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## **Beyond Passive House: Emerging Research from NYSERDA BoE Early Phase Funding**

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# Towards Affordable Decarbonization: Lowering Utility Costs in Fully Electrified Buildings

**Case Study: The Beacon**

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lowering utility costs in electrified buildings

FULL REPORT

Electricity is roughly 5 times as expensive as natural gas in NYC. The Passive House design approach is effective in decreasing utility costs of **mostly** electric buildings. As we transition to **fully** electric buildings, the utility rates for systems like domestic hot water that are governed by user behavior increase, unlike systems affected by building performance.

The bottom line is that we need new strategies to combine with Passive House to lower utility costs in fully electric buildings.

This report (FULL VERSION) is a deep dive into strategies on how to reduce the utility costs of fully electrified buildings.

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Lowering Utility Costs in Electrified Buildings

Electrification of multi-family buildings in New York City is a critical priority and also a key use of...
PASSIVE HOUSE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING...
THE BOTTOM LINE

ANALYSIS AND PROCESS...
The analysis and process...
RESULTS



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TEAR SHEET

This tear sheet provides a brief overview of the FULL REPORT (see above) on reducing operational costs of fully electric buildings. This resource provides a fast and easy to understand primer on effective strategies in electric buildings, and is intended for use by designers, builders, developers, building owners and policy makers.

Strategies explored in this Tear Sheet and the Full Report include Passive House and High Performance building, renewable energy implementation, advanced building controls and Time of Use energy rates.

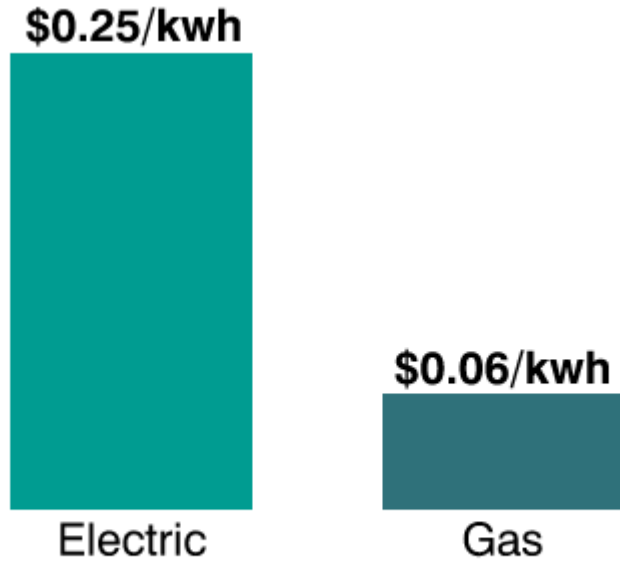
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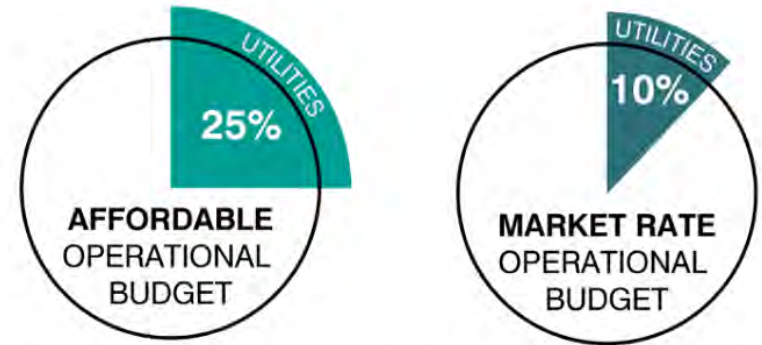
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**FIGURE 3** The utility gap penalty, where the cost per kWh of electricity is about five times as expensive as gas.

## THE *UTILITY GAP PENALTY*



**FIGURE 2** Proportion of utility cost to overall operational budget, market rate vs. affordable.

## UTILITIES COST AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING



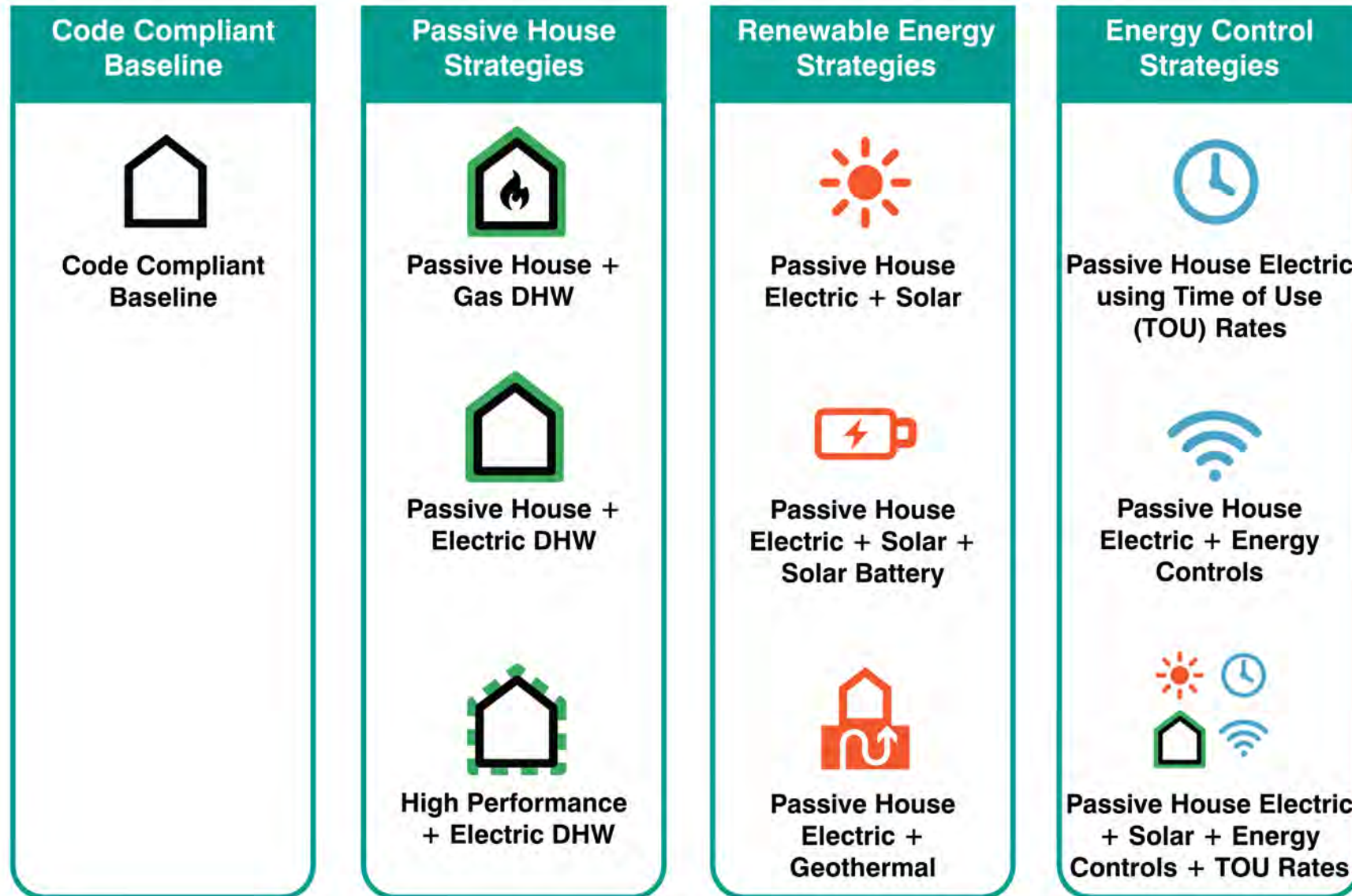


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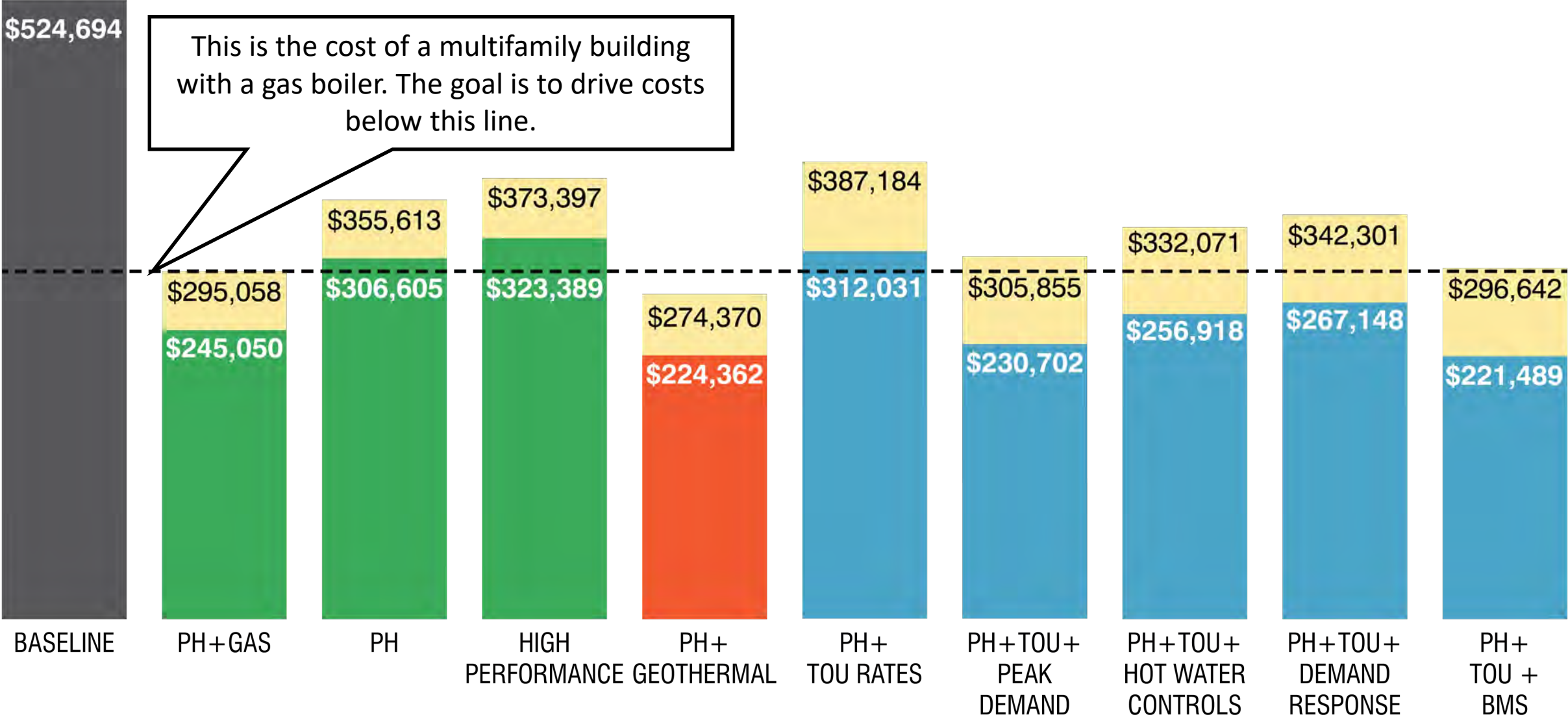
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## Utility Cost Reduction Strategies

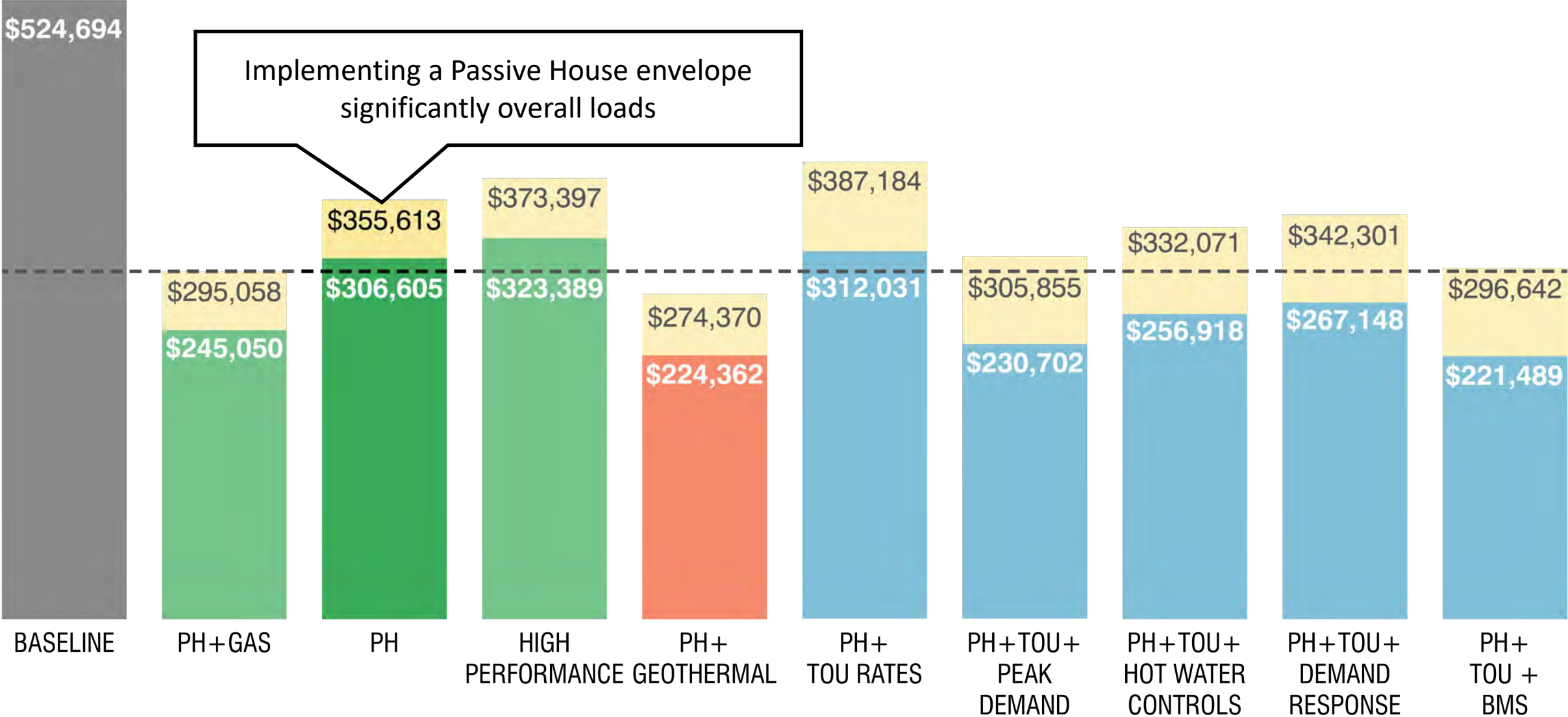


# Performance Comparison





# Passive House Envelope

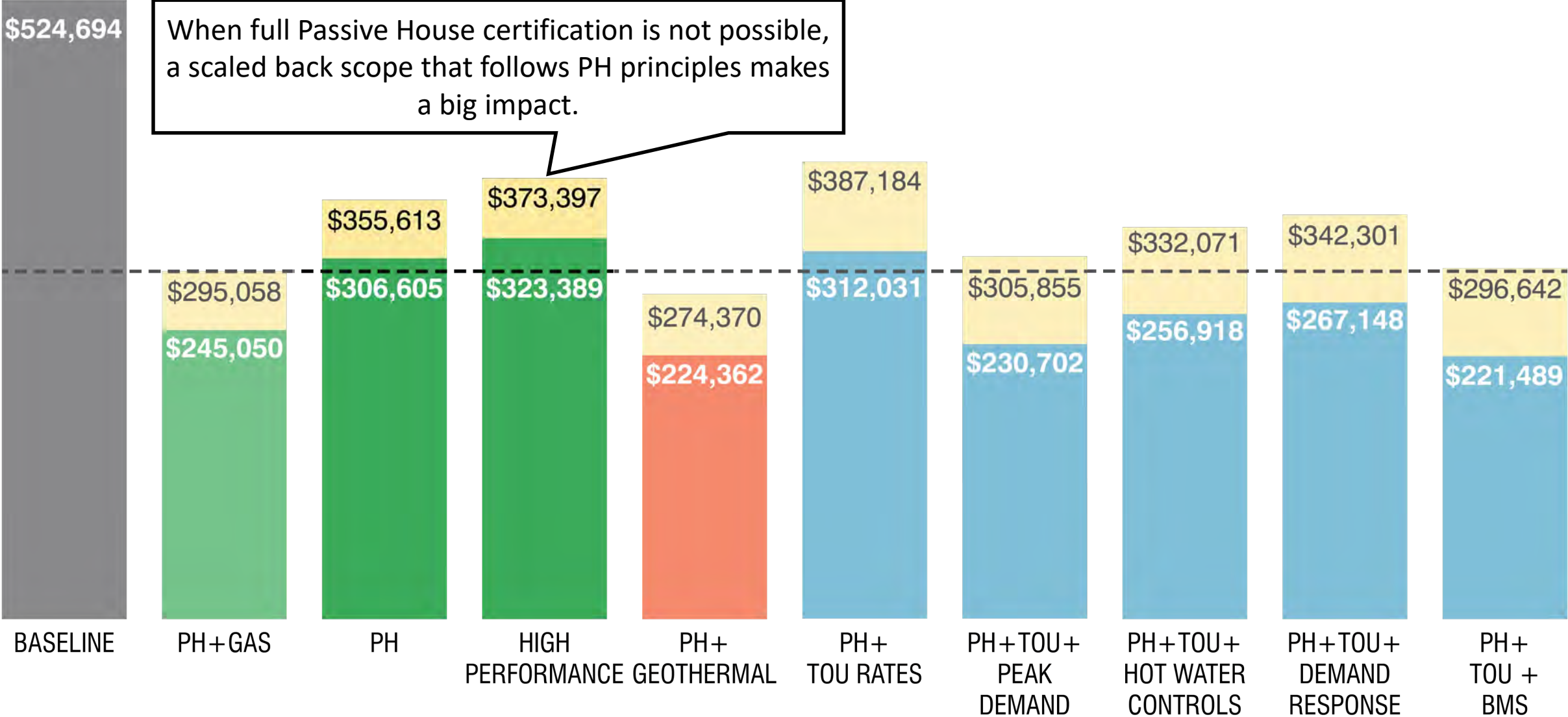


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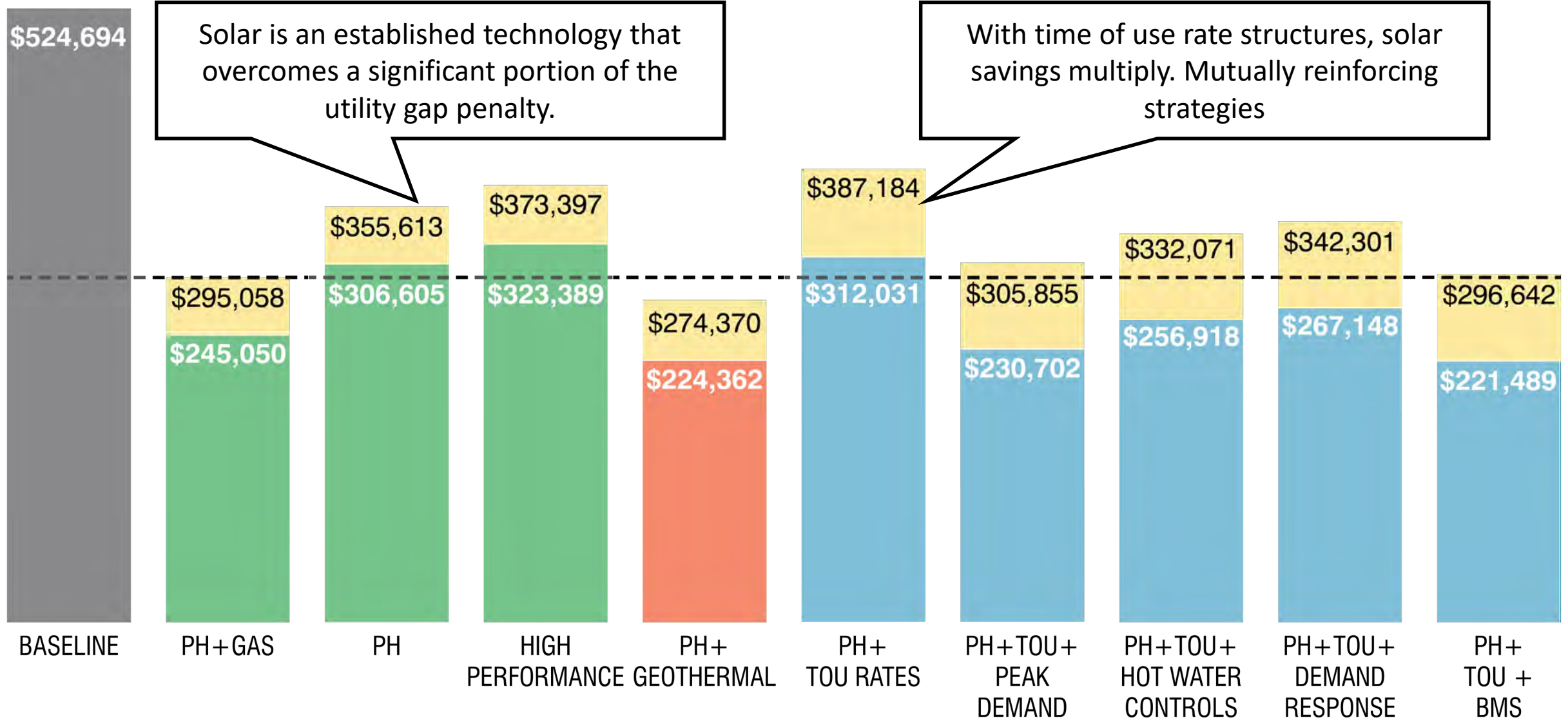
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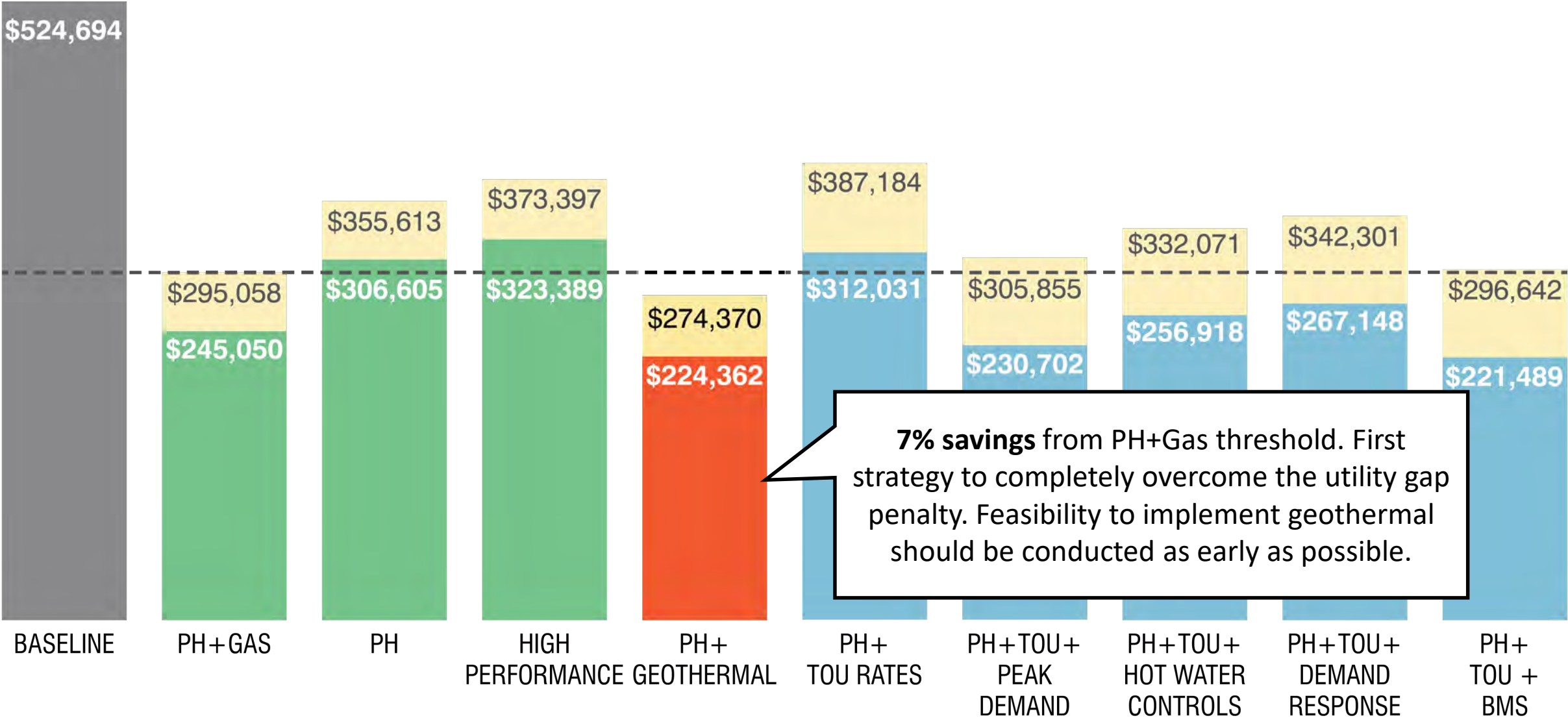




# Renewables: Solar

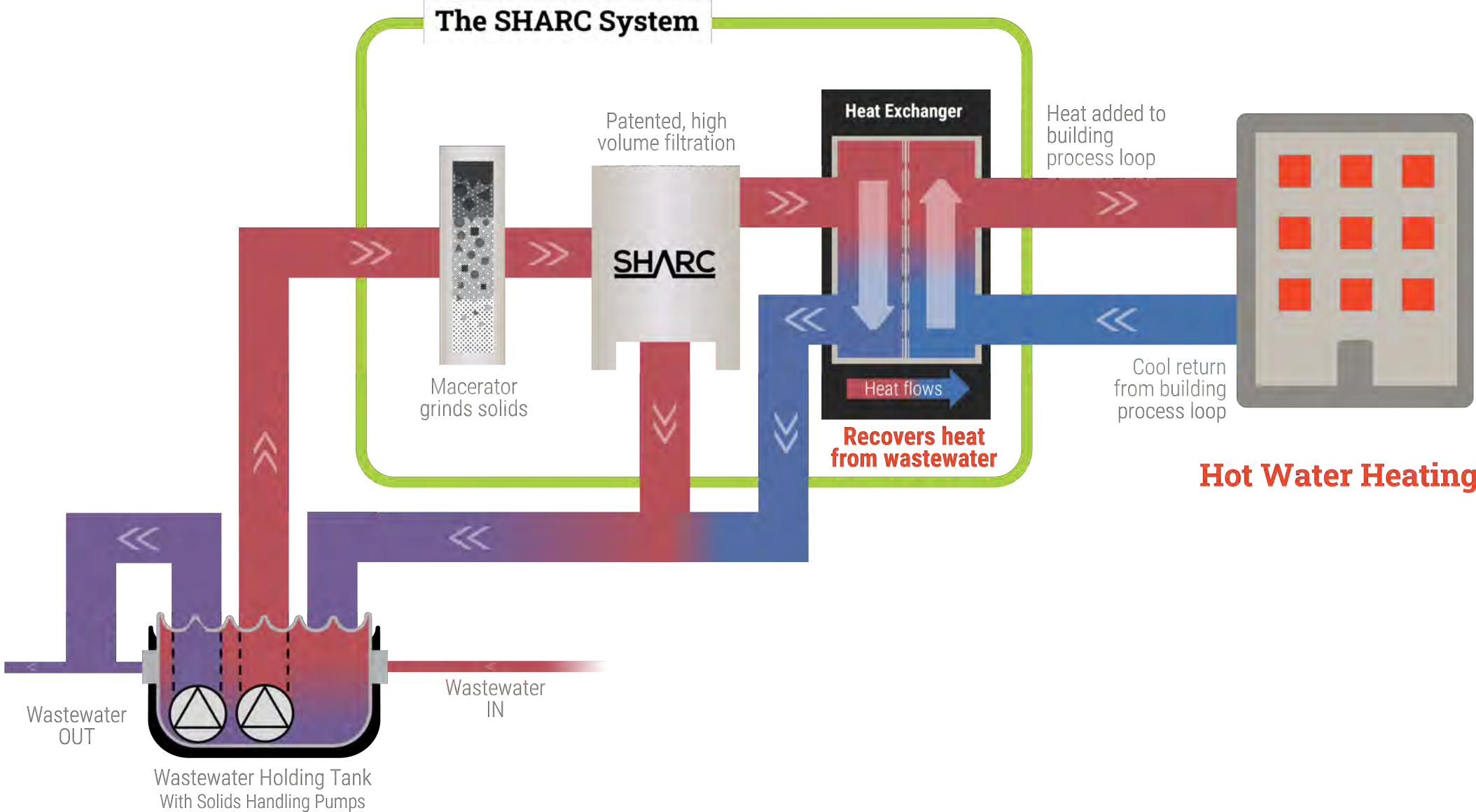


# Renewables: Geothermal

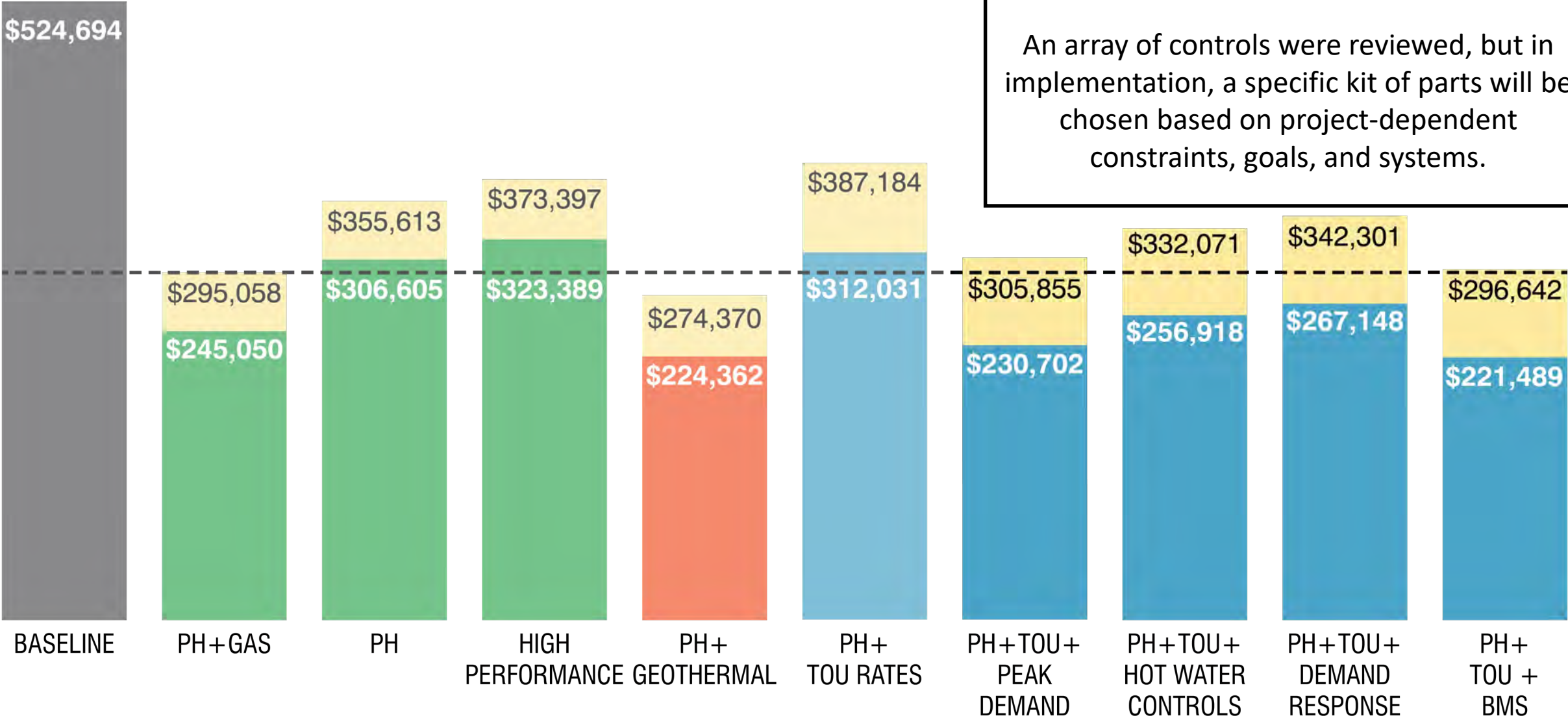




# Promising Strategy: Wastewater Heat Recovery



# Rate Structure and BMS Controls





# Rate Structure and BMS Controls

RATE TYPE	MONTH	HOURS	DEMAND RATE
OFF PEAK	ALL MONTHS	MIDNIGHT - 8AM	\$0.018/kWh
WINTER PEAK	OCTOBER - MAY	8AM - MIDNIGHT	\$0.098/kWh
SUMMER PEAK	JUNE - SEPTEMBER	8AM - 2-M, 6PM - MIDNIGHT	\$0.255/kWh
SUPER PEAK	JUNE - SEPTEMBER	2PM - 6PM	\$0.40/kWh *
STANDARD	ALL MONTHS	ALL HOURS	\$0.12/kWh

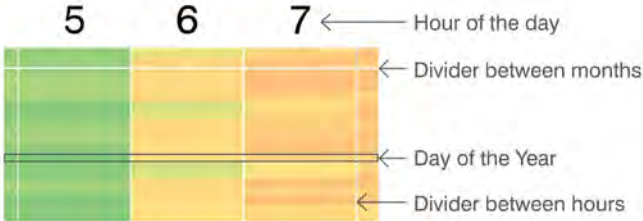
\* Unknown, assumed \$0.40/kWh based on available information.

**NOTE:** Total rate is demand (listed above) + supply (\$0.123/kWh)

# Rate Structure and BMS Controls



Total energy load



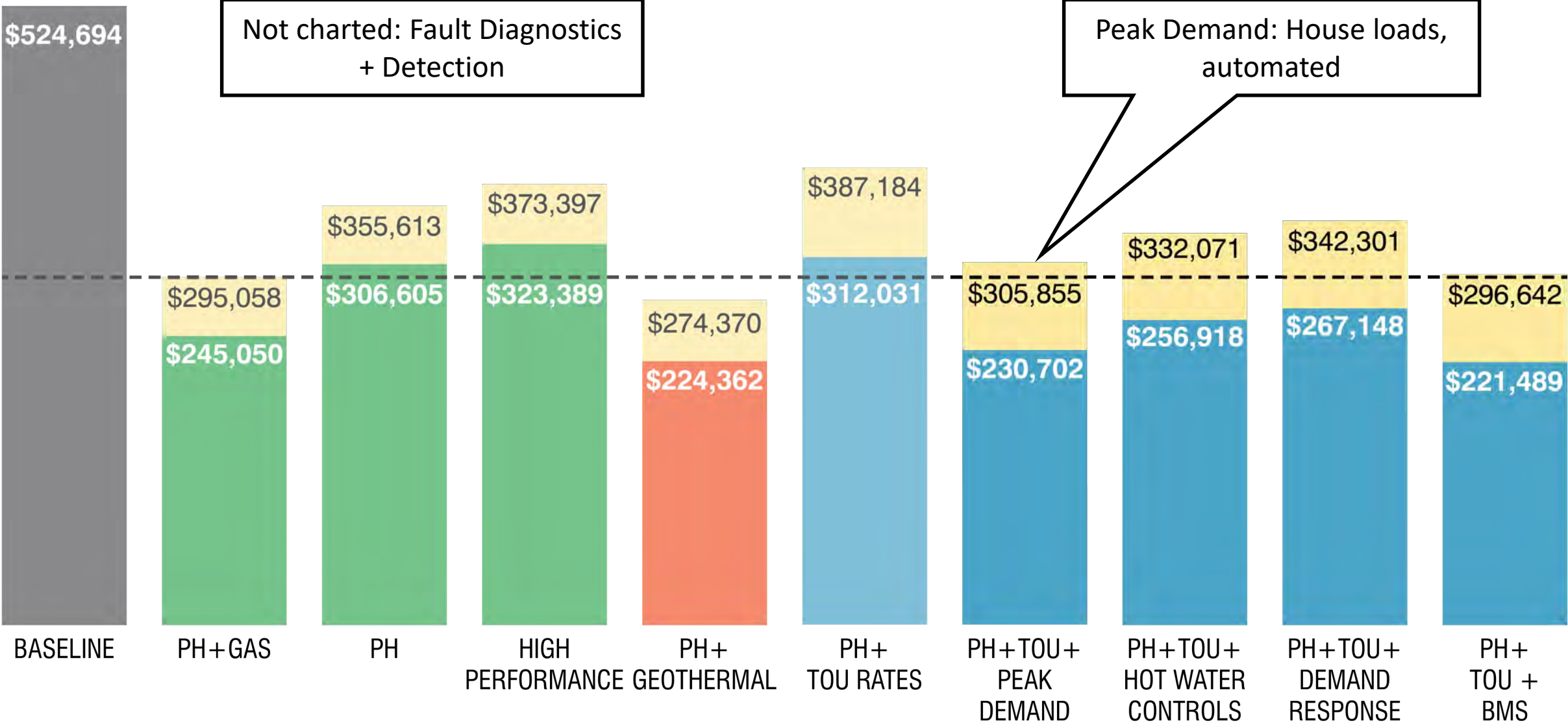
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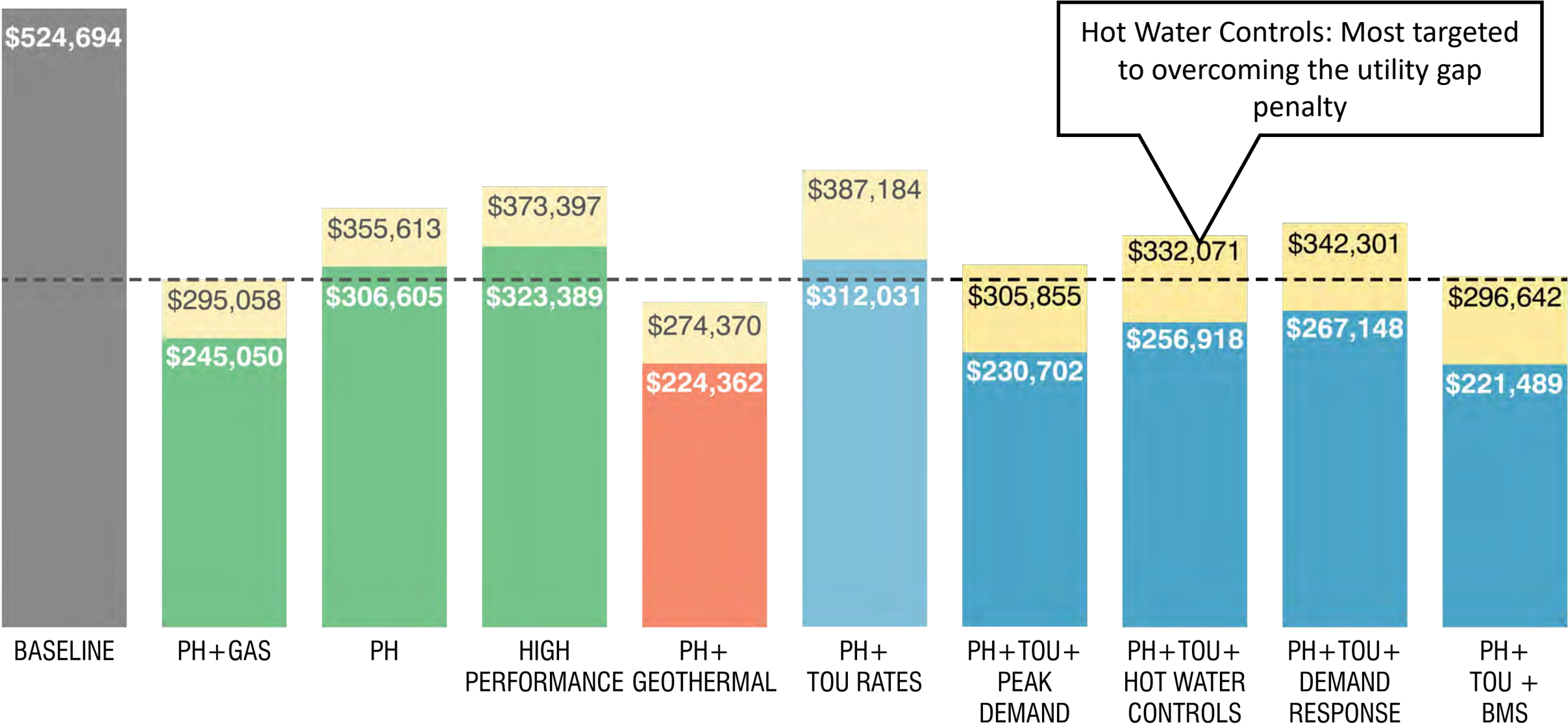
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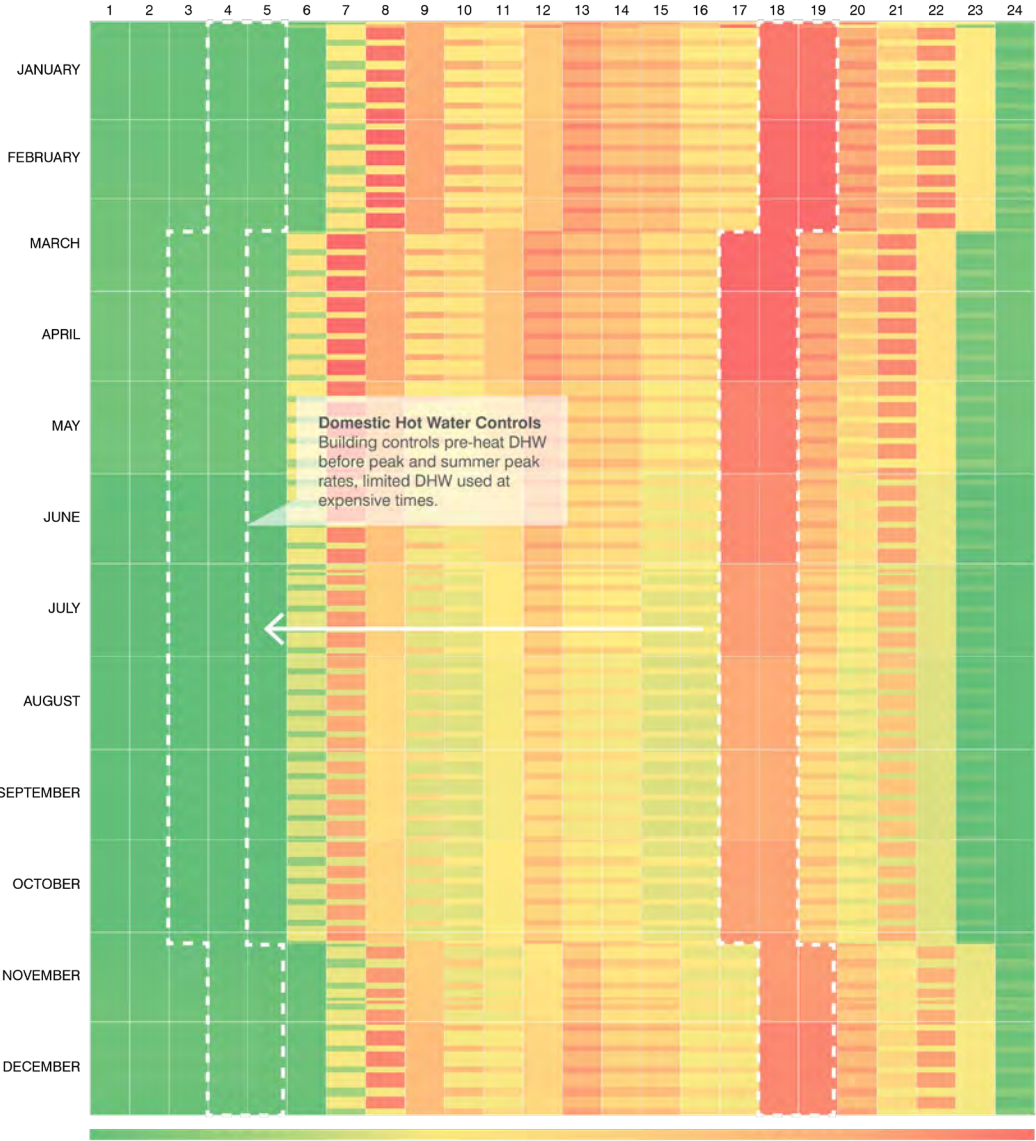
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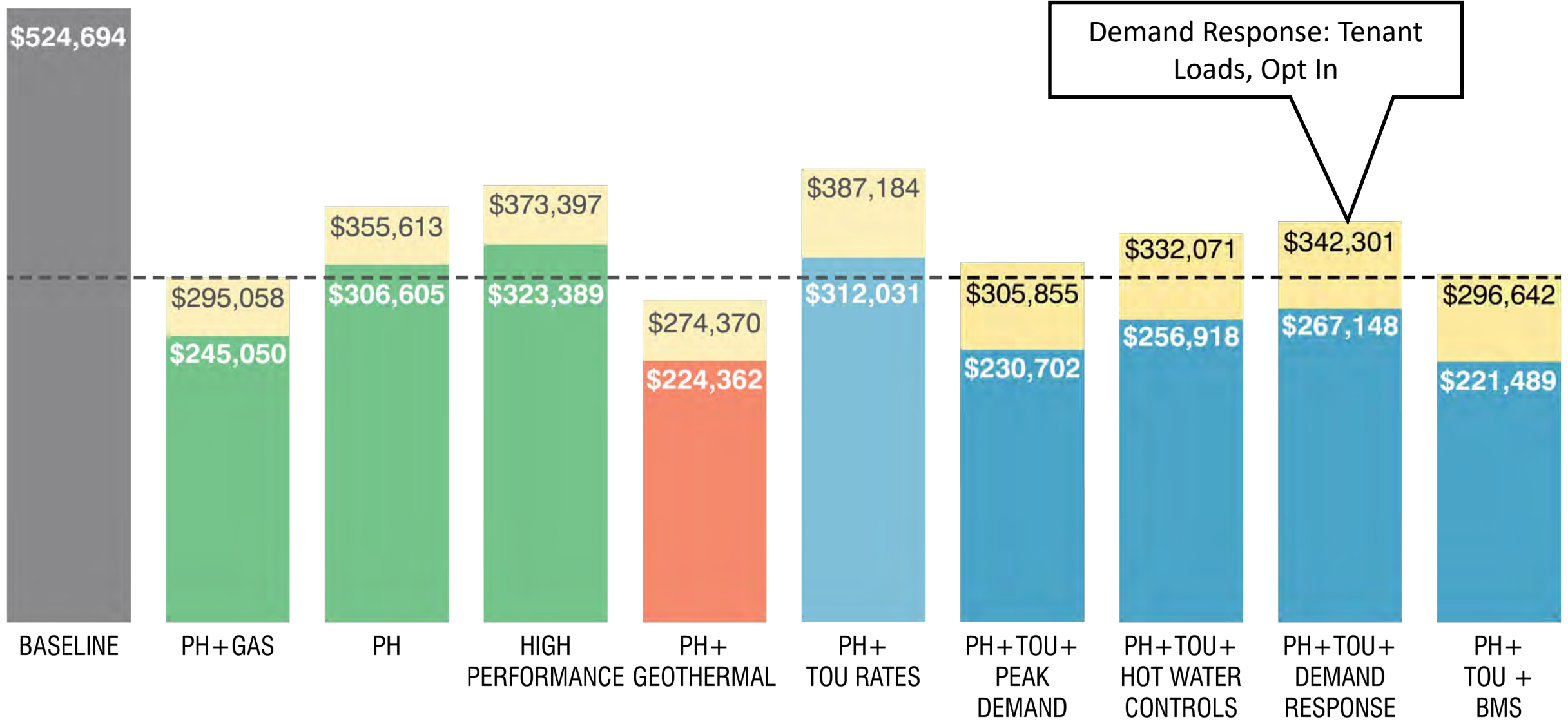
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DHW energy load



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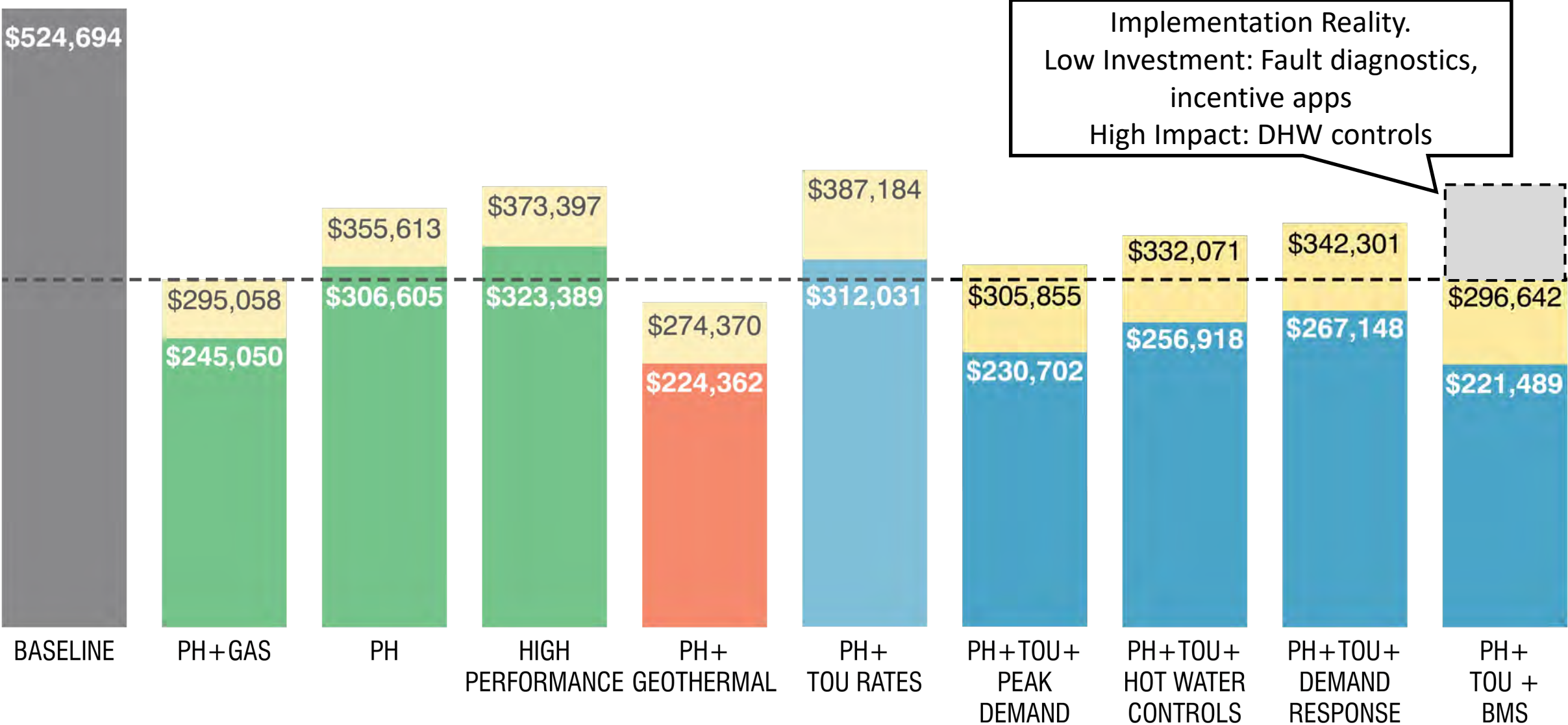


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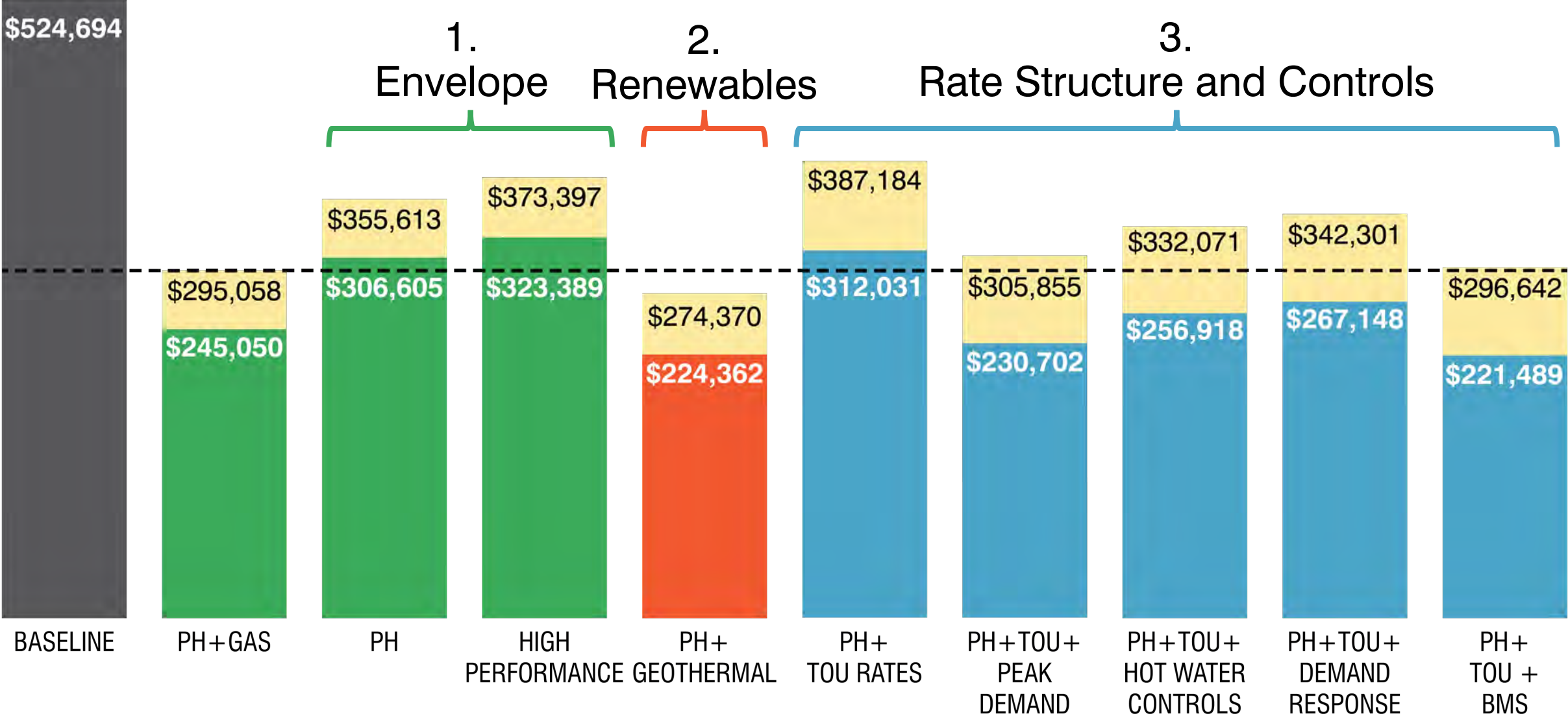
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# Rate Structure and BMS Controls



Implementation Reality.  
 Low Investment: Fault diagnostics,  
 incentive apps  
 High Impact: DHW controls

# Implementation Sequence



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# Next Steps: Resources

ELECTRIFIED	ICON	STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL PERFORMANCE	COST & SAVINGS	NOTES	CODE
		<b>BASELINE</b>	Fully electric building meeting the 2020 NYC Energy Code	Electric ██████████ 2,098,776 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ██████████ 606 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$524,694	Fully electric buildings that meet code minimum lock the building owner into decades of higher utility costs and subpar energy and carbon performance.	
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + GAS DHW</b>	Passive house envelope with high efficiency gas DHW heater	Electric ████████ 1,017,400 kWh Gas ██████████ 2,315,000 kBTU (678,459 kWh) Carbon ████████ 417 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$295,058 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$229,636 (44%)	This is the industry standard for affordable Passive House housing and serves as the utility cost threshold to exceed for a fully electrified building to be cheaper than a mostly electric building.	PASSIVE HOUSE
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + ELECTRIC DHW</b>	Passive house envelope with electric heat pump domestic hot water heater	Electric ██████████ 1,422,452 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 411 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$355,613 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$169,531 (32%) Cost Increase from PH+ Gas: \$60,555 (21%)	The standard fully electrified building switches from gas DHW to an electric heat pump hot water heater, reducing savings from the baseline and increasing cost from the gas DHW scope.	
		<b>HIGH PERFORMANCE + ELECTRIC DHW</b>	Value-engineered passive house envelope with high performance HPAC window units for heating and cooling	Electric ██████████ 1,493,587 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 432 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$373,397 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$151,297 (29%) Cost Increase from PH+ Gas: \$78,339 (27%)	"Pretty Good House" scope locks in 95% of the energy savings of the PH+ Electric strategy with considerable installation cost savings. Special consideration is needed for air tightness at the HPAC in this strategy.	
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + SOLAR</b>	PH + Electric scope with maximized (168 kW) rooftop solar photovoltaic system	Electric ████████ 1,222,420 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 353 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$306,605 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$218,089 (42%) Cost Increase from PH+ Gas: \$11,547 (4%)	Implementing a solar roof photovoltaic system recovers 85% of the cost savings difference lost in the switch from PH+ Gas to PH+ Electric. Solar savings would be applied to owner meter.	
		<b>SOLAR BATTERIES</b>	Energy batteries to store solar generation. Replaces emergency generator.	Electric ██████████ Gas ██████████ Carbon ██████████	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> - Cost Savings from Baseline: - Cost Increase from PH+ Gas: -	Significant policy and incentive initiatives are required in order for solar battery installation to be commonplace in NYC.	
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + GEOTHERMAL</b>	PH + Electric scope with closed-loop geothermal system for DHW, heating, & cooling	Electric ████████ 1,083,224 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 313 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$274,370 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$300,332 (57%) Cost Savings from PH+ Gas: \$70,696 (24%)	Geothermal outperforms the PH+Gas industry standard. This is the first fully electrified scope to lower utility cost from PH+ Gas. Initial site feasibility for geothermal is strongly recommended.	
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + TIME OF USE RATES</b>	PH + Electric scope with Con Edison's optional time of use electric rates	Electric ██████████ 1,422,452 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 411 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$387,184 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$137,510 (26%) Cost Increase from PH+ Gas: \$92,126 (31%)	Time of Use (TOU) Rates without any strategies to reduce peak demand result in utility cost increase. Solar PV works well with TOU rates, but does not overcome the cost increase.	ENERGY CONTROLS
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + TIME OF USE + ENERGY CONTROLS</b>	PH + Electric scope with energy management controls for peak energy, DHW, and demand control	Electric ██████████ 1,419,018 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 410 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$296,642 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$228,052 (43%) Cost Increase from PH+ Gas: \$1,584 (<1%)	Energy management controls in conjunction with time of use rates are a key lever to bringing electrified building utility beneath the PH+Gas threshold. No energy generation is included, so PH+ Geothermal still outperforms this scope.	
		<b>PASSIVE HOUSE + SOLAR + TIME OF USE + ENERGY CONTROLS</b>	PH Electric scope with solar, time of use rates, and energy management controls	Electric ████████ 1,023,536 kWh Gas ██████████ Carbon ████████ 296 tCO2e	<b>ANNUAL UTILITY COST</b> \$221,489 Cost Savings from Baseline: \$303,205 (58%) Cost Savings from PH+ Gas: \$73,569 (25%)	PH+Electric scope with TOU rates, energy controls, and solar is the highest performing scope, well below the PH+ Gas threshold. Before implementing, Con Edison must clarify TOU rates and a custom control strategy should be designed. Exact interaction of building controls and solar may vary.	

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# Carmen Villegas Apartments (CVA)







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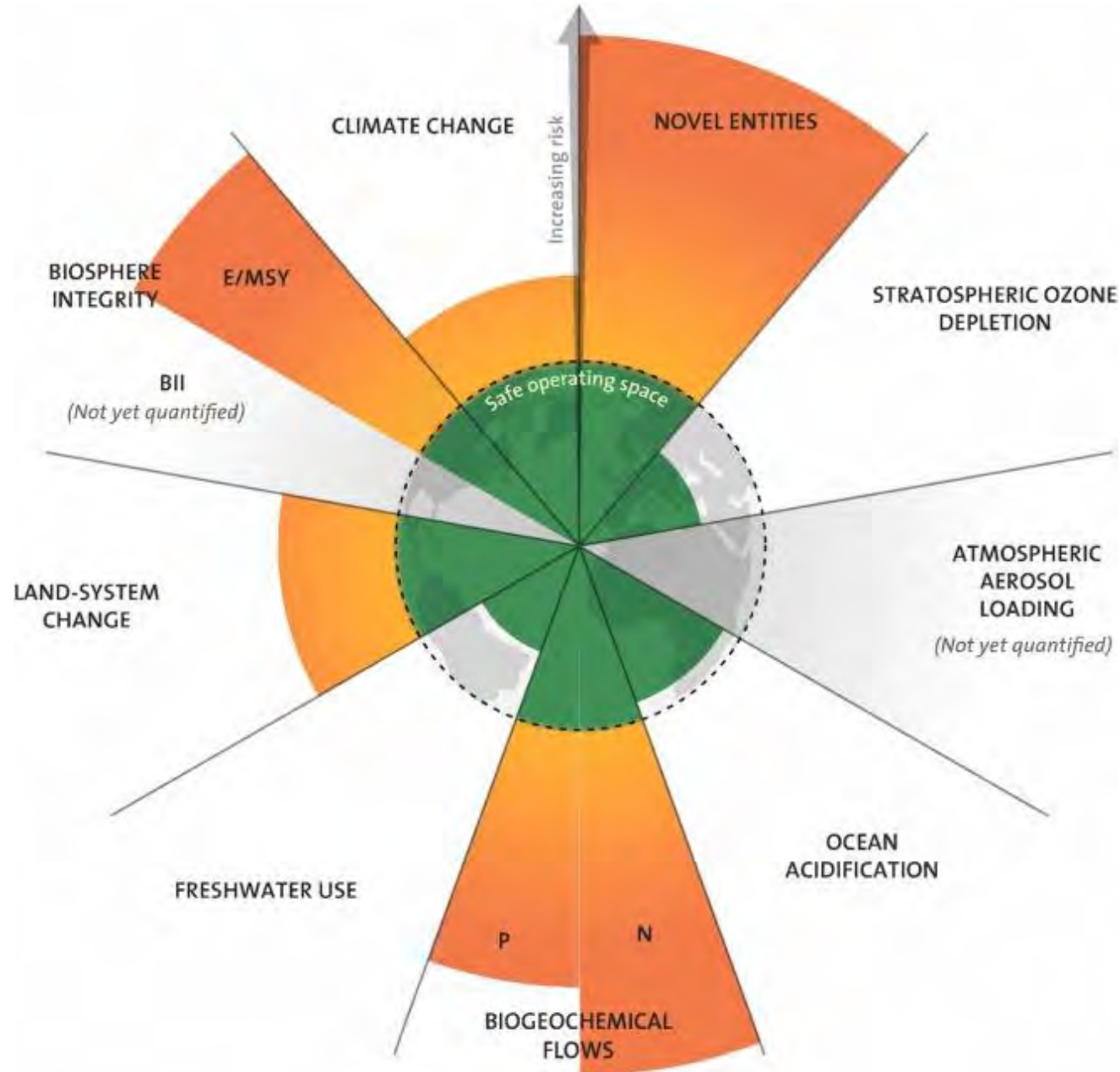
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Award Winner

**Early Design Support (Round 3)  
&  
Demonstration Winner (Round 4)**

**Carmen Villegas Apartments (CVA)**



# PLANETARY BOUNDARIES



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**Passive House**

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Low Embodied Carbon

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Electrify Everything

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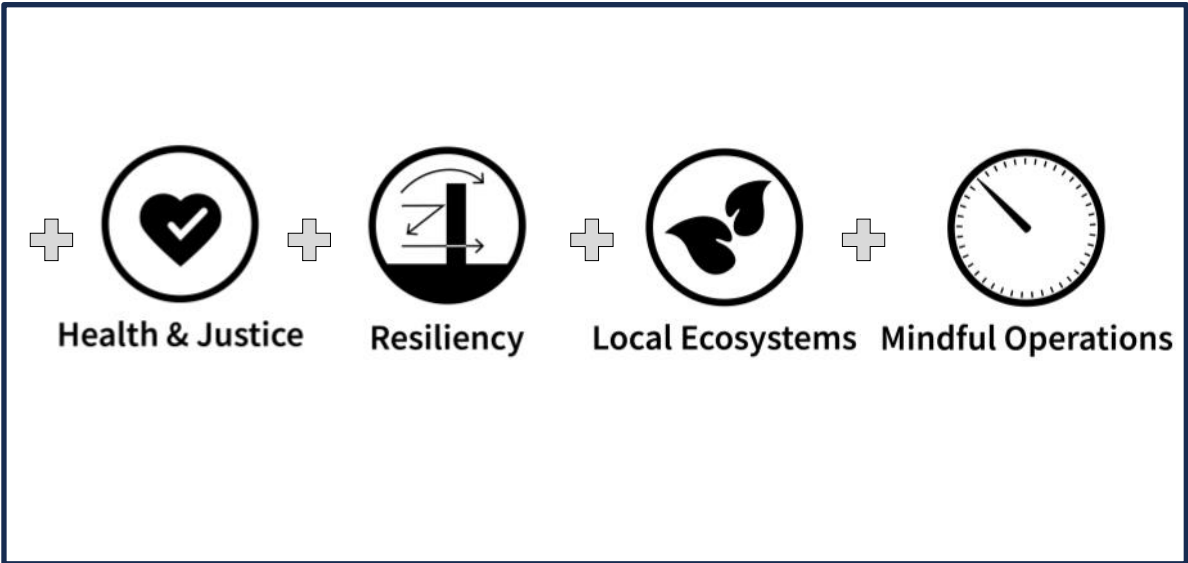
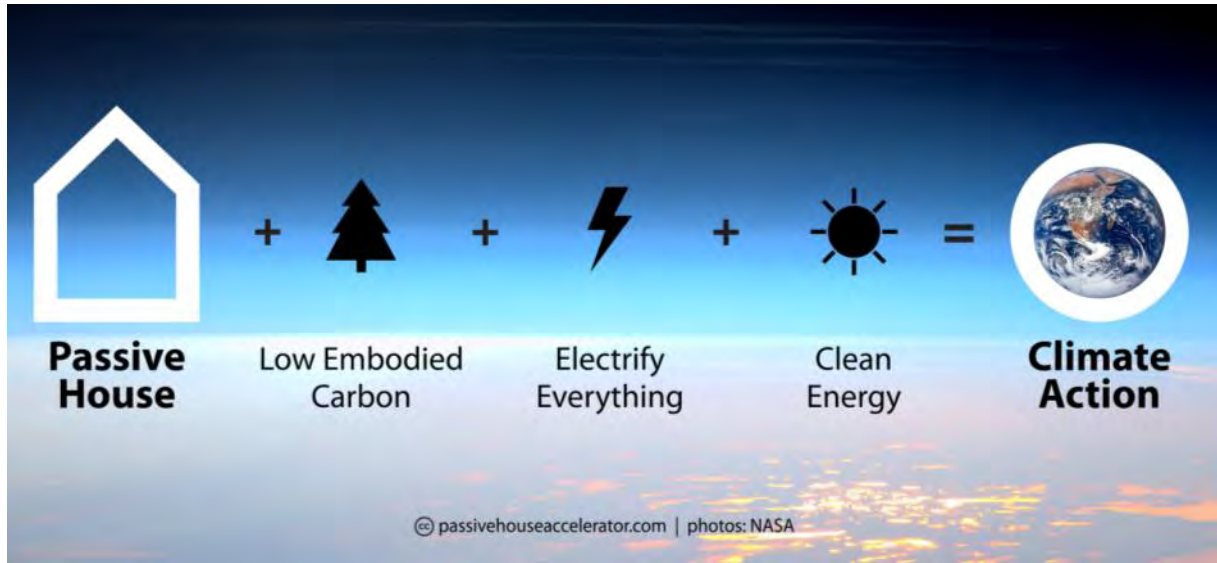
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**Climate Action**

# TOWARDS REGENERATIVE ARCHITECTURE



Passive House  
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 On Site Generation (BIPV + Roof Solar)  
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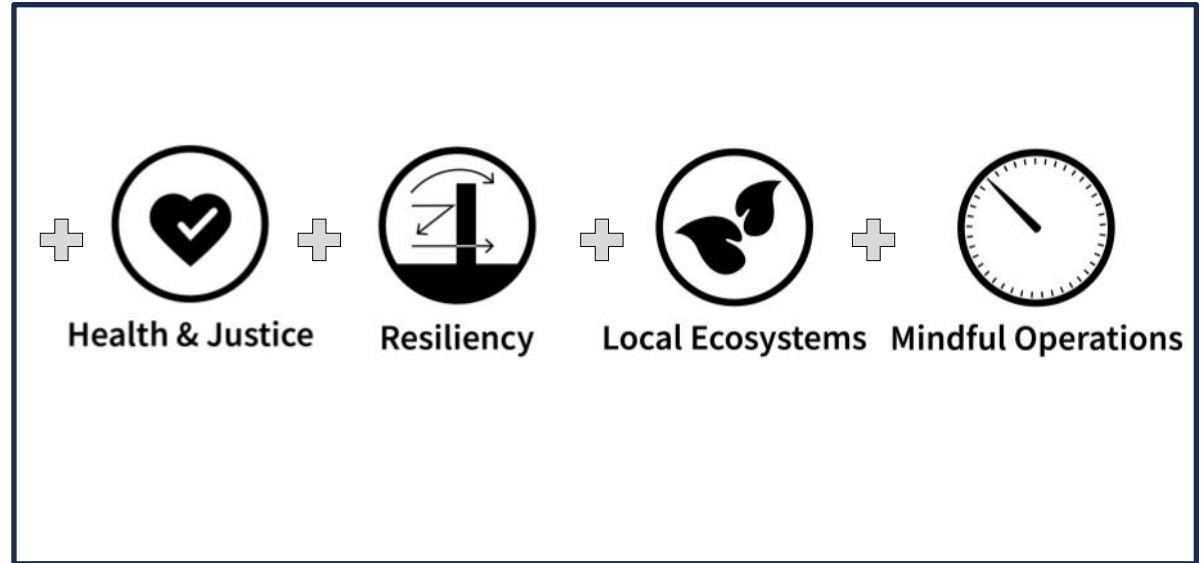
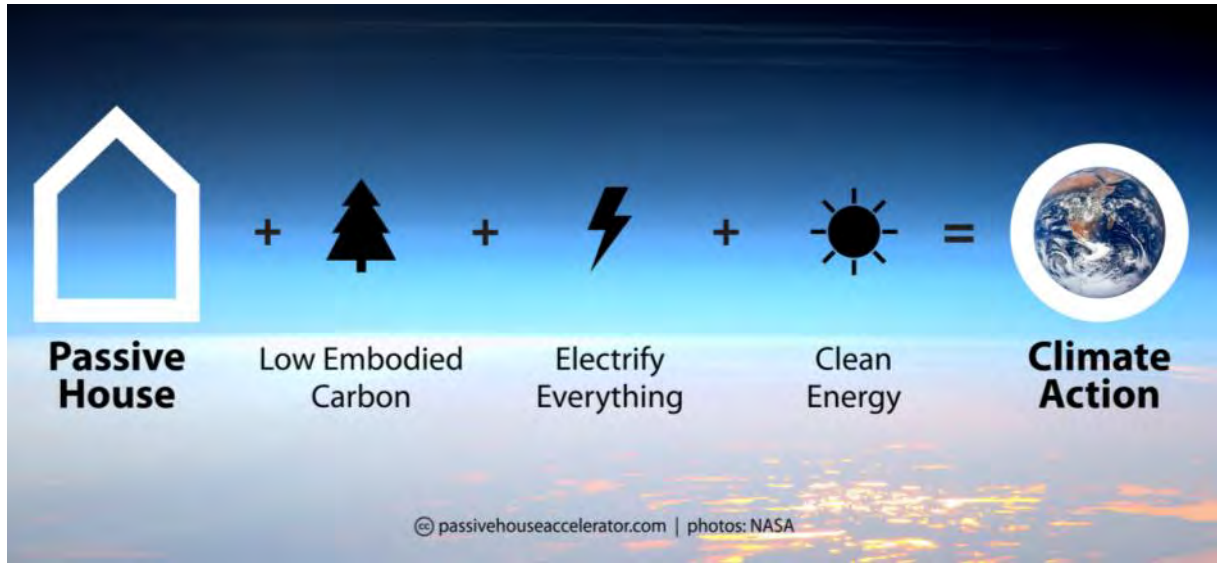
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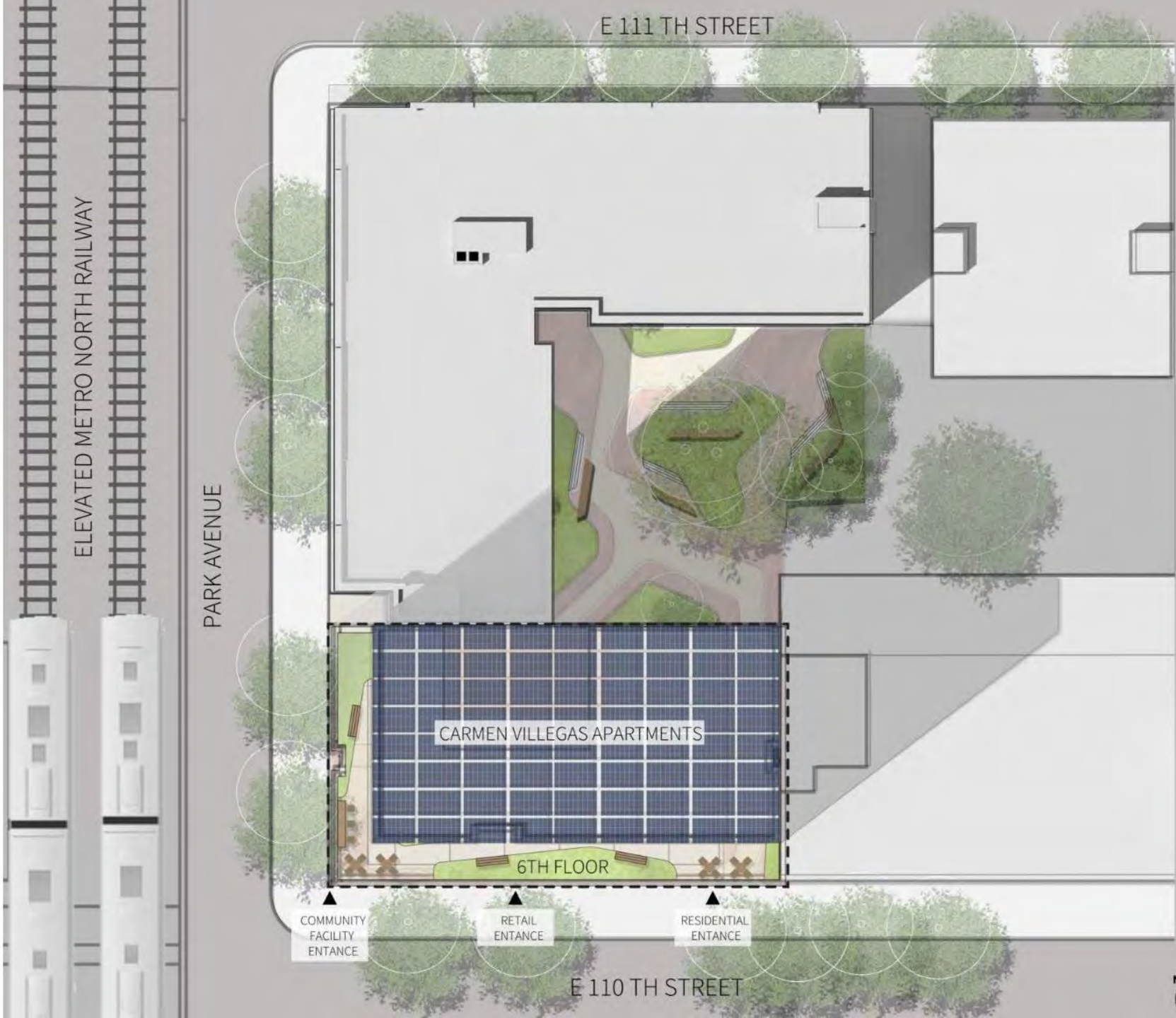
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**Developers:**  
**Ascendant  
Neighborhood  
Development**

**Urban Builders  
Collaborative**

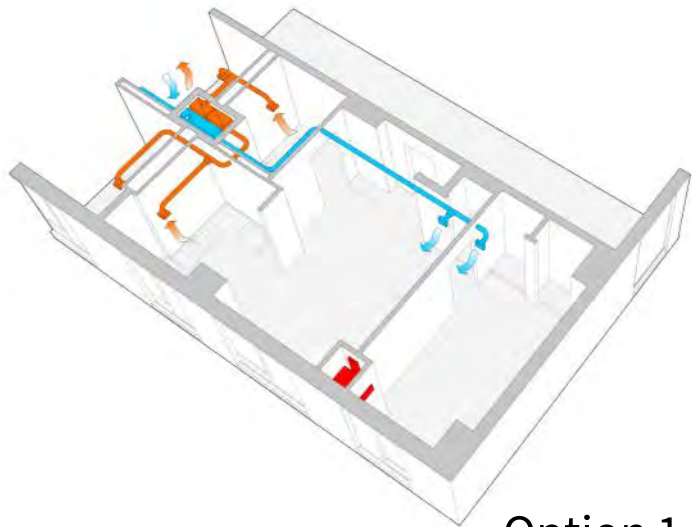
**Xylem Projects**

**Design:**  
Magnusson Arch & Planning  
Bright Power  
DeSimone  
AMA Group

New Construction  
211 Units for Seniors  
28 Stories  
Community Facility for Seniors  
Adjacent to Future Renovation

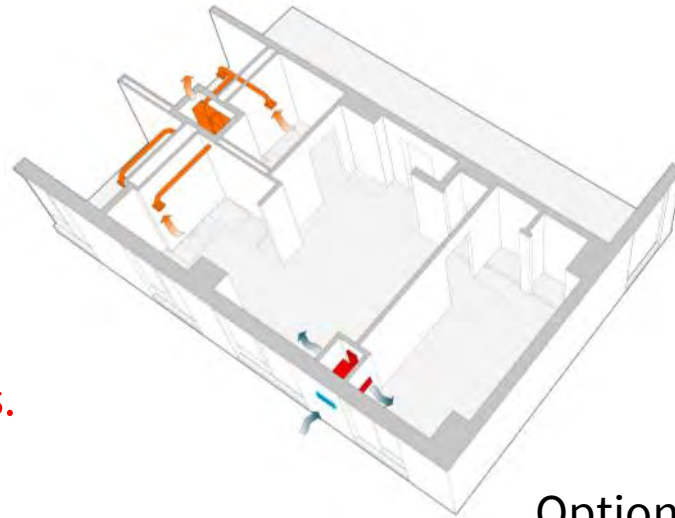
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# PART ONE OF BOE STUDY: PASSIVE HOUSE VENTILATION



Option 1 (PH)

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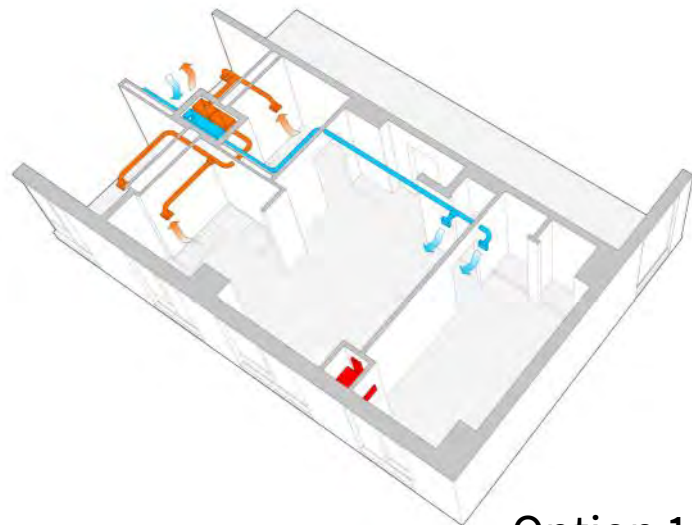
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ERV vs Project Min

Construction Cost Differential  
\$587,500

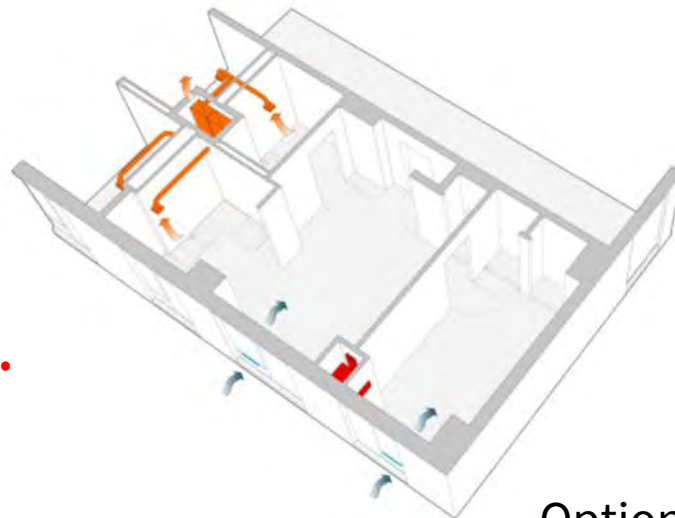
Opt 1 Yearly Energy Savings  
\$65,900

**PAYBACK: 8.9 Years**



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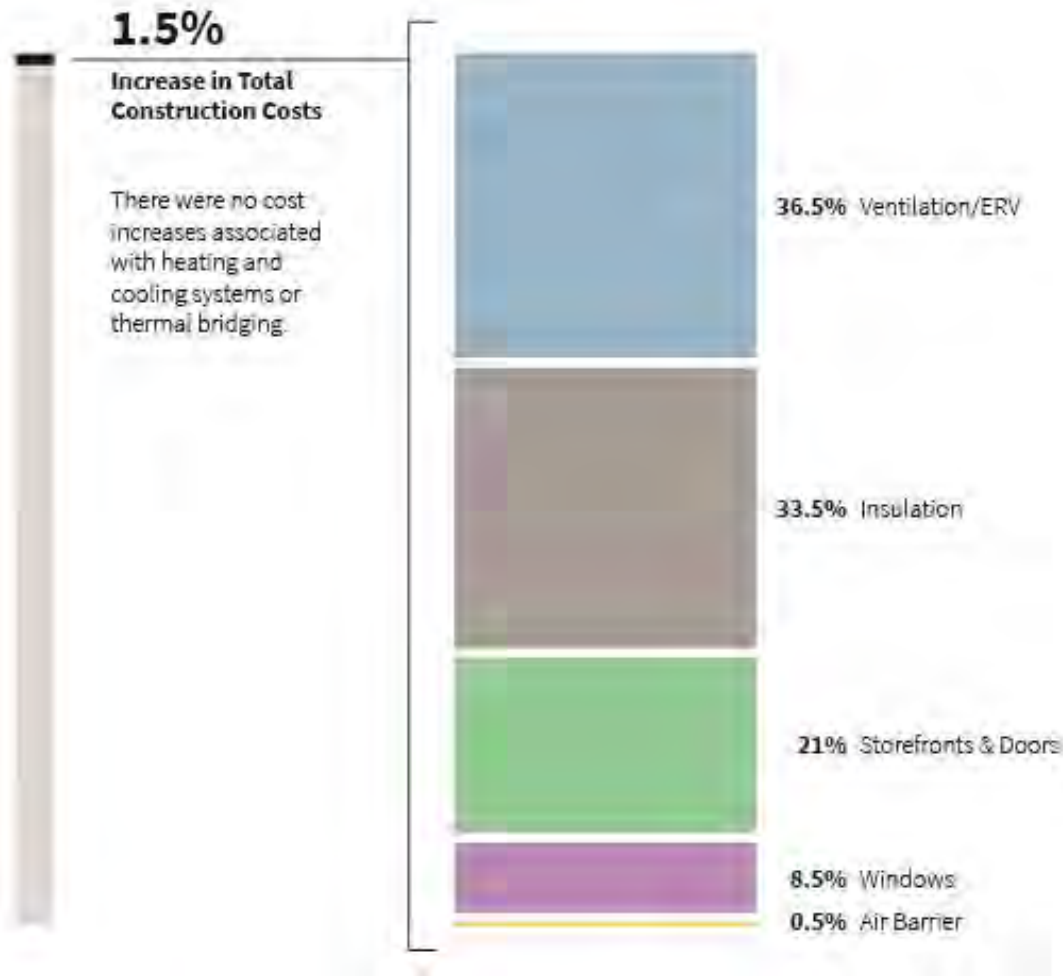
ERV vs Code Min w/Trickle Vent.

Construction Cost Differential  
\$697,970

Opt 1 Yearly Energy Savings  
\$49,300

**PAYBACK: 14.2 Years**

# PART TWO OF BOE STUDY: PASSIVE HOUSE ROI



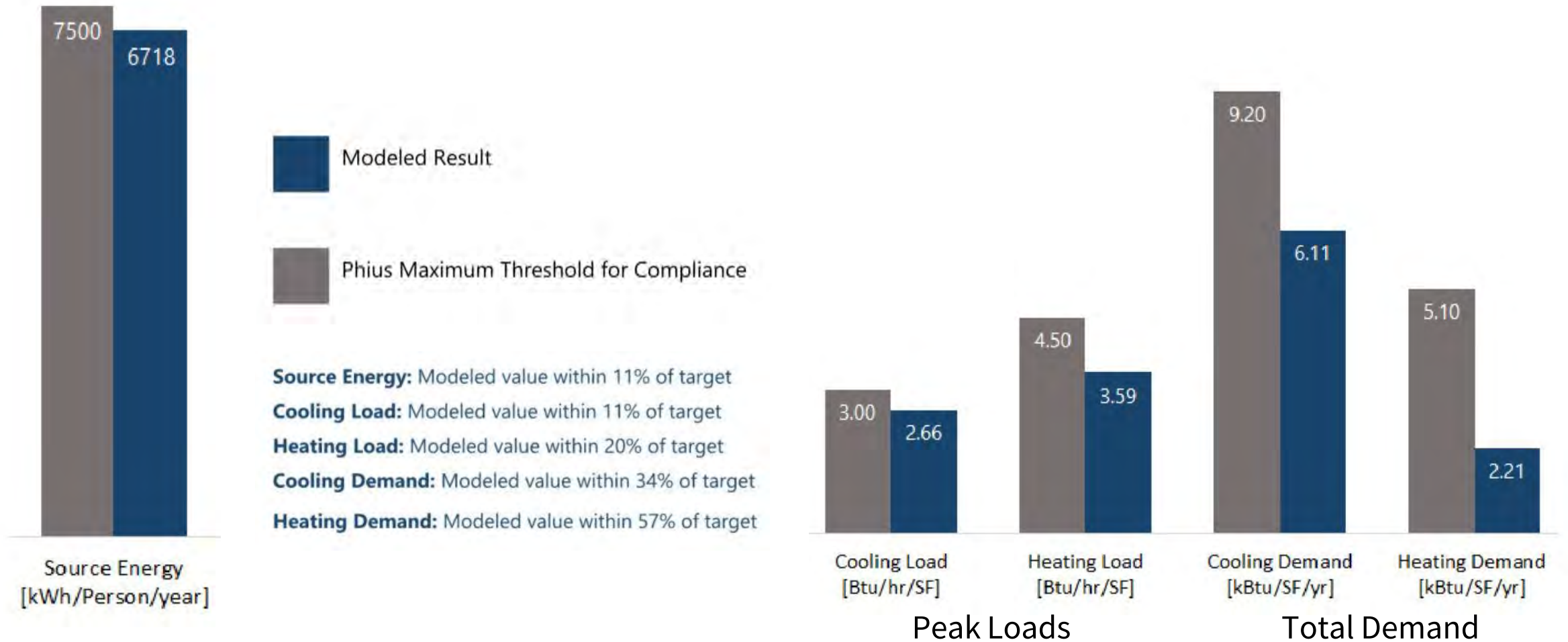
## Yearly Operational Costs and Savings

Costs include heating, cooling and miscellaneous HVAC

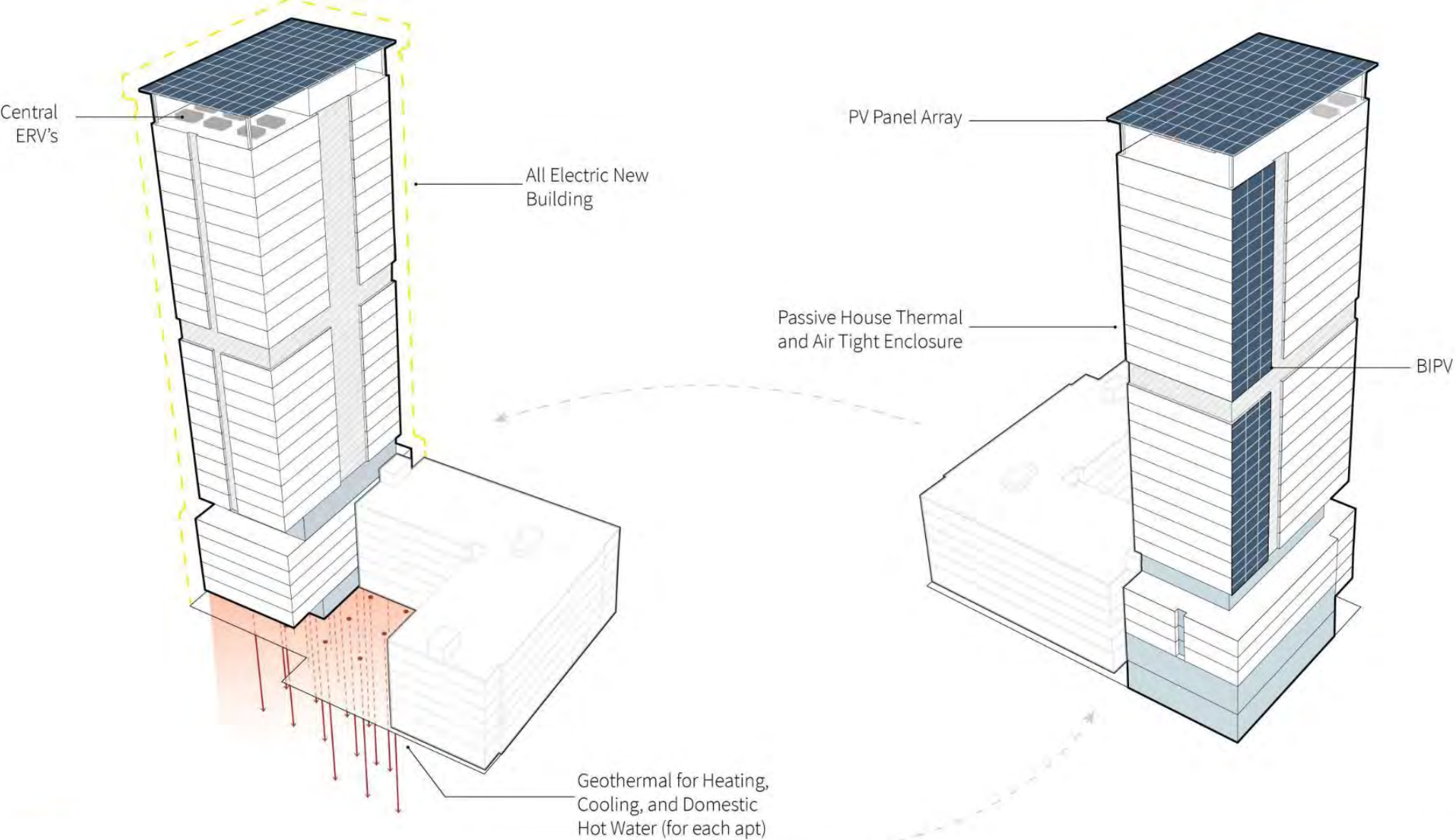




# PH RESULTS: COOLING LOAD DOMINATED



# PH: BENEFITS TO THE GROUND SOURCE SYSTEM





# PART THREE: WHAT “ZERO”?

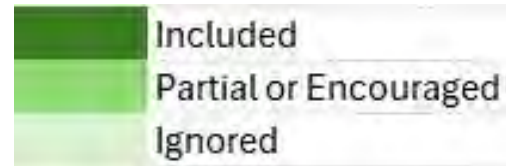
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## Other Frameworks to Explore:

**ASHRAE/ICC 240P**  
**RICS Whole Life Carbon**  
**(Phius Revive)**

				ILFI Zero Carbon 1.1	ASHRAE 228	AIA 2030 Zero Code	LEED Zero Carbon 2020	
<b>Upfront Carbon</b>	Design Phase	A0	Office Operations					
		A1	Raw Material Extraction					
		A2	Transport					
		A3	Manufacturer					
			Biogenic Storage					
		A4	Transport to site					
	Materials	Upfront Material Scope		Structure				
				Enclosure				
				Interiors				
				FF&E				
				Landscape/Site				
				MEP+Systems				
				Renewables				
	Construction	A5a	Construction Fuel					
		A5w	Construction Waste					

# PART THREE: WHAT “ZERO”?



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				ILFI Zero Carbon 1.1	ASHRAE 228	2030 Zero Code	LEED Zero Carbon 2020	
Operational Carbon	Operational	B1	Site Operational Energy					
			Renewables On Site					
			Source Energy					
			Refrigerant Leakage					
			Energy Time of Use					
			Energy Use w/ Future Climate					
			Occupant Travel to Site					
		B2	Maintenance					
			B3 Repair					
			B4 Replacement					
		B5	Landscape Maintenance					
			Landscape Sequestration					
			B6 Refurbishment					
			B6 Offsite Generation (REC)					
B7	Discounted Renewables Offsite							
	Carbon Offsets							
	B7 Operational Water							
End of Life Carbon	Deconstruction	C1	Deconstruction/Demo					
		C2	Transport					
		C3	Waste Processing					
		C4	Disposal					
	Beyond	D	Reuse/Recovery/Recycling					
All Phases	All	GWP 20 or other shorter metric						



# ILFI FEASIBILITY

## ILFI Zero Carbon v1.1 (July 2024)

CVA Project: Affordable  
Senior  
Highrise  
Baseline EGC

Legend	
	Savings
	Cost

		Design Scope	Construction Scope	Operations Scope
Operational Carbon	Energy Modeling & CPHC Consulting			
	No on-site combustion			
	Passive House for low EUI (20% below ASHRAE 90.1 2019, Site Energy)			
	Renewable Energy Procurement 100% (Site) Energy use for 15 years			
	Renewable Energy On Site			
	Maintenance Plan to reduce Refrigerant Leakage			
	Measured energy use for 12 months at full occupancy			
Embodied Carbon	Model Embodied Carbon & Prepare Audit Documents			
	A1-A4: 20% Reduction in EC of Material Procurement (and > 350 kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )			
	Track A5 During Construction			
	Carbon Offsets (for embodied carbon) from certified Green-e provider			
Project Savings	Energy Savings			
	IRA Incentives (including 45L)			
	BoE Award Funds			
	ConEd Clean Heat			
	Agency Preference/Funding			

# ILFI FEASIBILITY: OPERATIONAL ENERGY



## SOURCE ENERGY USE INTENSITY (EUI)

(w/o renewables)

Avg NYC Multifamily Bldg:	112 kBtu/sf/yr
Code Building (2020):	89.0 kBtu/sf/yr
PHIUS Primary Energy:	Approx 42.3 kBtu/sf/yr
PHI Primary Energy:	Approx 40 kBtu/sf/yr
LL97- 2024 limit:	6.75 kgCO <sub>2</sub> /sf
LL97- 2030 limit:	4.07 kgCO <sub>2</sub> /sf

ILFI EUI Requirement: 20% > ASHRAE 90.1 2019

*ZERO Tool (2003 existing data): Site EUI 60*

**Building As Proposed:** **43.60** kBtu/sf/yr  
**1.37** kgCO<sub>2</sub>/sf ('24-'29)  
**SITE EUI: 21.04** kBtu/sf

**Certification:** Target **PHIUS 2021 CORE**



# ILFI FEASIBILITY: UPFRONT CARBON SCOPE

REPORTED AND OFFSET	Primary Material Assemblies	Substructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations</li> <li>• Subgrade Enclosures</li> <li>• Slabs-On-Grade</li> </ul>
		Shell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superstructure of Floors, Roof, and Stairs</li> <li>• Exterior Vertical and Horizontal Enclosures                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cladding</li> <li>• Insulation</li> <li>• Fenestration</li> <li>• Roof Assemblies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Exterior Material Assemblies	Site Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads, Paths and Paving</li> <li>• Special Surfacing and Paving</li> </ul>
	Interior Material Assemblies	Interior Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interior Partitions                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framing</li> <li>• Insulation</li> <li>• Fenestration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
REPORTED		Interior Finishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wall</li> <li>• Flooring</li> <li>• Ceiling</li> </ul>
	Other Material Assemblies	Interior Equipment and Furnishings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Fixtures</li> <li>• Equipment</li> </ul>
		Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanical</li> <li>• Electrical + Fire Detection</li> <li>• Plumbing + Fire Suppression</li> </ul>
		Sitework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Preparation</li> <li>• Liquid and Gas Site Utilities</li> <li>• Electrical Site Improvements</li> </ul>

## ILFI Zero Carbon v1.1 (July 2024)

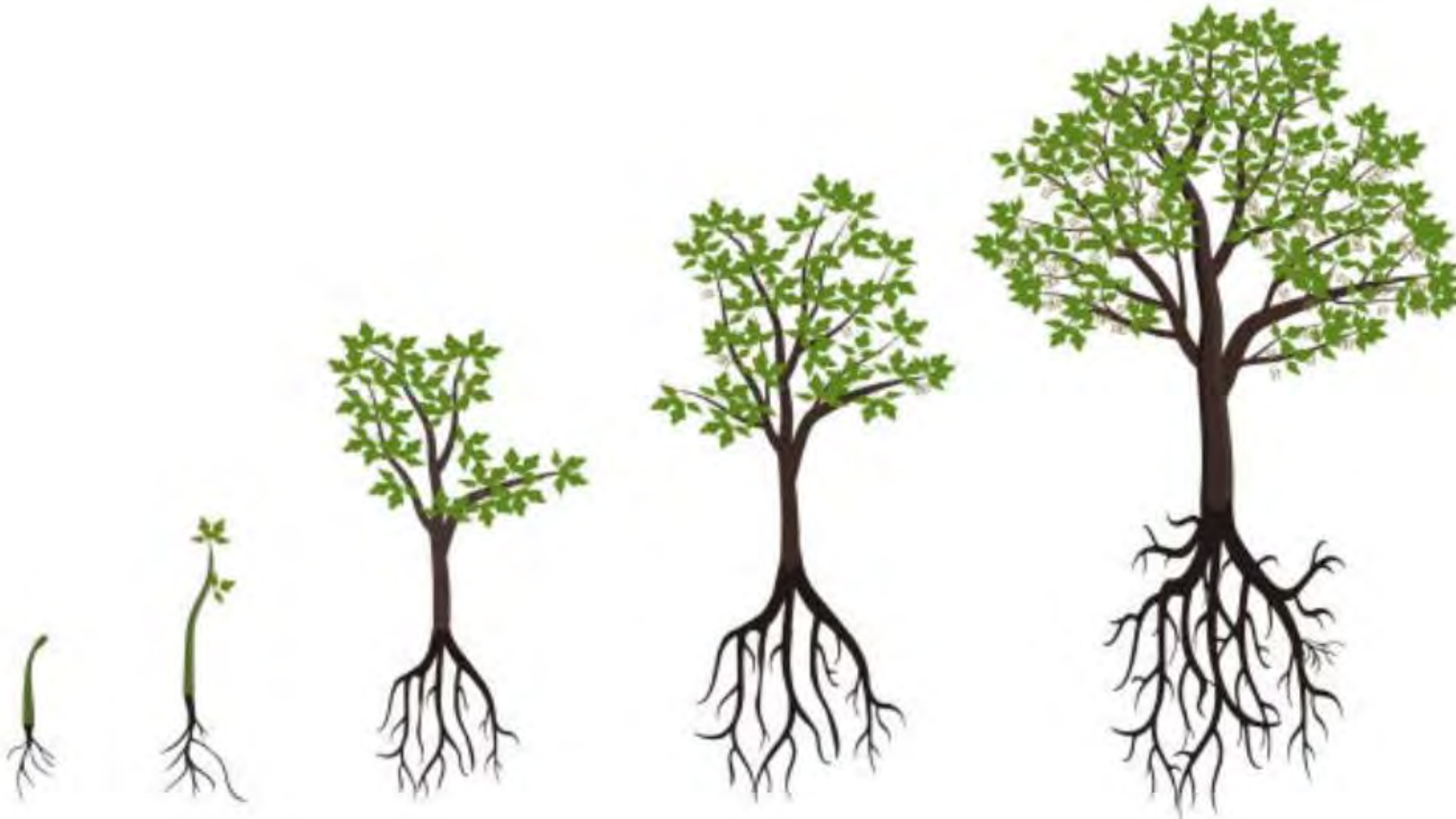
Life Cycle Phases: A1-A5

Primary & Exterior Material Assemblies  
To Be Min 20% Below Baseline

& Total Project Max 350\* kg CO<sub>2</sub> e/m<sup>2</sup>  
(3,767 kg CO<sub>2</sub> e /sqft)  
(\*Avg 2030 targets of LETI & SBTi)

For Cross Reference  
CLF 2023 California Report:  
Median Lifetime Embodied  
Carbon Intensity, Phases A1-A3:  
390 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>

# UPFRONT CARBON: CARBON REFERNECE



Sapling (5yrs) absorbs  
**5** kg CO<sub>2</sub> yr

Mature (10-20yrs) absorbs  
**20** kg CO<sub>2</sub> yr

Old (40-60+yrs) absorbs  
**40-50+** kg CO<sub>2</sub> yr

ILFI  
per square foot limit  
3,767 kg CO<sub>2</sub> e  
=  
188 mature trees  
absorption rate per  
year



# UPFRONT CARBON: TOOLS & PROCESS



Select Freeze Point

Use **tallyCAT** (Plugin REVIT) to → **EC3 Tool**

Organize EC3 into ILFI Categories

Tracking Spreadsheet: materials & baselines

EC3 Tool → GWP Spreadsheet

Final Calculator Spreadsheet

	Gyp-Framing	
	Concrete Partition - 1 (1-4 hr rating)	
	Concrete Masonry Partition - 2 (1-4 hr)	U904/ 905/ 906/ 907 3000 psi, lightweight, pozzotive 3: GYP
	Wallfurring on CMU - 3 (one side), 4 (two sides)	One 5/8" type X 3: STUDS - cold formed, 1.25 flange, 27mil, 24" spacing Runners bottom 1 5/8" 3: CMU: 3000 psi, lightweight, pozzotive 4: GYP - mold res
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	Steel Partition - Non-rated - 5, 8	Gyp: two 5/8" 5: STUDS - cold formed, 1.25 flange, 27mil, 24" spacing Runners top and bottom 5: 2.5" depth 5A: 3 5/8" depth 5B: 4" depth 5C: 6" depth 6: GYP
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	Shaftwall - 2 hr rated - 14, 15	14/15: STUDS - cold formed, 1.25 flange, 27mil, 24" spacing

# UPFRONT CARBON: SETTING THE BASELINE



To demonstrate 20% reduction of materials, it is critical to set a baseline!

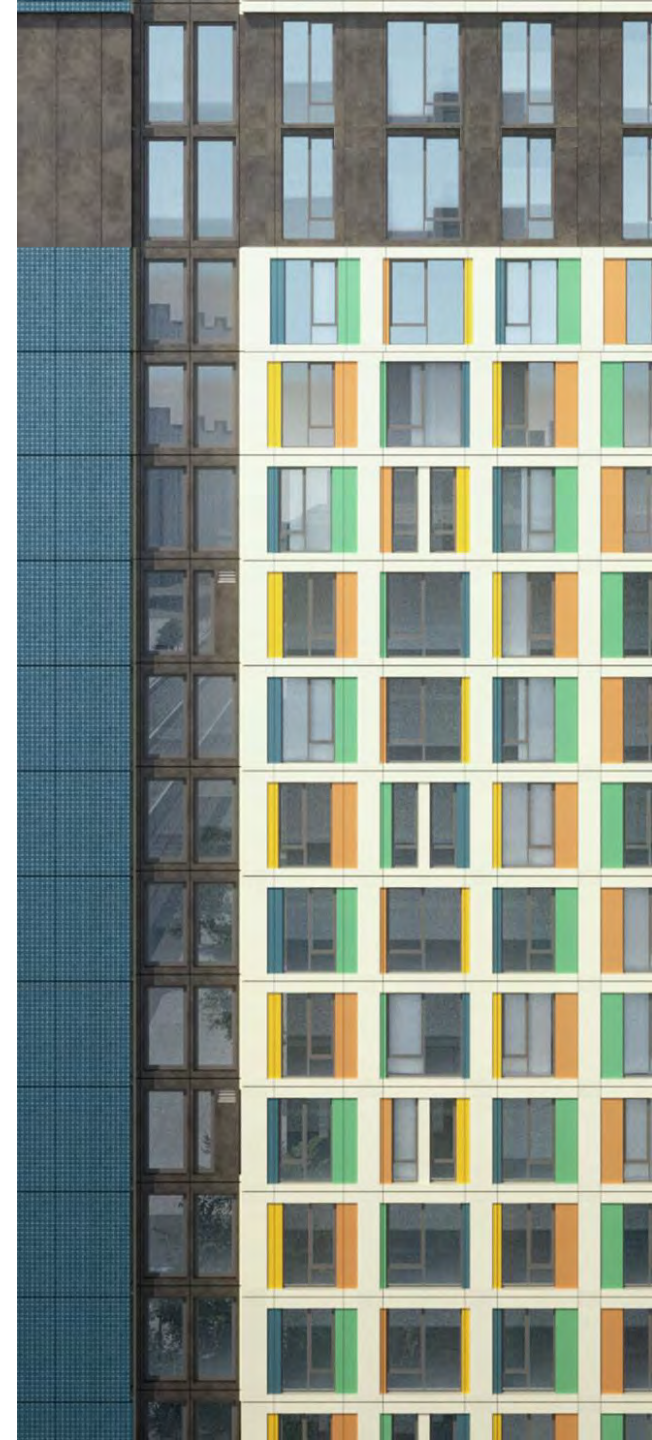
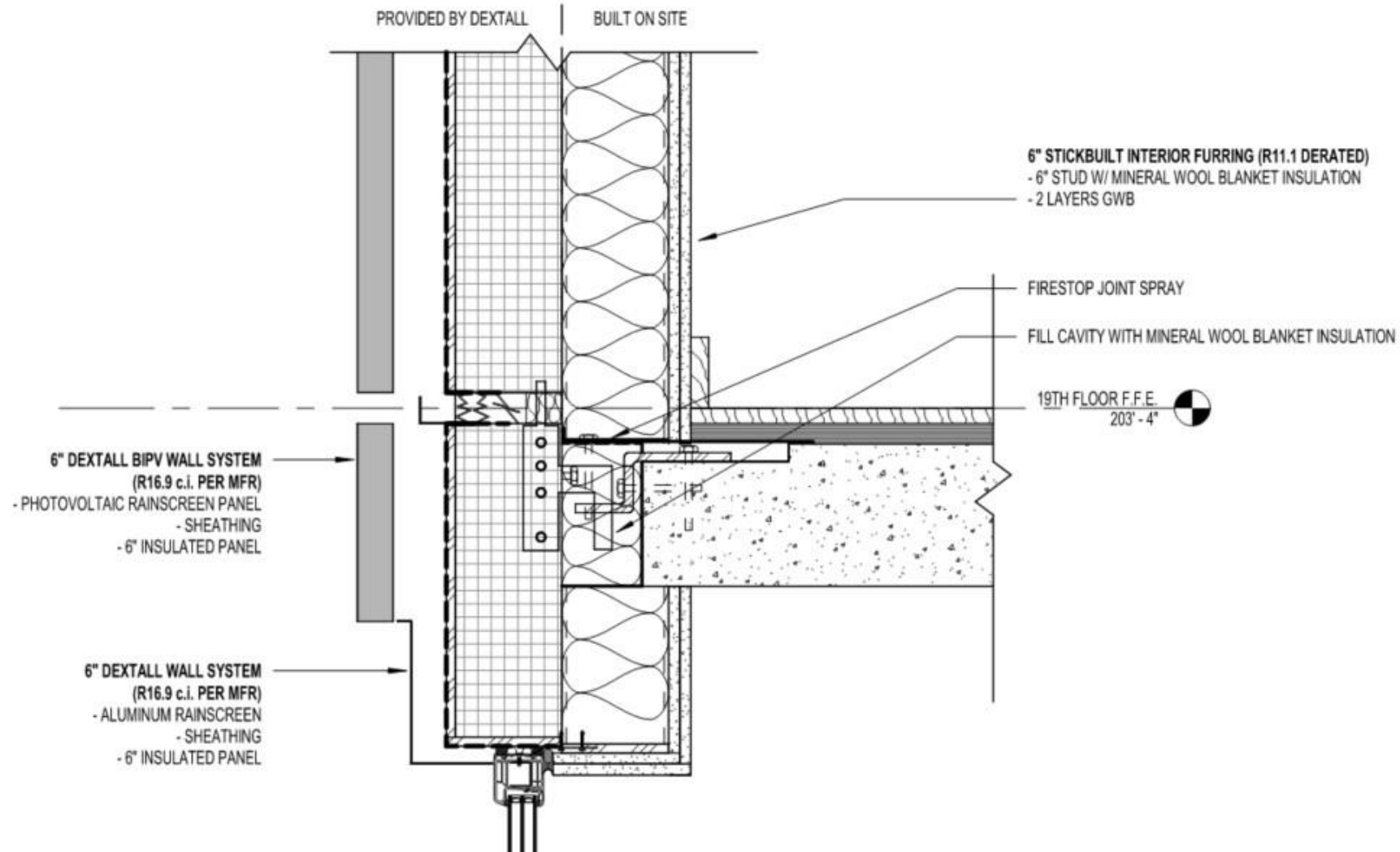
Baseline Options:

- 1) Carbon Leadership Forum (**CLF**) 2023 Material Baselines
- 2) Where #1 does not exist, use **Product Industry Average values from EC3.**
- 3) Interior products clarification: product baselines are currently only specified in the ILFI-approved baseline tools for the following categories: ***Carpet, Ceiling Tile, Gypsum Wallboard.*** (But other products still count towards total per sqft requirement)
- 4) Make sure to **search for EPD's by your location**, which will affect your A4 number.

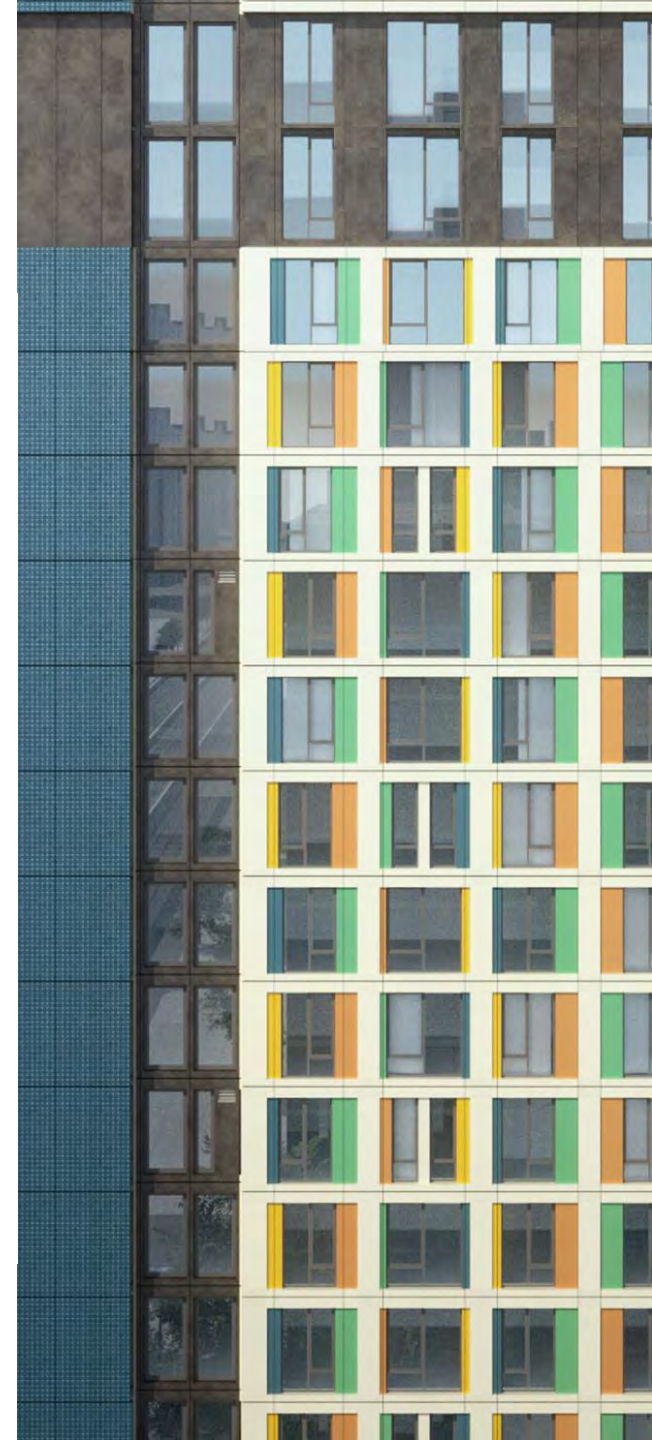
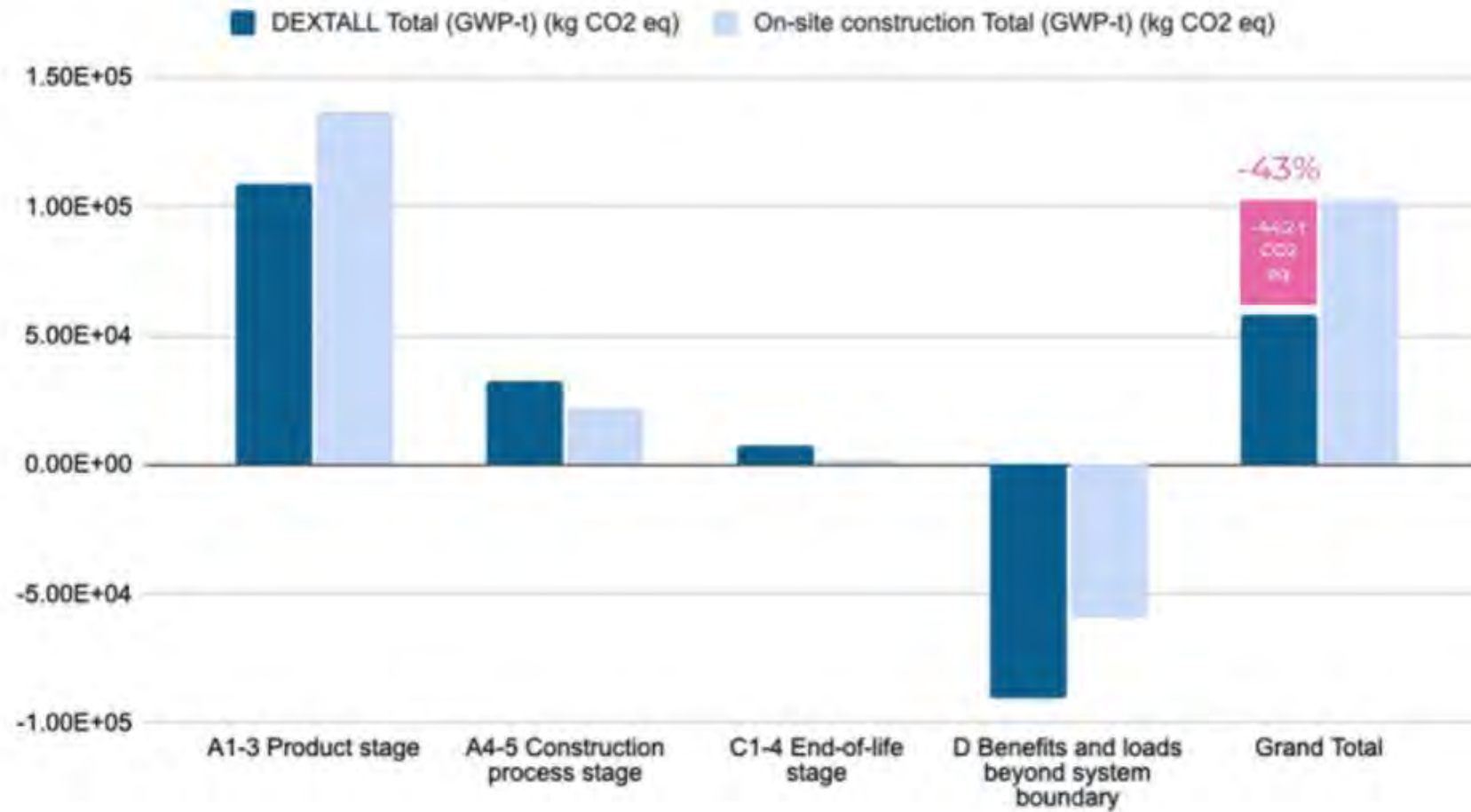
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# UPFRONT CARBON: DEXTALL “PREFAB OR SITE BUILT”?



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# UPFRONT CABRON & HEALTH: CARBON SEQUESTERING MATERIALS



## **BioBased Tiles**

(Materials: Bacteria and waste aggregate. No kiln firing)



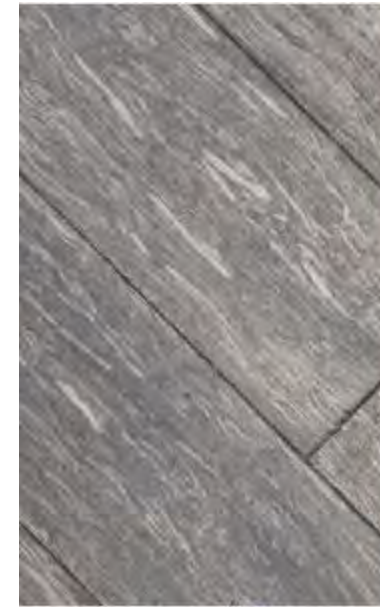
## **Linoleum**

(Linseed Oil & Pine Resin)

## **BioBased Polyurethane**

(100% Plant based oils)

Red List & C2C



## **HempWood**

(Hemp Stalk & Carb 2 Binders)



Vs. LVT: has **1/3<sup>rd</sup> less EC** and Saves kgCO<sub>2</sub>e equal to 1 yr. absorption from 2,067 trees

# UPFRONT CARBON: ILFI ZERO CARBON RESULTS (CO<sub>2</sub>e)

kg CO <sub>2</sub> e Totals						
	Baseline Calcs:		Realized Calcs:		Percent Reduction:	
<b>A1-A3 Extract. to Manuf.</b>	Foundation:	151,172	Foundation:	<b>121,598</b>	Foundation:	<b>19.56 %</b>
	Substructure:	2,817,827	Substructure:	<b>2,203,292</b>	Substructure:	<b>21.81 %</b>
	Enclosure:	793,323	Enclosure:	<b>502,199</b>	Enclosure:	<b>36.70 %</b>
	Interior:	1,382,740	Interior:	<b>999,200</b>	Interior:	<b>27.74 %</b>
<b>A4 Transport to Site</b>			Foundation:	<b>5,376</b>		
			Substructure:	<b>260,900</b>		
			Enclosure:	<b>216,700</b>		
			Interior:	<b>9,676</b>		
			<b>Total</b>	<b>492,652</b>		<i>A4 is 12.8% of A1-A4</i>
<b>A5 Construct: Fuel &amp; Waste</b>			5% of total	227,313		
			20% of total	1,079,735		
			12.5% of total	<b>616,991</b>		

Project SF:	<b>180,352</b>	ft <sup>2</sup>
EC Intensity (ft):	<b>27.37</b>	
EC Intensity (m):	<b>*294.5899</b>	<b>kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup></b>
*must be less than 350 kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup>		

Equal to 1 yr.  
absorption from  
5,726,179 trees



# UPFRONT CARBON: ILFI ZERO CARBON RESULTS (\$)

## A1-A4 Estimated Costs for Embodied Carbon for this Project/GC *(Excluding Finishes)*

Concrete 28 day GWP max = no added cost

Concrete 56 day GWP max = \$325,000 (in labor)

Steel GWP max = no added cost

CMU “Closed Spec” = no added cost

Drywall “Closed Spec” = \$159,250

Metal Stud “Closed Spec” = \$101,400

Doors “Closed Spec” = \$75,000

Insulation = \$36,925

Total: \$697,575

## A5 Estimated Costs (Tracking Fuel) - \$90k

**Total: \$787,575**

# CLIMATE ACTION: SOLAR'S EMBEDDED CARBON, WORTH IT?

Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Net Calculation			
Energy Form	Annual Site energy (Form 2 column 5) kWh/yr	GHG Emission Factor kg CO2e/kWh (Using Table 6+7; Section 7)	Annual GHG Emissions kgCO2e/yr ( <i>Multiply Site Energy x GHG</i> )
1a Imported grid electricity	1,109,808.00	0.356	395,091.65
1b Imported specific electricity			0.00
11a Imported transportation vehicle energy			0.00
14 Exported renewable electricity	147,348.00	0.356	52,455.89
19 Exported transportation vehicle energy (EV charged on site)			0.00
20 Qualified off-site renewable Energy			0.00
21 Refrigeration Loss, sum from Form 4A			897.75
<b>Annual Net GHG Emissions (Sum of 1a-12, minus 13-22 + 21)</b>			<b>343,533.51</b>

Equal to 1 yr. absorption from 2,622 trees (yearly)

Table 5,6+7 Regional Electricity Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG 100: CO2e/kWh) Factors for US and Canada (Redacted for our typology)		GHG 100	GHG 20 (if req')
1a Imported grid electricity	NPCC NYC/Westchester	0.356	0.422
	NPCC Upstate NY	0.157	0.183
1b Imported specific electricity	qualified person should determine		
11a Imported transportation vehicle energy	qualified person should determine		
13 (14) Exported renewable electricity	NPCC NYC/Westchester	0.356	
	NPCC Upstate NY	0.157	
19 Exported transportation vehicle energy (EV charged on site)	qualified person should determine		



DEFINITELY YES! NO TRANSITION LOSSES,  
AND WE NEED TO BUILD OUR RENEWABLE INFRASTRUCTURE (POINT OF USE IS BEST!)



# CLIMATE ACTION: GROUND SOURCE/GEOTHERMAL

## Ground Source PROS:

- Greatly reduced refrigerant leakage risk
- More efficient than VRF
- Approx half of upfront cost is covered by incentives. (Considered cost neutral or better, with incentives.)
- Long lasting system with minimal moving parts
- Reduces peak loads on the grid
- No penetrations on the façade (energy, sound, maintenance, & aesthetic benefits)

## Ground Source CONS:

- Requires commitment Early in Design
- Embodied Carbon balance not clear yet, needs further study.
- May not be able to cover full loads for non-Passive House building or heating dominated.

	One Year kg CO <sub>2</sub> e Leakage*	
	*ASHRAE 228 Leakage Guidance	
Heat/Cool System Refrigerant	VRF System	Ground Source
Refrigerant	R410A	R454b (A2L)
Refrigerant GWP kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1920	467
Leakage Rate	10%	1%
Refrigerant Charge length	5,586 LF	(hermetic)
<b>Refrigerant Leakage</b>	<b>821,887</b>	<b>898</b>

Equal to 1 yr. absorption from 41,094 trees

NYC is signatory to **C40 Clean Construction Accelerator**: electrifying construction equipment.

# ILFI ZERO CARBON: OFFSET REQUIREMENTS

## Operational Energy Offsets

### Renewable Energy Credits

Additional  
From Allowed Sources  
Attributed to the Project  
Educational  
Identifiable  
Metered

Equal to 1 yr.  
absorption  
from 284,010  
trees

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Require: 962 MWh/yr  
Cost per MWh/yr = TBD  
Estimated Offset Cost = **TBD**

## Embodied Carbon Offsets

### Carbon Credits

Additional  
Leakage prevention  
Permanence  
Audited Verification



(Only Green-e certified or equal, and  
Certified Emission Reduction (CER)  
Verified Emission Reduction (VER)

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Require: 4,935,931 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e  
Cost per t CO<sub>2</sub>e = \$4.80  
Estimated Offset Cost = **\$26,116**

## Potential Checklist for Quality Carbon Negative Offsets

- 1) Verifiable
- 2) New & Additional
- 3) Unique
- 4) Avoid Leakage
- 5) Environmental Integrity
- 6) Low Risk
- 7) Time aligned
- 8) Third Party Verified
- 9) Transparent

*Credit: LMN Path to Zero Carbon:  
<https://lmnarchitects.com/lmn-research/path-to-zero-carbon-series>*

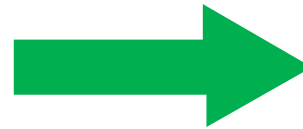
*Resource: Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market:  
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# CLIMATE ACTION: ALIGNMENT OPPORTUNITY

*How do we drive demand for best practices in other systems?*

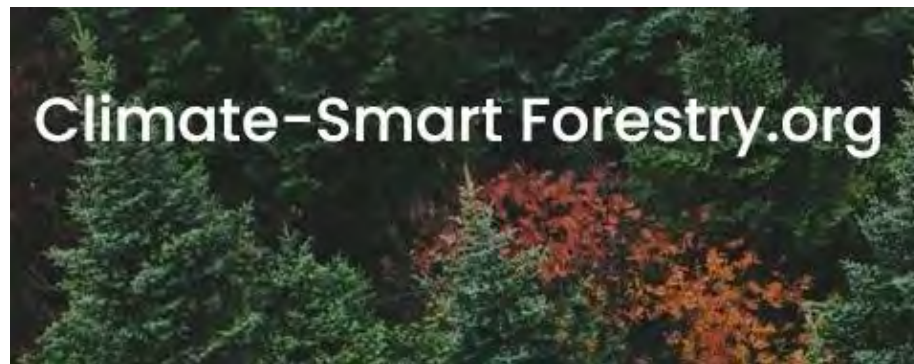
Construction Industry: Increased Demand for **Biogenic Carbon Storing** Materials



Increased Demand for **Climate Smart Forestry** and **Regenerative Organic Agriculture**

*Those other systems are evolving too, how can we align with them?*

## Climate Smart Forestry



<https://www.climatesmartforestry.org/levelsetting>

## Regenerative Organic Agriculture



<https://regenorganic.org/>

(Estimates in Yellow or TBD)		The Cost of ILFI Zero Carbon Certification Scope (w/ Baseline of EGC)		
		Design Scope	Construction Scope	Operations Scope
Operational Carbon	Energy Modeling & CPHC Consulting	\$70,000		
	No on-site combustion			
	Passive House for low EUI (20% below ASHRAE 90.1 2019, Site Energy)	\$28,000 Verifier + \$35,000 Certification	1.5% of Construction Cost	
	Renewable Energy Procurement 100% (Site) Energy use for 15 years			TBD
	Renewable Energy On Site	\$15,000	\$525,000 (Façade)+ \$450,000 (Pergola)	
	Maintenance Plan to reduce Refrigerant Leakage			TBD
	Measured energy use for 12 months at full occupancy			\$5,000 yearly
Embodied Carbon	Model Embodied Carbon & Prepare Audit Documents	\$40,000		
	A1-A4: 20% Reduction in EC of Material Procurement (and > 350 kgCO2e/m2)		\$697,675 + Finshes	
	Track A5 During Construction		\$90,000	
	Carbon Offsets (for embodied carbon) from certified Green-e provider	+/- \$30,000		
Project Savings	Energy Savings			-\$70,000 yrly Savings
	IRA Incentives (including 45L)			
	BoE Award Funds			
	ConEd Clean Heat			
	Agency Preference/Funding			

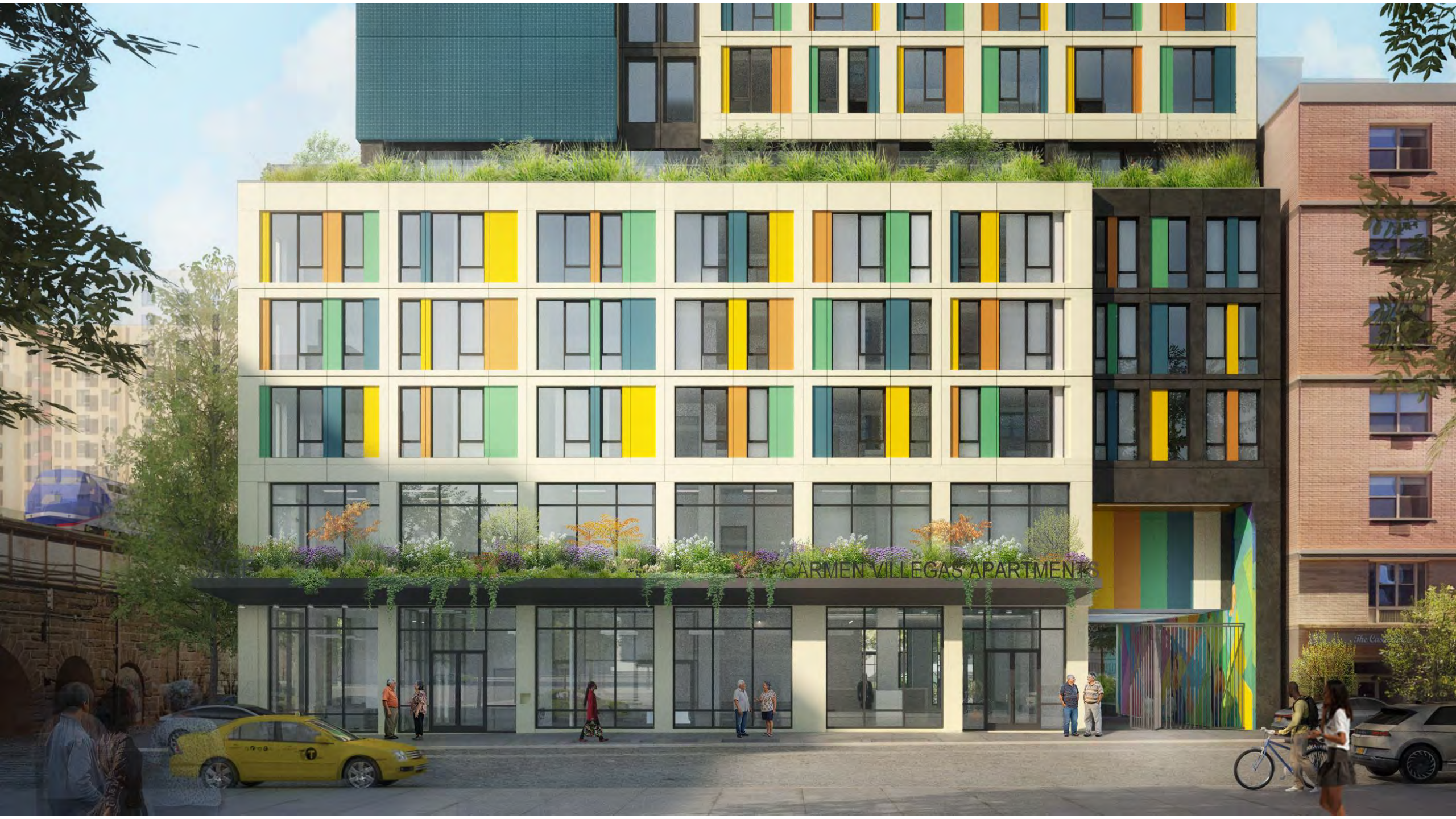
**Total Cost to go  
“Zero Carbon”  
(Baseline EGC/NYC)**

**= Approx 2-3% of  
construction costs**

**EPA Social Cost of  
Carbon, of Embodied  
& Operational  
Impacts remaining =  
\$238 tCO2e**

**= \$2,526,642**





CARMEN VILLEGAS APARTMENTS



# Shore Hills – Embodied Carbon





# The Site



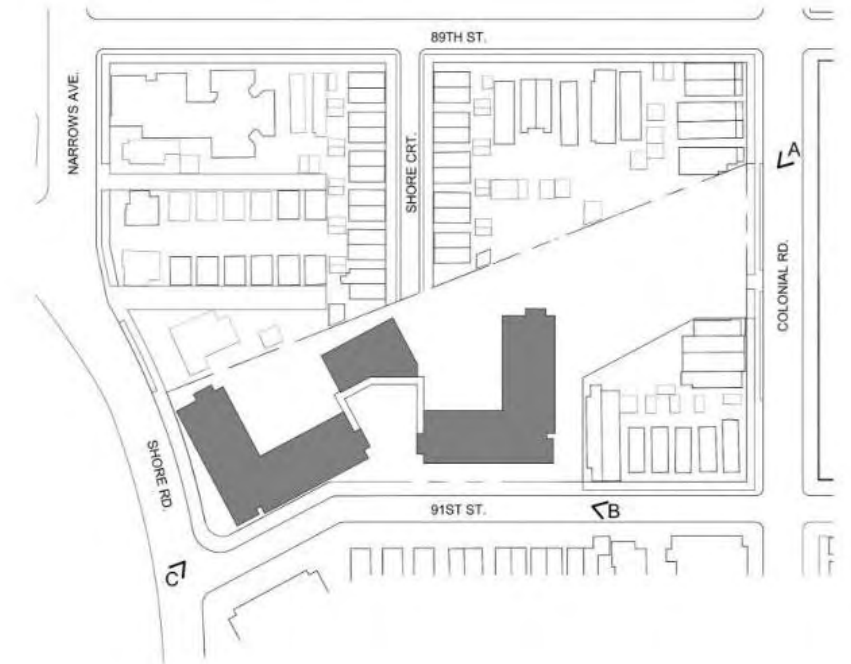
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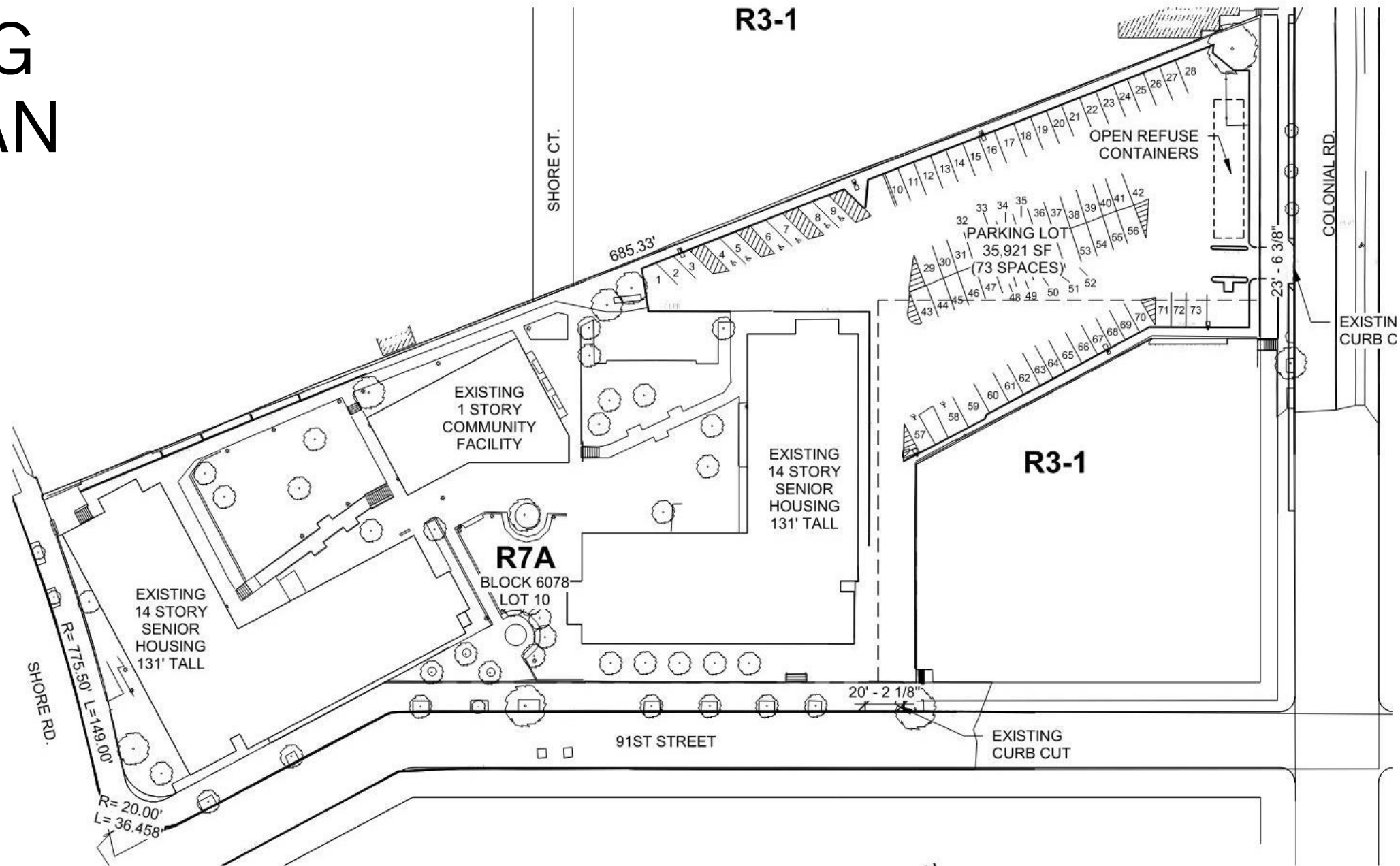
B. VIEW WEST ALONG 91ST ST.



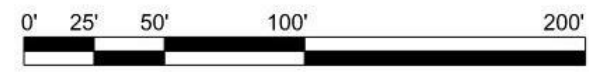
C. VIEW NORTH-EAST ALONG 91ST ST. AND SHORE RD.



# EXISTING SITE PLAN



EXISTING CONDITIONS SITE PLAN





# PROPOSED SITE PLAN



SHORE ROAD

BUS STOP

ColumbiaDoctors

WEST BUILDING

WEST COURTYARD

COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY COURTYARD

EAST BUILDING

EAST COURTYARD

NYU Langone Rusk Rehab

91 ST STREET

SHORE COURT

TRASH COMPACTORS

SHARED STREET

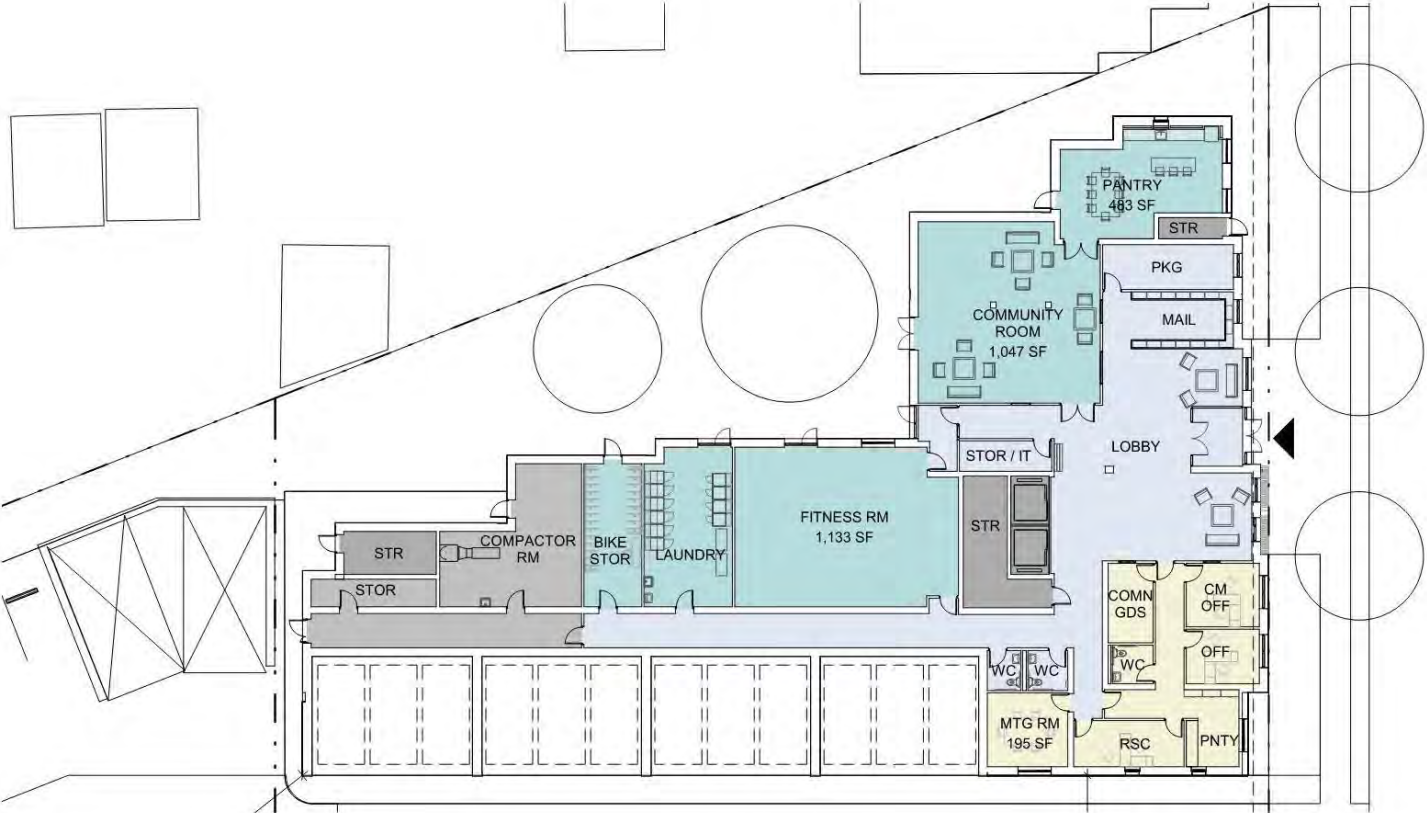
NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

NEW BUILDING COURTYARD

COLONIAL ROAD



# FLOOR PLANS






# SUSTAINABLE DIAGRAM

## LEGEND

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

-  SOLAR ENERGY  
Reduce solar heat gain and support energy demands.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

-  AIRTIGHTNESS
-  CONTINUOUS INSULATION  
With thermal bridge-free construction.
-  HIGH PERFORMANCE DOORS AND WINDOWS  
Increase thermal and acoustic comfort and energy saving
-  ERV & APPROPRIATELY SIZED HVAC  
Improved air quality and all electric VRF heating and cooling to reduce energy

-  ALL ELECTRIC BUILDING  
LED fixtures and Energy Star Appliances

### WATER EFFICIENCY

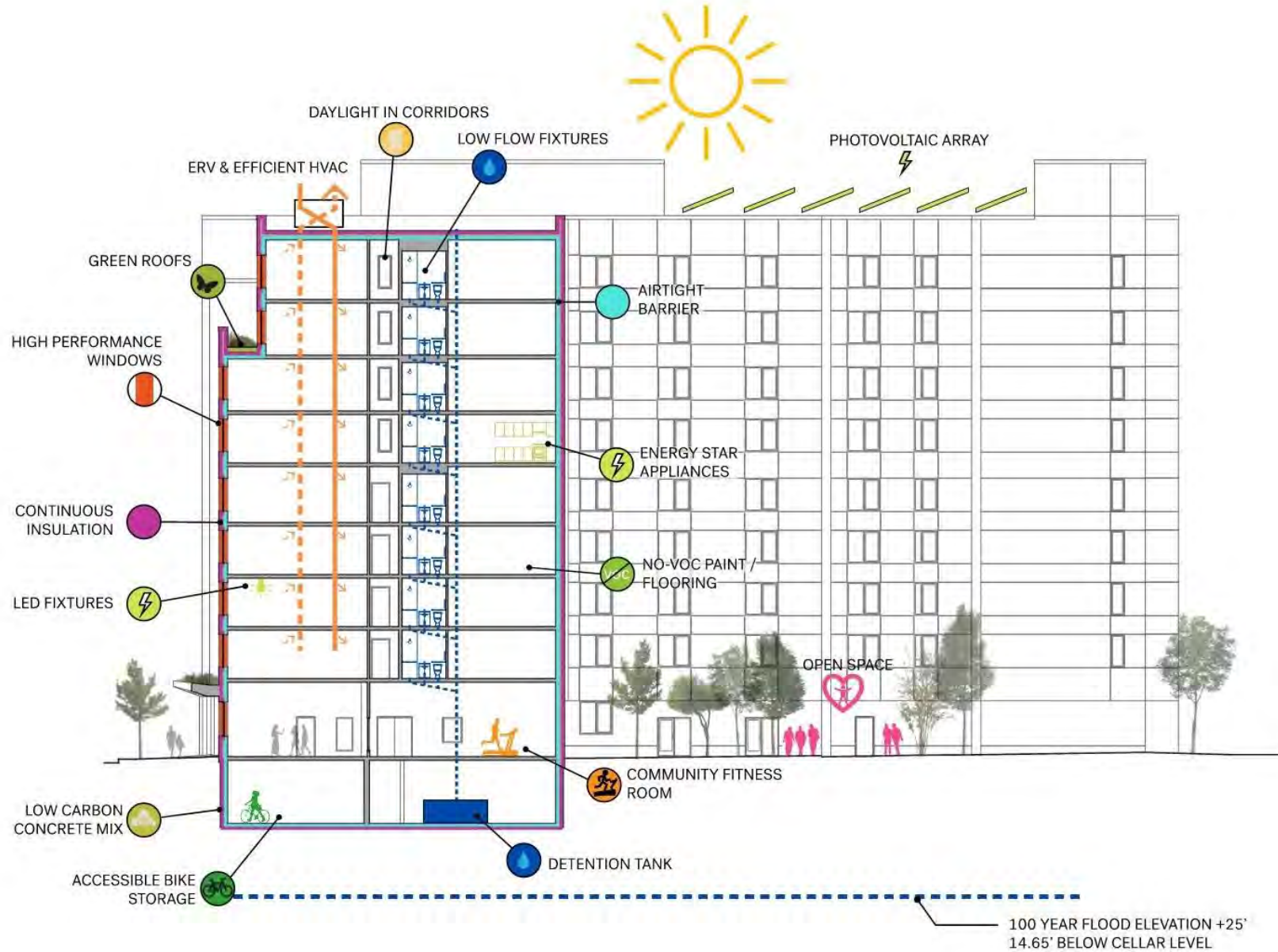
-  WATER SAVING & RAINWATER RUNOFF  
Low flow fixtures. Green roofs and detention tank to reduce rainwater runoff.

### RESPONSIBLE MATERIAL SELECTION

-  GREEN ROOFS  
To promote rain water detention and pollinators
-  LOW CARBON  
Low embodied carbon
-  LOW OR NO-VOC PAINT / SEALANTS / FLOORING  
For healthier air quality.

### WELLNESS / HEALTHY LIVING

-  OPEN SPACE  
Promote physical activities, improve health and wellness.
-  ACCESSIBLE BIKE STORAGE
-  COMMUNITY FITNESS ROOM
-  DAYLIGHT IN CORRIDORS



# EPD, environmental product declaration:

- Limited number of manufacturers have.
- Was it done by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party or by the manufacturer?
- One of the hardest things to deal with is the lack of information and good information.

GLENWOOD MASON SUPPLY CO.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

CMU- NW PZ 2KPSI • Glenwood Masonry Products, Inc. Plant



This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) reports the impacts for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete formed into manufactured concrete and masonry products meeting the following specifications:

- ASTM C90, Concrete Masonry Unit, Load-Bearing

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

### Normal Weight Pozzotive CMU:

Normal weight, CO<sub>2</sub> infused Carbon Cure concrete building blocks made with reduced cement content; 30% of the cement from our conventional mix design is replaced with Pozzotive... a post-consumer recycled glass powder pozzolan. Available in various sizes. Dimensional properties as defined in ASTM C90.



## PROGRAM OPERATOR

ASTM International

100 Barr Harbor Drive  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428



## DATE OF ISSUE

07/31/2024 (valid for 5 years until 07/31/2029)

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

### Declared Product:

CMU: NW PZ 2KPSI • Glenwood Masonry Products Inc. Plant

Density Factor: 2082 kg / m<sup>3</sup>  
Compressive strength: 14 MPa

**Declared Unit:** 1 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete formed into manufactured concrete masonry product (CMU)

Global Warming Potential (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	193
Acidification Potential (kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	1.16
Eutrophication Potential (kg N-eq)	0.26
Smog Creation Potential (kg O <sub>3</sub> -eq)	27.1
Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11-eq)	4.15E-6

**Material Composition:** Aggregate (crushed), Aggregate (natural), Portland cement, Glass Pozzolan, CarbonCure, Admixture (plasticizing), Batch water

Additional detail and impacts are reported on page five of this EPD



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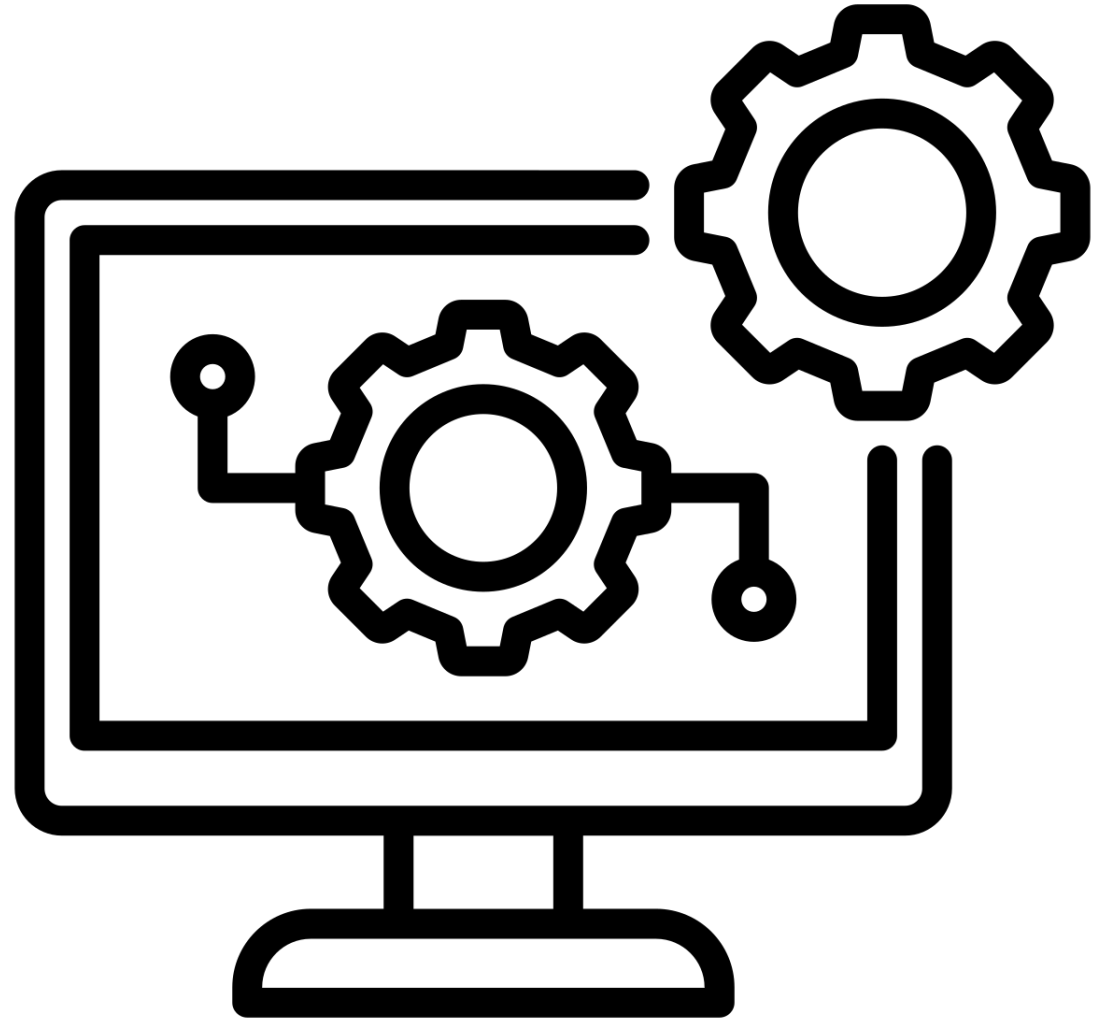
GLENWOOD MASONRY PRODUCTS INC.

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# Software

- We use Revit<sup>©</sup>
- Did at the end of Schematic Design
- Want plug-ins that use Revit<sup>©</sup> data.
- Software Options
  - EC3 database used by all three below.
  - Cove.tool
  - TallyLCA (Life Cycle Analysis)
  - TallyCAT (Climate Action Tool)



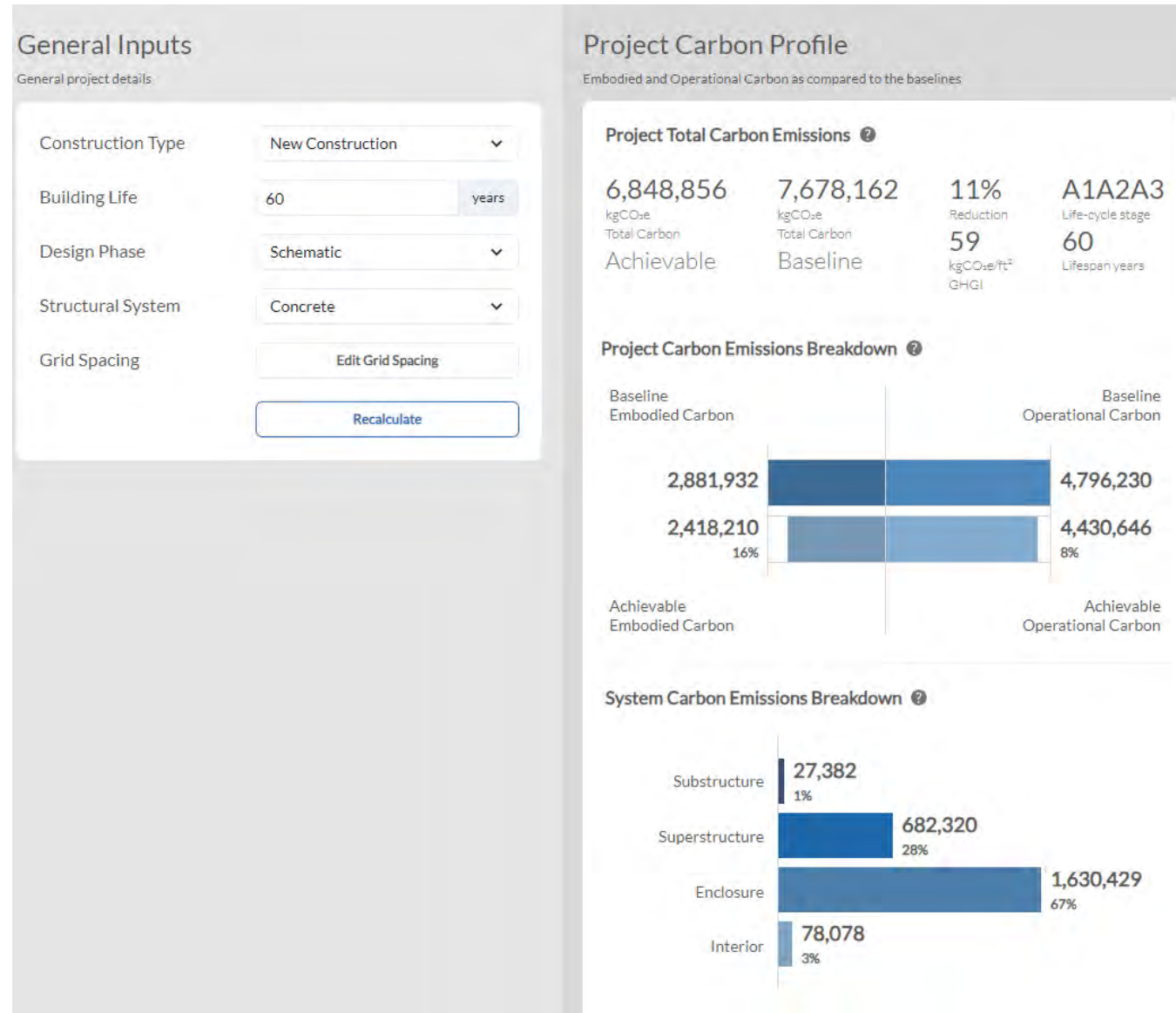
# EC3

- EC3 is an open-source software that is developed by Building Transparency, a non-profit organization. It allows users to calculate and compare the embodied carbon emissions associated with construction materials or systems used in building projects, and to also understand the total building embodied carbon footprint. EC3 has industry average EPDS, but it focuses on developing and maintaining a database of product specific EPDs. It collaborates with third-party program operators to digitize EPDs from manufacturers to grow and maintain the database. Architects and engineers do not have the full access to digitize EPDs. Therefore, there is a gap in comparing between products in EC3 and products found outside of EC3 for architects, as the uncertainty that EC3 assigned to the product EPDs cannot be applied to external product EPD pdfs by architects.
- Everything we looked at linked back to this database.
- Can not open Revit model in EC3, need to bring it into Tally



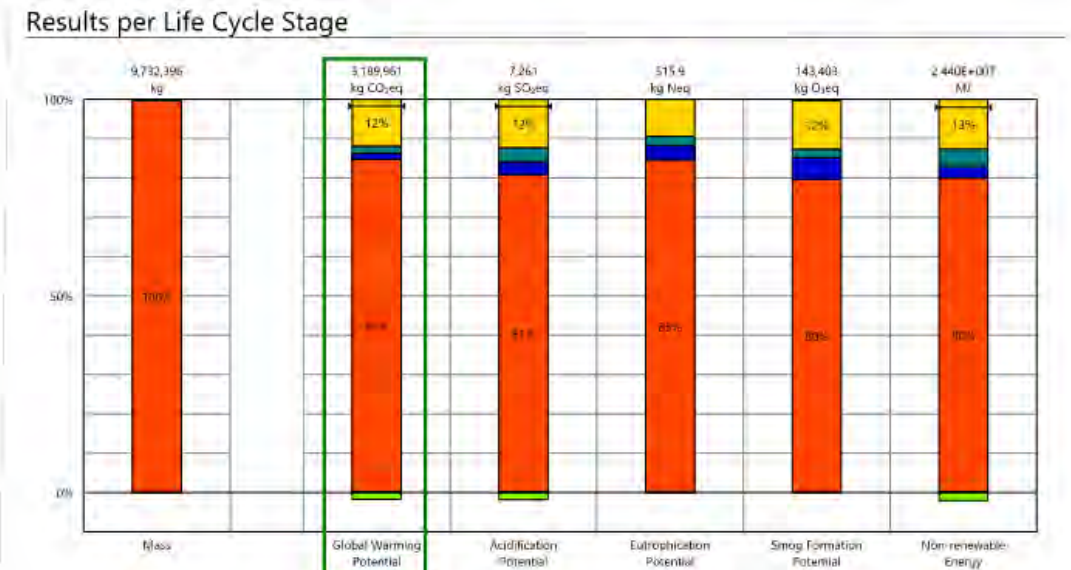
# Cove.tool

- Cove.tool's Embodied Carbon tool is dedicated to embodied carbon study and allows users to assign product-specific EPDs to building assemblies. The EPDs come from EC3's database. The tool, which is part of a larger web-based suite, recently launched and is being updated frequently. Cove.tool exports a Revit BIM model
- Currently limited quantities and it automatically uses an energy code minimum assembly.
- Cove.tool's intention is to give a **quick idea of the building's carbon footprint** based on typical structural systems without defining the assembly of components in the model. Currently, block and plank construction is not an option in the software.



# TallyLCA (Life Cycle Analysis)

- TallyLCA is a software add-in for Revit that performs LCAs of building materials for whole building life cycle analysis using model elements in the BIM model by referencing a custom built LCA database. TallyLCA extracts quantities of Revit assembly and its components from the Revit model and maintains the makeup and naming of the Revit families. The same add-in allows a user to manually link Revit material definitions to the custom database for the analysis.
- The TallyLCA database uses information from industry wide EPDs rather than product specific data. **This provides an overview, but further analysis is limited** because there are no alternatives to the industry average EPDs that one can assign to building components.
- TallyLCA allows the user to export to an EC3 project where specific EPDs can be assigned to building comments.



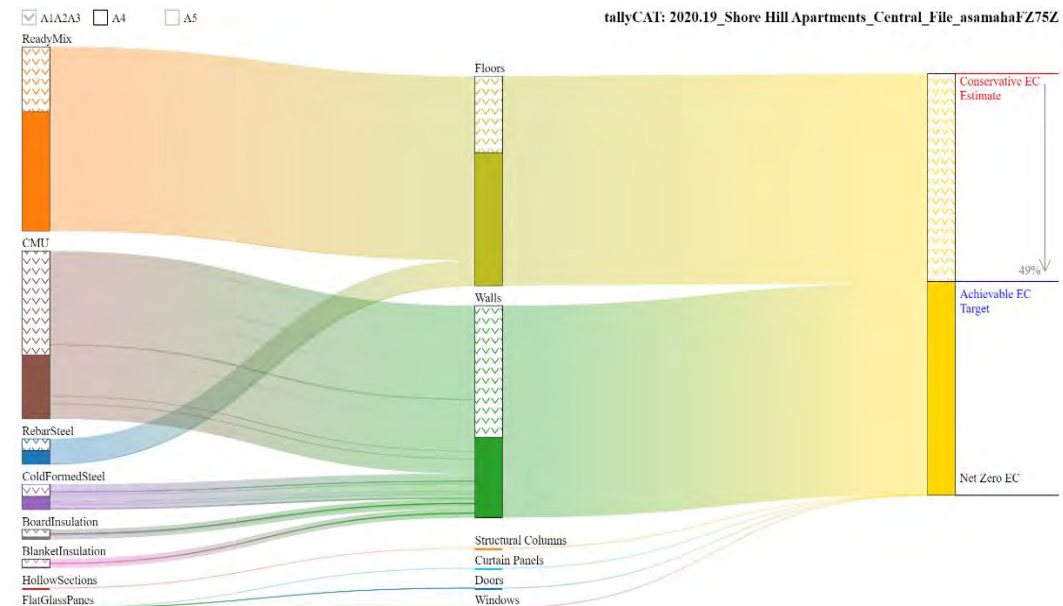


# TallyCAT (Climate Action Tool)

- TallyCAT is a development based on TallyLCA with the intention **to focus on embodied carbon analysis** rather than the full life cycle analysis. Like TallyLCA, TallyCAT extracts quantities of Revit assembly and its components from the Revit model and maintains the makeup and naming of the Revit families. Instead of assigning industry average LCA data to each component in the Revit add-in, **it lets users compare GWP data from product specific EPDs in EC3** to generate whole building embodied carbon estimates.
- **The baseline whole building embodied carbon is based on EC3's Conservative GWP** which is generated from the product specific EPDs in EC3.
- **Allows export to EC3**

# TallyCAT beta (EC3 export)

- TallyCAT exports materials directly from the Revit model families with no overlay or built-in assumptions, so there are fewer categories included in the report. It should also be noted that there were some inconsistencies in the exports, and multiple exports were performed. This is likely a result of the “beta” nature of this software. Eventually, we anticipate this tool to be extremely valuable and potentially the primary option for embodied carbon analysis using BIM; however, at this point, it is not clear that TallyCAT is the best tool for an SD phase analysis.
- The whole building baseline embodied carbon in the product stage (stage A1-A3) generated by the TallyCAT beta EC3 export is 2.42 million kgCO<sub>2</sub>e, in which all materials are set to the “Conservative” value of industry EPDs in EC3. EC3 also estimates that the whole building achievable embodied carbon can be reduced by 49%.

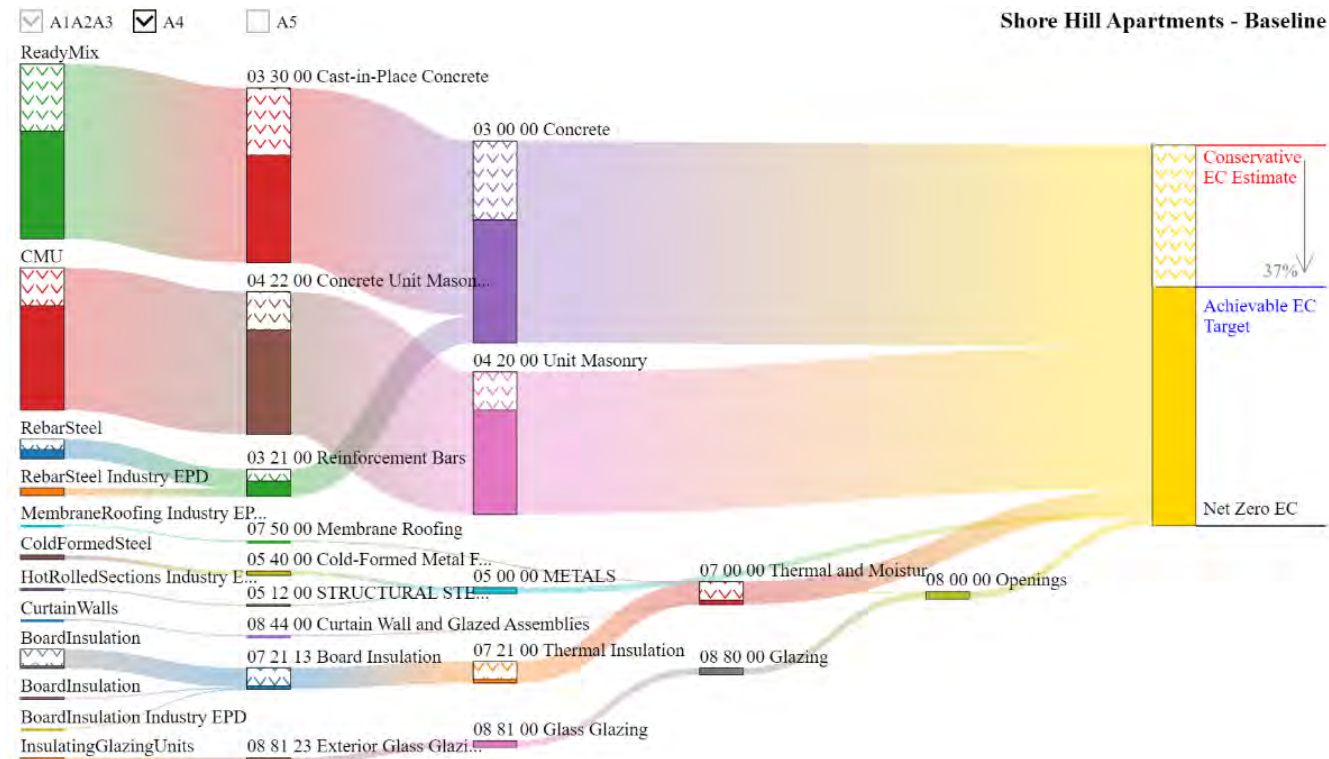




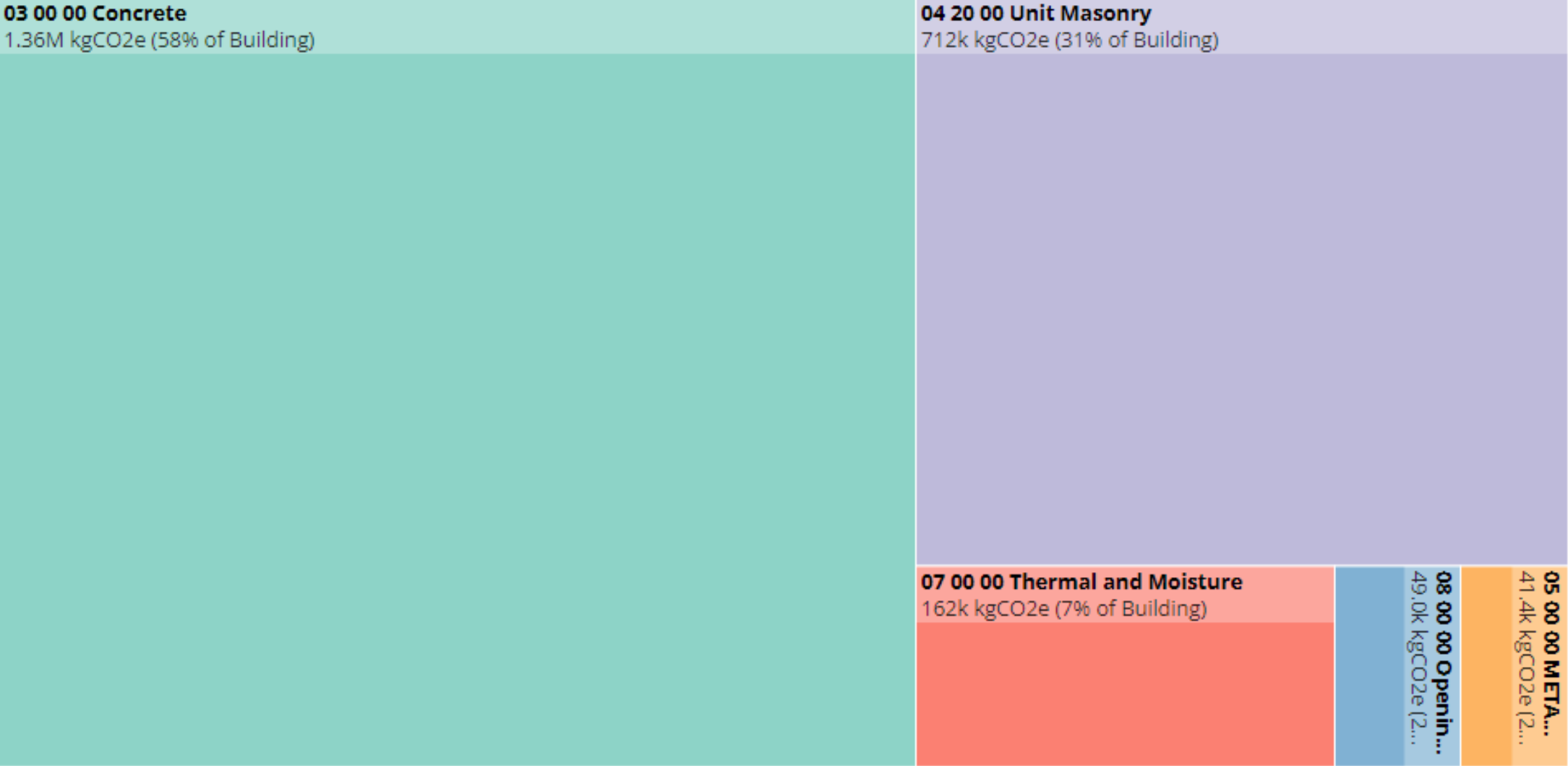
# TallyLCA exported into EC3 :

The whole building baseline embodied carbon in product stage (stage A1-A3) generated by the TallyLCA EC3 export is **2.32 million kgCO<sub>2</sub>e**, in which all materials are set to the “**Conservative**” value of industry EPDs in EC3. EC3 also estimates that the whole building's **achievable embodied carbon** can be reduced by **44%**. The 2.32 million embodied carbon shows 58% coming from concrete, 31% from masonry, and 7% from thermal and moisture protection (insulation).

**Preferred**, allows to apply information to individual materials.



# New Construction Baseline: 2.32M kgCO2e





# Concrete

- Efficient design
- CarbonCure.
- Return Concrete Recycling
- Washout Systems allows the recycling of water and surplus concrete
- Pozzotive
- Fly Ash (disappearing)





# Carbon Cure

- The injected  $\text{CO}_2$  reacts with the concrete mix and becomes a mineral (Calcium Carbonate), increasing the concrete's compressive strength and improving its performance.
- The strength gained enables the reduction of cement content in the concrete mix designs.
- Concrete has a large carbon footprint Every pound of cement produced emits roughly a pound of  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions.
- The  $\text{CO}_2$  injected and reduced in the mixes, concrete made with CarbonCure reduces  $\text{CO}_2$  by an average of 25 pounds per cubic yard. That equals about 200 pounds of  $\text{CO}_2$  saved per truckload delivered.





# Concrete Plank

It is better than poured in place because it is inherently more efficient than poured in place.

Local Manufacturer's (you do not want to ship plank).

Two are enrolled in the North American Precast Concrete Sustainable Plant Program (NAPCSPP) : Oldcastle Precast Building Systems and Coreslab Structures. Through this program, **modest reductions** in embodied carbon have been achieved.

However, **Coreslab Structures** does use **carbon cure** in their **Texas** plant, and if that was used here, we could see a significant reduction in the embodied





# CMU

Data for Manufacturer of CMU  
Global Warming Potential (kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)  
2,000 PSI

Baseline 238

With of Pozzotive (30% replacement)  
and Carbon Cure 193

Reduction 45

20% Reduction in Green House gas

From Glenwood Masonry





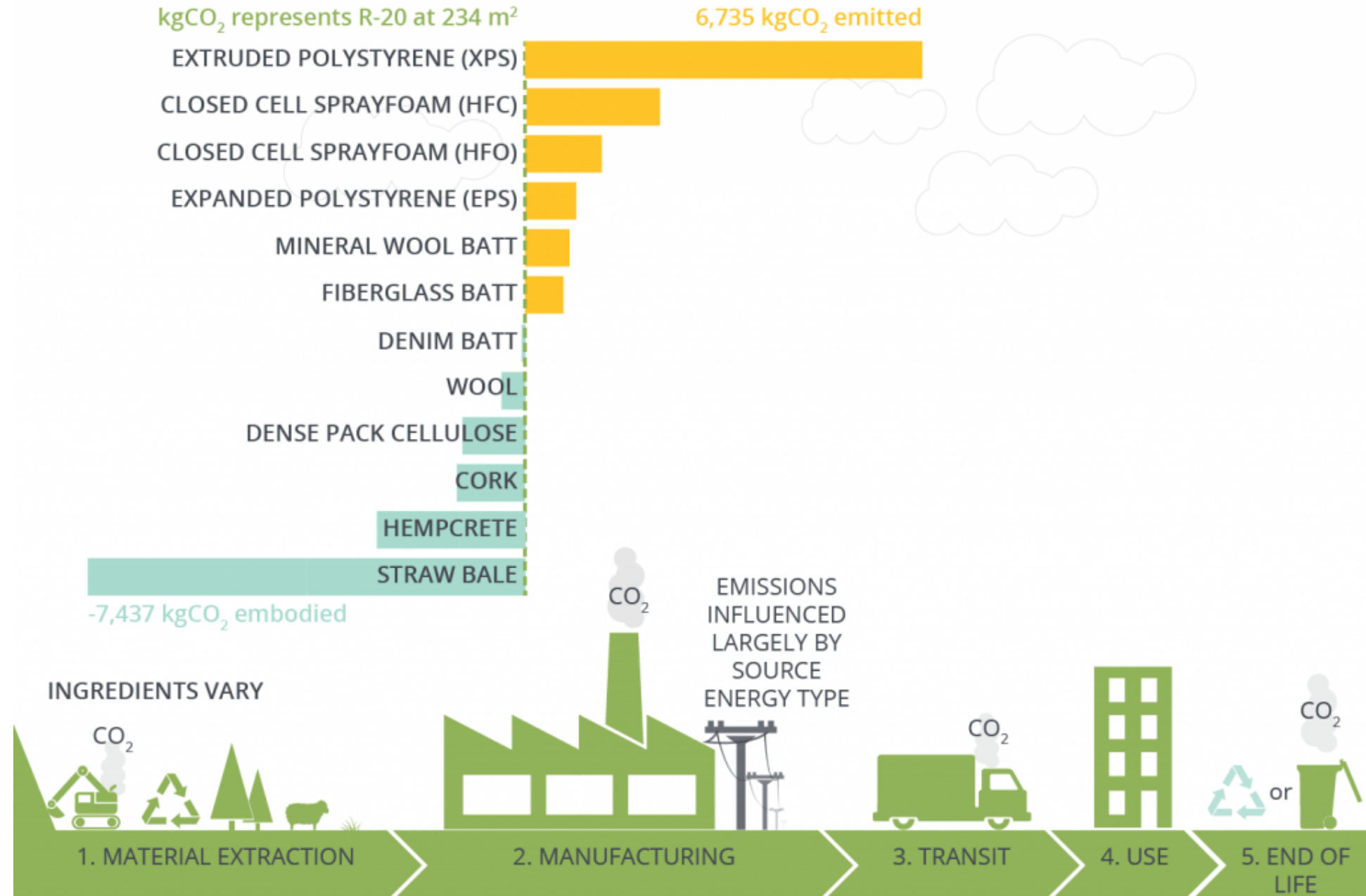
# Steel

Structural steel is **93% recycled** and 100% recyclable. Structural hot-rolled sections produced in North America are **made in electric arc furnaces** from recycled steel. If your electricity is clean, your steel will be low carbon. Right now, the best way to guarantee this is to purchase steel from **Quebec manufacturers** who are powered by **hydropower**.



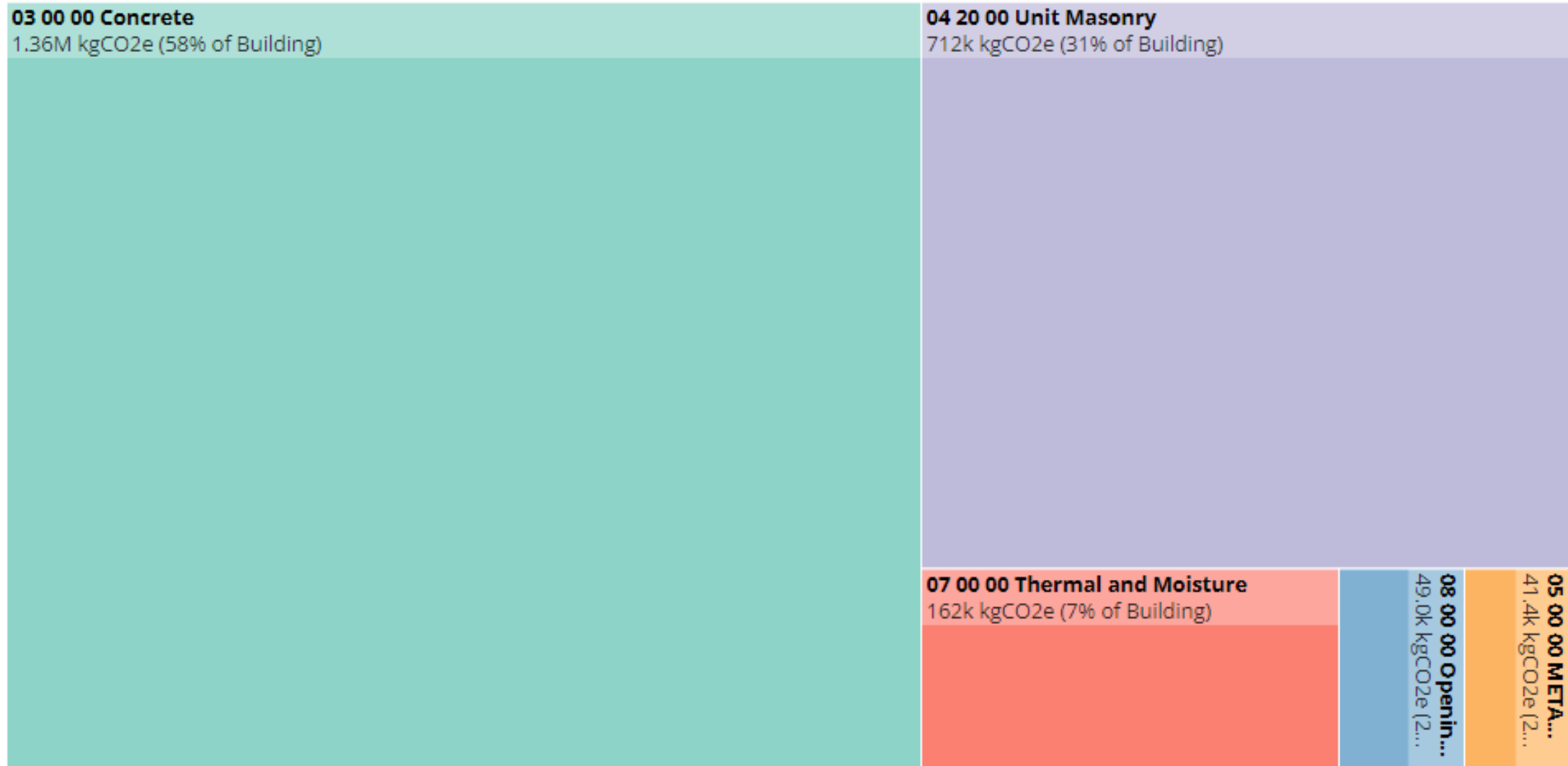
# Insulation

## CARBON IMPACTS OF INSULATION

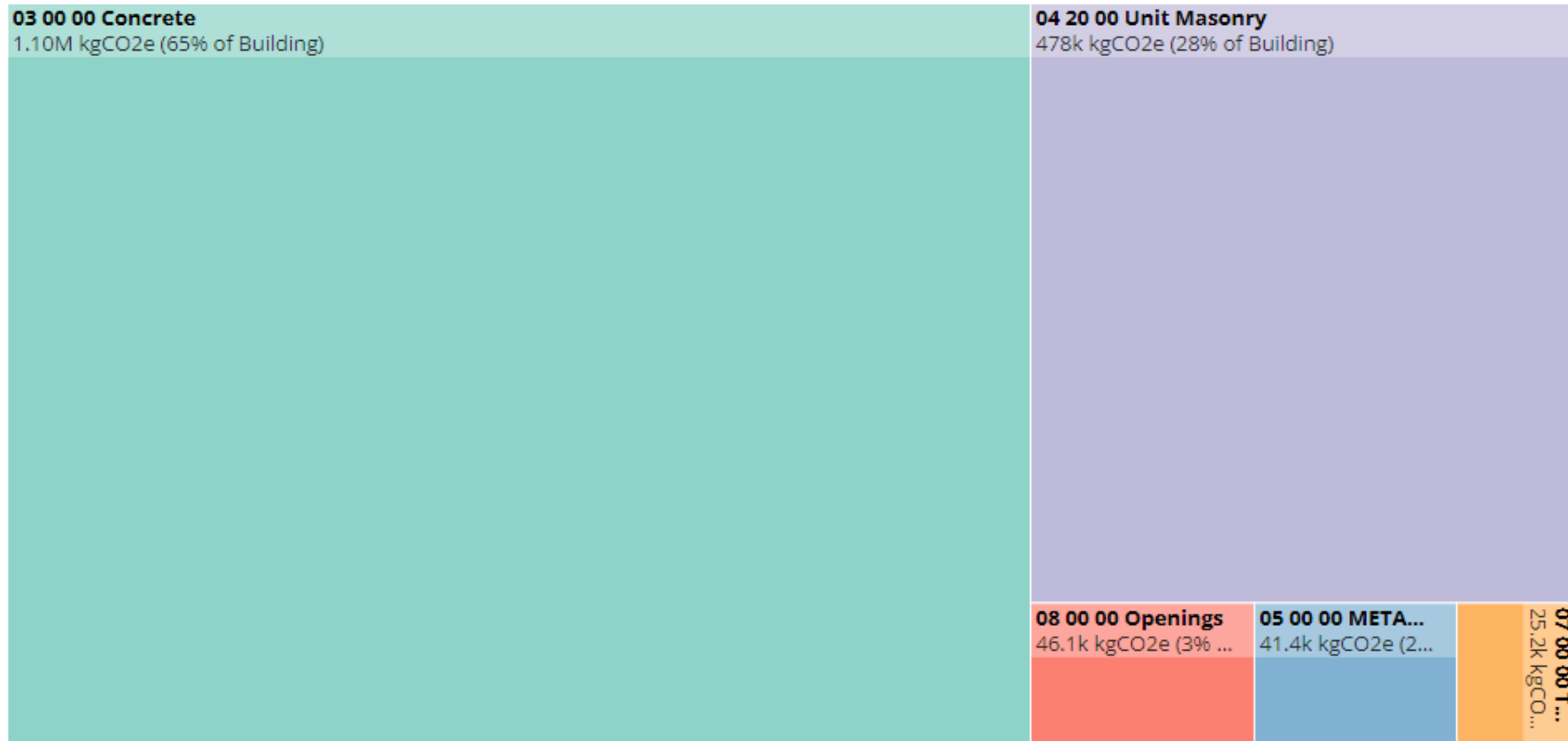




# New Construction Baseline: 2.32M kgCO<sub>2</sub>e



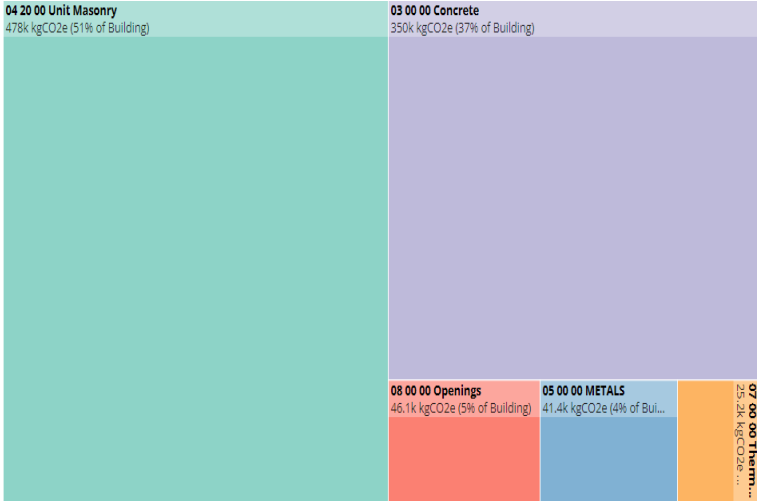
# New Construction Enhanced\*: 1.6M kgCO2e 27% Reduction



\* = Readily available today  
Study funded by NYSERDA



# New Construction Super Enhanced\*: 940K kgCO2e 60% Reduction



\* = Readily available today (but not in the Northeast)  
Study funded by NYSERDA

# How to regulate (change to Policy Considerations)

A clear answer emerges with some initial examples to work from. We think that **regulating** concrete first and then the other major embodied carbon material **in the Building Code** is the way to go. This is being studied in **Seattle, California**, and by the [New Buildings Institute](https://newbuildings.org/) (<https://newbuildings.org/>).

The latest LCA commissioned by the **NRMCA** (National Ready Mix Concrete Association) to establish average **GWP's** for ready mix concrete in **all regions of the US**. <https://www.nrmca.org/association-resources/sustainability/>

It would be relatively easy to start by regulating concrete and steel's embodied carbon in the **Building Code**. For example, concrete, at least in NYC, could be a requirement on **TR3**: Technical Report: Concrete Design Mix.