

# Union College

## Campus Resiliency, Efficiency and a Reduced Carbon Footprint

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# Union College Energy Master Plan

- **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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FOUNDED 1795



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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

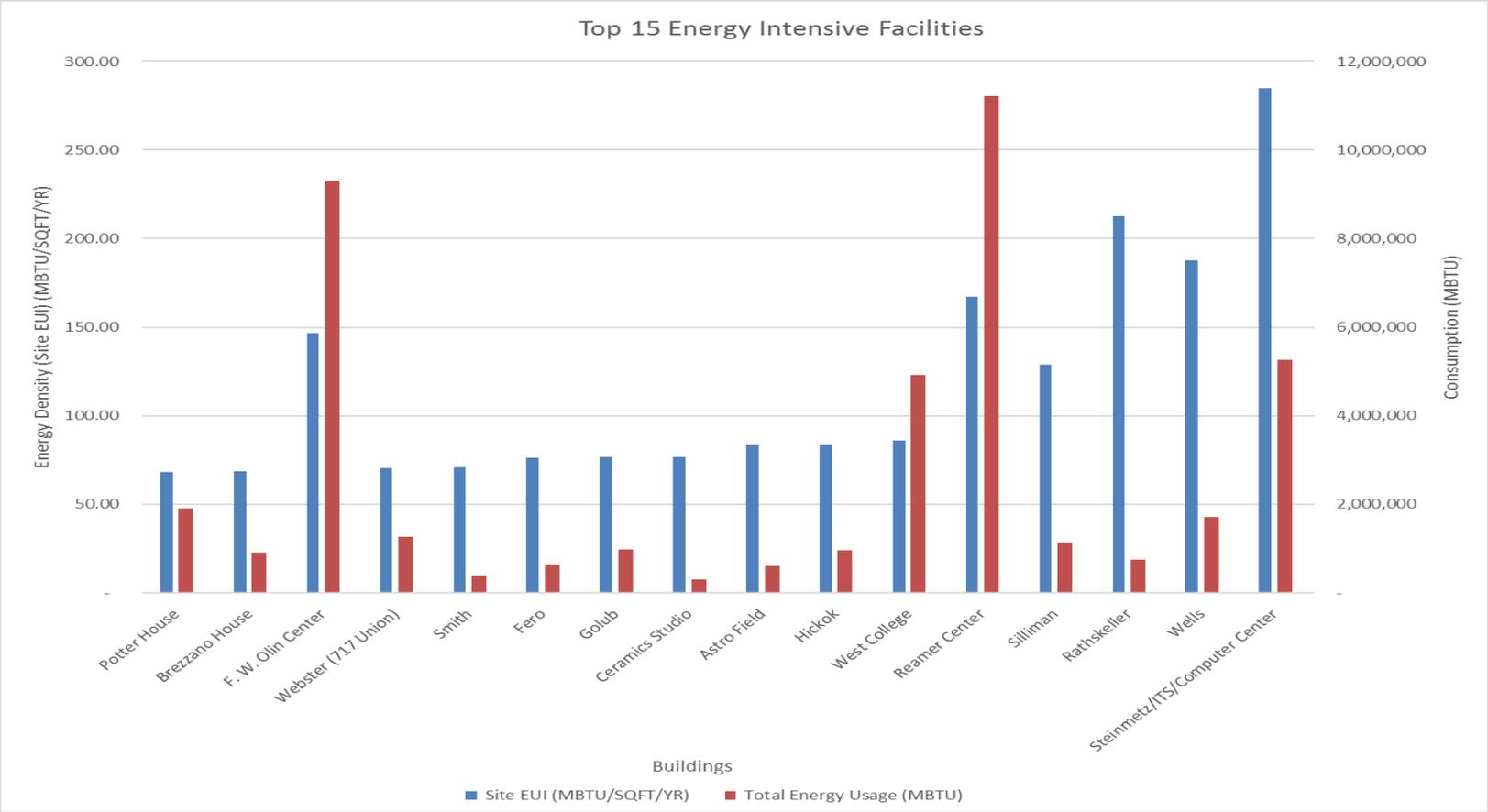
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- **Phase 1 – Initial Benchmarking**
  - Set Project Boundaries – On-Campus Buildings
  - Perform Campus Utility Analysis & Benchmarking
  - Target High-Energy Users
  - Review Previous Energy Audits & Projects
  - Site Walkthroughs – Develop Initial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



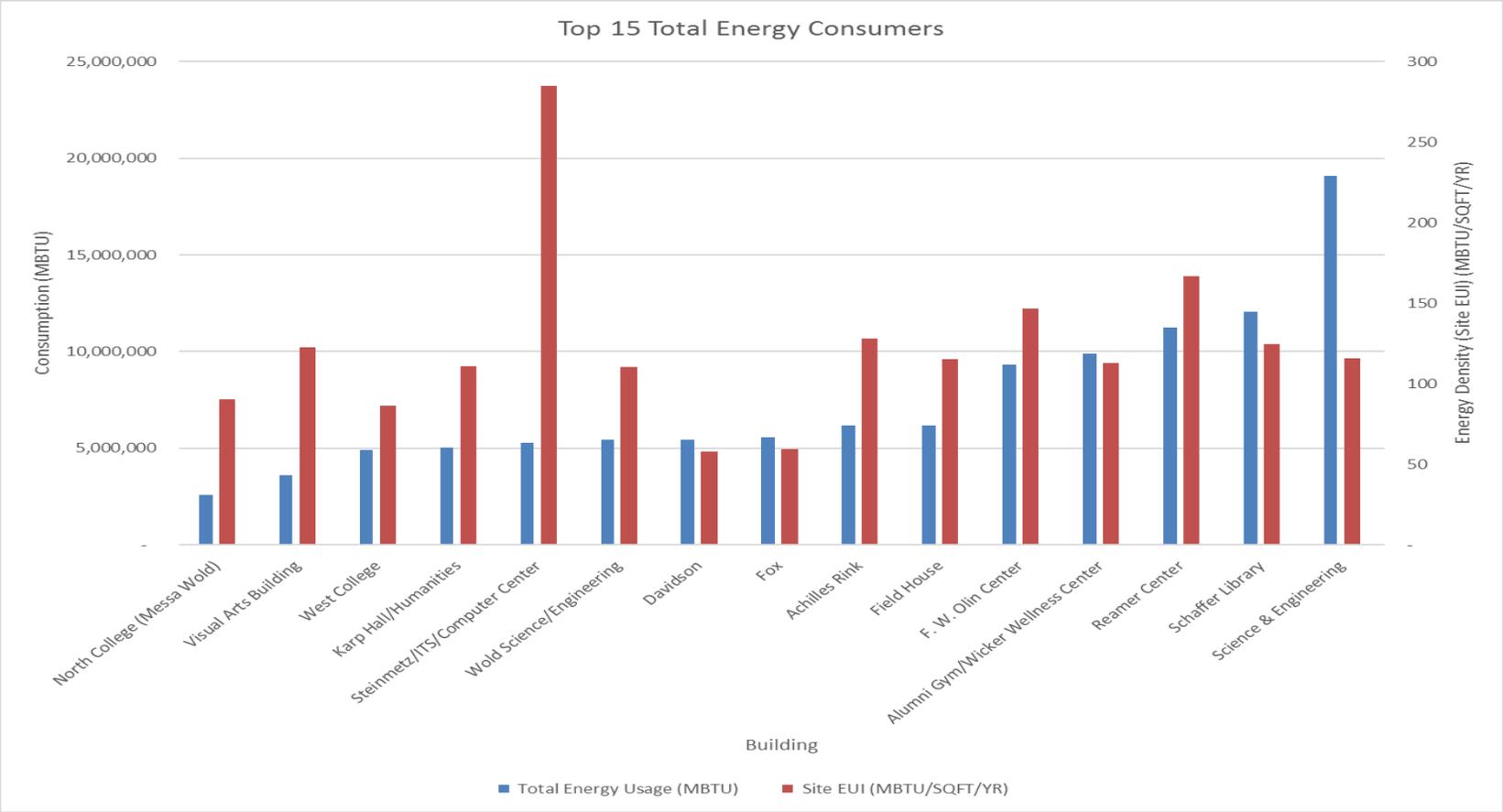
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- Phase 1 – EUI Review

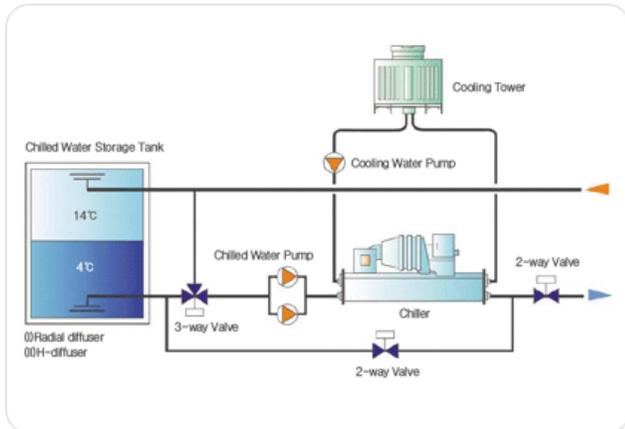


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- Phase 1 – Total Energy Review



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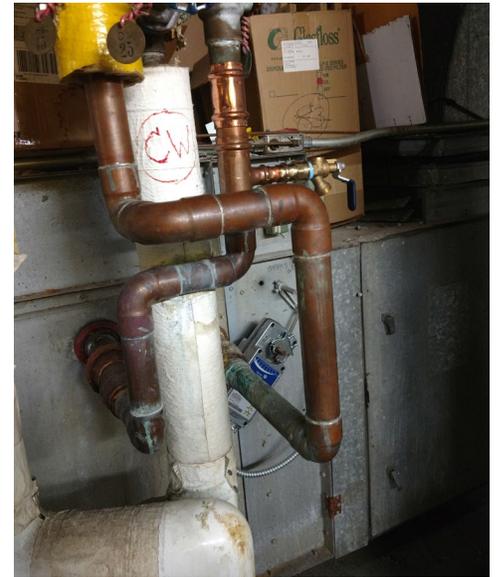


- **Phase 1 – Central Plant Opportunities**
  - CCHP Plant Expansion
  - Organic Rankine Cycle
  - Expand Chilled Water Usage
  - Chilled Water Storage
  - Battery Storage
  - Satellite CCHP for Ice Rink
  - Satellite Dorm Mini-Plant Microgrid

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- **Phase 1 – Sample Building Opportunities**

- Reamer Campus Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## Goal Name

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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?

