

# BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY 1.0

# 1. How Do We Define and Measure Sustainability?

TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

MSBA / 3rd PARTY RATING SYSTEMS

RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

MATERIAL HEALTH

SITE DESIGN

RESILIENCY

## 2. How Do We Make Decisions?

## 3. How are Schools Achieving Deep Green?

Case Study 1

Case Study 2

Case Study 3

# How Do We Define and Measure Sustainability?

# EXPANDING OUR DEFINITION



## Educational Community

Cultivating a shared sense of community

Improves conservation awareness

Potential for curriculum integration

## Environmental Stewardship

Responsible Resource Use (water + energy)

CO2 Emissions

Material Health

Site Ecology

Resiliency

## Flexibility and Reliability

Resiliency

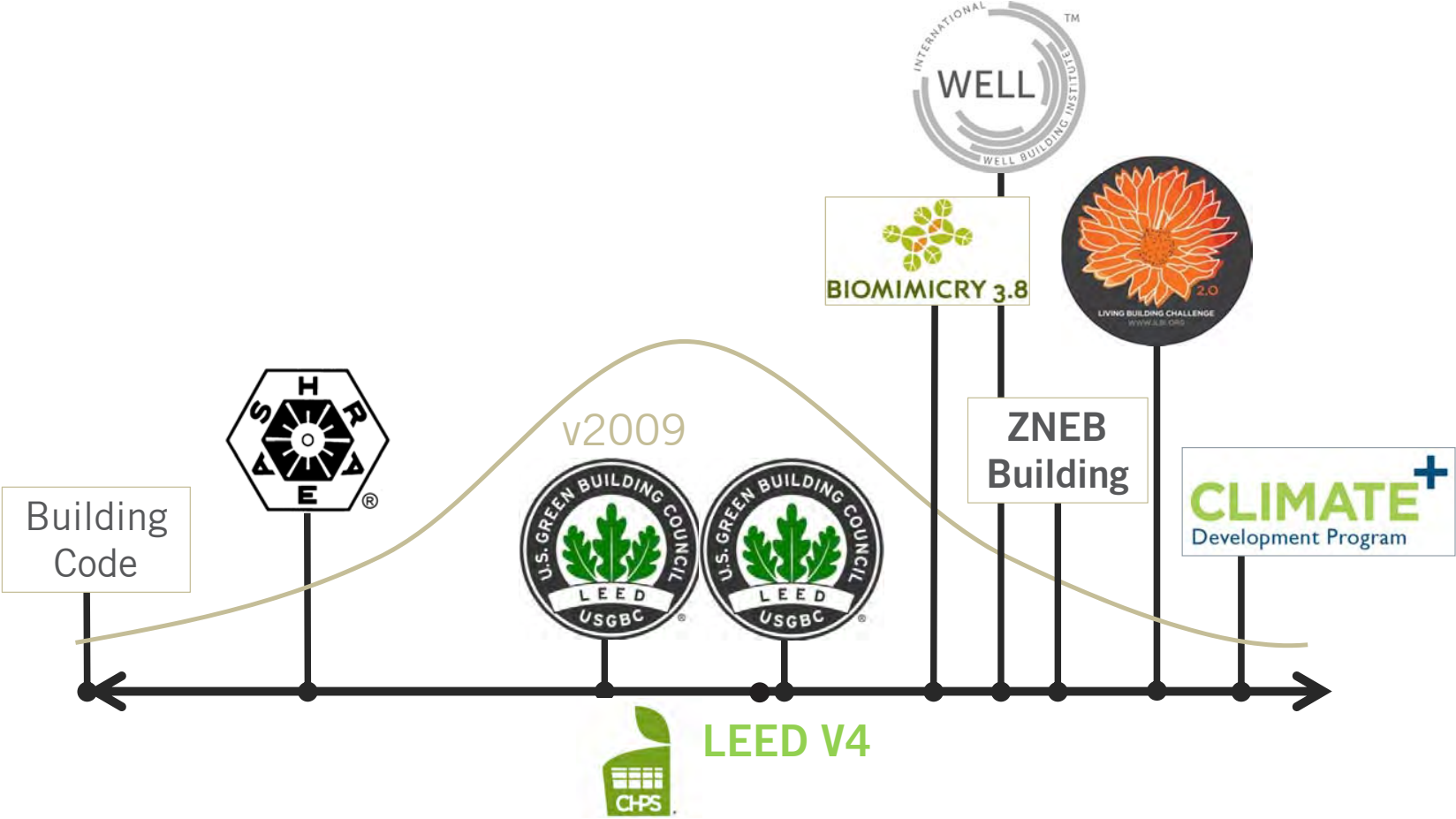
Layout and Load Adaptability

Ease of Maintenance

Proven technology vs innovation?

# 3rd Party Rating Systems

# 3RD PARTY CERTIFICATION



# LEED-S v4



## Minimum Requirement

Certified Level (40 points)

10% energy savings

(3 OEP points)

## Additional 2% Reimbursement

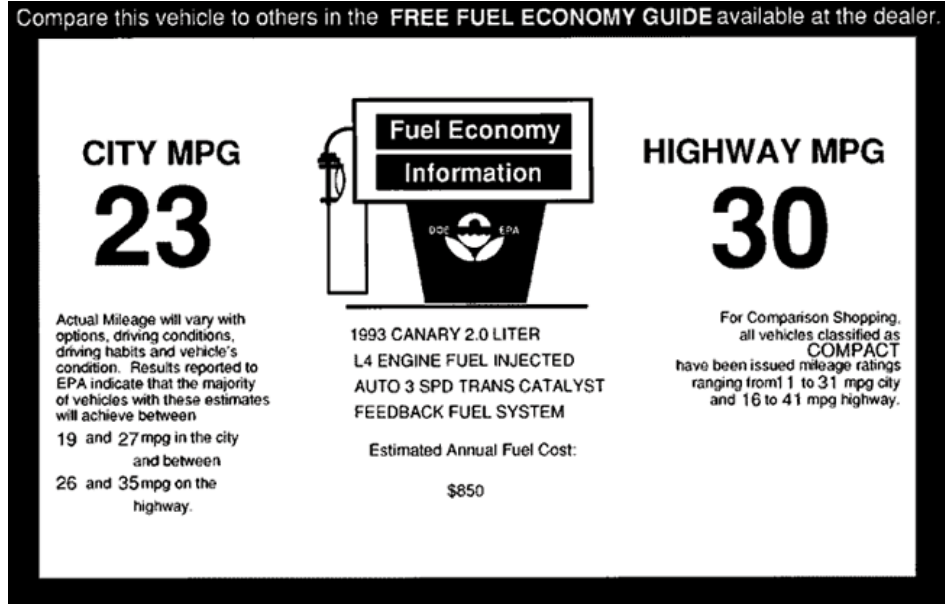
20% energy savings from  
MA base energy code

(8 OEP points)

# Responsible Resource Use



# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE



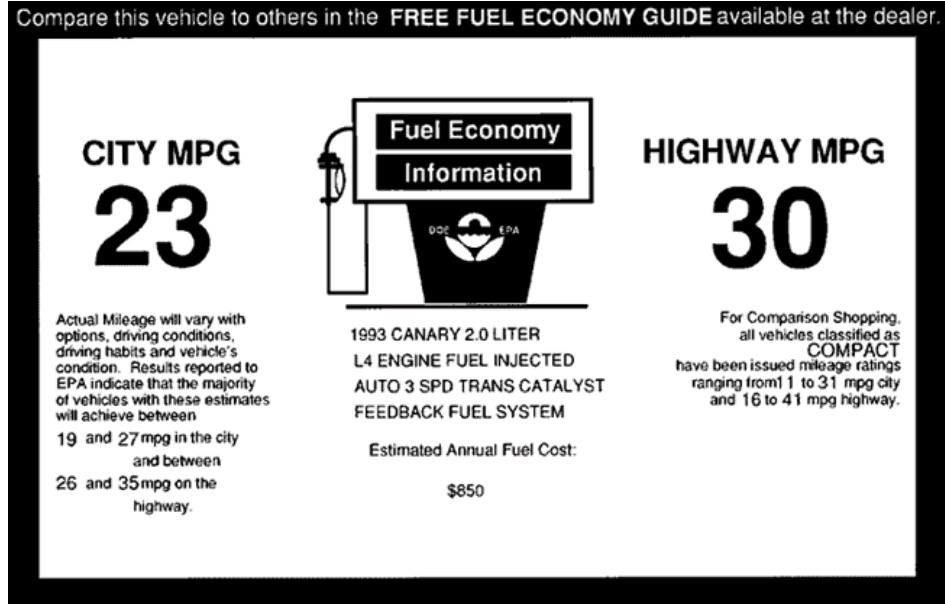
## EUI (Energy Use Intensity)

kBTU / square foot of building area p/year

Building equivalent of “miles per/gallon”

Measurement informs life cycle costing

# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE



## WUI (Water Use Intensity)

Gallons / square foot of building area p/year

Includes site use

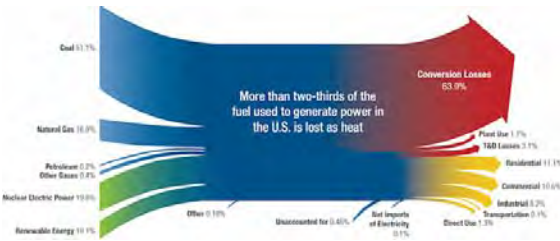
Requires campus wide strategy

# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

Energy at the Site:



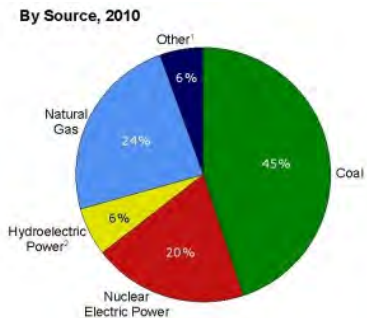
Energy at the Source:



Energy by Cost:

A screenshot of a utility bill showing energy costs and usage. The bill includes a table with columns for 'Month', 'Usage', 'Rate', and 'Amount'. The 'Usage' column shows 'kWh' and 'kWh per sq ft'. The 'Rate' column shows '¢/kWh' and '¢/kWh per sq ft'. The 'Amount' column shows '¢' and '\$'. The bill also includes a section for 'Energy by Cost' with a table showing 'Energy Type', 'Usage', 'Rate', and 'Amount'.

Energy Emissions:



## NREL Definitions: Accounting For Energy

# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

NZEB:A	Renewable energy harvested within the building footprint
NZEB:B	Renewable energy harvested within the building footprint and on the site
NZEB:C	Renewable energy harvested within the building footprint, on site or by renewable sources imported to the site
NZEB:D	Renewable energy harvested within building footprint and/or on site and supplemented by purchased renewable energy certificates

*Net-Zero Energy Buildings: A Classification System Based on Renewable Energy Supply Options, NREL, June 2010*

## How Do We Define a Net Zero Energy Project

# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

## Business as Usual



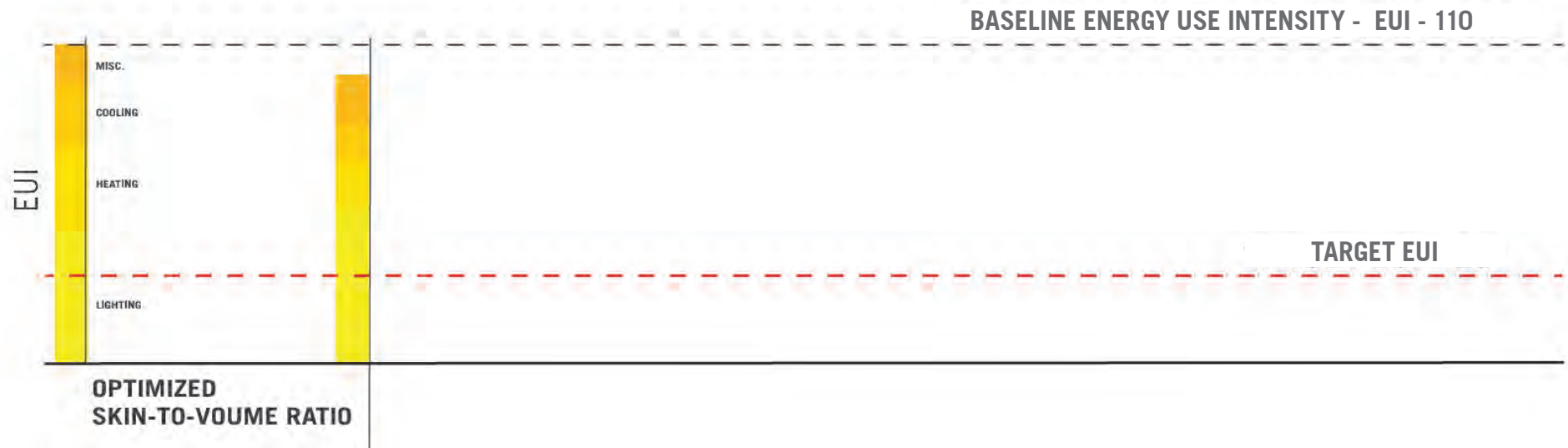
# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

## Defining an Energy Budget



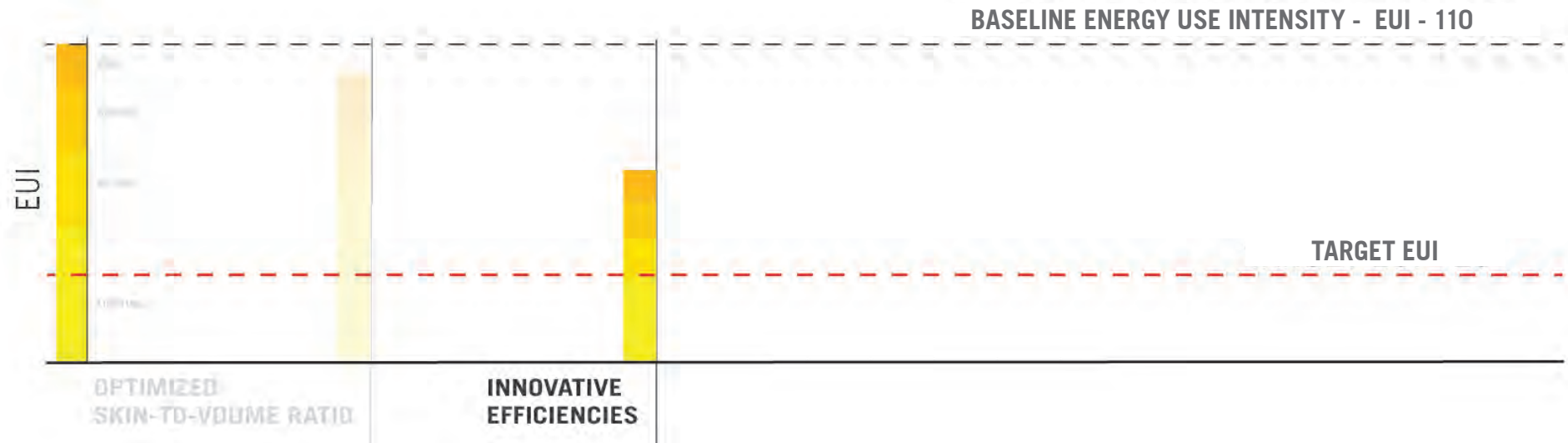
# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

What if we find the ideal orientation for building performance?



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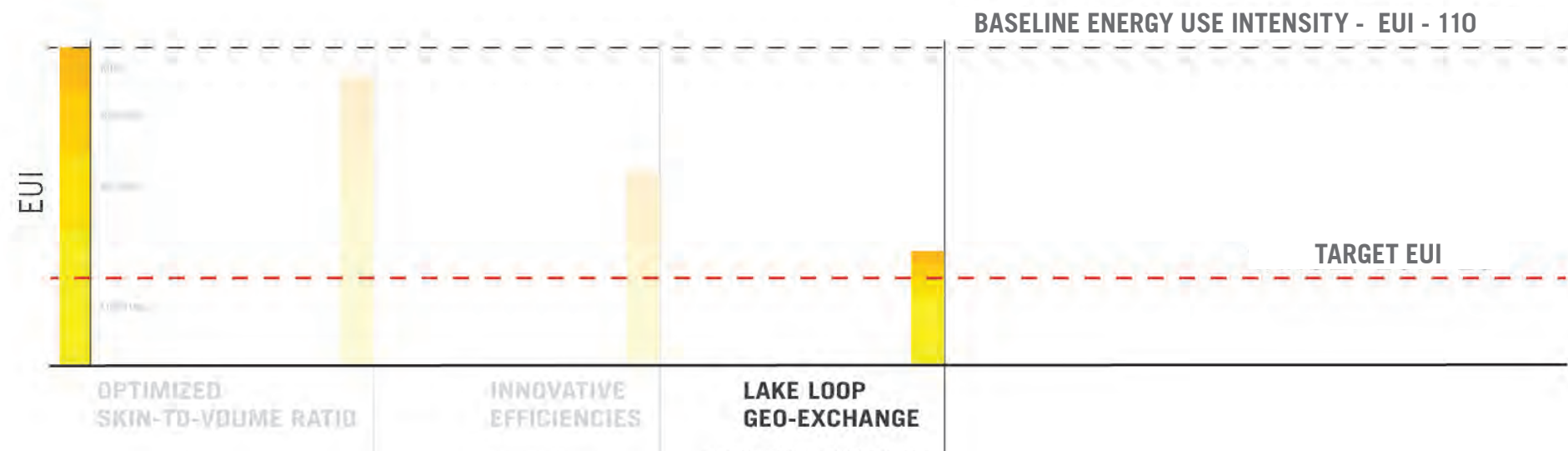
What if we specify the most efficient systems?





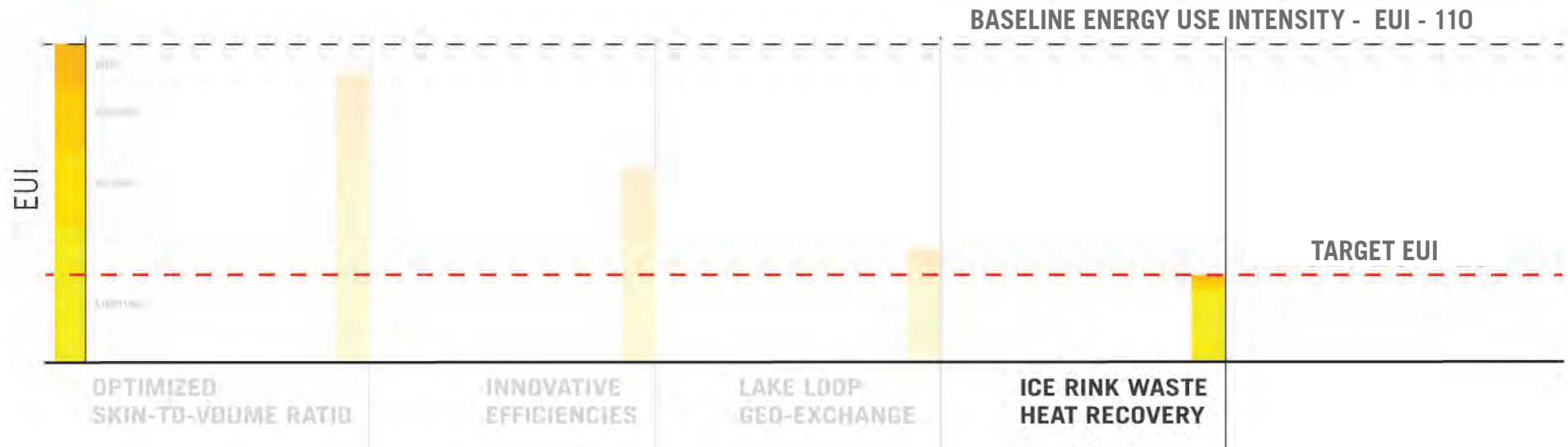
# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

What if we explore innovative ways to use the site?



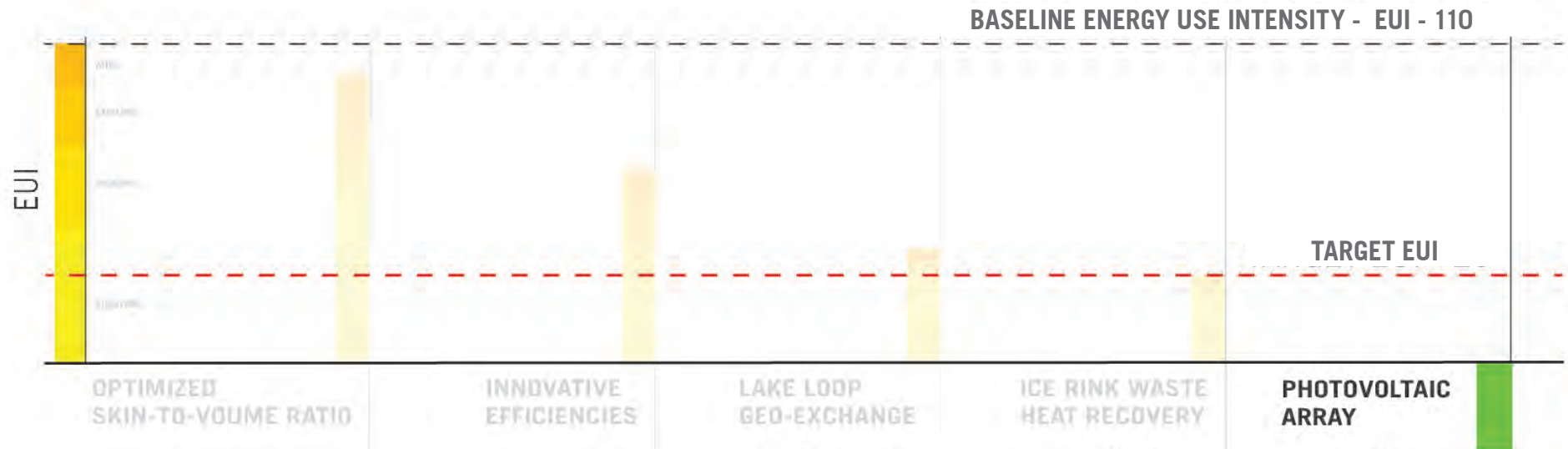
# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

What if we take a campus approach to energy?



# RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE

What if we invest in on-site energy generation?



# Site Design

# SITE DESIGN

What if the site design utilizes green infrastructure?

**Bioretention**



**Stormwater  
Planters**



**Permeable  
Paving**



**Rainwater  
Harvesting**



**Green Roofs**



# SITE DESIGN

June Jordan School of Equity, San Francisco

What if the site performs as an educational *and* habitat rich environment?



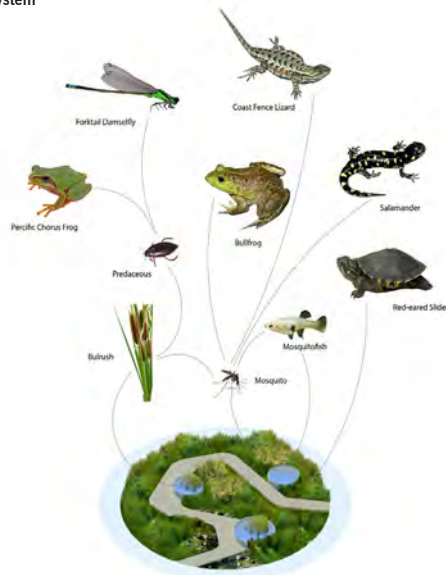


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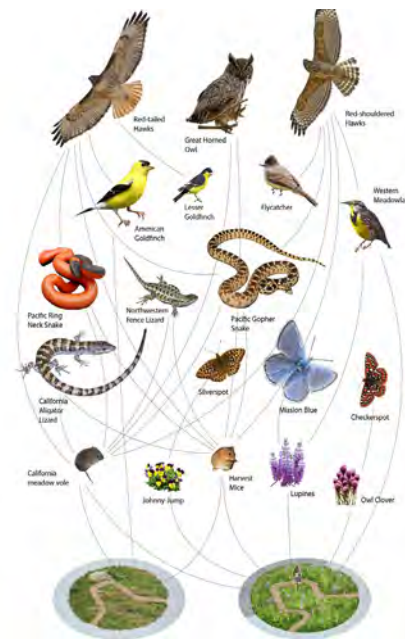
Pond/Bioswale Ecosystem



Native Buckeye And Bunchgrass  
Meadow Ecosystem



Grassland Ecosystem

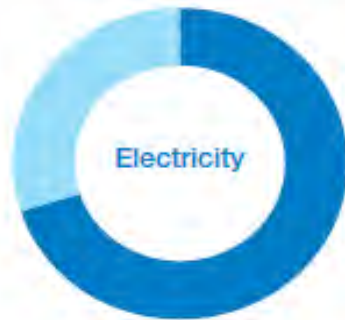


# Material Health



# MATERIAL HEALTH

Percent of Total U.S. Electricity Used By Buildings



Close to 70 percent of electricity consumption

Percent of Total U.S. Potable Water Used By Buildings



14 percent of potable water consumption

**We know the impacts of buildings on our resources and the environment**

# MATERIAL HEALTH



**We know the impacts of  
buildings on our resources  
and the environment**

**...but what is the impact of  
the built environment on our  
health?**

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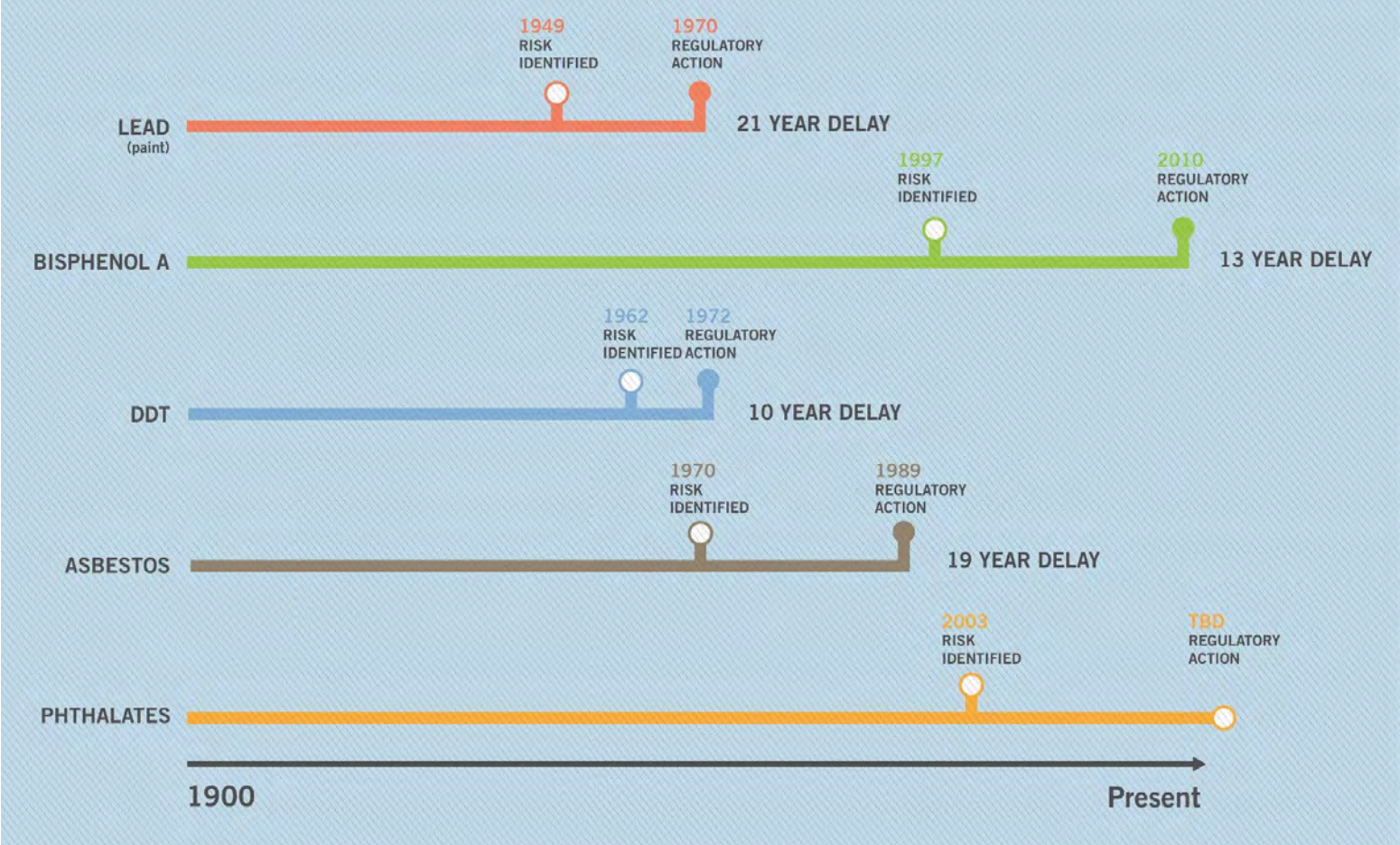


## US CHEMICALS POLICY

### Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

- **84,000** chemicals registered in the United States
- **62,000** were grandfathered in when the law was enacted
- About **700** are introduced per year
- **650** are monitored through the EPA Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)
- Only **200** have been tested for threats to human health and safety
- Of these 200, **5** were partially regulated
- Only **1** chemical has been banned: **PCBs**

# MATERIAL HEALTH





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## What if we choose materials that consider a wider Belmont HS community?




# MATERIAL HEALTH


## Precautionary List ⓘ

Browse substances of concern by project type, product type, CSI specifications, and hazards


SEARCH SUBSTANCES 🔍	PROJECT AREA +	MASTERFORMAT +	PRODUCTS +	HEALTH HAZARDS +	ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS +
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**Antimicrobials - marketed with a health claim**  
CASRN: Multiple\*




**Bisphenol A (BPA)**  
CASRN: 80-05-7




**Chloroprene**  
CASRN: 126-99-8,184963-09-5




**Formaldehyde**  
CASRN: 50-00-0




**Urea-Formaldehyde**  
CASRN: 9011-05-6  
Formaldehyde



**Flame Retardants**  
CASRN: Multiple\*



**Antimony Trioxide**  
CASRN: 1309-64-4  
Flame Retardants



**Decabromodiphenyl Ether (DecaBDE)**  
CASRN: 1163-19-5  
Flame Retardants

## context

**Perkins + Will Precautionary List**  
[transparency.perkinswill.com](https://transparency.perkinswill.com)

**Green Science Policy Institute**  
[greensciencepolicy.org](https://greensciencepolicy.org)  
[saferinsulation.org](https://saferinsulation.org)

**6 Classes of Harmful Chemicals**  
[SixClasses.org](https://SixClasses.org)

**Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute**  
[c2ccertified.org](https://c2ccertified.org)

**Level / furniture certification program (BIFMA)**  
[levelcertified.org](https://levelcertified.org)

**UL Lens**

**Fabric certification program (ACT)**  
[contracttextiles.org](https://contracttextiles.org)

# Resiliency

# RESILIENCY

**Strengthen facility resistance to weather events and resource depletion**

**Improve safety and stability during security incidents**

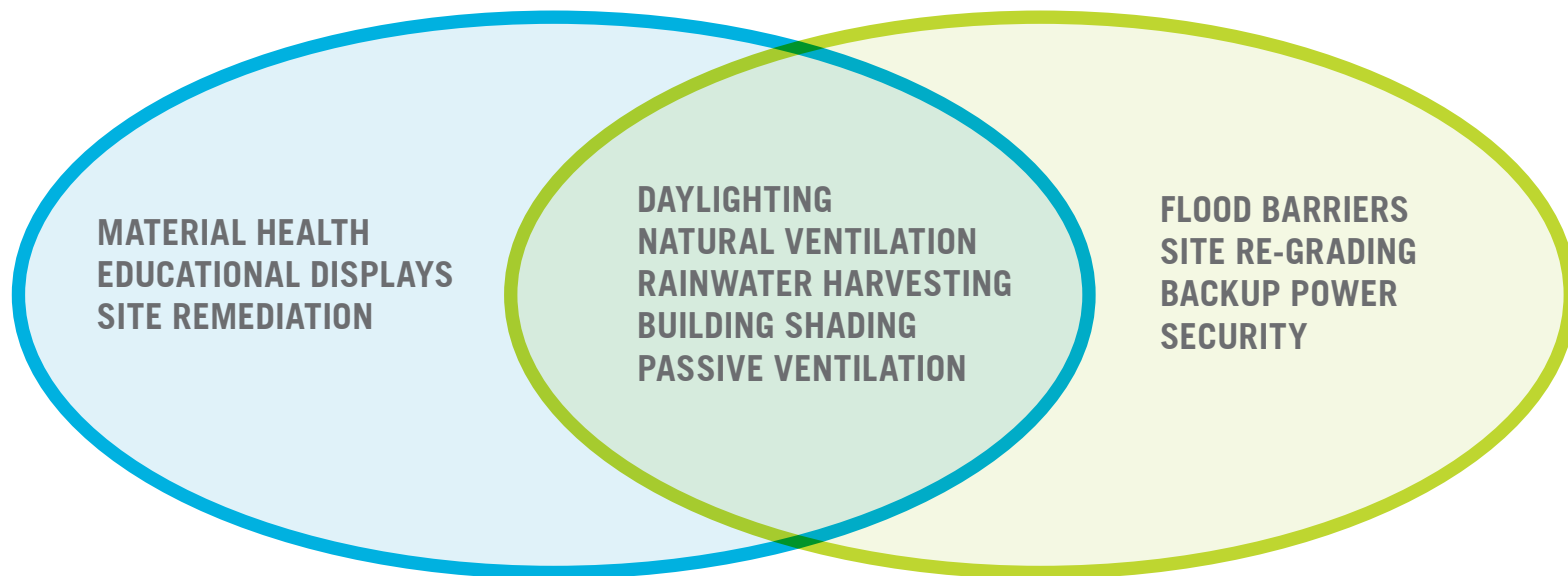
**Maintain continuity of school business and community activities during chronic and acute events**

**Manage risk premiums associated with operations, insurance and financing**



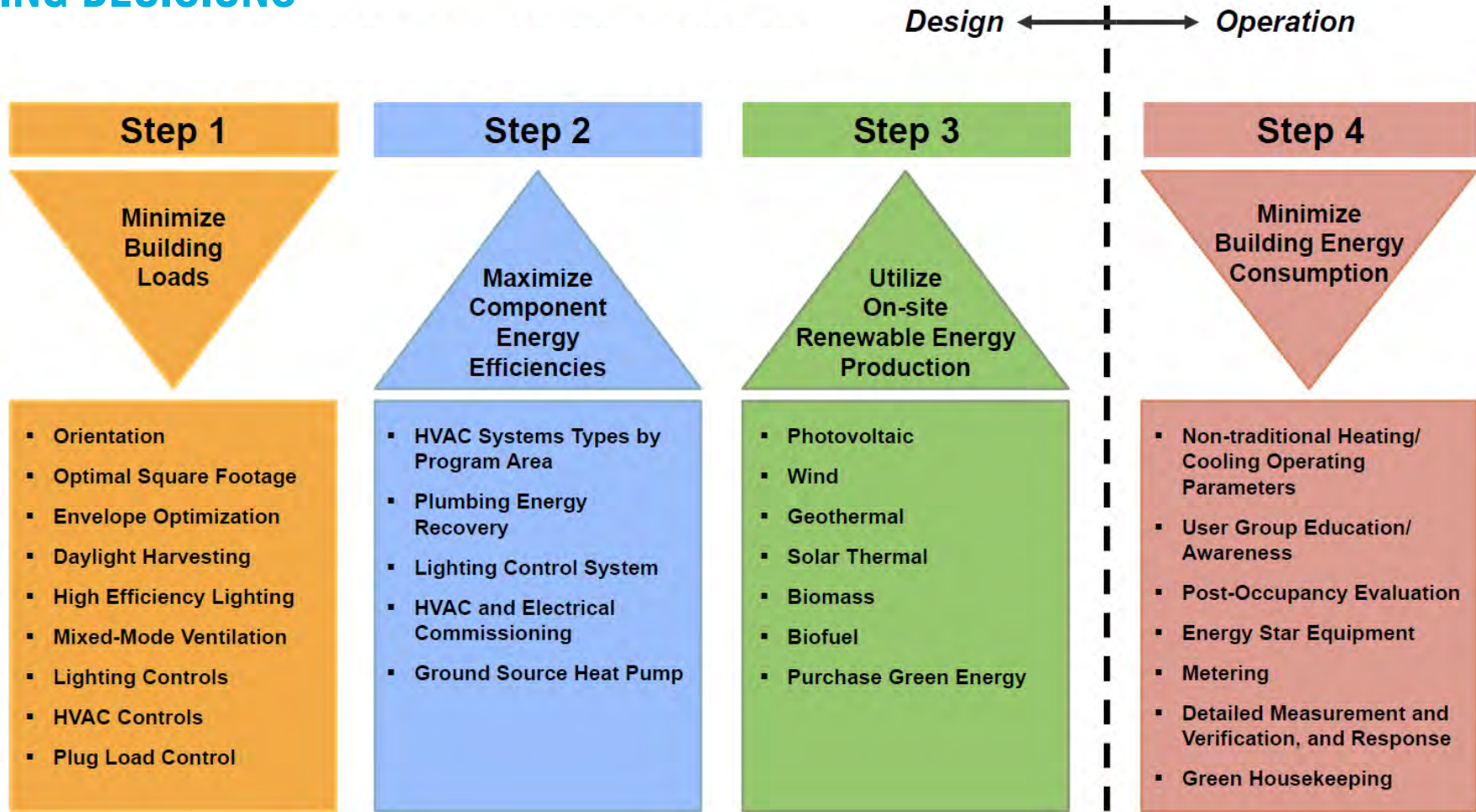
## SUSTAINABILITY

## RESILIENCY

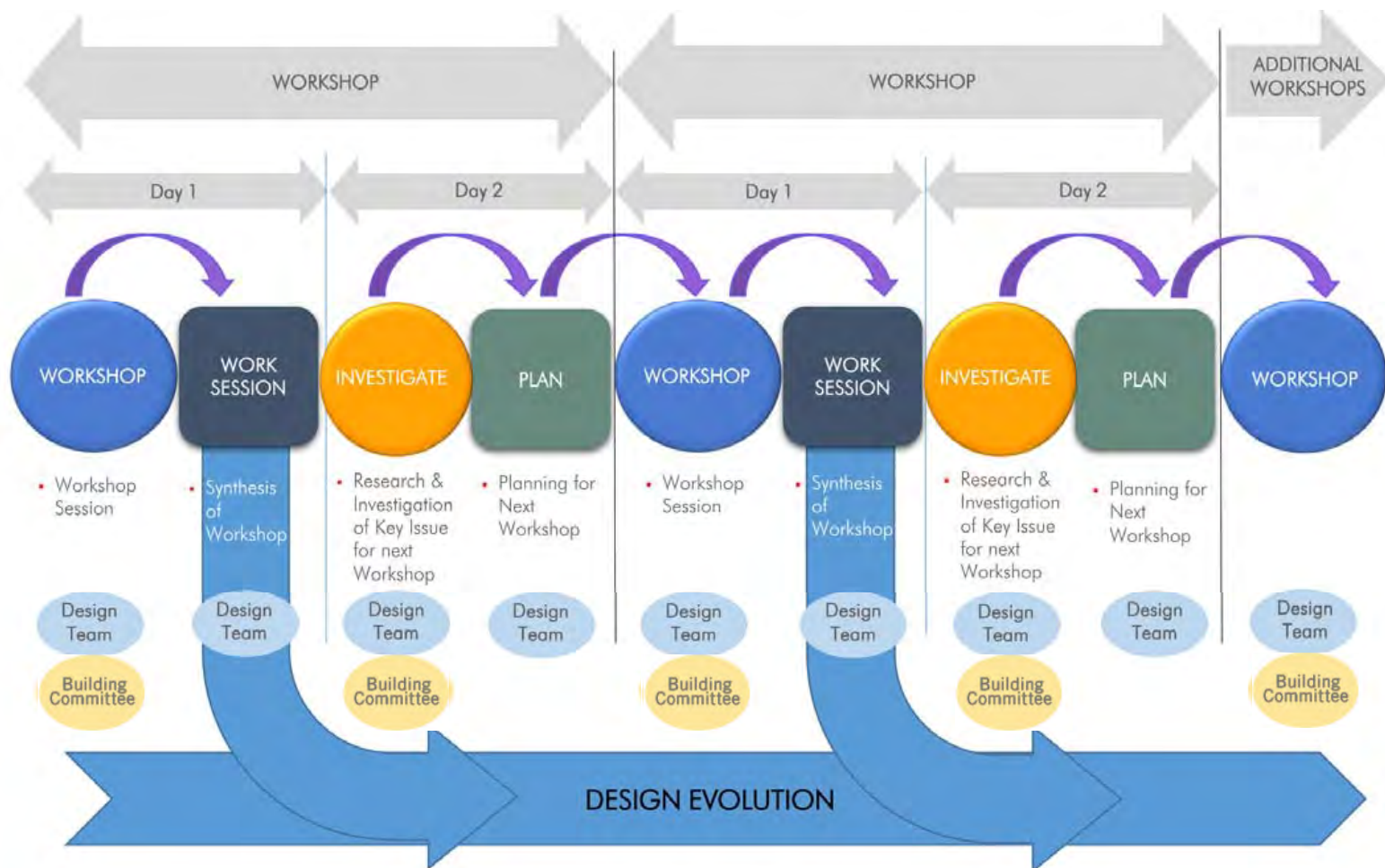


# How Do We Make Decisions?

# MAKING DECISIONS



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BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL ENERGY REDUCTION STRATEGIES							
Strategy Description	upfront cost	% of project budget	annual \$ savings	payback (years)	kBtu/SF/yr savings	cost-effectiveness	comments
<b>PROPOSED STRATEGIES</b>							
Ground Source Heat Pump	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
High Performance 2-Pipe Fan Coil	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
Partial Cooling	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
Improved Wall & Roof Insulation	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	As-built averages: R-29 walls and R-49 roof; compared with industry standard R-19 wall and R-? Roof
Improved Glazing	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.22 U-Factor, 0.44 SC
External Shading	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	brise-soliel provides heat gain mitigation and improves user comfort without compromising daylight and views
Temperature Set Points (82° F / 68° F)	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.22 U-Factor, 0.44 SC
Point of Use Hot Water	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
Plug Load Control	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	School policy to provide "smart power strips" for offices and classrooms
Solar Hot Water System	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
Expanding Day Lighting Sensor Controls	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
Exterior Lighting Controls	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	#DIV/0!	
<b>Comprehensive Accepted Building Strategies</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>			Strategies are dependent on one another and may provide different results for different project types, locations, and strategy combinations

## Payback Tracking

# Case Studies



# CASE STUDY- KATHLEEN GRIMM SCHOOL

## ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Net  
Zero Energy School

66,000 SF, 2-Stories,  
440 Students

- Integrated Metering and Dashboard System
- User & Occupant Engagement
- Geothermal Heating & Cooling System
- Daylight Harvesting
- Low-Flow Plumbing Fixtures
- Solar Thermal Hot Water
- Student Vegetable Garden/Greenhouse

## Net Zero Energy Primary School

*Kathleen Grimm School for Leadership and Sustainability (Staten Island, NY)*



Image Credit: Stark Video, Inc.

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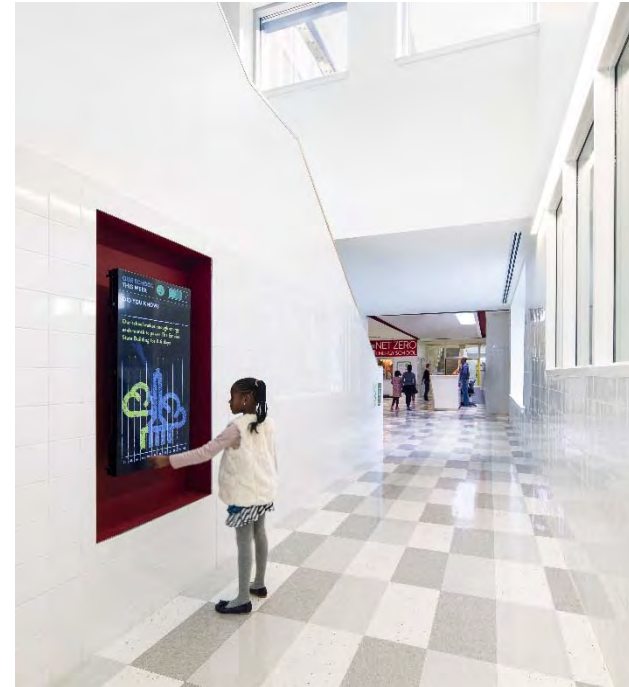
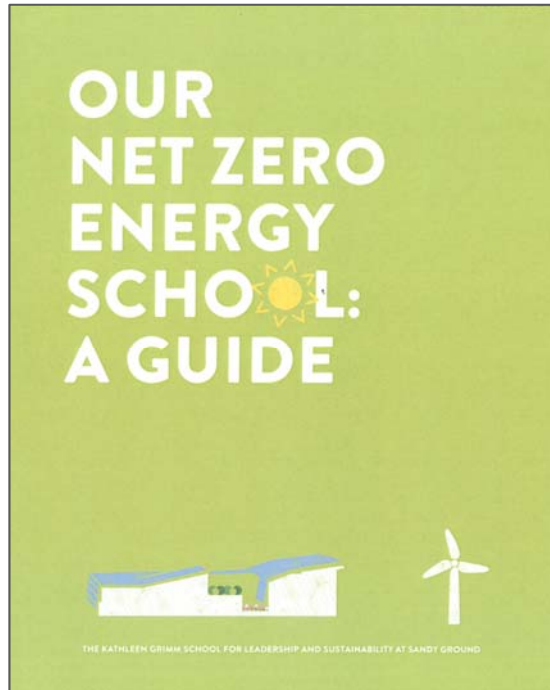
# Kathleen Grimm School: Energy at Play





## CASE STUDY- KATHLEEN GRIMM SCHOOL

# Kathleen Grimm School: Education & Feedback



## CASE STUDY- KATHLEEN GRIMM SCHOOL

# Kathleen Grimm School: Teaching Tool



- Four themed teaching nodes (Sun, Wind, Earth & Water)
- Real-time access to energy performance through school network

# CASE STUDY- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR SCHOOL

## ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Community School

NZE Goal in support of  
Cambridge Carbon  
Neutral Initiative

170,000 SF, 4-Stories,  
700 Students

- Hybrid Geothermal Heating & Cooling
- LED Lighting w/ Daylight Harvesting
- Storm Water Harvesting
- Student Garden

## Supporting Community Carbon Neutral Initiative

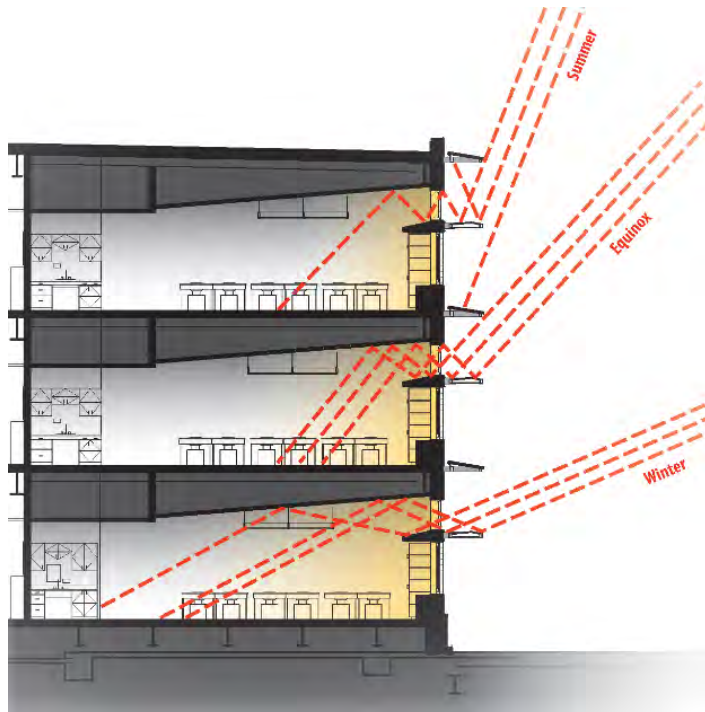
*Martin Luther King, Jr. School (Cambridge, MA)*





## CASE STUDIES- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR SCHOOL

# MLK, Jr. School: Optimizing Daylight



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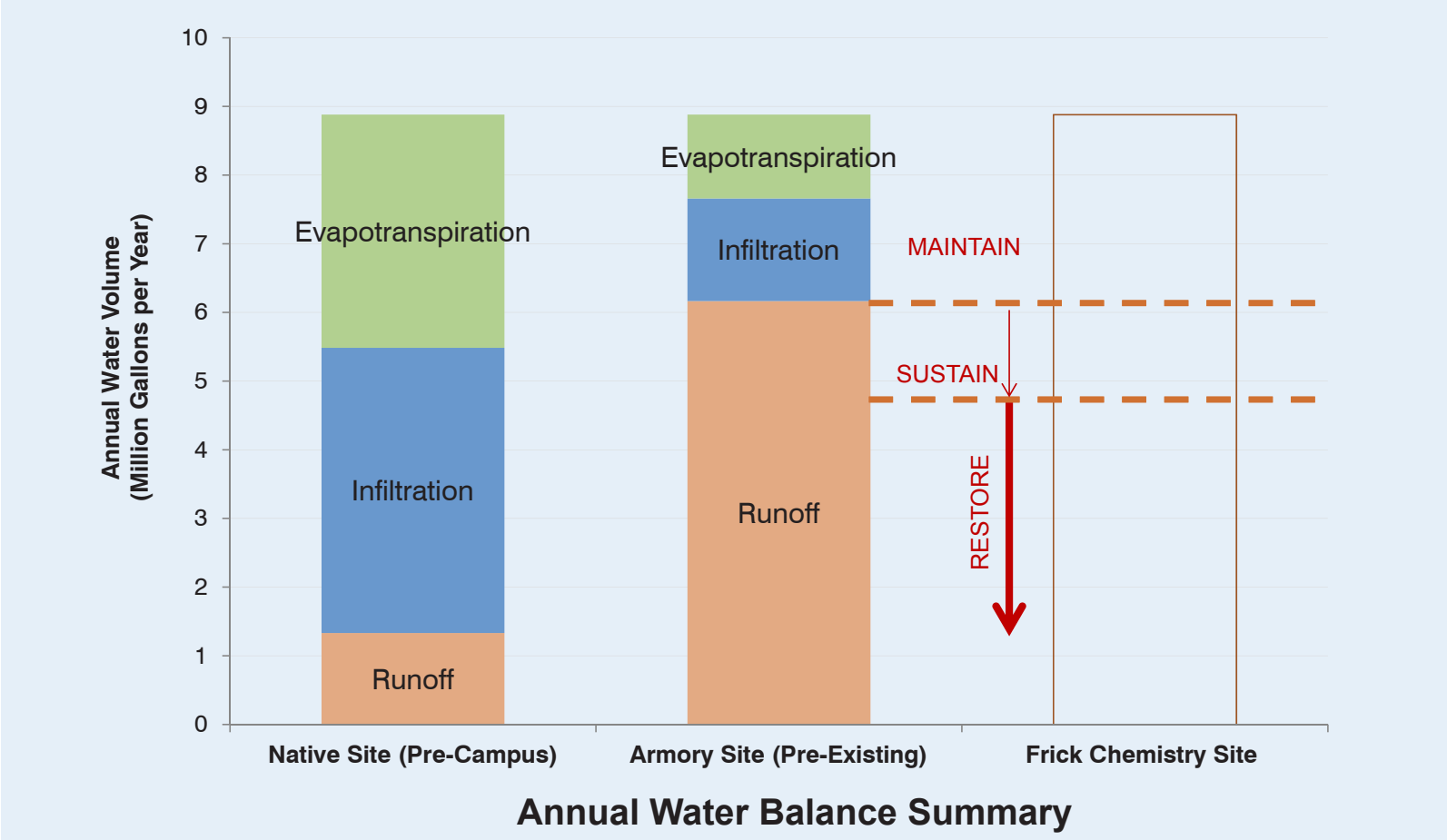
# MLK, Jr. School: Connect to Nature



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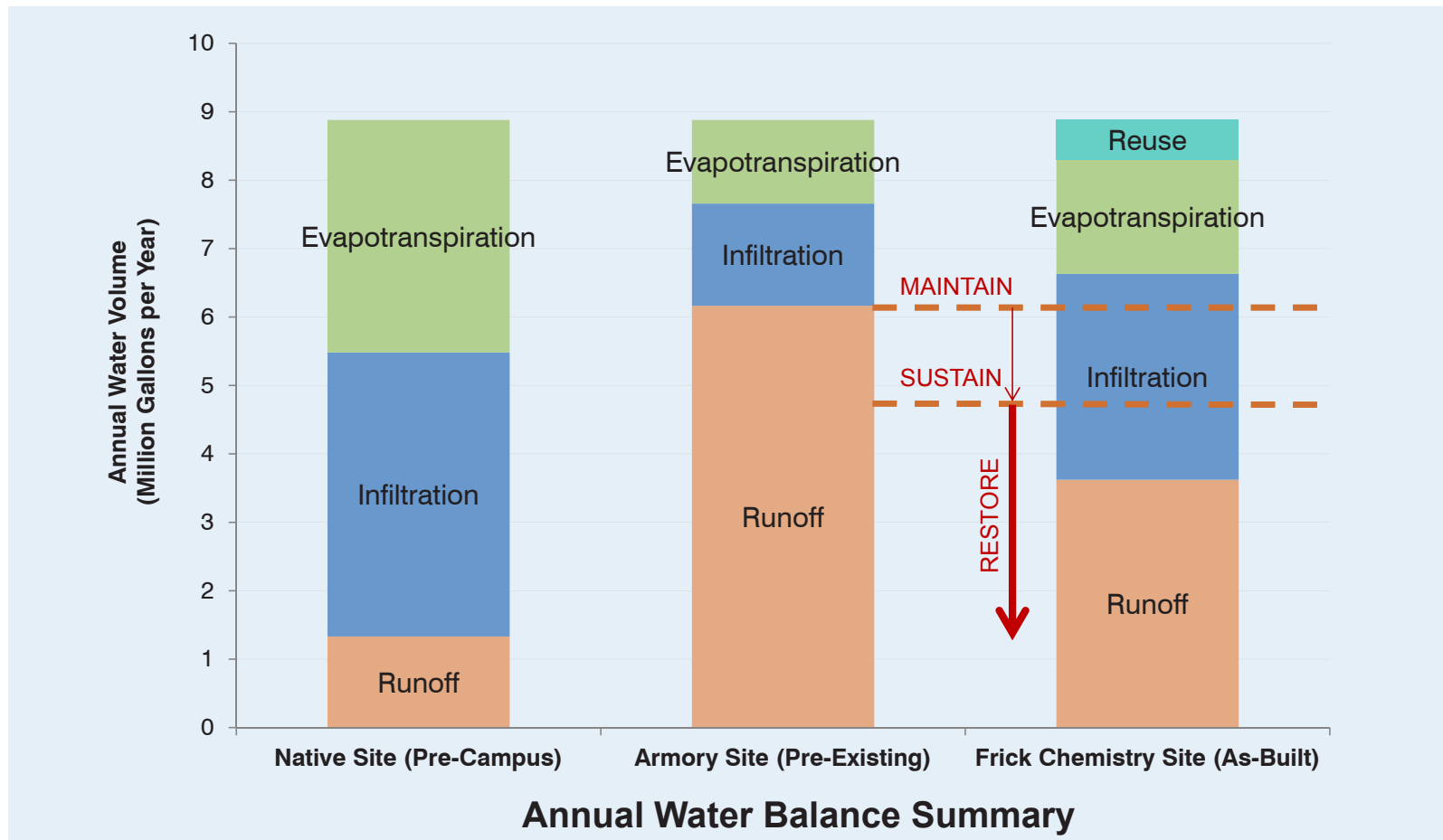


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## RainUSE®: Rainfall ReUSE Simulation v2.0 New Project

### Project Information:

Location: Boston, Massachusetts      Client: Confidential  
Project Number: 1234      Date: 03/08/2011  
Notes: Cistern used for seasonal irrigation and year-round toilet flushing

### Inputs and Assumptions:

Rain Gauge: BOSTON LOGAN INT'L      Area (AC): 0.732  
Rain Years: 1982 - 2011      Runoff Coeff.: 0.95  
Avg Annual Precip (in): 40.34      Abstraction: 0.02

#### Demand (gal/day)

Jan	617	Jul	3,404
Feb	617	Aug	3,404
Mar	617	Sep	617
Apr	617	Oct	617
May	617	Nov	617
Jun	3,404	Dec	617

Total Annual Demand: 481,609 gallons

#### Greywater (gal/day)

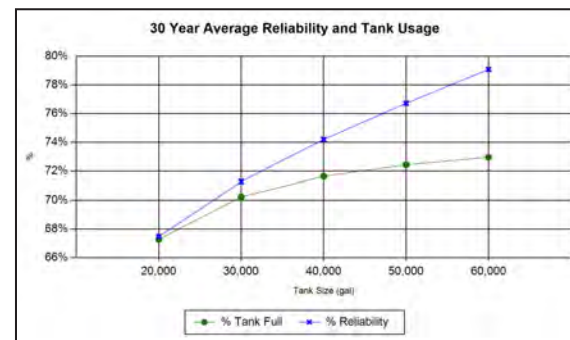
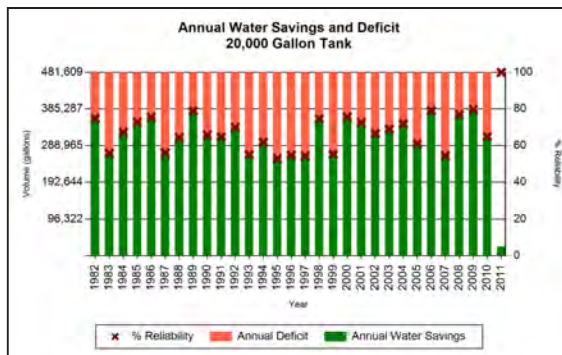
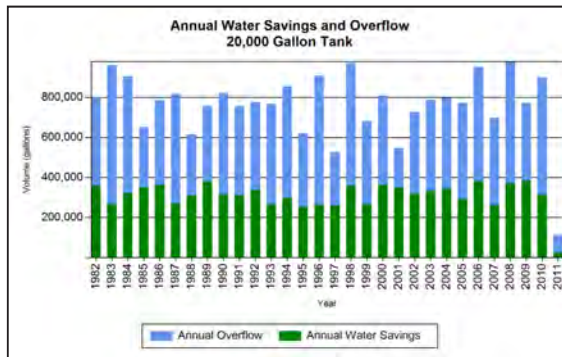
Jan	0	Jul	0
Feb	0	Aug	0
Mar	0	Sep	0
Apr	0	Oct	0
May	0	Nov	0
Jun	0	Dec	0

Total Annual Greywater: 0 gallons

### Outputs:

Tank Size (gal)	Average Annual Water Savings (gal)	Average Annual Overflow (gal)	Average Annual Deficit (gal)	Average Annual % Reliability	Average Annual % Tank Full
20,000	309,788	451,946	156,713	67%	67%
30,000	328,140	433,594	138,361	71%	70%
40,000	342,170	419,564	124,331	74%	72%
50,000	354,324	407,410	112,177	77%	72%
60,000	365,692	396,043	100,810	79%	73%

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## Software-Based Service

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