# **Envelope, Equity, Engagement**

The Barry Farm
Passive House Case
Study

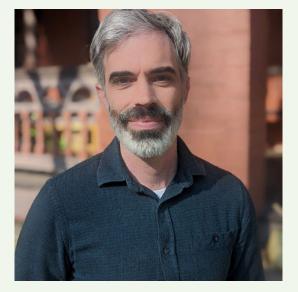


## PASSIVE TO POSITIVE

#### HOLISTIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY, PASSIVE HOUSE, AND LOW CARBON DESIGN CONSULTING







ANDY ALLWINE, AIA, CPHC, LEED



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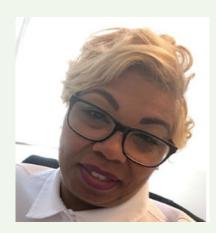




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## BARRY FARM — HISTORY: 1867



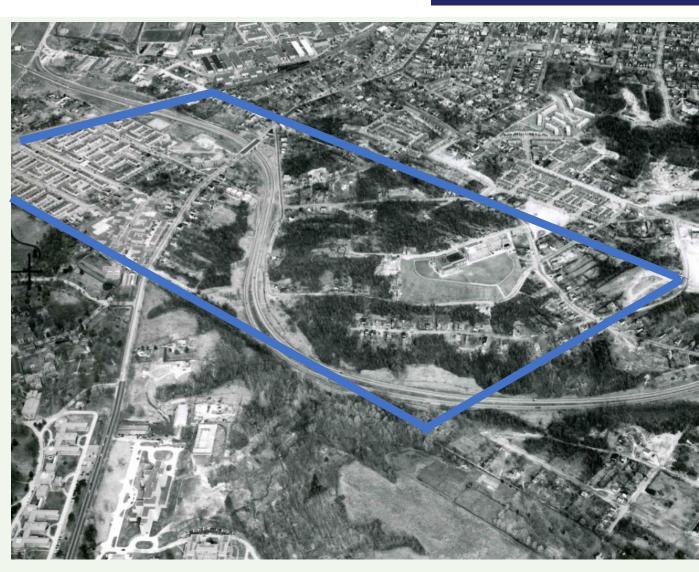




## BARRY FARM — HISTORY: 1940s



n aerial view of Barry Farm-Hillsdale before the construction of the Suitland Parkway and Barry Farm Dwellings. 'ourtesy of District of Columbia Housing Authority Records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian



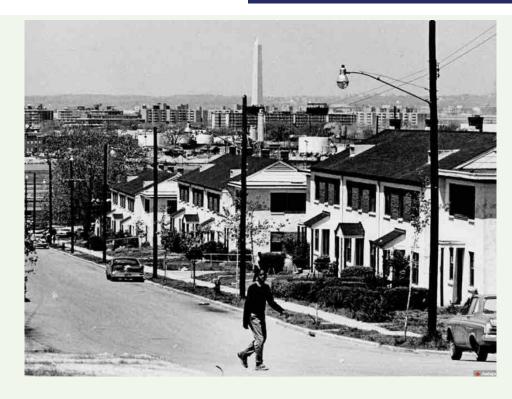
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## BARRY FARM — Engagement











People, not buildings and street grids, will define Barry Farm's future.

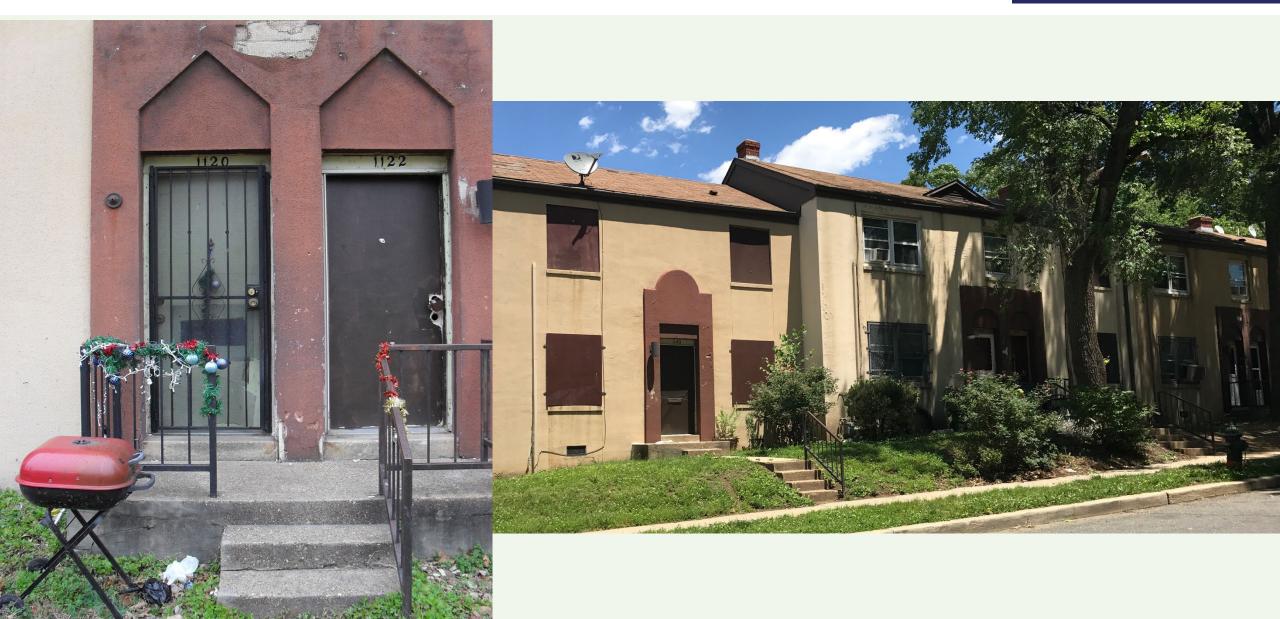


Barry Farm Dwellings

## BARRY FARM — HISTORY 2010









**Proposed Barry Farm** 





























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**Under Construction** 

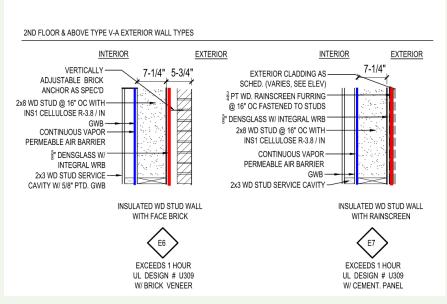


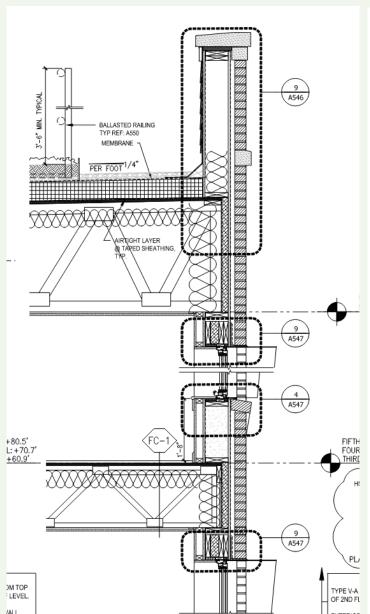


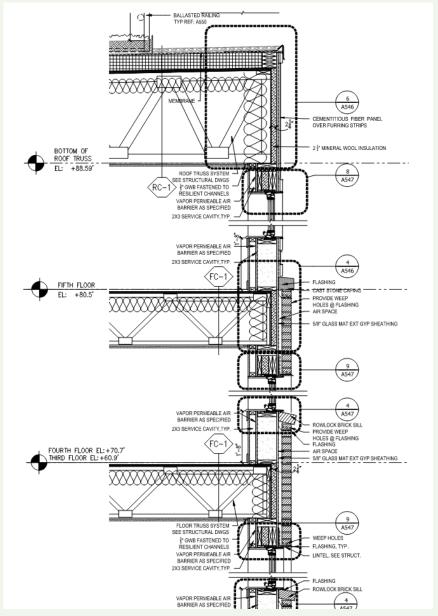


Assemblies

What is missing here?











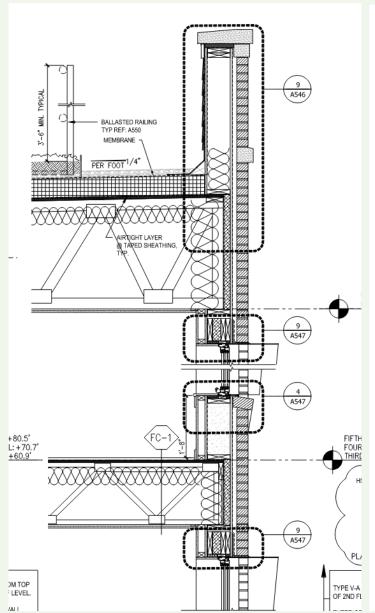
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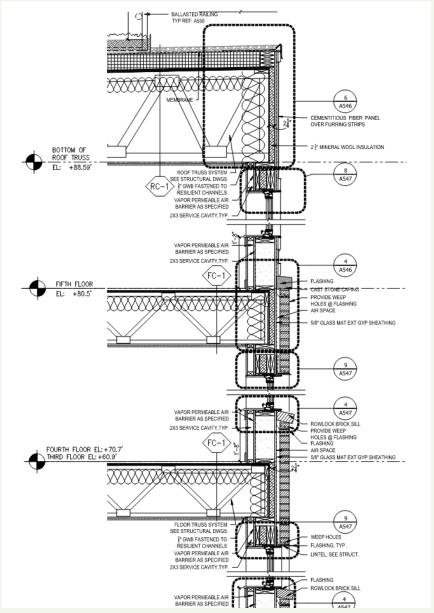
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No external CI

Perceived benefits

- · One time around the building
- No long fasteners
- No thermal break materials



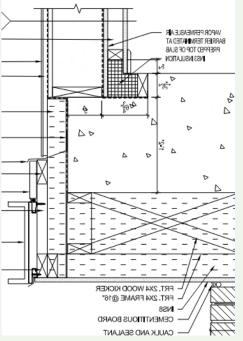


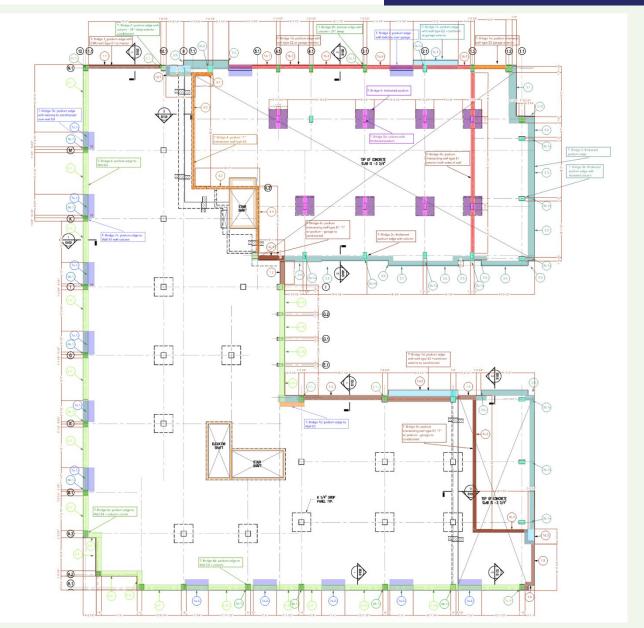


#### Assemblies

- Alternative resolution of perimeter detail
- That is a lot of bridges!
- Single cavity walls simplify assembly but complicate connections

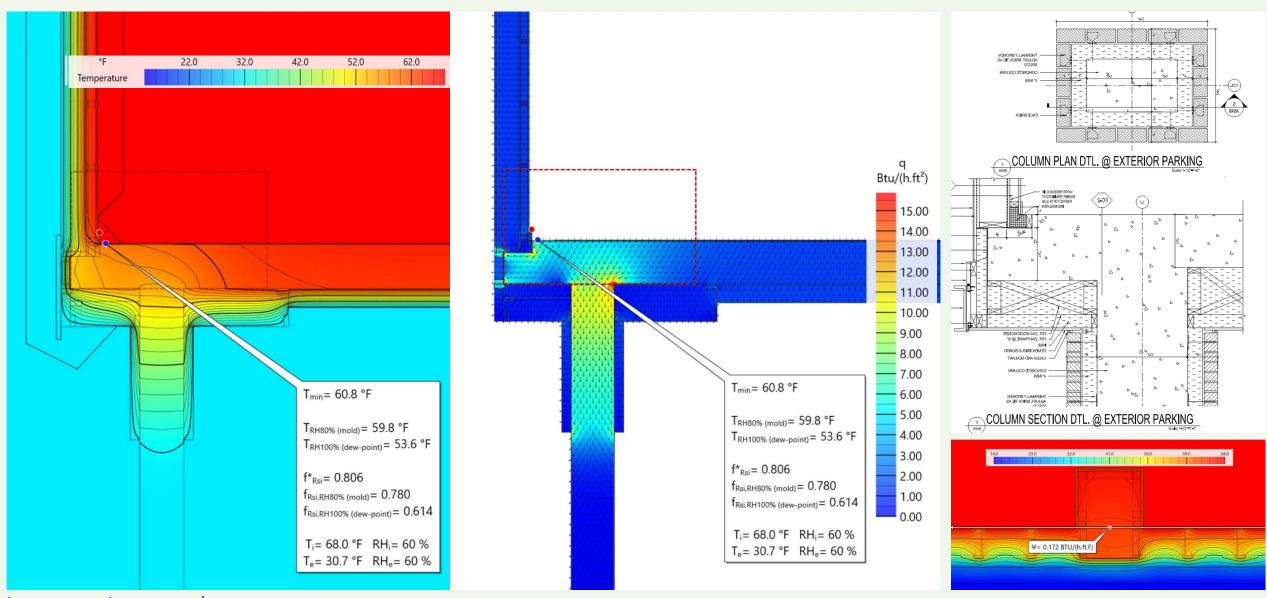
















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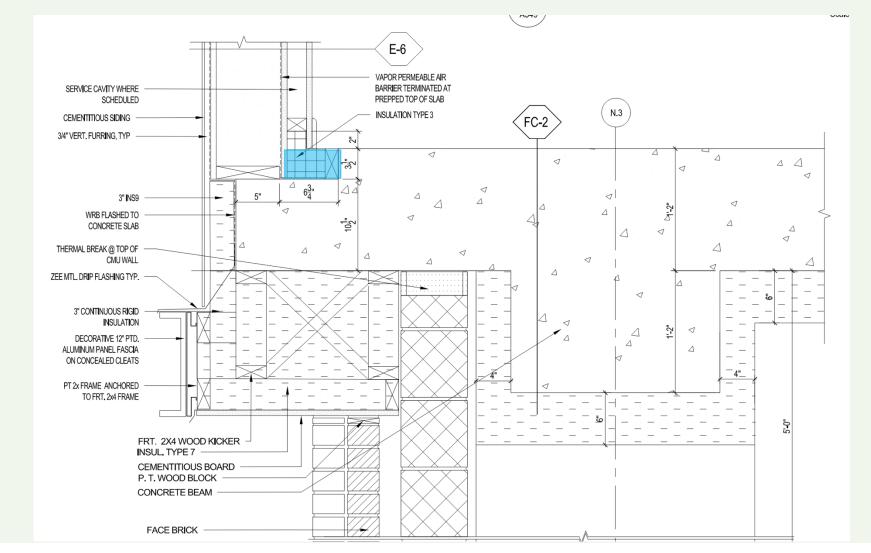
Originally to be pre-fabricated by Blueprint w/ windows installed

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#### Lessons Learned

• Panelized – no windows = Mini- water troughs everywhere during construction



Passive to Positive
Passive House and Low IMPACT DESIGN



#### Alpen Zenith

Outswing casements saves space for furniture

Built in reveal extension

#### Alpen Ribbon Windows

Look good - perform well

Don't have doors (we used YKK for doors and side-lites)







#### **Dual Chamber**

Found in our Zenith Series ZR-5, ZR-6 and ZR-7 windows, these triple-lite/Argon or Krypton gas IGUs deliver outstanding thermal performance, providing  $U_{\rm cog}$  values to 0.11 at the most affordable price points.



#### **Triple Chamber**

When your project *needs* to deliver the highest levels of performance and comfort, these quadruple-lite/Krypton gas IGUs are found in our Zenith Series ZR-9 and ZR-10 windows, providing U<sub>og</sub> Values to 0.06.









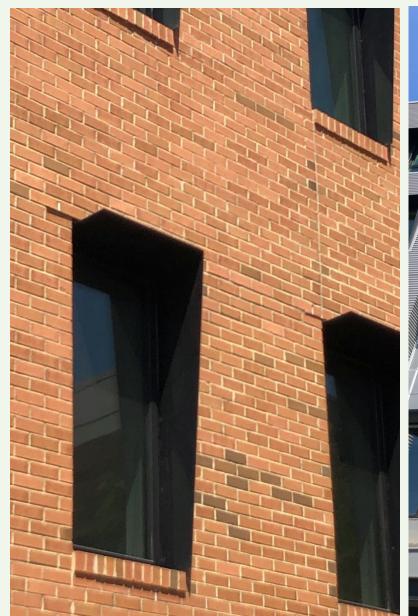


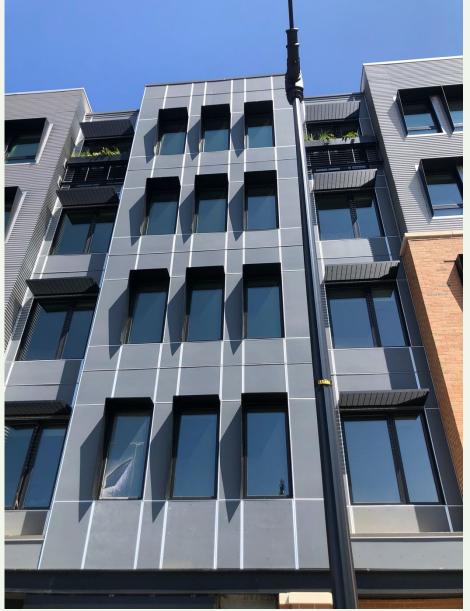


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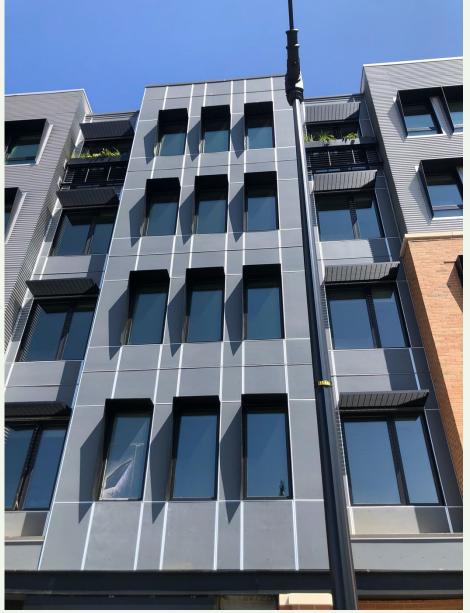
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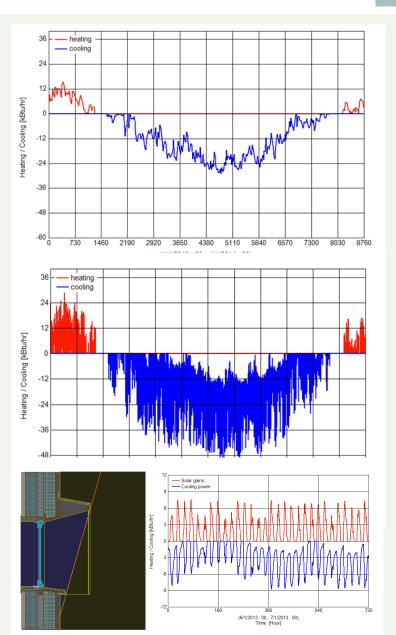


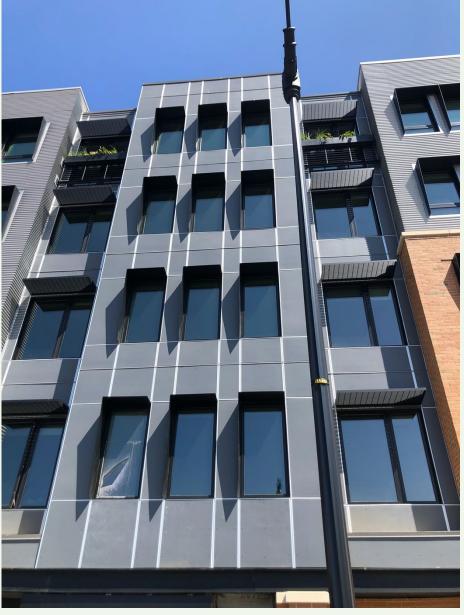
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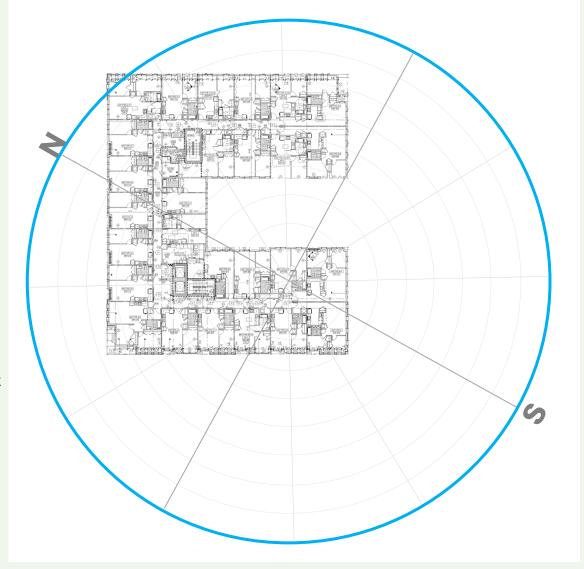






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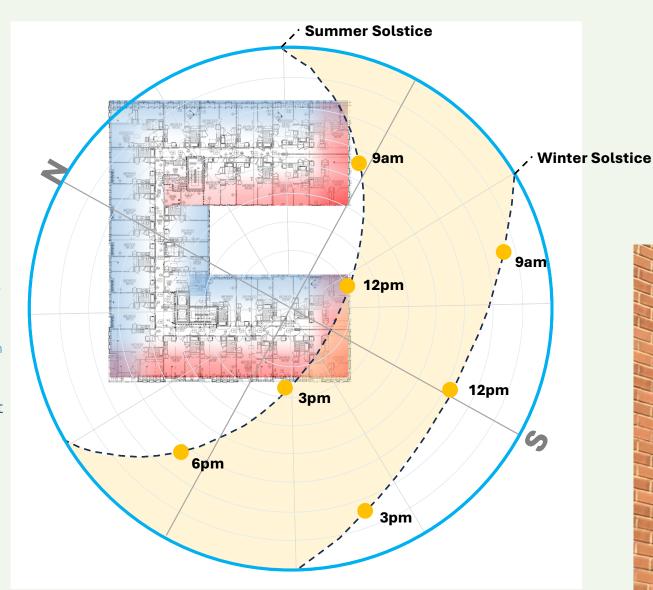






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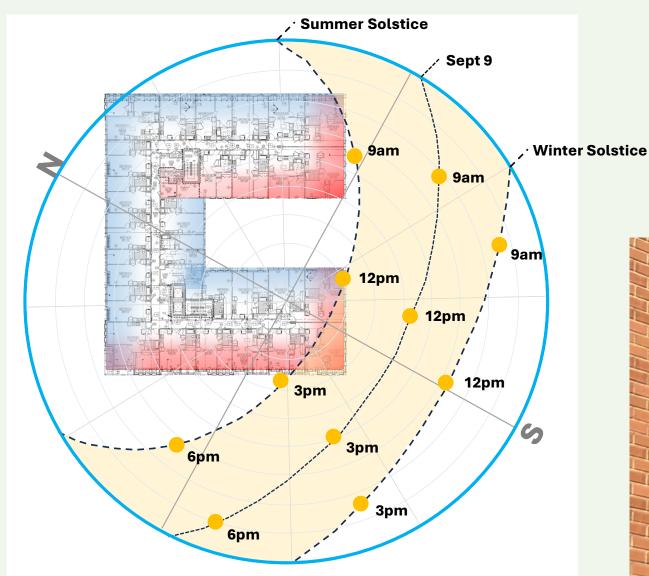




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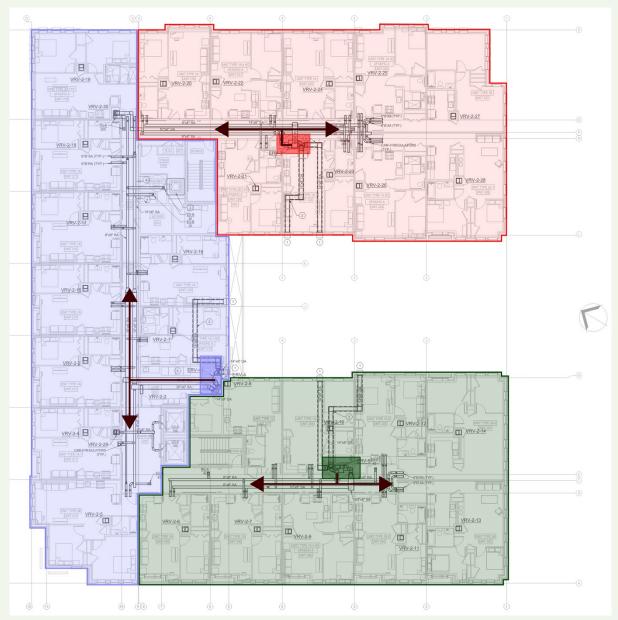
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+ Common Space

Each DOAS serves 9 Units / 10-12 Beds

200-500 CFM per DOAS





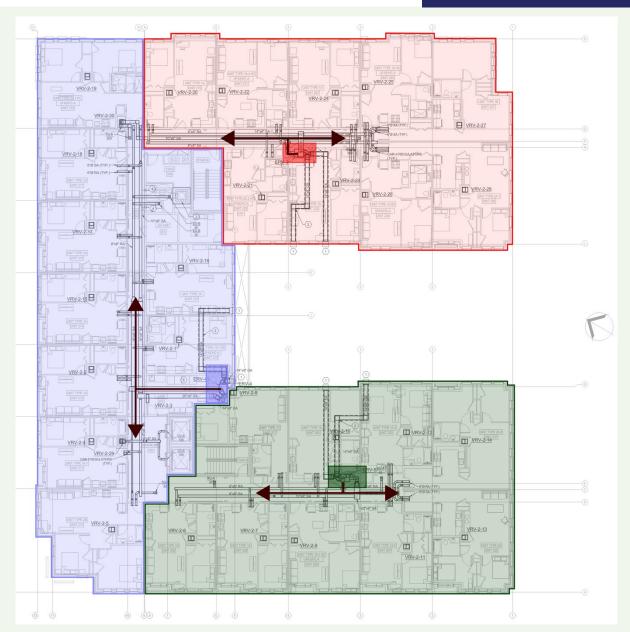
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#### Perceived benefits

- reduces the size of ductwork
- Enthalpy controlled by-pass
- Greater humidity control





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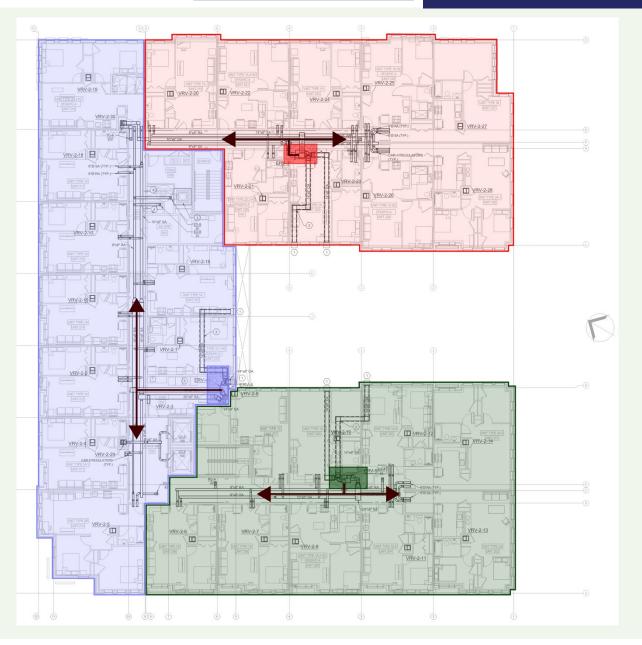
- DOAS/ERV Capacity must be over-sized
  - Phius requirements are "equal or greater than",

not +/-

- Review MEP docs carefully
- CAR dampers ?!
  - Set wrong Backwards?











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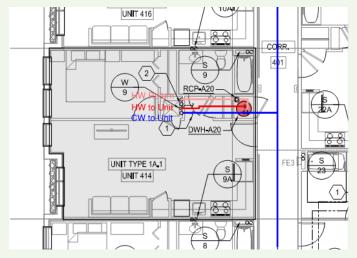
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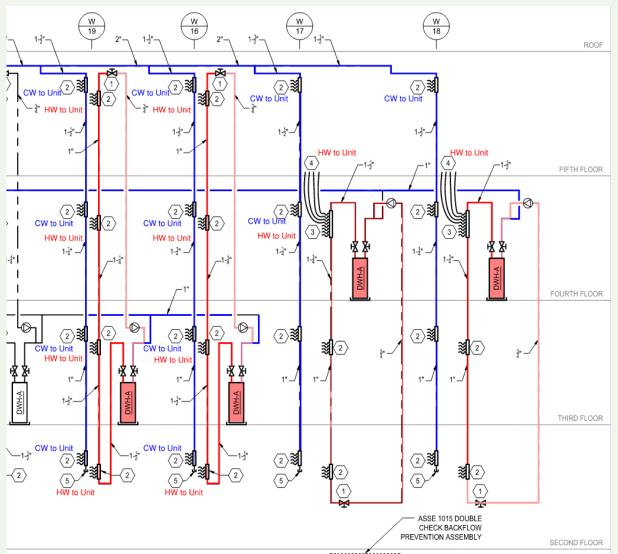
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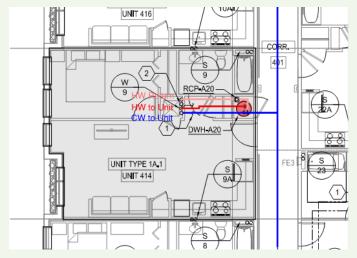
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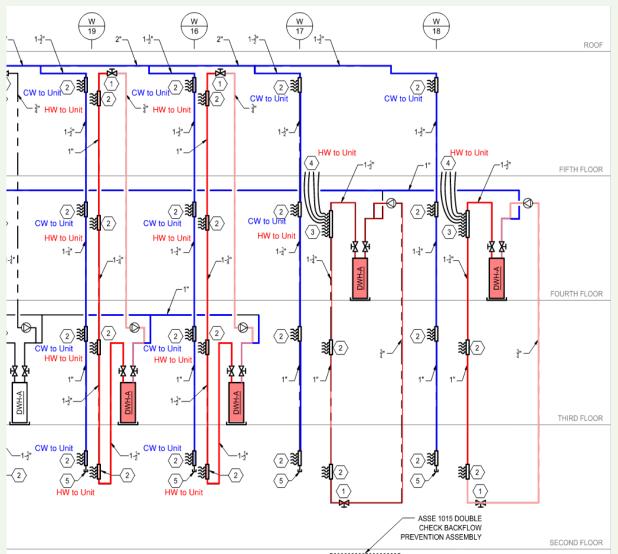
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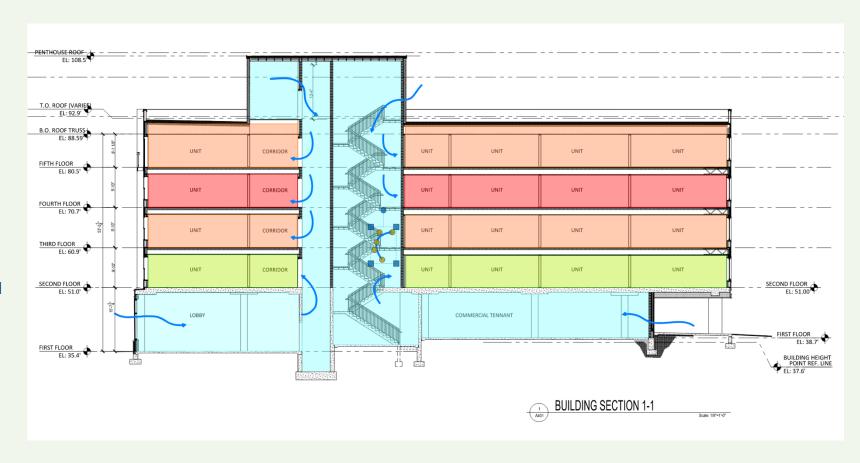
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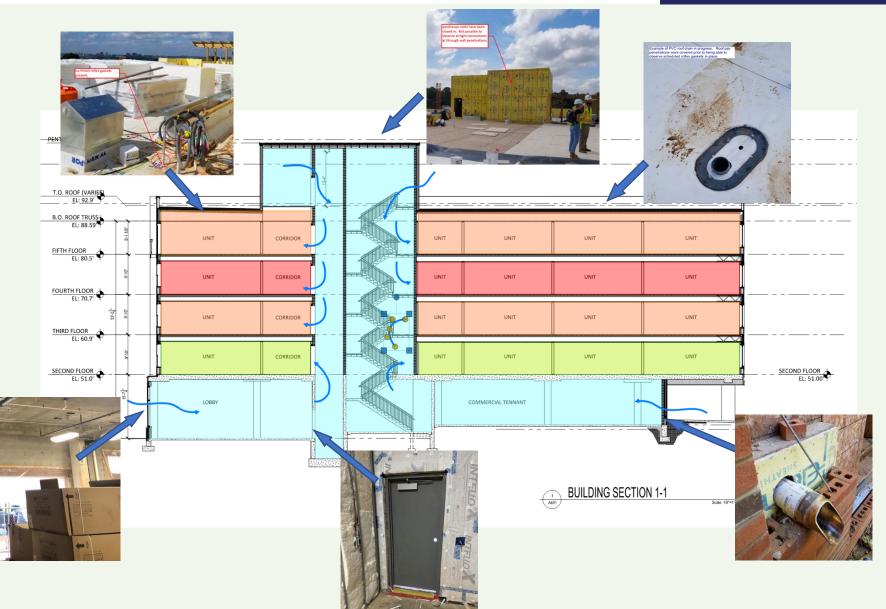


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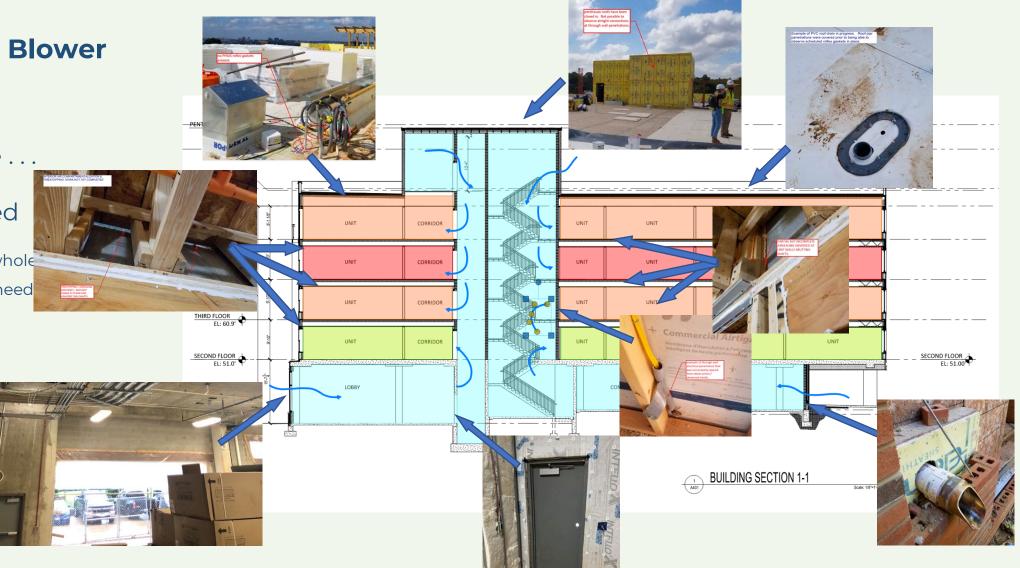


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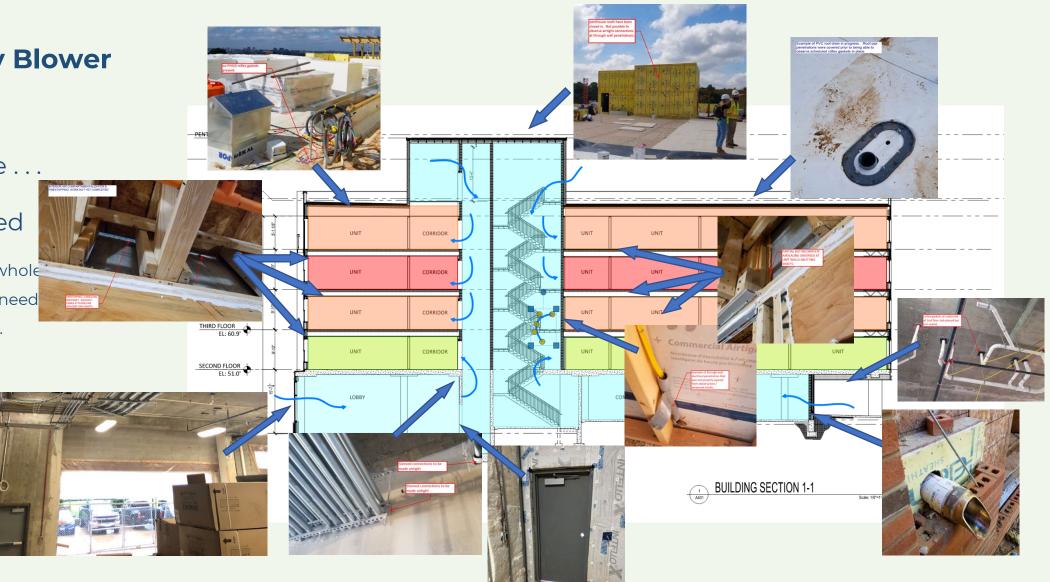


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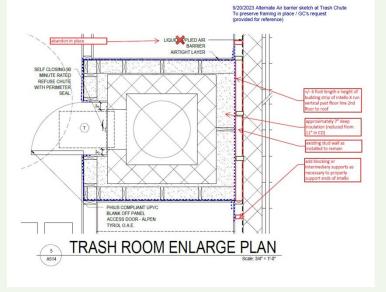


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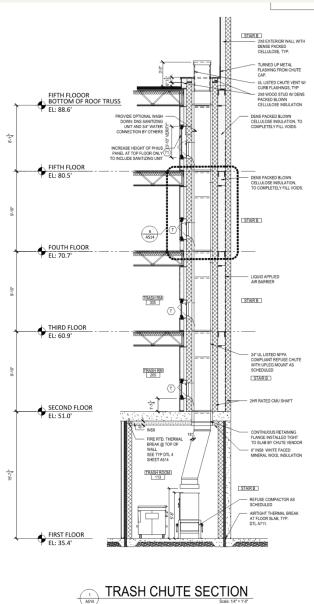








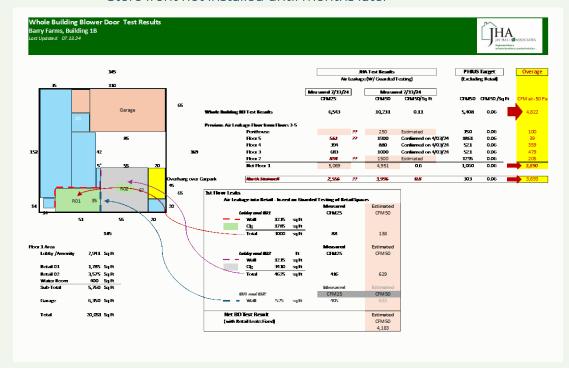


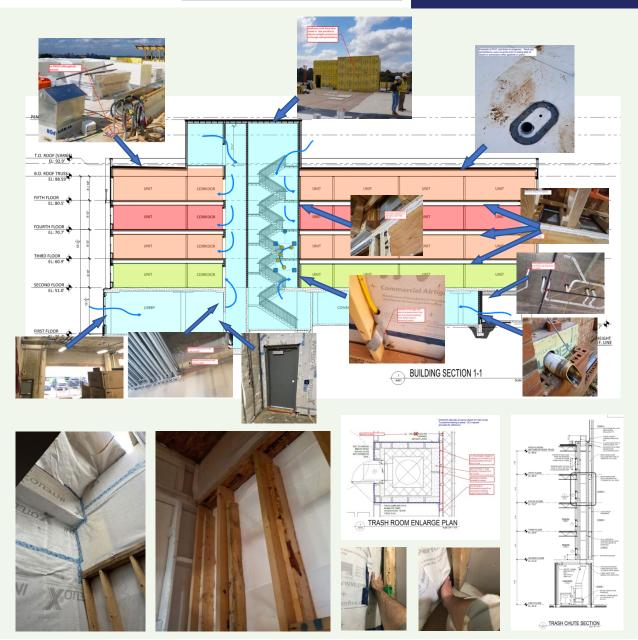


# **Preliminary Blower Door Test?**

# Lesson learned

- Guarded blower door tests are very challenging
  - Temporary sealing of stair towers, elevator shafts, trash chutes
  - drywall going in on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor before windows are in on the 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Store front not installed until months later



































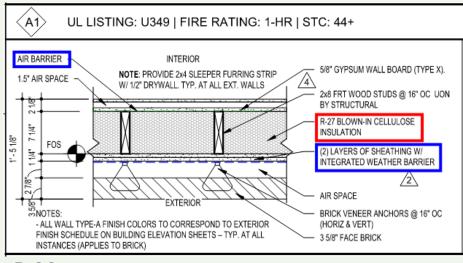




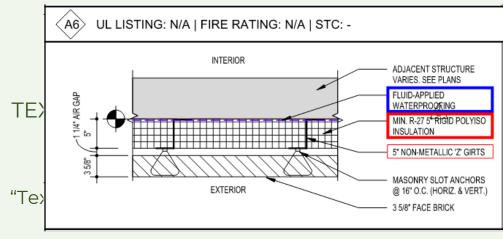




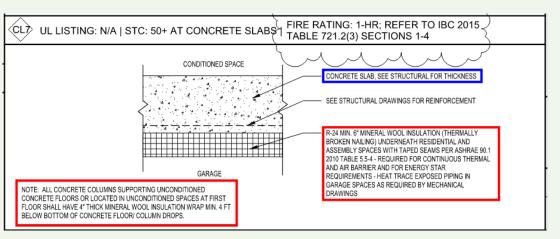




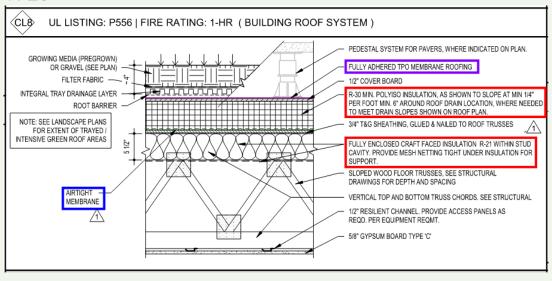
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R-28 Cl over masonry



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R-39

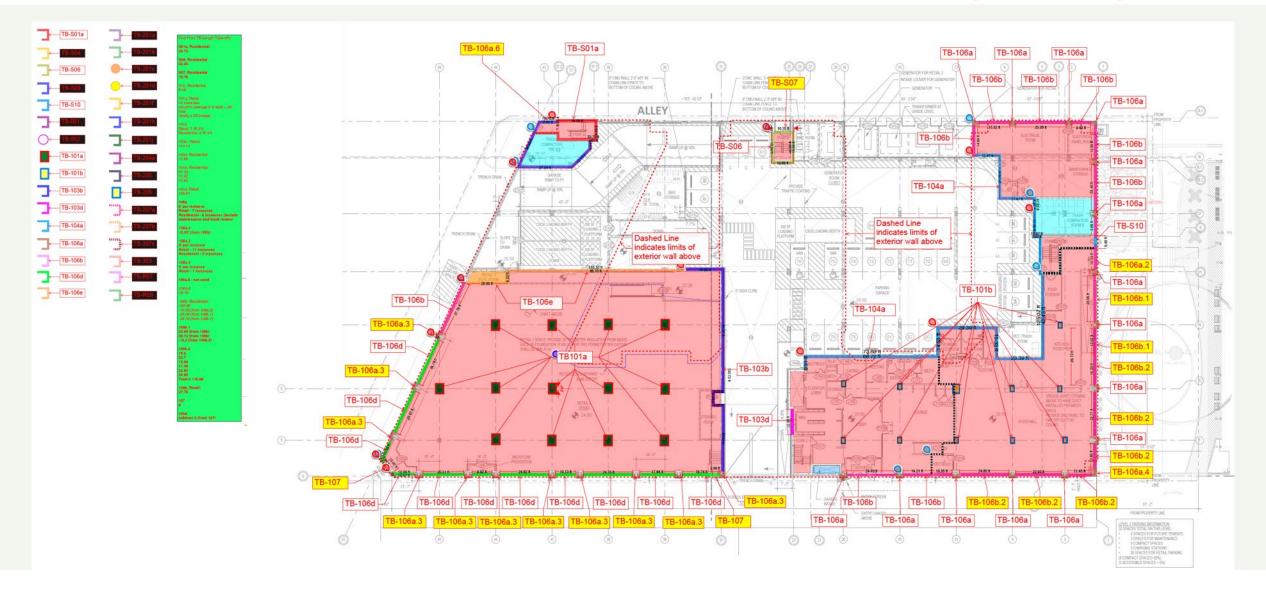






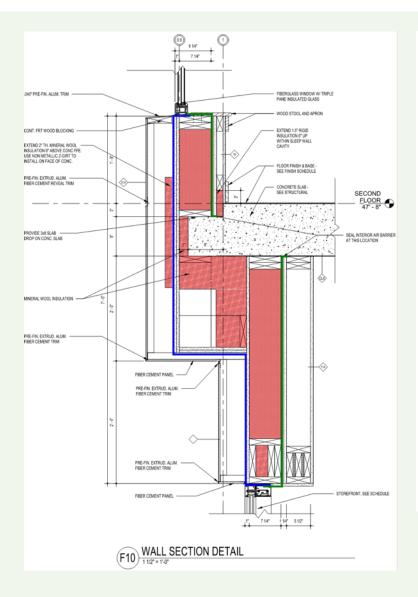


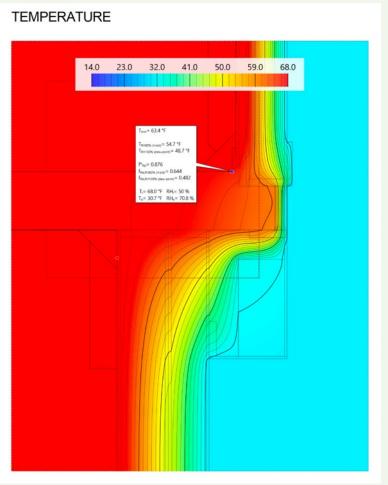
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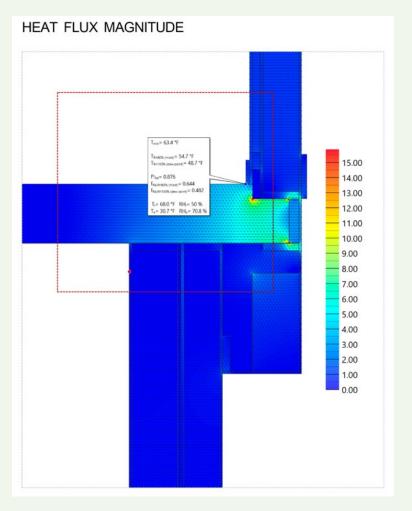






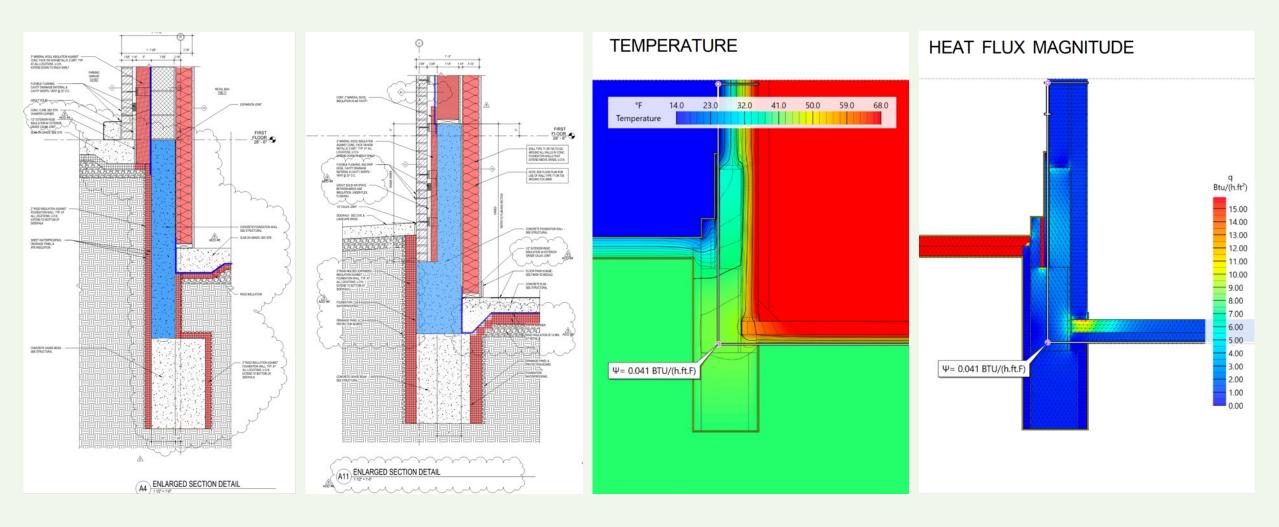








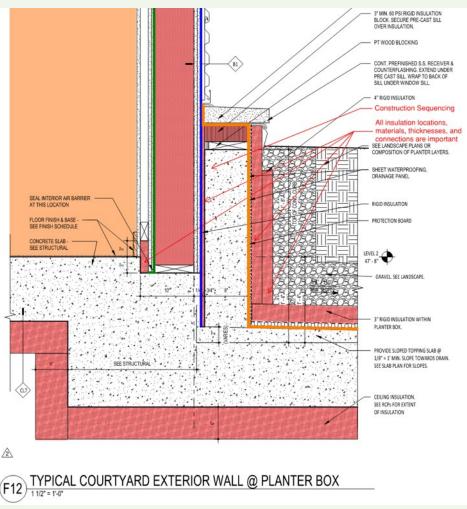




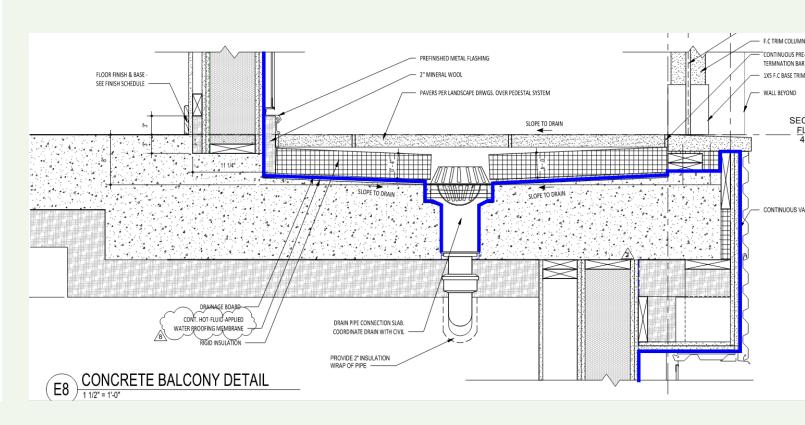
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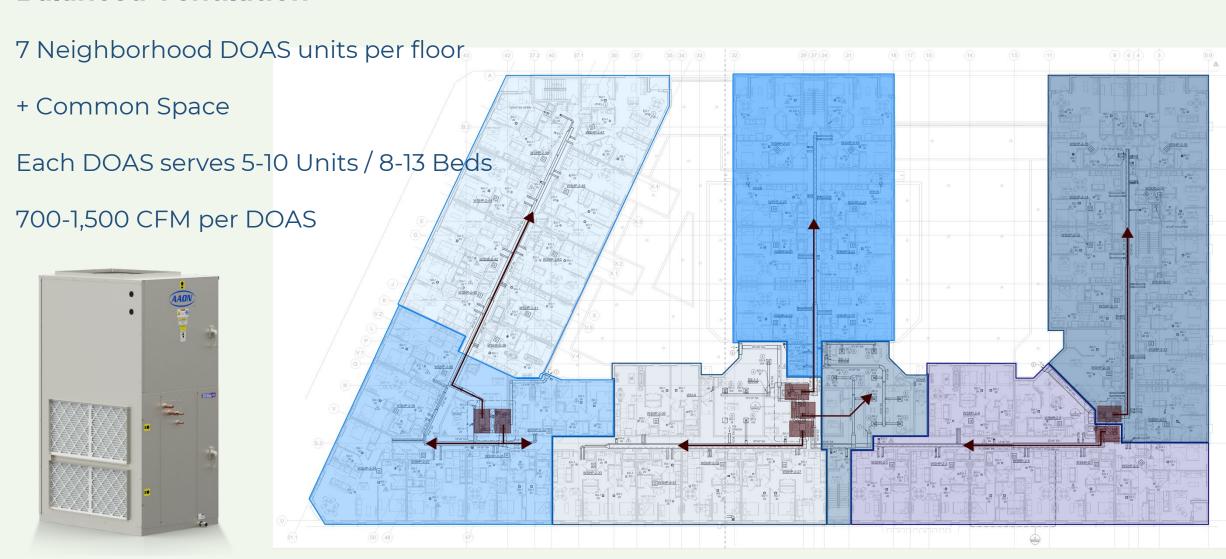








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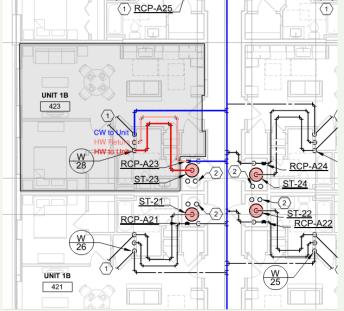


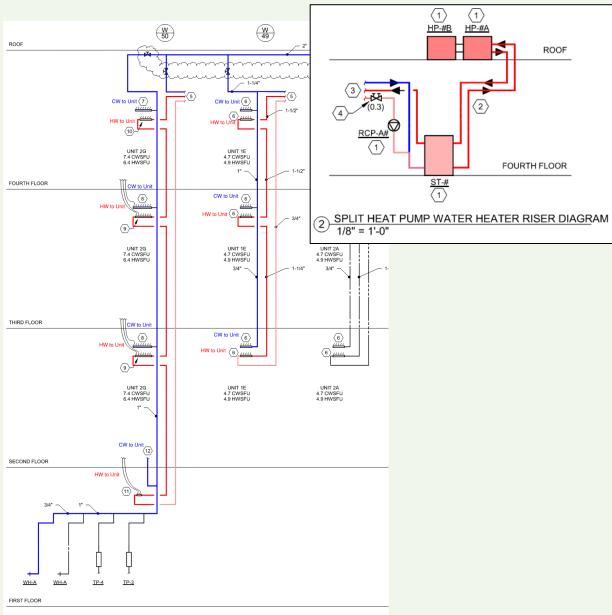
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Split Heat Pump Water Heater

Storage Tank located







# BARRY FARM - RENTAL FLATS







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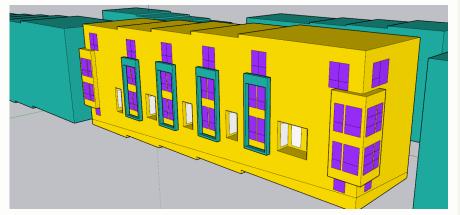
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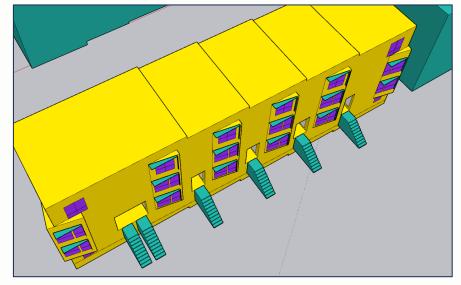
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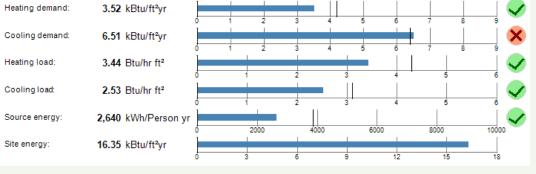
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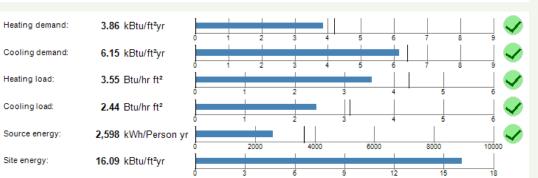
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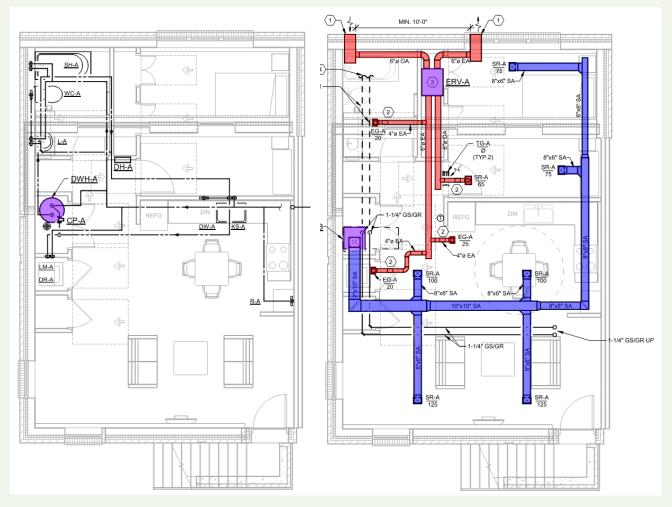




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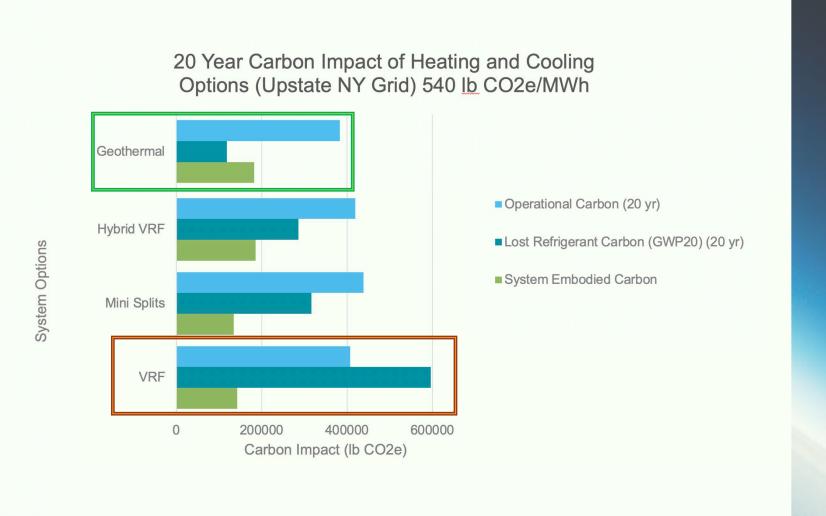
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# REFRIGERANT IMPACTS ON EMBODIED CARBON



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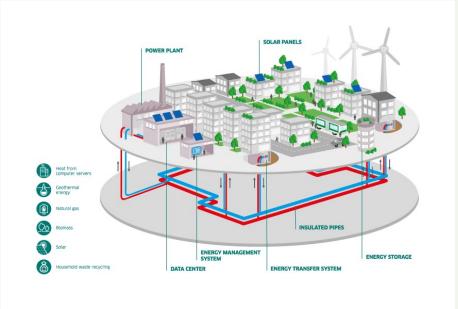
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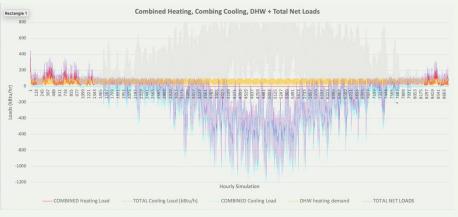
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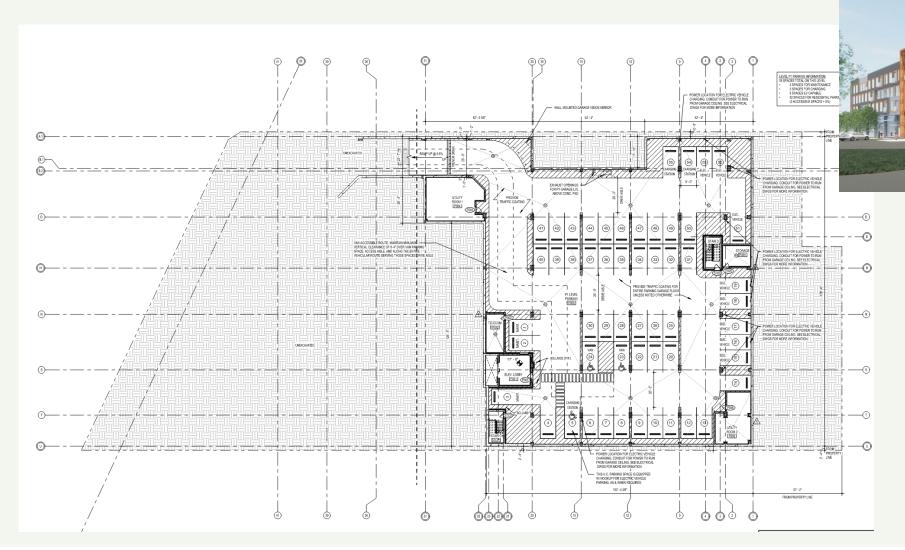


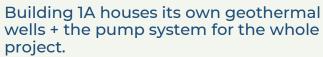




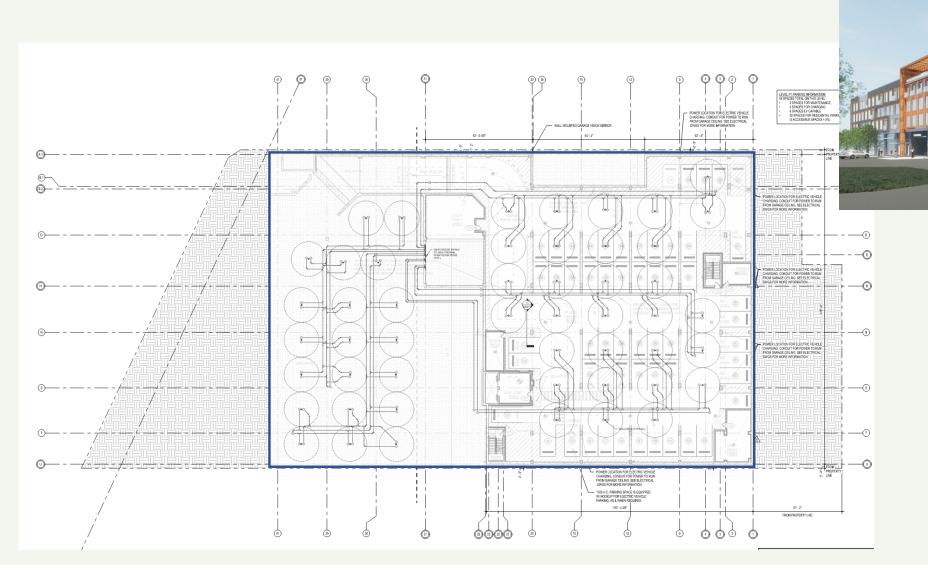


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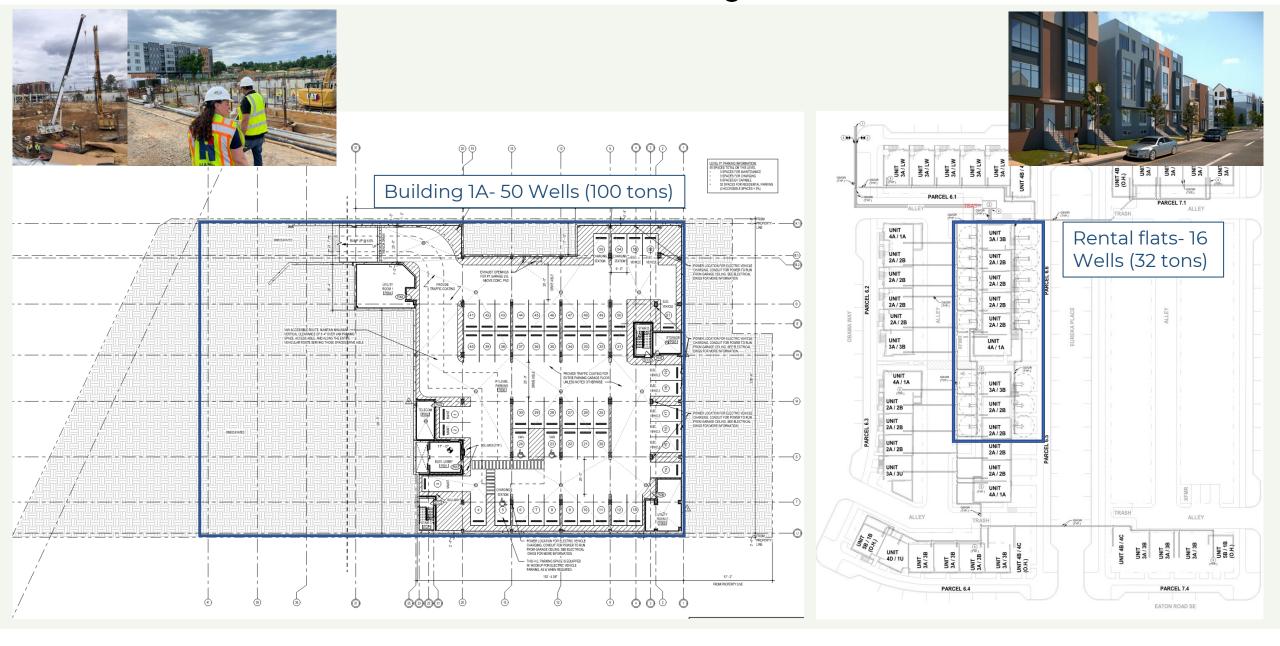




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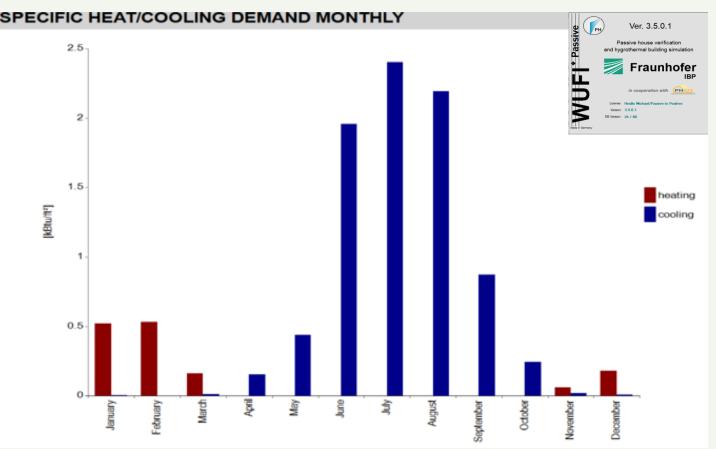
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# Geothermal Loads

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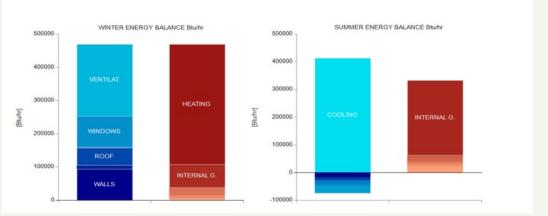
Preliminary modeling in WUFI Passive – can we trust this?



# Heating and Cooling Imbalance



BARRY FARM, THE EDMONDSON, WASHINGTON, DC: POAH



"Peak" Heating + Cooling

Meets Phius criteria with relative ease

Site EUI – 18.98 kBtu/sf.yr With 120 kW rated PV array

- Internal IHG Dominated
- Cooling Load Dominated Annually

### **BUILDING INFORMATION**

Category: Residential
Status: In planning
Building type: New construction

Year of construction: 2020
Units: 139

Number of occupants: 316 (Design)
Occupant density: 427.8 ft²/Person

## Boundary conditions Building geometry

Climate: WASHINGTON DC REAGAN AP VA Enclosed volume: 1,592,015 ft3 Net-volume: 1,228,657 ft3 Internal heat gains: 1.6 Btu/hr ft2 Total area envelope: 143,011.8 ft<sup>2</sup> Area/Volume Ratio: 0.1 1/ft 68 °F Interior temperature: Floor area: 135,188.1 ft<sup>2</sup> Overheat temperature: 77 °F Envelope area/iCFA: 1.058

### PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate criteria: Phius CORE 2021

## **Heating demand**

 specific:
 1.46
 kBtu/ft²yr

 target:
 4.5
 kBtu/ft²yr

 total:
 197,101.42
 kBtu/yr

## **Cooling demand**

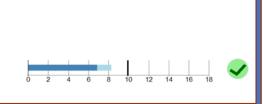
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 kBtu/ft²yr

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 1.44
 kBtu/ft²yr

 specific:
 8.3
 kBtu/ft²yr

 target:
 9.9
 kBtu/ft²yr

 total:
 1,121,883,18
 kBtu/yr



### Heating load

 specific:
 3.23
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 target:
 4.3
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 total:
 437,165.13
 Btu/hr

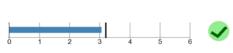
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 3.06
 Btu/hr ft²

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 3.2
 Btu/hr ft²

 total:
 413.587.22
 Btu/hr

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# Modeling Results -



## **HEAT FLOW - HEATING PERIOD**

## Heat gains

 Solar:
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 kBtu/yr

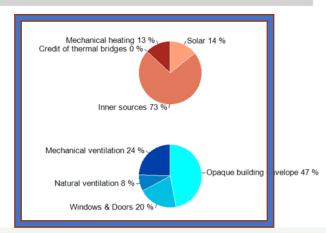
 Inner sources:
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 Credit of thermal bridges:
 0
 kBtu/yr

 Mechanical heating:
 197,101
 kBtu/yr

## **Heat losses**

Opaque building envelope: 556,251 kBtu/yr
Windows & Doors: 237,979 kBtu/yr
Natural ventilation: 100,416 kBtu/yr
Mechanical ventilation: 288,493 kBtu/yr



### **BUILDING INFORMATION**

Category: Residential
Status: In planning
Building type: New construction

Year of construction: 2020 Units: 139

Number of occupants: 316 (Design)
Occupant density: 427.8 ft²/Person



### **Boundary conditions**

### Building geometry

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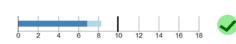
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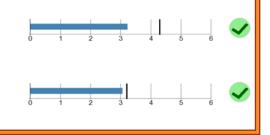
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# Modeling Results -



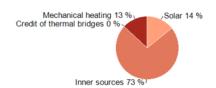
## **HEAT FLOW - HEATING PERIOD**

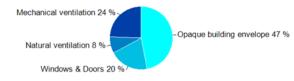
## **Heat gains**

Solar:	166,796	kBtu/yr
Inner sources:	847,444	kBtu/yr
Credit of thermal bridges:	0	kBtu/yr
Mechanical heating:	197,101	kBtu/yr

## **Heat losses**

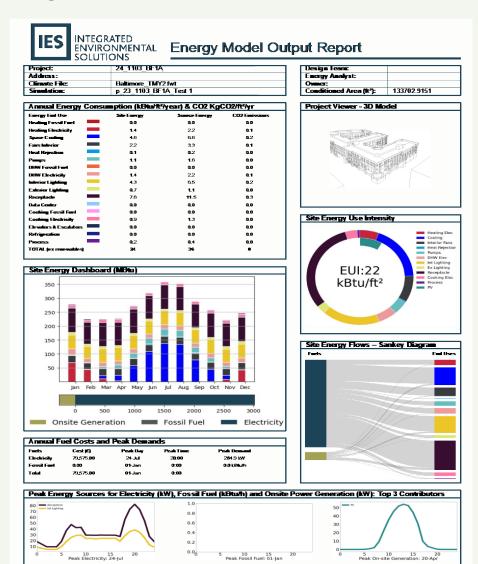
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Peak loads relatively balanced

# Dynamic Simulation





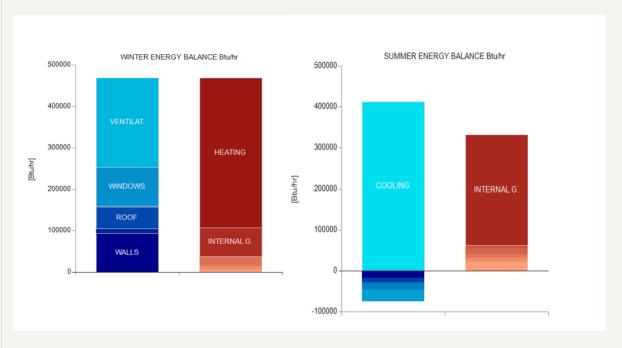
Hourly simulation of heating and cooling conditions

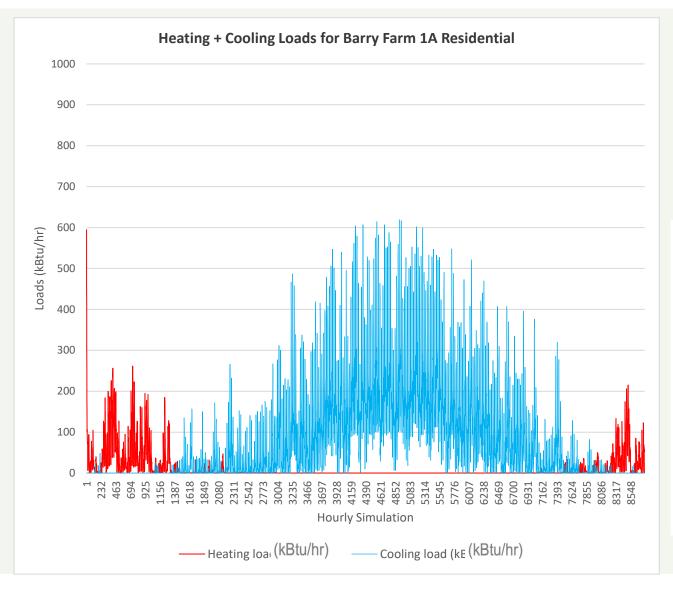
Dynamic simulation of HVAC systems themselves

# Heating + Cooling Loads for Barry Farm 1A Residential 1000 900 800 700 Loads (kBtu/hr) 300 200 100 232 463 694 925 11156 11156 11887 11818 2242 2311 2542 2773 3004 3116 2542 2773 3466 4459 4450 4450 4450 4621 4852 5083 5314 4621 4852 5083 5314 4852 5083 7083 7083 7083 8317 8317 **Hourly Simulation** —— Heating Ioa (kBtu/hr) - Cooling load (kE (kBtu/hr)

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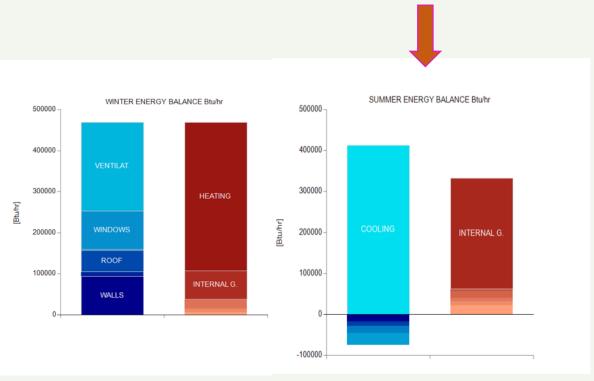




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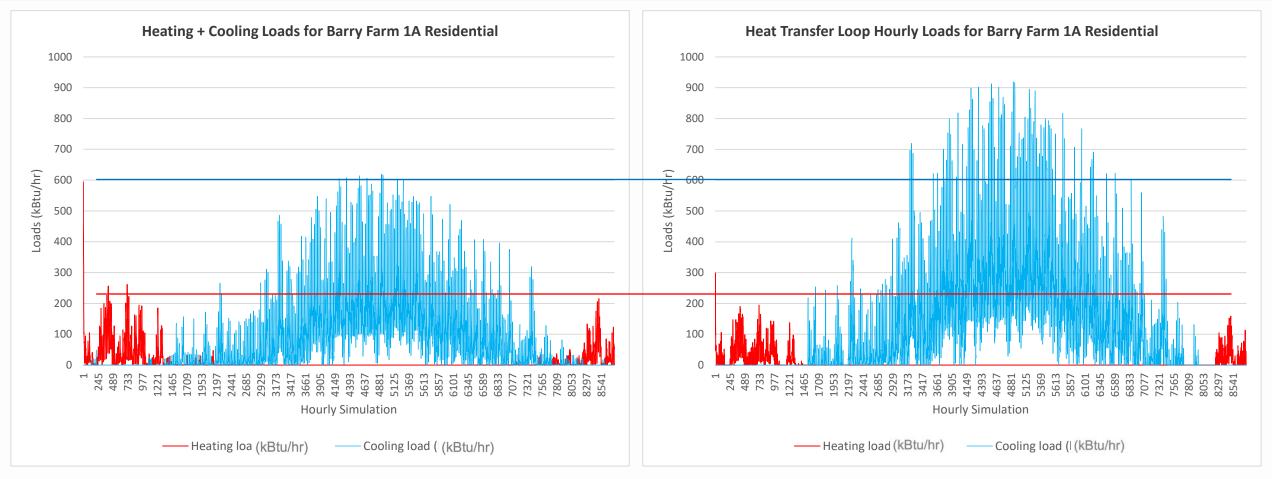
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# Heating and Cooling Imbalance

Comparison between IES dynamic simulation and WUFI Passive



# What are the impacts of the system itself?



Due to the heat of the water-source heat-pump compressors, heating falls and cooling increases – exacerbating the imbalance!!

# The Rental Flats

DC decided to relax Appendix Z

### **BUILDING INFORMATION**

Residential Category: Status: In planning Building type: New construction 2024 Year of construction: Units: 10

Number of occupants: 42 (Design) Occupant density: 314.9 ft²/Person



### **Boundary conditions**

### Climate: WASHINGTON DC REAGAN AP VA Enclosed volume:

1 Btu/hr ft2 Internal heat gains: Total area envelope: 22,198.9 ft<sup>2</sup> Area/Volume Ratio: Interior temperature: 68 °F Floor area: 13,227.8 ft<sup>2</sup>

Overheat temperature: **77** °F Envelope area/iCFA:

### PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate criteria:

### Heating demand

specific: 4.4 kBtu/ft²yr 4.2 kBtu/ft²yr target: total:

sensible: 6.65 kBtu/ft2vr latent: 1.61 kBtu/ft2yr 8.26 kBtu/ft²yr specific: target: 6.4 kBtu/ft²yr total:

### Heating load

specific: target: total: 52,052.19 Btu/hr

### Cooling load

specific: 3.08 Btu/hr ft2 3.1 Btu/hr ft<sup>2</sup> target: total: 40,766.82 Btu/hr



148,811.6 ft3 Net-volume: 124,101.8 ft3 0.1 1/ft 1.678

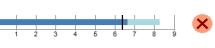
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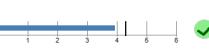
## 58,247.11 kBtu/yr

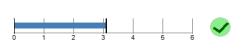
### Cooling demand

109,298.04 kBtu/yr

3.94 Btu/hr ft<sup>2</sup> 4.3 Btu/hr ft2







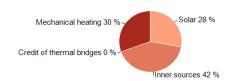
# Modeling Results -



## **HEAT FLOW - HEATING PERIOD**

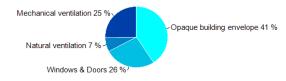
## Heat gains

Solar:	42,447	kBtu/yr
Inner sources:	63,402	kBtu/yr
Credit of thermal bridges:	0	kBtu/yr
Mechanical heating:	58,247	kBtu/yr



### **Heat losses**

Opaque building envelope:	66,986	kBtu/yr
Windows & Doors:	43,284	kBtu/yr
Natural ventilation:	12,126	kBtu/yr
Mechanical ventilation:	41,701	kBtu/yr



# The Rental Flats

Not meeting Passive House

More balanced Internal + solar gains

**Moderately Cooling Load** Dominated Annually

### **BUILDING INFORMATION**

Residential Category: Status: In planning Building type: New construction Year of construction: Units: 10 42 (Design) Number of occupants:



**Building geometry** 

### **Boundary conditions**

Occupant density:

Climate: WASHINGTON DC REAGAN AP VA Enclosed volume: 148,811.6 ft3 Net-volume: 124,101.8 ft3 Internal heat gains: 1 Btu/hr ft<sup>2</sup> Total area envelope: 22,198.9 ft<sup>2</sup> Area/Volume Ratio: 0.1 1/ft Interior temperature: 68 °F 13.227.8 ft<sup>2</sup> Floor area: Overheat temperature: 77 °F Envelope area/iCFA: 1.678

314.9 ft²/Person

### PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

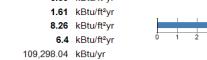
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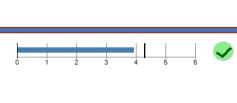
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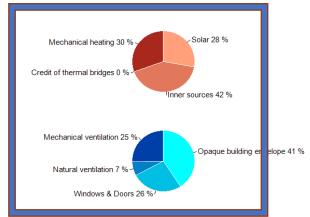
## **HEAT FLOW - HEATING PERIOD**

## **Heat gains**

Solar: 42,447 kBtu/yr Inner sources: 63,402 kBtu/yr Credit of thermal bridges: 0 kBtu/yr Mechanical heating: 58,247 kBtu/yr

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Opaque building envelope: 66,986 kBtu/yr Windows & Doors: 43,284 kBtu/yr Natural ventilation: 12,126 kBtu/yr Mechanical ventilation: **41,701** kBtu/yr



# The Rental Flats

### **BUILDING INFORMATION**

Residential Category: Status: In planning Building type: New construction

Year of construction: Units: 10

Number of occupants: 42 (Design) Occupant density: 314.9 ft²/Person



### **Boundary conditions**

## Climate:

1 Btu/hr ft2 Internal heat gains: **68** °F

Overheat temperature: 77 °F Envelope area/iCFA: 1.678

## WASHINGTON DC REAGAN AP VA

Interior temperature:

### PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate criteria:

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## Cooling demand

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### **Building geometry**

Enclosed volume:	148,811.6	ft³
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### Phius CORE 2021

### Heating demand

6.4 kBtu/ft²yr target:

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# Modeling Results -



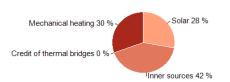
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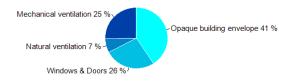
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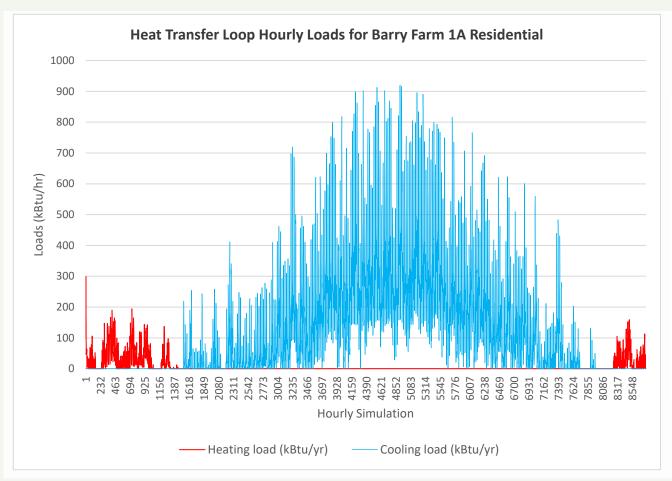
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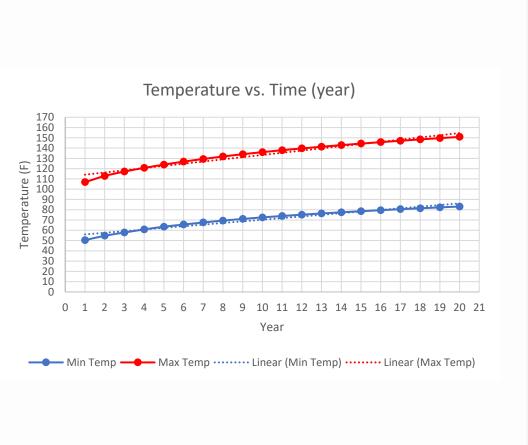




Peak loads relatively balanced

# Heating and Cooling Mismatch Overheating of Borefield

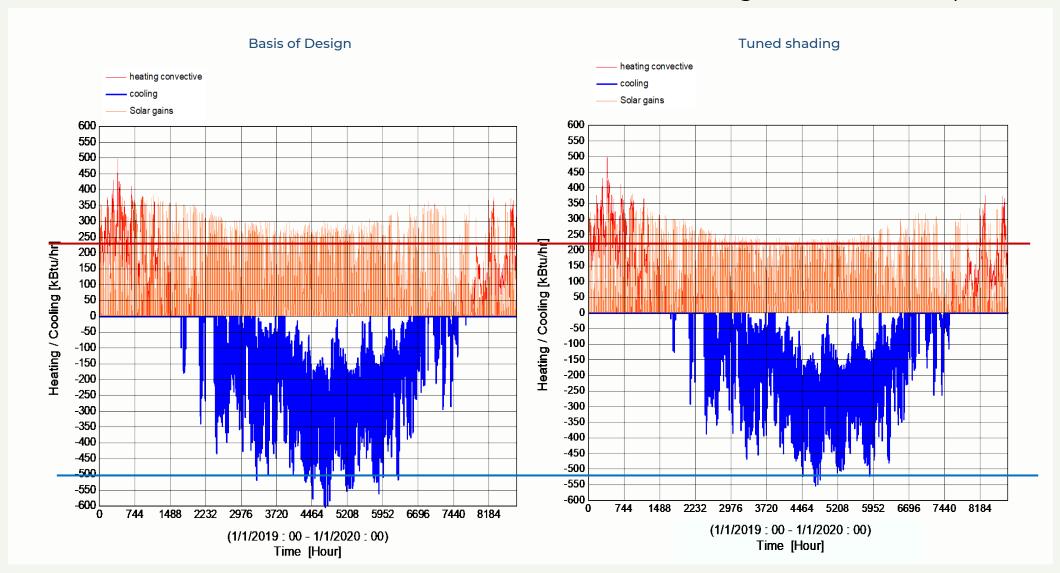




# Cooling Dominant

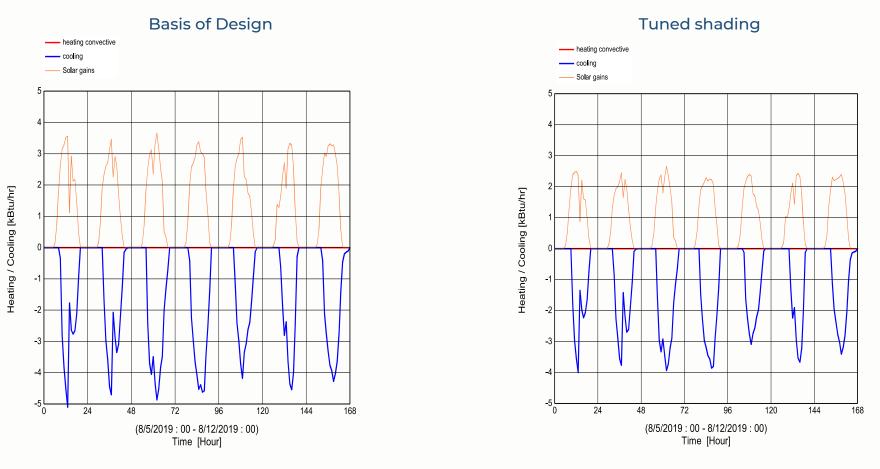
Solar Gain Contribution

Passive design could have helped



# Cooling Dominant

# Passive design could have helped

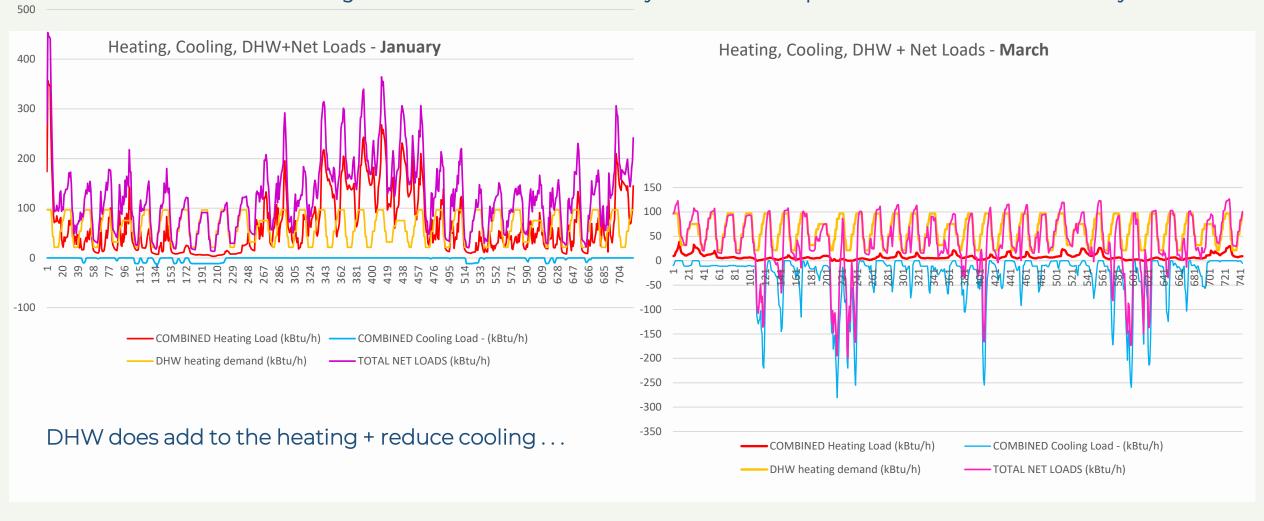


25% - 42% reduction in hourly peaks in sample units - proportional to solar gain Would this have reduced systems size? Would this have reduced borefields?

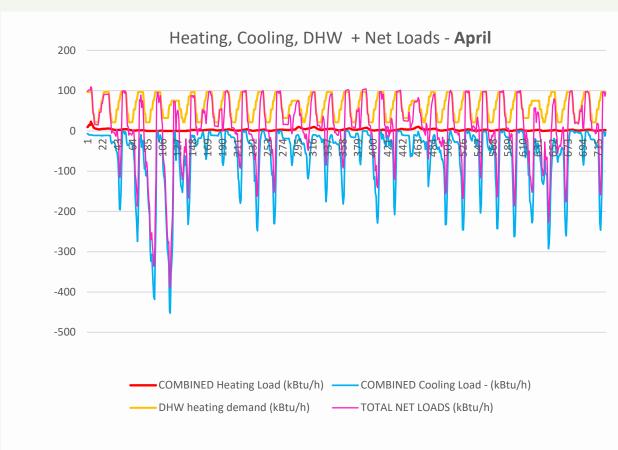
Not Explored During VE.

# Load diversity by adding DHW

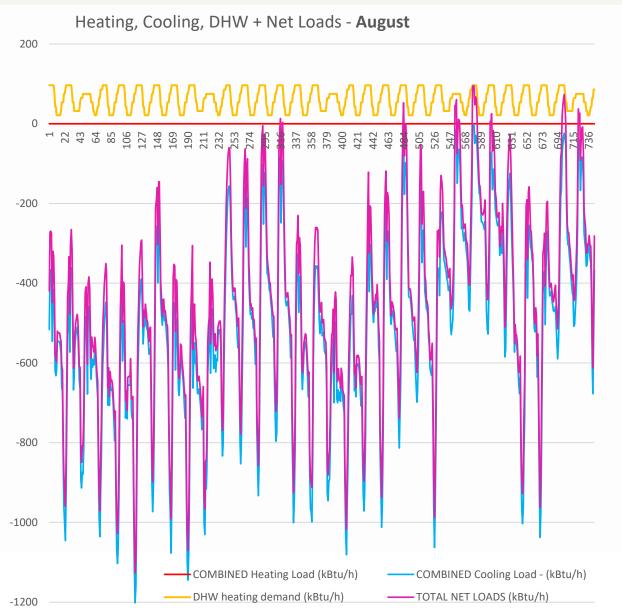
Combining diverse loads should seasonally balance the loop and deliver maximum efficiency.



# Load diversity by adding DHW

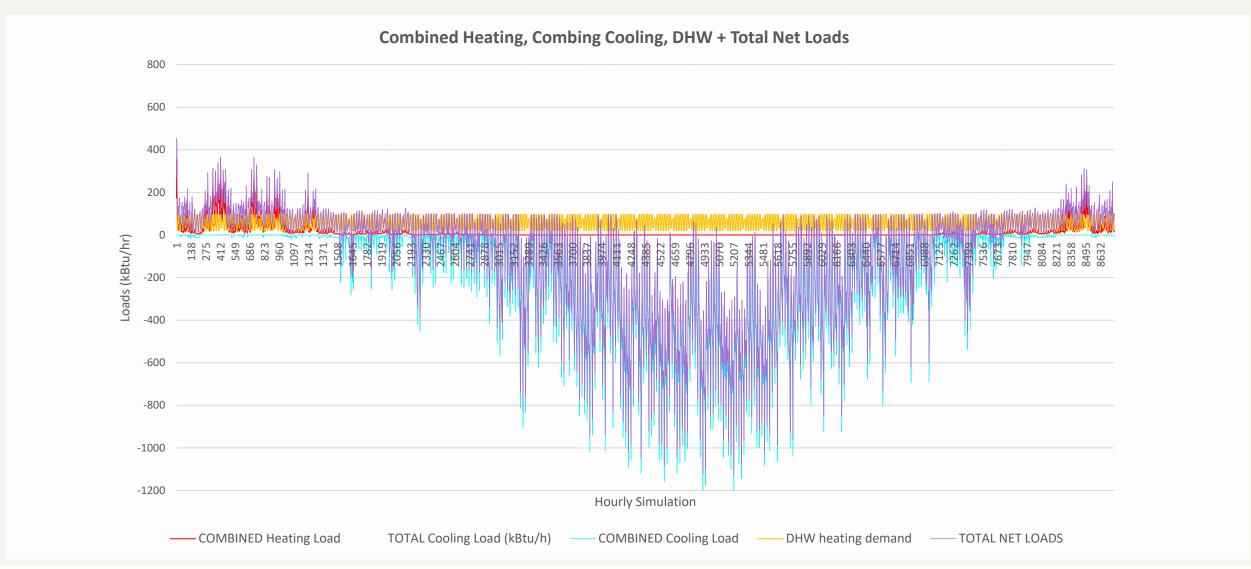


DHW does add to the heating + reduce cooling, but not nearly enough to balance the ground loop.



# Load diversity by adding DHW?

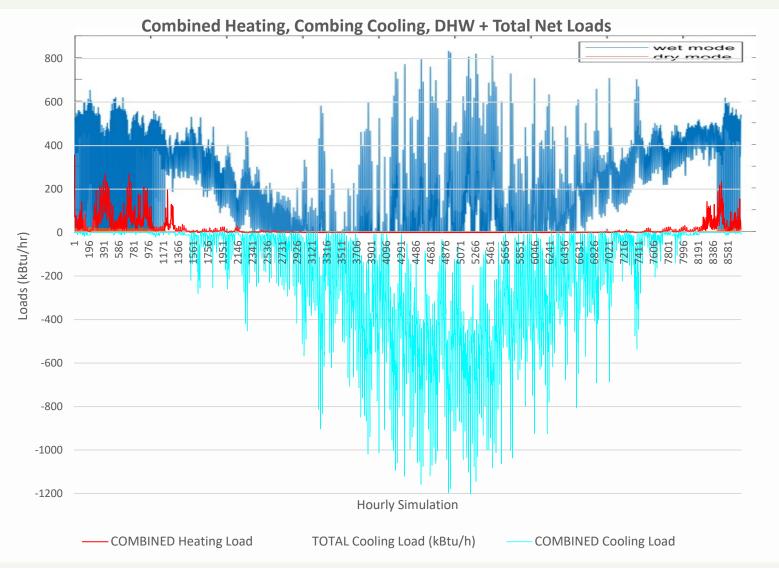
DHW helps, but is not enough! – Now What?



Cooling to Heating ratio = 5/1 Peak. - 13/1 Annual

How to compensate for lack of Load diversity?

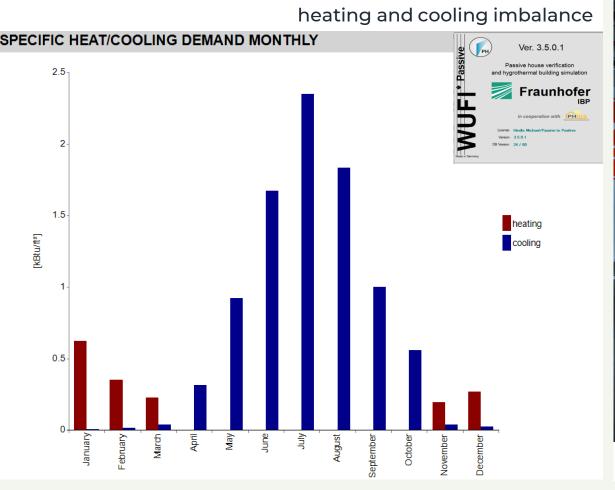
Roof top cooling tower loads balance loop loads





# Geothermal Load

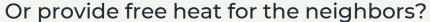
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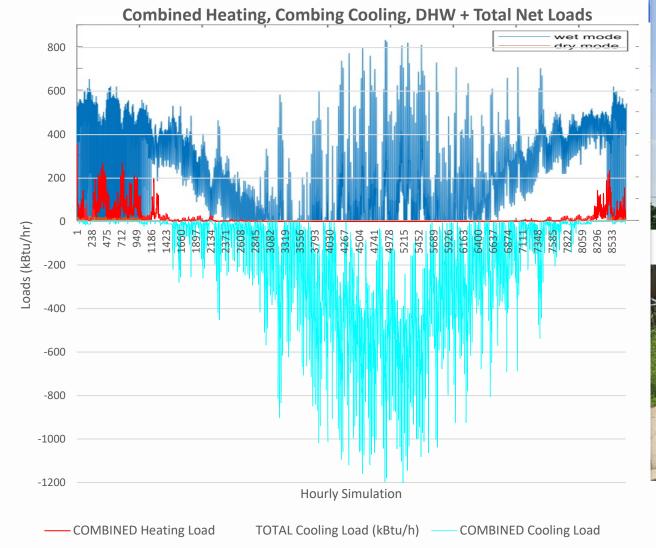




Why not heat the Garage? Or melt snow on the sidewalks?

How to compensate for lack of Load diversity?

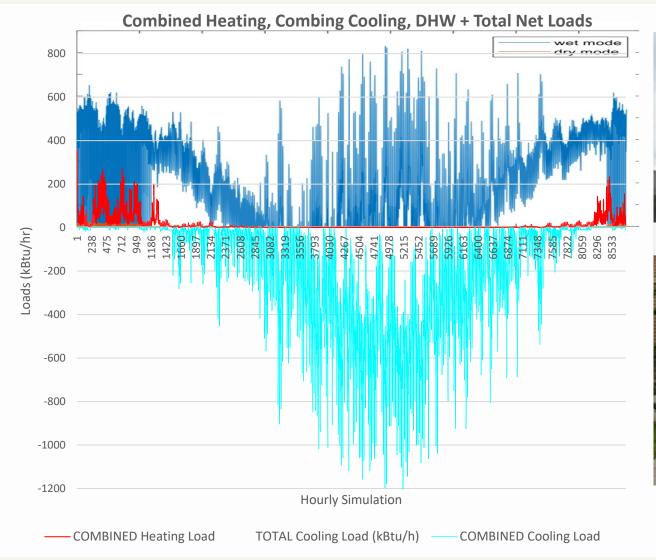






How to compensate for lack of Load diversity?

Or to the Rec Center?

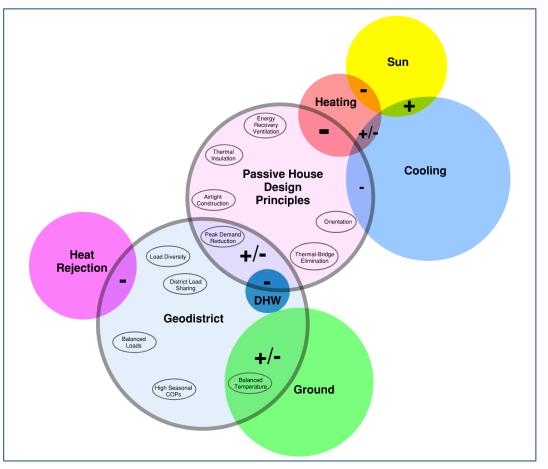




# How to compensate for lack of Load diversity?

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# Thank You!

