Facility is working to increase use of CCHP to Improve Efficiency
- Campus NG Usage Increase due to CCHP
- Electricity Cost has Significantly Reduced due to CCHP
- Ongoing Demand-Side Energy Efficiency Efforts Continue
- Most “Low-Cost” and Some Higher Capital Efficiency Projects Completed
- Facility Continues to Evaluate and Consider Cutting Edge Technologies

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- **Our Planned Course**

- Phase 1 - Data Collection/Baseline Assessment
- **Phase 2 – Goal Setting & ECM Analysis**
 - Conduct Charrette with Stakeholder Team
 - Identify Goals & Strategies
 - Evaluate ECMs for Feasibility
 - Identify Scope for More Detailed Study (separate FlexTech Study)
- Phase 3 – Rank Initiatives & Recommendations for Implementation

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- **Phase 2 – Stakeholder Charrette**

- In-depth presentation on Phase 1 Efforts
 - Recap of Benchmarking Efforts
 - Overview of ECMs Identified
 - Team Identification of Goals & Strategies
 - Priority Ranking of Goals & Strategies



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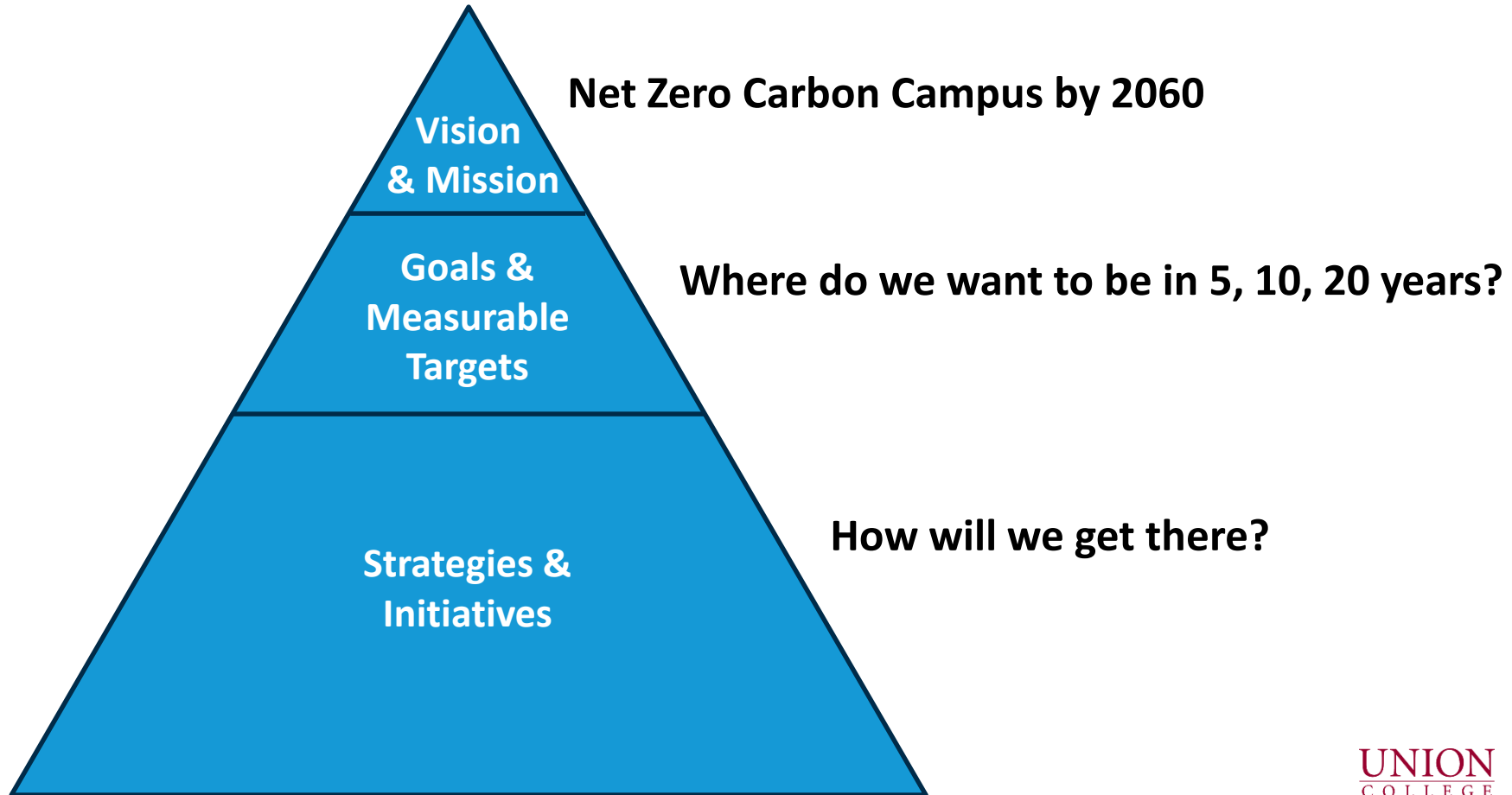
- **Phase 2 – Charrette Team**

- Associate Director of Facilities, Utilities Management & Construction
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Manager of Central Plant and Cogeneration
- Director of Facilities & Planning
- Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Board of Trustees Members
- Central Plant Intern
- Students



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- **Phase 2 – Defining Goals & Strategies**



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- **Phase 2 – Primary Goals Identified**

Votes

Goal Name

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| 6 | Implement an energy education program |
| 5 | Large-scale (> 1 MW) renewable opportunities (on or off campus; possibly leased; solar, geothermal, etc.) |
| 4 | Energy Use Intensity (EUI) reduction by __% by year 20__ (TBD) |
| 3 | Full-campus resiliency (in case of blackout) (steam generation, add 1 MW, optimize current plant and efficiency) |
| 3 | Net zero energy use by year 20__ (TBD) |
| 2 | BTU reduction by __% by year 20__ (TBD) |
| 1 | Reduce chiller \$/kW |

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- **Phase 2 – Primary Strategies Identified**

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| 4 | Implement control strategies (e.g., lights, HVAC, kitchen equipment) |
| 4 | Integrate sustainable energy into capital project policy (talk about options and alternative funding at decision making stage) |
| 3 | Connect more buildings to the Central Plant |
| 2 | Incorporate energy projects into multi-disciplinary curriculum |
| 2 | Participate in NYSERDA's Onsite Energy Manager program |
| 1 | Centralize plants where possible (geothermal, boilers, power, etc.) |
| 1 | Geothermal |
| 1 | Ice/thermal energy storage, peak demand shaving |
| 1 | Improve energy data granularity, transparency, and accessibility |
| 1 | Incorporate ROI into energy studies |
| 1 | Photovoltaic/solar canopy, College Park Hill parking lot, Fieldhouse's south face |

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- **Next Steps**

- Working to Schedule Phase 2 Charrette
 - Finalize EMP Goal Values
 - Begin Acting on Immediate Action Items
 - Share EMP Strategy Results (ECMs, etc.)
- Prioritize and Rank Strategies
- Begin Detailed Study for Select Buildings/Measures
- Standalone Studies as necessary
- Engineering Support as necessary



Questions?



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