



# COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING STRATEGY OVERVIEW

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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

CHALLENGES

STRATEGY

LESSONS

NEXT  
STEPS

# CA 2013: CHALLENGES TO MARKET DEVELOPMENT

**Single Owner Campuses**



**Multi-Owner Districts**

- Lacks business model
- Perceived threat to utility business model
- No regulatory / statutory support
- Real estate developers unaware of opportunity
- City government involvement not the norm in energy planning







**CITYWIDE STUDY**

**PILOT  
PROJECT**

**BUSINESS  
MODEL**

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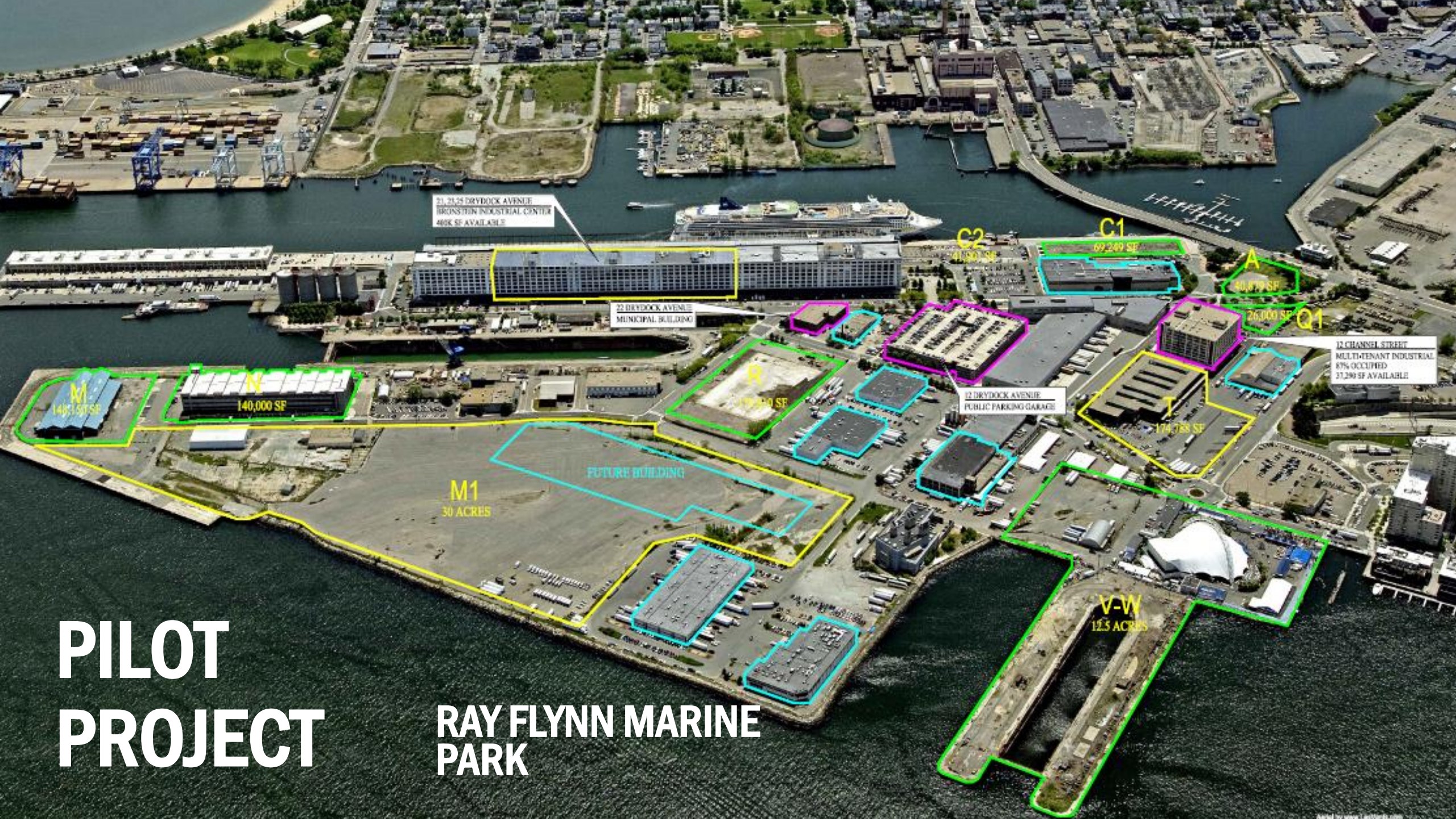
# BCES – WHAT IT DID (AND DIDN'T) DO WELL





# PILOT PROJECT

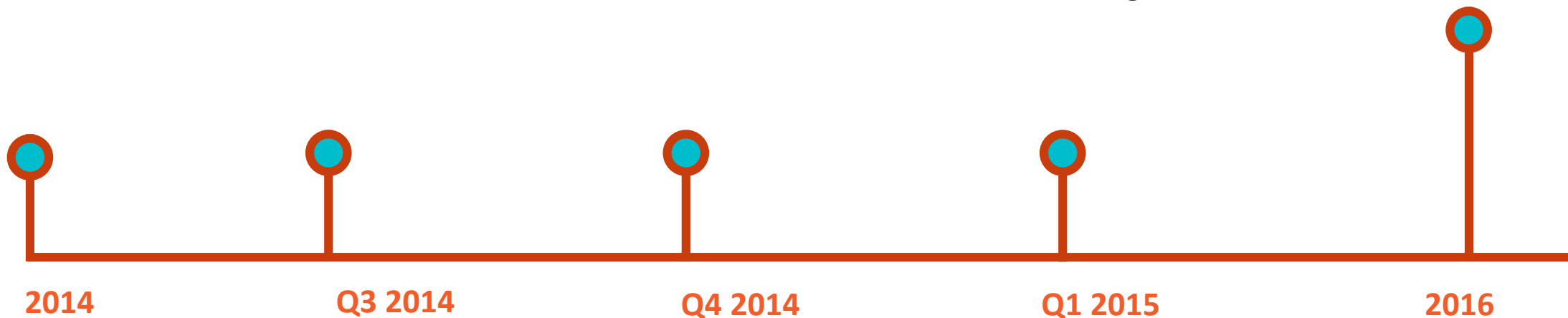
# RAY FLYNN MARINE PARK





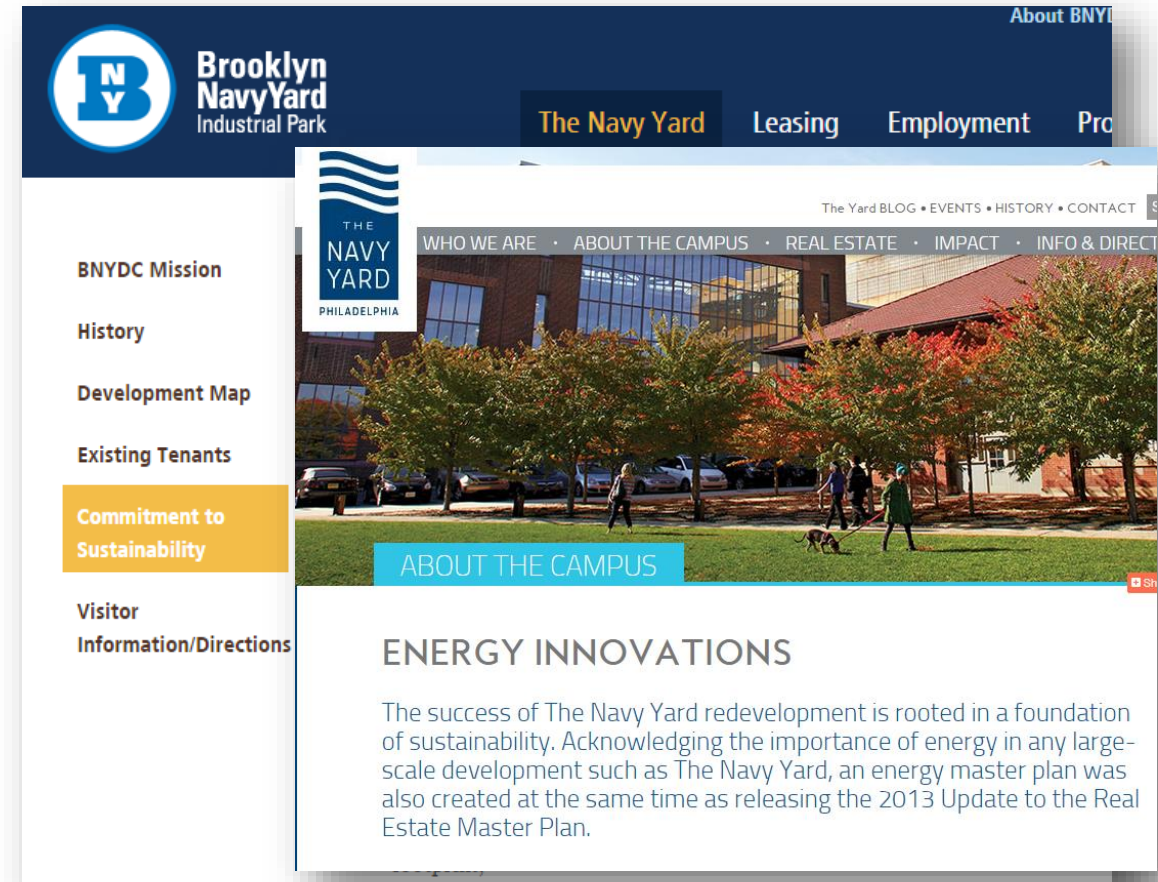
# PROJECT TIMELINE

- Partnership Development
- Boston Microgrids Workshops
- Tenant engagement on Combined Heat and Power, District Energy and Microgrids
- DOE Screening for CHP potential
- Recommended Efficiency Projects + 3 MW Cogeneration Plant
- Walk-through with Eversource in 12 BMIP facilities
- Energy developer recommended phased, 7 MW Cogeneration Plant
- Framework Agreements
- Procurement Method



# MAKING THE CASE FOR MICROGRIDS

- **Central energy plant in the RFMP can:**
  - Cut energy costs by smarter management and higher efficiency equipment
  - Increase control over power quality for sensitive users
  - Add resiliency to the local power supply
  - Utilize source fuel more efficiently
- **Potential customers include...**
- ***Site control and obligation to tenants***



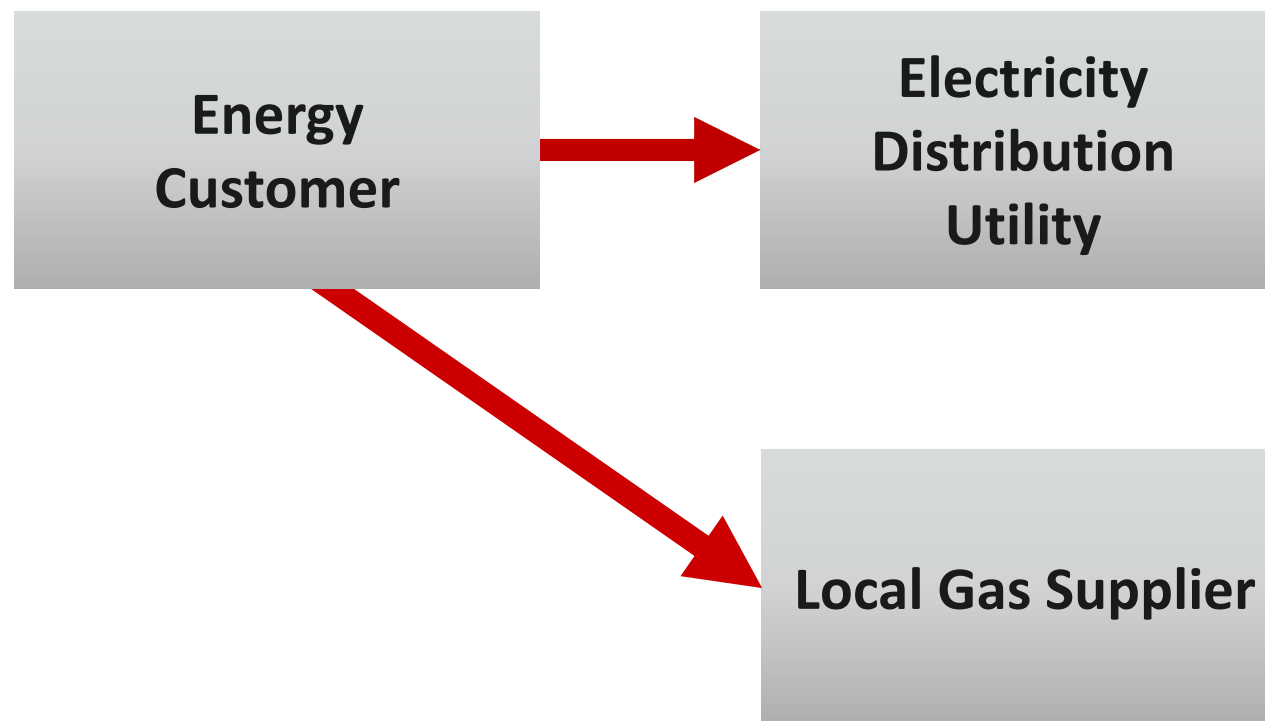




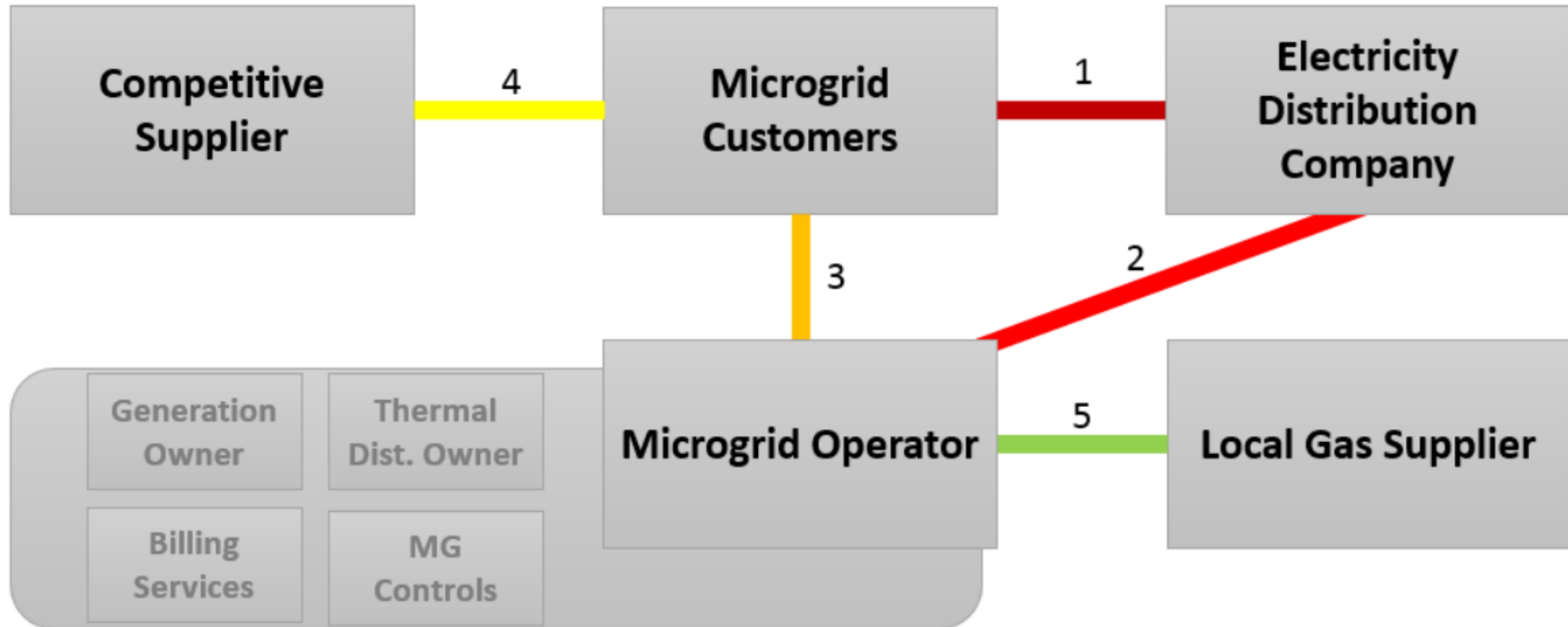
Clean Energy - SmartGrid	Water & Wastewater	Smart Transit	Digital Services
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**BUSINESS MODEL**

**BOSTON MICROGRID WORKSHOPS  
USDN MICROGRID WORKSHOPS**



### 6.1.1 Scenario 1 Contractual agreements diagram





## BOSTON MICROGRIDS WORKSHOP # 1

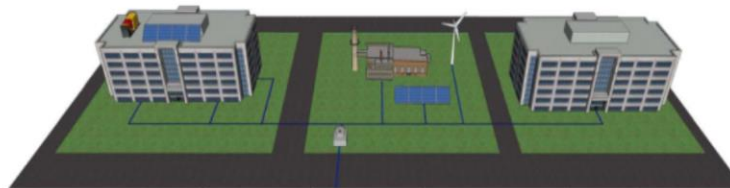
Boston Microgrid Workshop #1 (March 24, 2014)  
Location: Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

### Agenda

- 12:15 Networking Lunch and Registration
- 1:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Project Overview—Tom Bourgeois, Pace Energy and Climate Center
- 1:15 Agenda Review, Today's Goals, and Groundrules—Jonathan Raab
- 1:25 Microgrids in the U.S. and Beyond—Rob Thornton, IDEA
- Today's Microgrids – Operational, Technical and Business Practices
  - U.S. Cases and International Examples
  - Exploring the Microgrid Value Proposition; Multi-Party Market Conditions and Considerations
- 1:45 Legal Issues Related to Microgrids in MA—Seth Hoedl, Harvard Law School
- Assessment of current franchise law
  - Legal considerations for market access, serving customers, etc.
- 2:15 Introduction of Multi-Owner, Boston-Based Microgrid Scenario
- "Blue sky" context—Fran Cummings, Peregrine Energy
  - Proposed microgrid scenario—Laxmi Rao, IDEA, and Dr. Beka Kosanovic, Northeast CHP Technical Assistance Partnership
  - Feedback from participants
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Benefits and Costs of Multi-Owner, Boston-Based Microgrid Scenario
- Small group exercise: What are the most significant benefits and costs from the following perspectives: A) owners/end-users, B) utility, and C) all ratepayers/society
- 4:15 Potential Hurdles to the Multi-Owner, Boston-Based Microgrid Scenario
- Small group exercise: What are the most significant technical, economic/financial; and regulatory/statutory hurdles?
- 4:50 Looking Ahead: Planning for Next Workshops
- 5:00 Adjourn



# MASSACHUSETTS MICROGRIDS: OVERCOMING LEGAL OBSTACLES



 HARVARD LAW SCHOOL  
Emmett Environmental  
Law & Policy Clinic

SEPTEMBER 2014

## Microgrids & District Energy: Pathways to Sustainable Urban Development



<http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/planning/planning-initiatives/community-energy-planning>



# NEXT STEPS

- EDF Climate Corps Summer Fellow
- Framework Agreements with IOU's
- Renew Boston Trust: energy efficiency procurement that can unlock microgrid market



# APPENDIX SLIDES

# TRENDS IN URBAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

## Superstorm Sandy

- NYU serves as safe haven, Hudson Yards

## Energy Efficiency and Economics in Boston

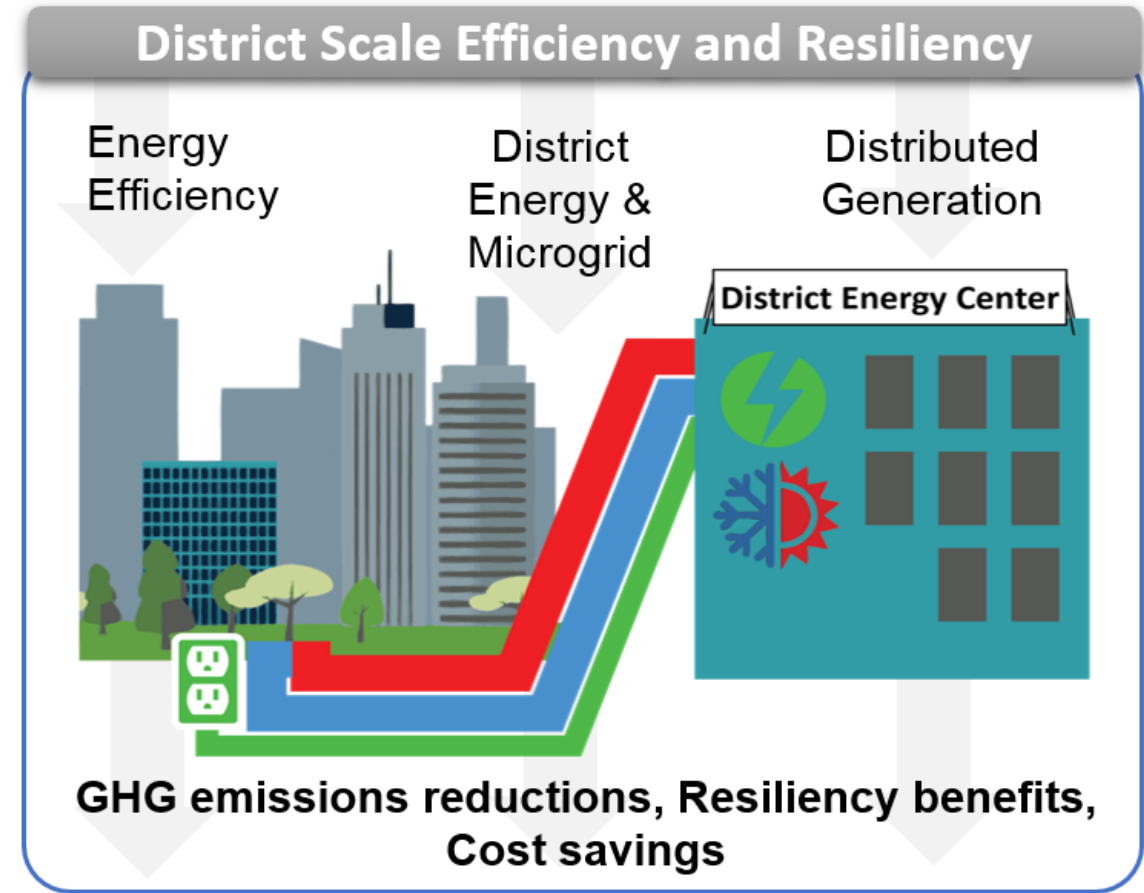
- Biogen Energy System- CHP Driven

## City of “Meds and Eds” as case examples

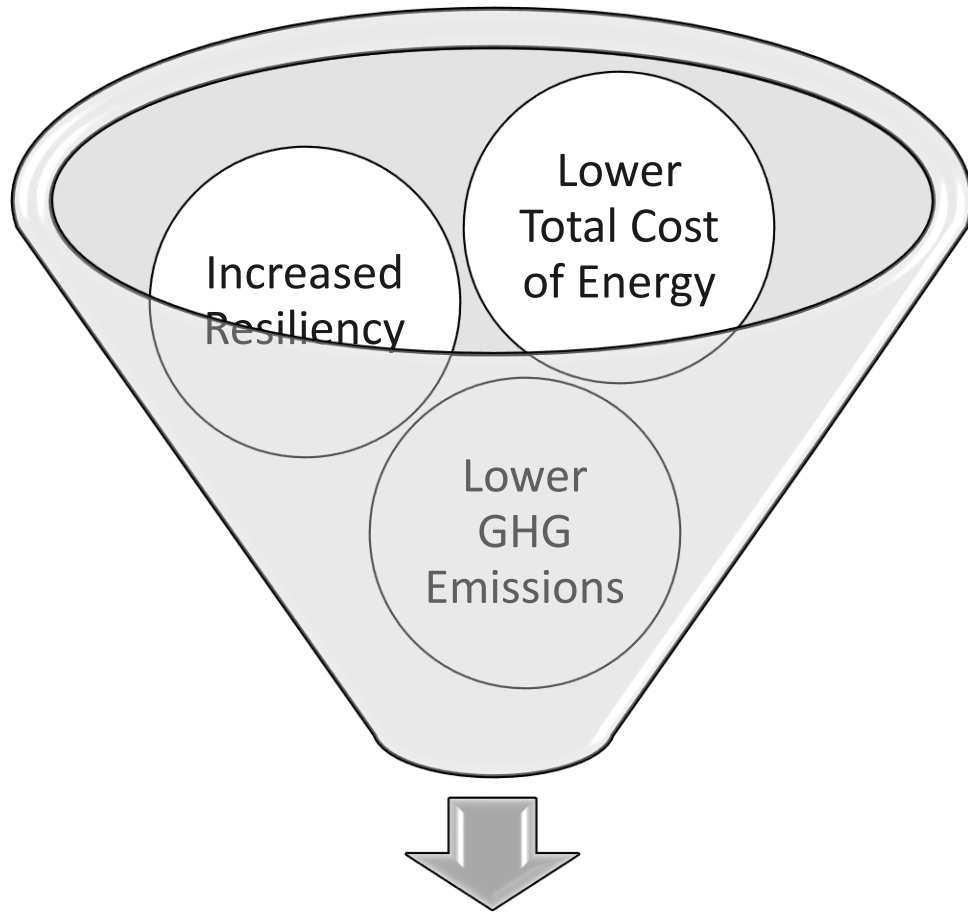
- Harvard, MIT, MATEP- CHP Driven

## CHP for Resilience:

- Seeking to transfer institutional models to commercial (multi user microgrids)
- Partnering with DOE TAP to perform community scale CHP assessments
- Partnering with Eversource Energy to promote CHP via Article 37 and Article 80



Source: City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Environment Energy and Open Space



**Resiliency** for vulnerable populations and business continuity

**Lower Total Cost of Energy** makes the state **attractive** to all firms and residents

**Energy Security** make the state more attractive to hi-tech/ clean tech/ bio tech / advanced manufacturing

**Local generation revenues** keep capital local, investment potential to spark local industries

## Energy Investments



- Deploy local generation and storage
- Develop hot and cold water loops
- Deploy Smart Grid and smart building technologies
- Create islanding capability for critical loads
- Replace building boilers and chillers with central CHP (applied to new and old districts of the City)
- Pathway to Energy efficiency
- Challenges?

Substation

Natural Gas

Steam

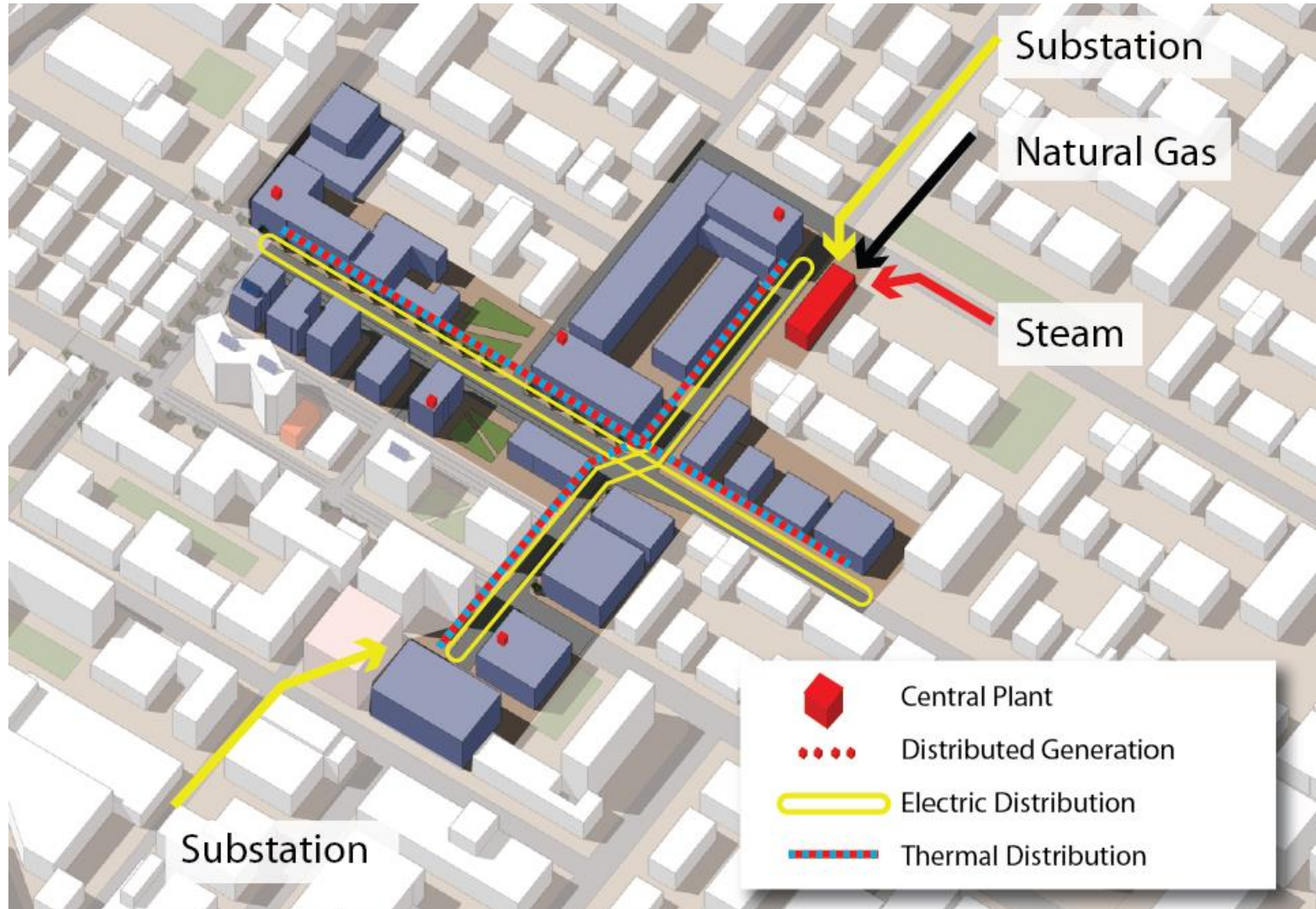
Substation

Central Plant

Distributed Generation

Electric Distribution

Thermal Distribution



# ENERGY SYSTEM PLANNING

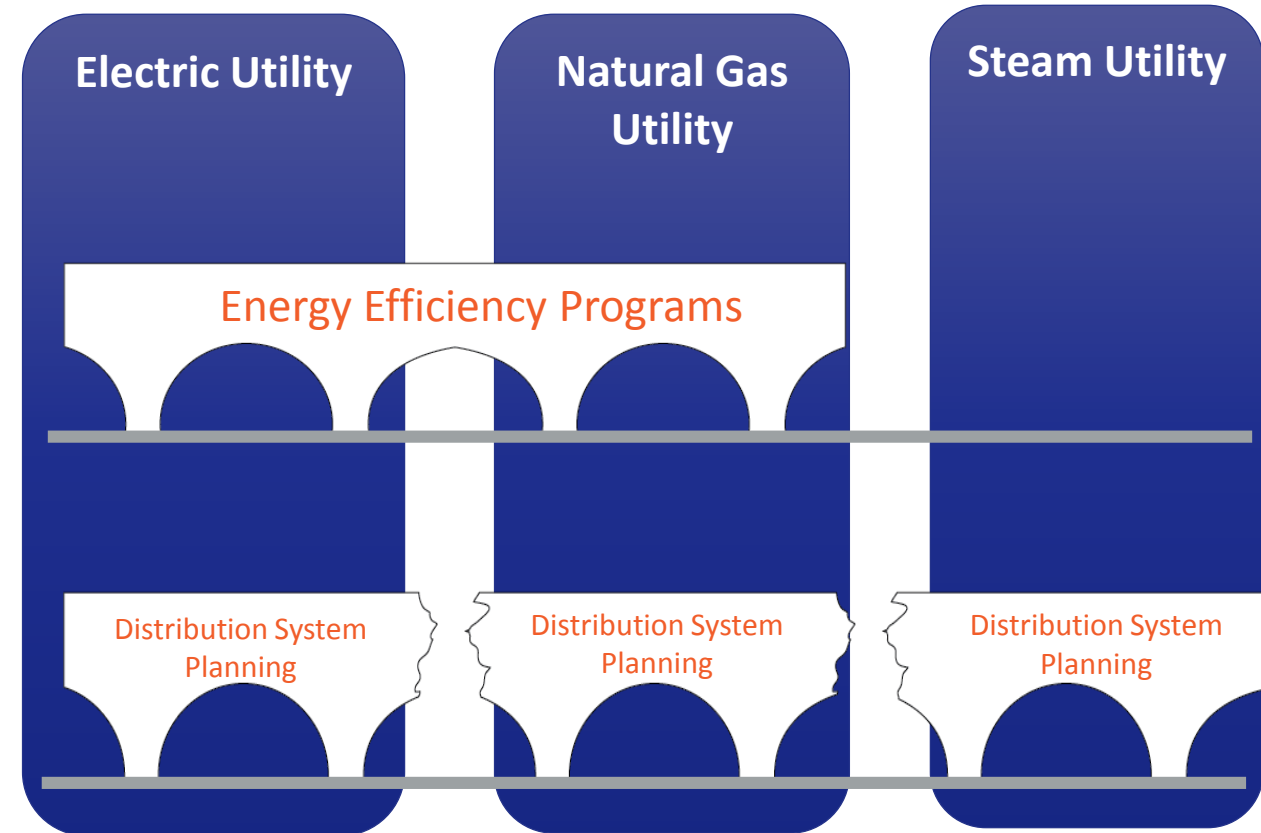
Why involve city government?

## A policy of the Climate Action Plan

- Increased cogeneration, district energy, solar installation
- Lower total cost of energy, reduced GHG emissions, increased resiliency

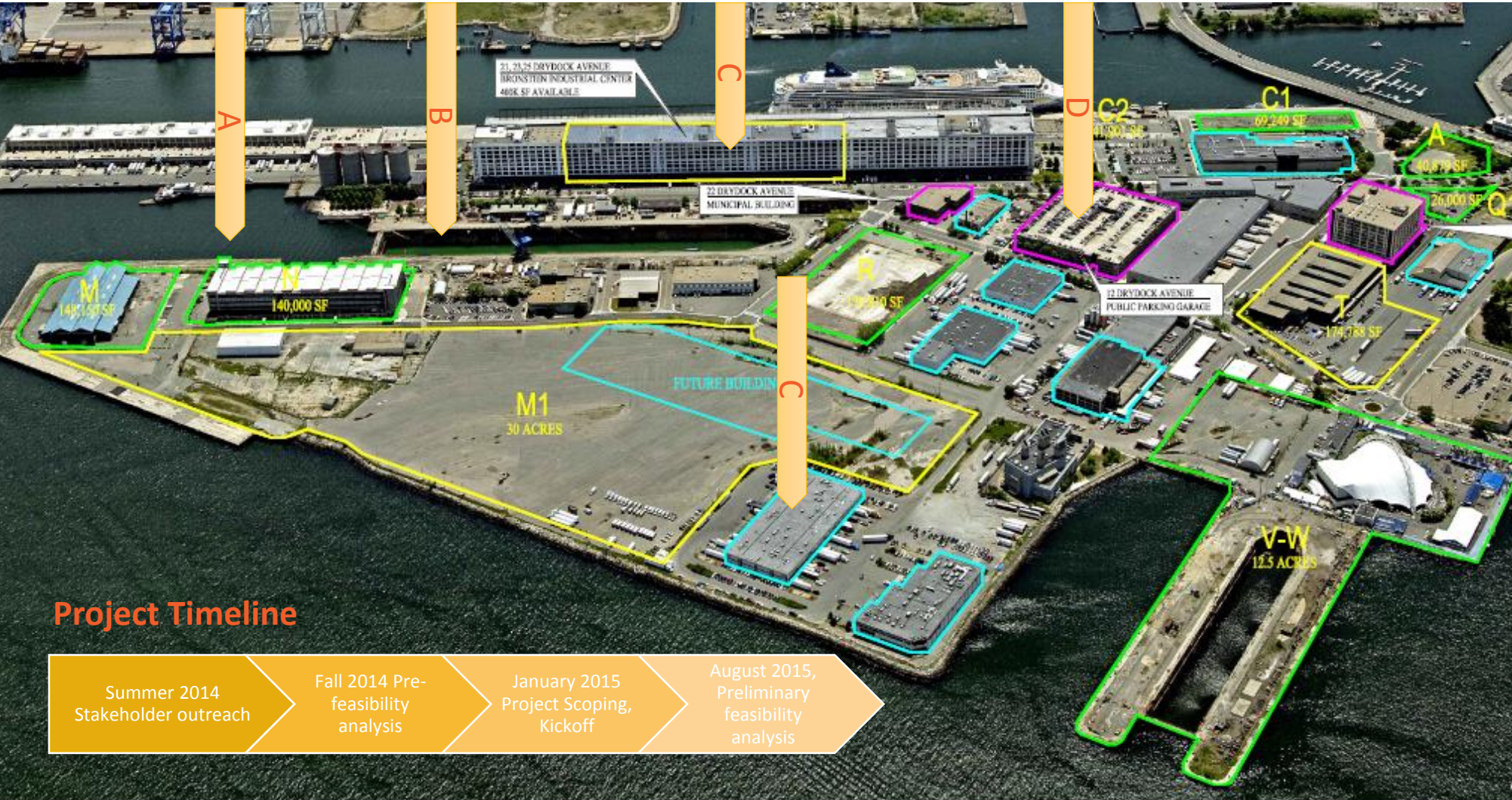
## Challenges

- Boston has many DE systems because campuses
- Vision: Campus-like technology in commercial buildings
- No business model





# RAY FLYNN MARINE PARK



## Project Timeline

Summer 2014  
Stakeholder outreach

Fall 2014 Pre-  
feasibility  
analysis

January 2015  
Project Scoping,  
Kickoff

August 2015,  
Preliminary  
feasibility  
analysis

## Opportunities

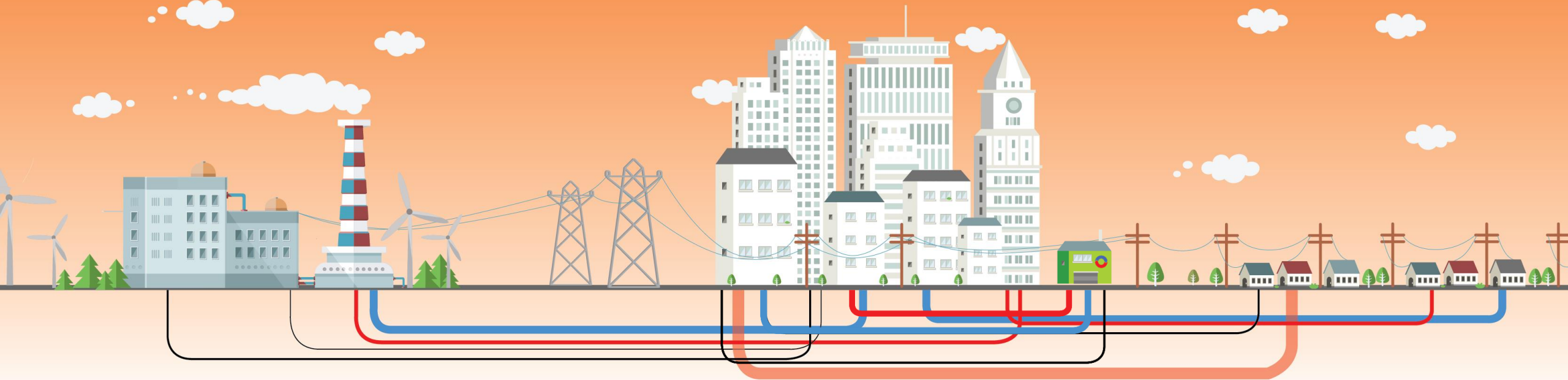
- A.** Economic development
- B.** Cost sensitivity
- C.** Security & business continuity
- D.** Clean power

## Challenges

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# INTRODUCTION



## Boston's Climate Action Commitment

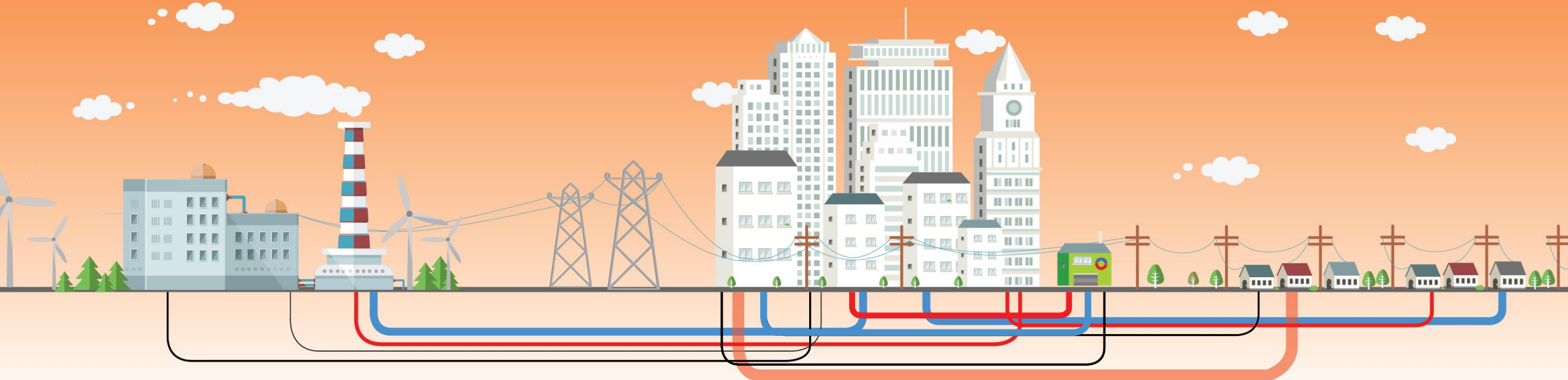
- Goals in 2014 Climate Action Plan Update
- Promote onsite CHP, renewables, district energy
- 2020 Supply Targets: 15 % energy use from cogeneration, 10 MW of commercial solar generation

## Purpose of the Study

- identify districts where these technologies are most feasible,
- provide hypothetical engineering solutions as a starting point for community conversation, and
- quantify the overall benefits of Community Scale energy systems in Boston.



# INTRODUCTION- COMMUNITY ENERGY SOLUTIONS



## Local Generation and Storage

Photovoltaic / Solar Panels, Solar Thermal Panels, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) , Heat Storage, Cold Storage, Battery Storage, Absorption Chiller, Refrigeration, Air Source Heat Pump, Ground Source Heat Pump

Building owners use local generation and energy storage to reduce peak loads, energy costs , greenhouse gas emissions and to increase resiliency to power outages.

## District Thermal Systems

A network of underground pipes that deliver, heating and cooling directly to buildings from low carbon, local energy source via steam, hot water and/or cold water.

Availability of low-carbon heating/cooling sources, outsourcing boiler and chiller operations to a central energy plant, reducing upfront capital expenditures on boiler and chiller equipment.

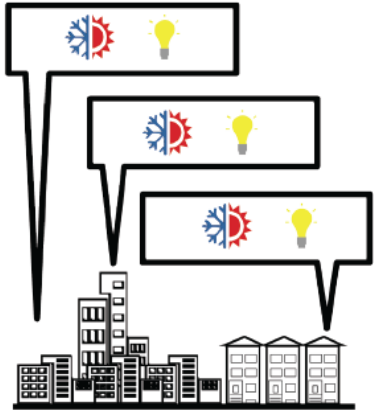
## Microgrids

An electrical grid that can isolate a group of buildings and self-power with local generation.

Protection against long-durations of grid outage, controls help balance energy demand and supply among co-located buildings.

## STEP ONE ENERGY-USE MAPPING

An hourly simulation of energy use for every building in the City of Boston shows electricity, heating and cooling demand data. The foundation of this Study, this map encompasses over 85,000 structures, 12 different energy use profiles, and Gigabytes of data.



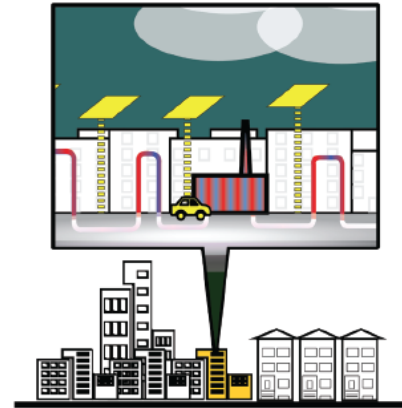
## STEP TWO LOCATING SUITABLE DISTRICTS

The study identifies districts where local, clean and renewable energy supply is feasible at the community scale- based on population, critical facilities, and energy use. This analysis yields co-located buildings which are then grouped together to form a single energy demand district profile.



## STEP THREE ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

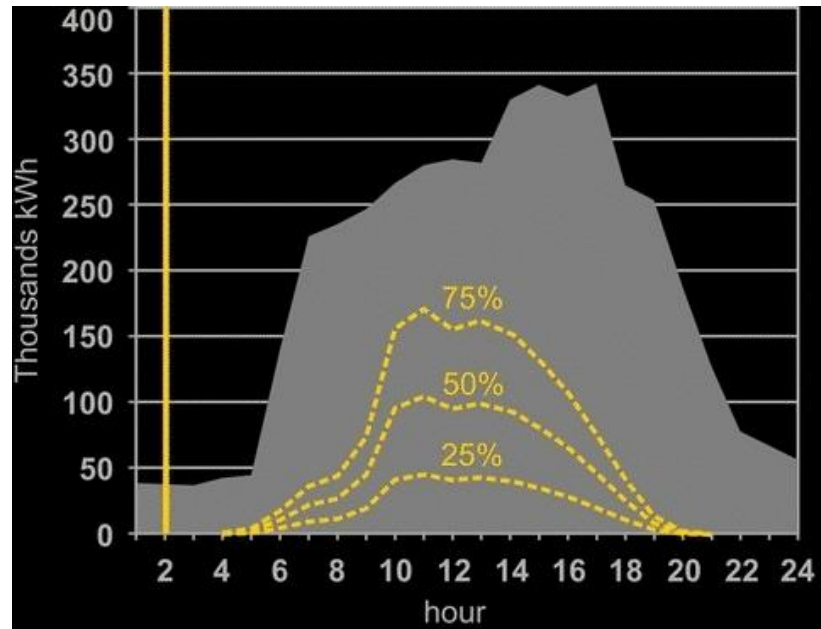
The engineering analyses simulates energy technologies in action. By custom tailoring local generation and storage technologies to fit the aggregate energy demand of the district, the analysis shows how the hypothetical technologies would lead to cost savings and carbon emissions reductions.



## STEP FOUR SUSTAINABLE RETURN ON INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

The Sustainable Return on Investment Analysis quantifies the benefits of this hypothetical infrastructure, if it were implemented. This economic model quantifies the monetary value of the infrastructure in operation over 25 years.





■ Total electricity demand (kWh)  
--- Potential roof (%) PV production

10

kWh

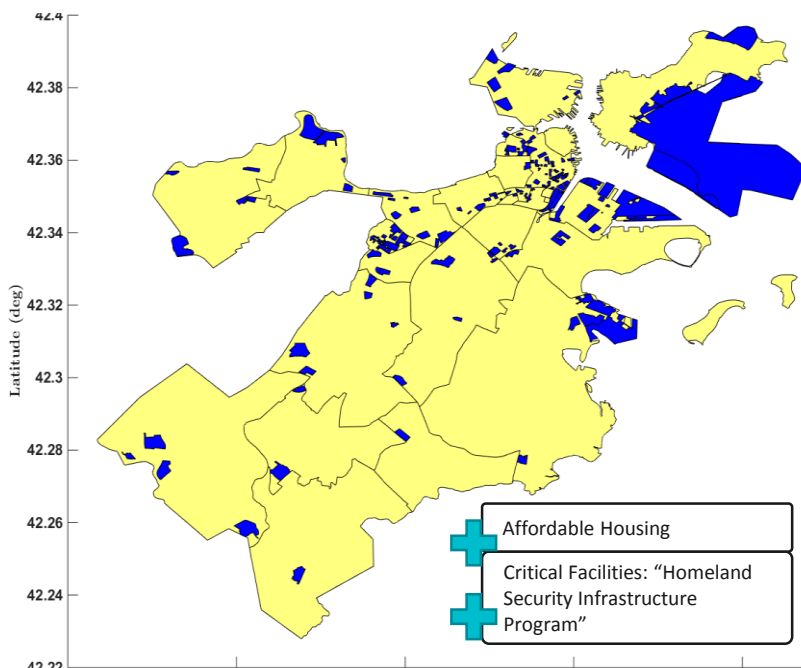
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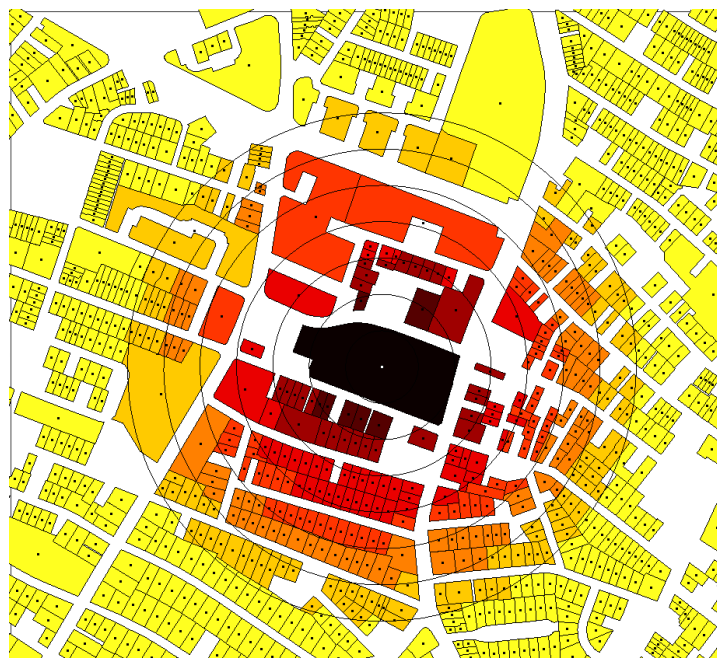
# DISTRICT SUITABILITY ANALYSIS

## Step 1: High energy use parcels



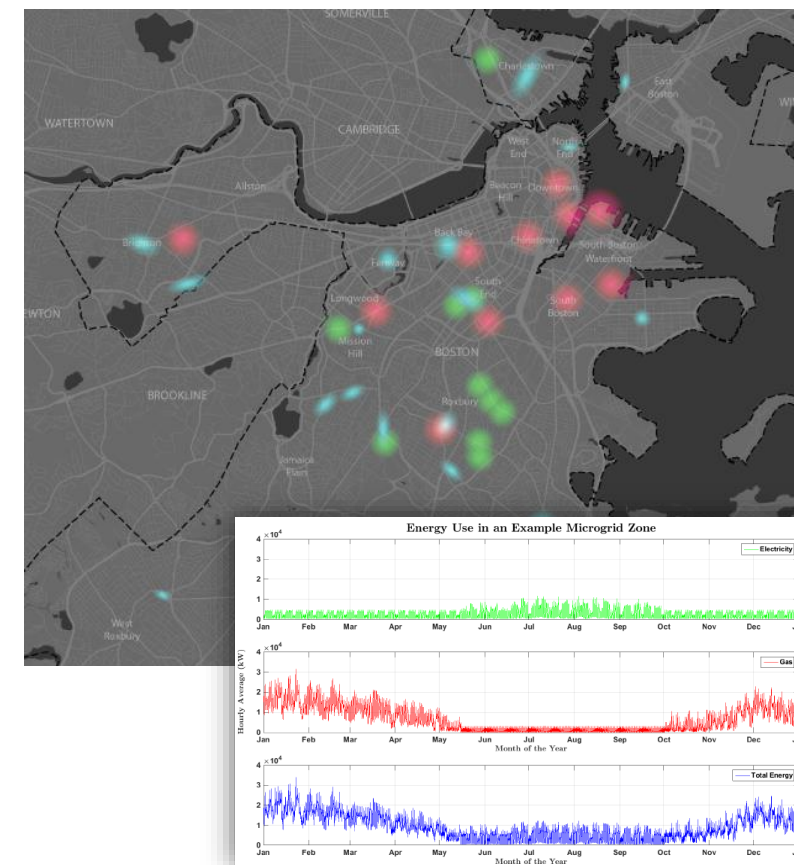
HSIP compiles geospatial data from federal agencies, commercial vendors, state, and local partners for common use by the Homeland Security; Homeland Defense; and Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery communities. These datasets allow for nationwide infrastructure information access to assist decision makers in analyzing threats (whether natural or manmade) and modeling for emergencies and other missions.

## Step 2: Local Analysis



Critical Facility Types:  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING | EMERGENCY SHELTERS | GAS/ELECTRIC ASSETS (SUBSTATIONS, GAS STATIONS) | PHARMACIES | SUPERMARKETS | BOSTON CENTER FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES FACILITIES | HOTELS / MOTELS | LIBRARIES | MALLS | MUSEUMS | PUBLIC SCHOOLS | PUBLIC GOOD SHELTERS | HOMELESS SHELTERS, ETC) | FIRE STATIONS | POLICE STATIONS

## Step 3: Final Identification



# ENGINEERING A DISTRICT SYSTEM

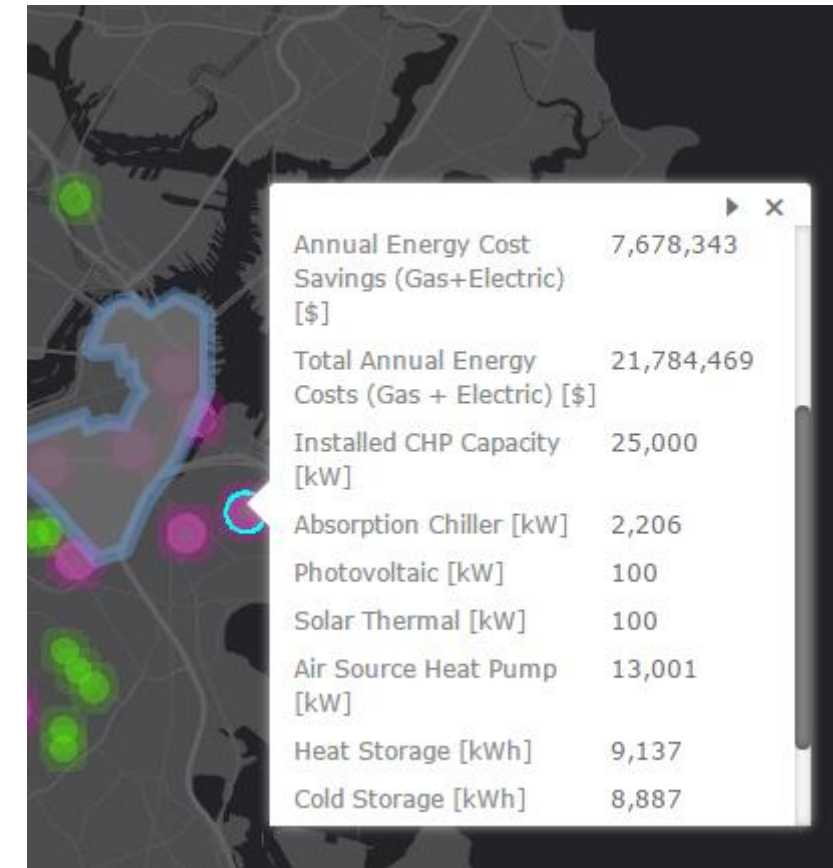
## Step 1: Input Base Data



## Step 2: Run DER-CAM

- Inputs: Local electric and gas prices
- Inputs: Weather normalization
- Operations: Can decide how and when to dispatch technologies
- Existing data: Capital costs for technologies

## Step 3: Engineering Solution



# SUSTAINABLE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## MODEL INPUTS

The direct inputs for each scenario are as follows:

- Capital Costs (\$): total installation cost distributed over 3 years (2018 to 2020)
- Operations and Maintenance Costs (\$): \$0.01 per kWh of electricity produced
- Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Reductions (tons)
- Utility Electric Costs Savings (\$)
- Natural Gas Costs Savings (\$)



# SUSTAINABLE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL SAVINGS AND MONETIZED ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Analysis by Boston Redevelopment Authority, Research Division  
2015

SCENARIO	TOTAL ELECTRICITY UTILITY COST SAVINGS OVER 25 YEARS	TOTAL NATURAL GAS UTILITY COST SAVINGS OVER 25 YEARS	TOTAL GHG EMISSIONS SOCIAL COST SAVINGS OVER 25 YEARS	TOTAL BENEFITS OVER 25 YEARS
COST OPTIMIZATION	\$2,980.7 million	\$ -1,266.8 million**	\$30.0 million	\$1,743.8 million
CO <sub>2</sub> OPTIMIZATION	\$237.1 million	\$272.2 million	\$119.2 million	\$628.5 million

*\*\*The Cost Optimization Scenario uses more natural gas each year than the base scenario, meaning the cost "savings" are negative.*

# NEXT STEPS

## City of Boston

- Engage area residents and businesses.
- Partner with key stakeholders including our local utilities and the regional energy system operators.
- Recognize and expand existing and planned microgrids and Community Energy Solutions.
- Identify resources to expand and deepen feasibility analysis of Community Energy Solutions.
- Refine and upgrade the Boston Energy Model as new and better data become available including BERDO, local energy supply information, and the emissions savings from the existing steam system.
- Investigate public right-of-way infrastructure solutions and develop modeling tools to include costs.
- Identify existing building retro-fits costs and develop strategies to phase-in Community Energy Solutions.
- Develop pilot projects in new and existing areas to demonstrate feasibility and benefits of Community Energy Solutions.



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