



# Energy Performance Contracting

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NH

# Performance Contracting Timeline

Preliminary Audit



Review findings with  
City to define  
priorities



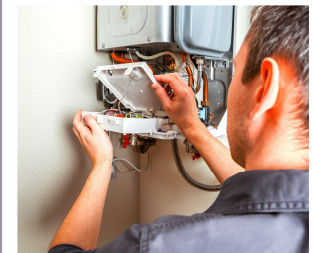
Final Investment  
Grade Audit



Construction



Measurement  
& Verification



# EEI is the New Hampshire ESCO

City of Portsmouth School District (SAU 52)

Manchester, NH City Buildings

Manchester, NH School District

Town Of Pelham

Pelham School District (SAU 28)

City of Nashua School District

City of Franklin

Franklin School District (SAU 18)

Hanover School District (SAU 70)

Shaker Regional School District (SAU 80)

Fall Mountain Regional School District (SAU 60)

Keene, Nelson & Chesterfield School Districts (SAU 29)

SAU 48 in Plymouth

Common Man Restaurant Group

Concord NH YMCA

the Grappone Conference Center in Concord

Bedford Village Inn

Amherst, NH

Belmont, NH

Brookline, NH

Plaistow, NH Timberlane School District

Somersworth, NH SAU 56

Belmont, NH

Cheshire County, NH

Henniker, NH

Jaffrey, NH

Keene, NH

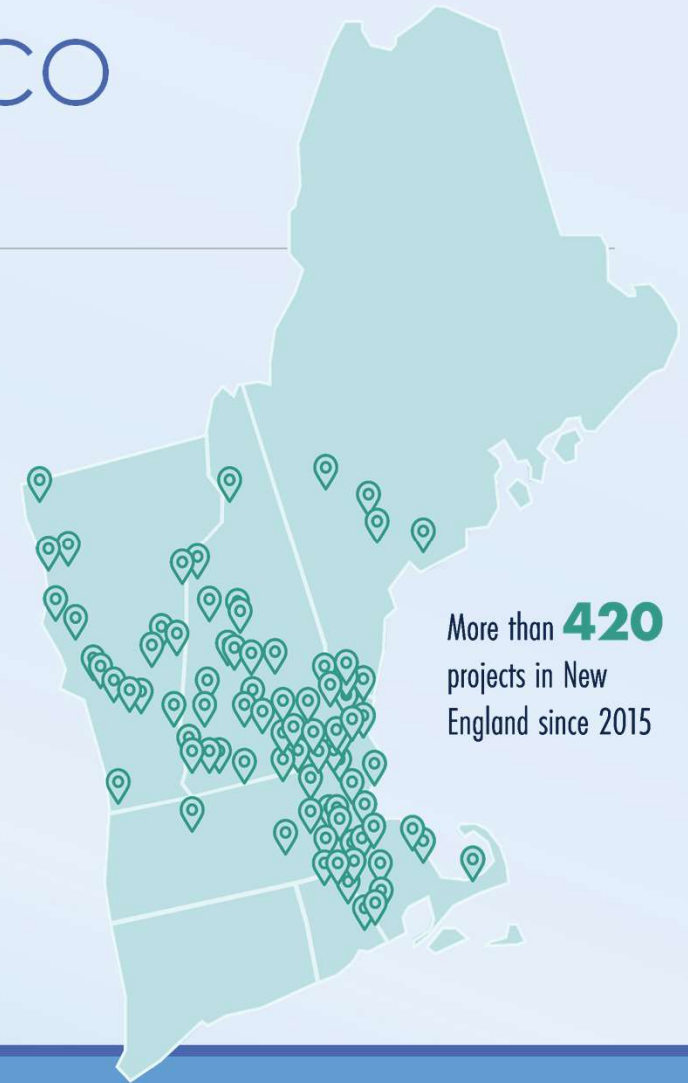
Keene, NH School District

Nashua, NH

Rochester, NH

Rollinsford, NH

Westmoreland, NH



More than **420**  
projects in New  
England since 2015

# Long-term energy partnerships




Portsmouth School  
District



City of Portsmouth

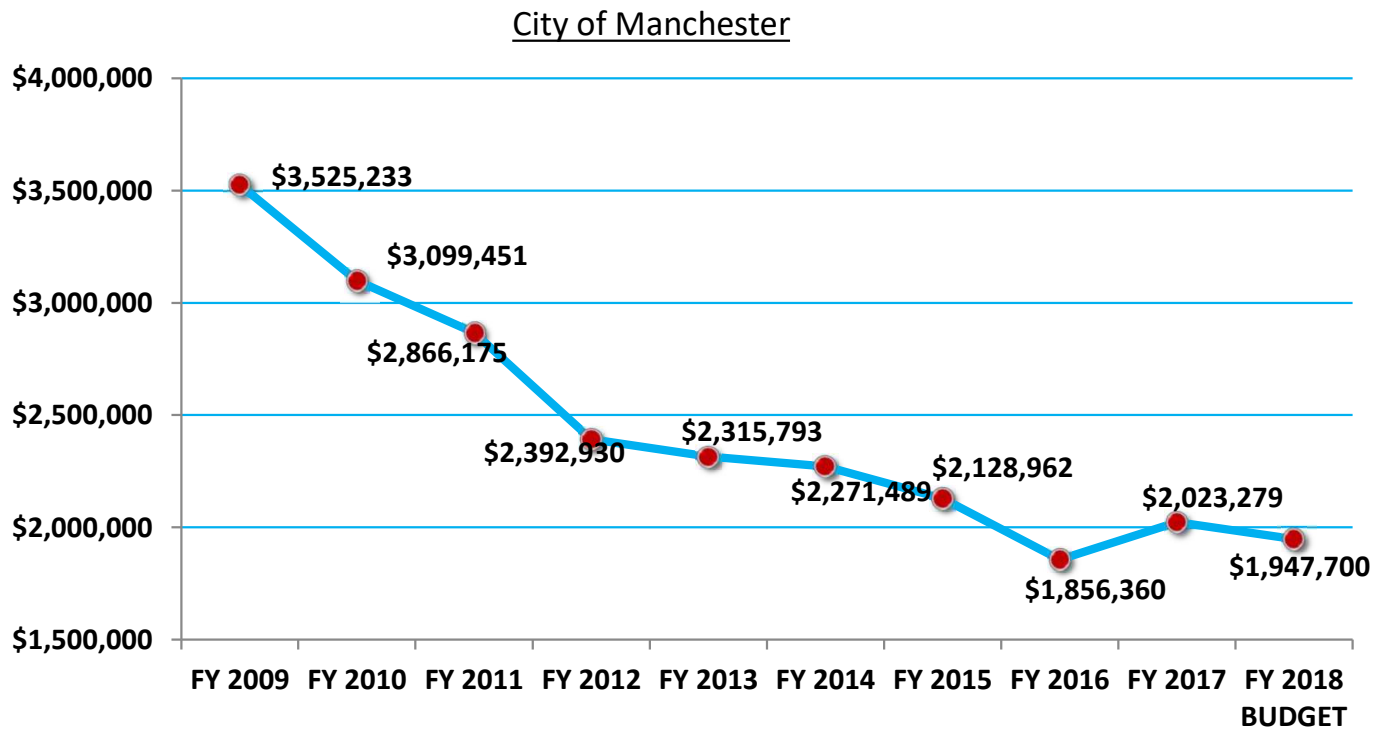


Nashua School  
District



City of  
Nashua

# Success in the City of Manchester



**\$9 million energy upgrade and complete renovation of the Little Harbor Elementary**

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**\$10 million renovation project and energy upgrade for the district's Dondero Elementary School**

Removal of asbestos ceiling tile and flooring

Installation of a NFPA compliant sprinkler and fire alarm system

Installation of a new boiler, HVAC controls, and energy recovery ventilators

Installation of new ceiling tiles and grid, including decorative ceiling in cafeteria

Installation of LED lighting system

New finishes and casework throughout the building



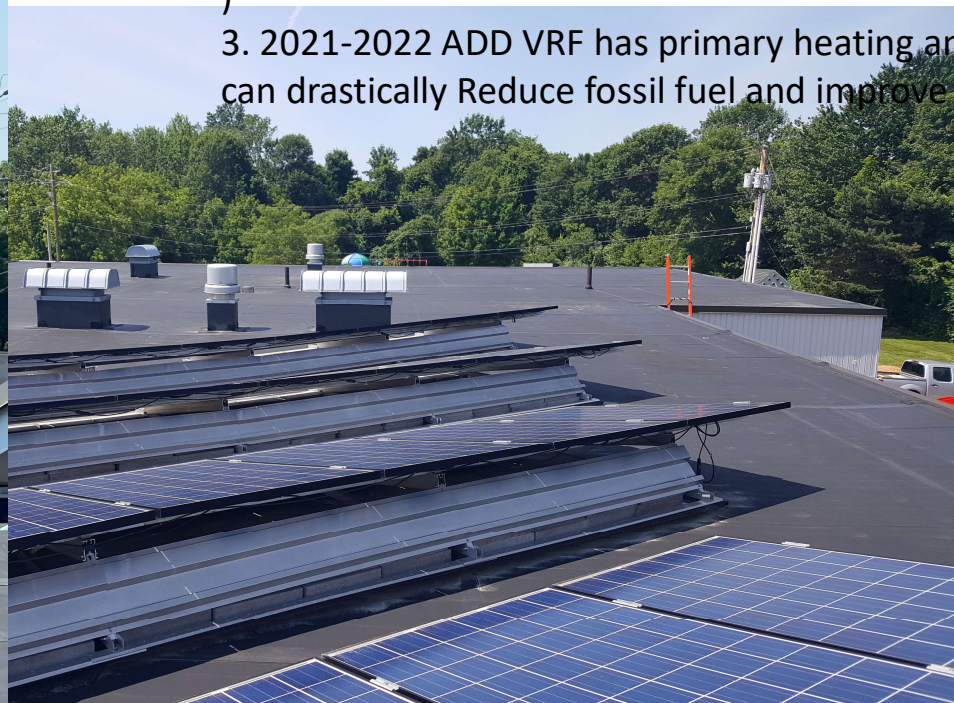
# New Franklin Elementary

## Phased Approach

1. 2012 Lighting, Controls, Boilers small Solar. No tax impact energy savings paid for improvements
2. 2018 Add Ventilation to school (Classrooms had no Ventilation prior )
3. 2021-2022 ADD VRF has primary heating and cooling so building can drastically Reduce fossil fuel and improve air Quality



42% reduction in energy usage



# City Hall Initial Observations

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2 pipe change over heating and cooling system means staff has to make decision for the entire building to go into heating or cooling mode

Large Portions of the building are under ventilated

Building has 2014 Gas boiler Plant

Repairs have been made on a “fix whats broken” method in recent years

Pipes are in very poor condition

The building could benefit big picture building/capital/code plan



# City Hall Energy Savings Opportunities

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Transformers can be upgraded from 97% to over 99% efficiency



2% of all  
power going  
through  
transformers  
is lost as  
waste heat



# Natural Gas Boiler System

2013-2014 boiler system with Natural Gas



Entire building is 2 pipe and only heat or cool in a given month with 1 switch over per year

# Chambers Building Ventilation Unit

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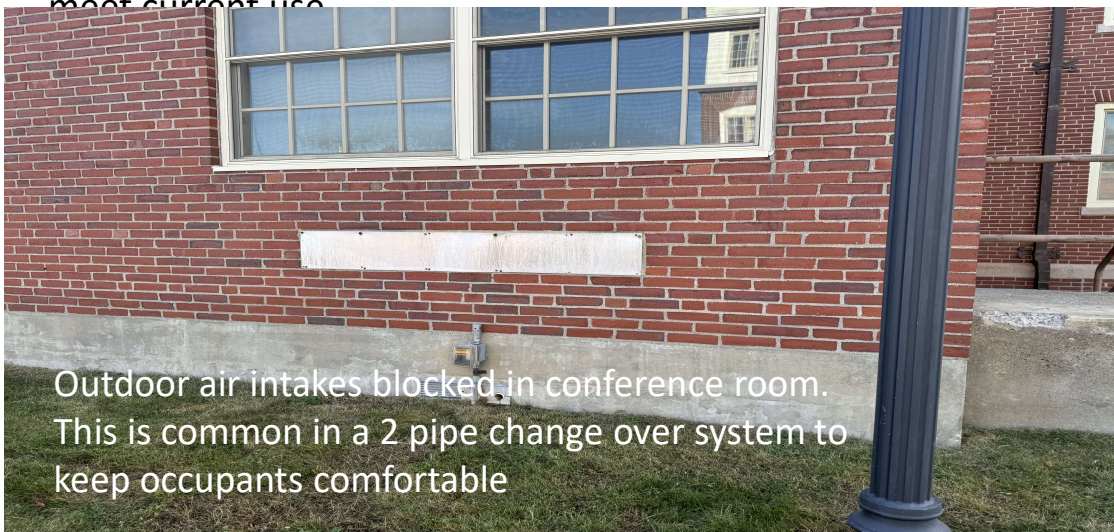
The Chambers ventilation unit lacks energy recovery ventilation, The unit is DX cooling, so it is not connected to chiller (maybe a good idea for season when chiller is off and we are on heating mode), and appears undersized for current ASHRAE ventilation rates



# Older Abandon in place HVAC Equipment

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City Hall HVAC was designed in a different Era and for different uses and have never had a comprehensive plan to meet current use



# City Hall- What are best long term options?

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1. VRF with Energy Recovery
2. 2-pipe system with added ventilation
3. 4- Pipe System with added ventilation
4. Geothermal System (2 or 4 pipe)

# Available Options our Design Team Is considering

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**Option 1** -VRF with Energy Recovery -Similar to New Franklin




# City Hall VRF Solution

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## Pros

- Highly Efficient and building will be low or no fossil fuel
- Relatively Easily to retrofit and phase construction
- Much better heating and cooling than current building

## Cons

- Current VRF technology only lasts 15 years.
  - Would not utilize Chiller that was replaced 2 years ago
  - Significant amount refrigeration pipes running in building and the EPA keeps changing allowable refrigerants
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# Keeping the current 2 pipe system but adding ventilation to all areas

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## Pros

- Lowest cost to get ventilation

## Cons

- 2 pipe systems will always have complaints in shoulder months
- Will be Fossil Fuel primary heating





# Option to Add a 4 Pipe

Re-pipe building to have 4 pipes going to hall HVAC units and allow building controls to modulate between heating and cooling by set point. Also add ventilation to all areas

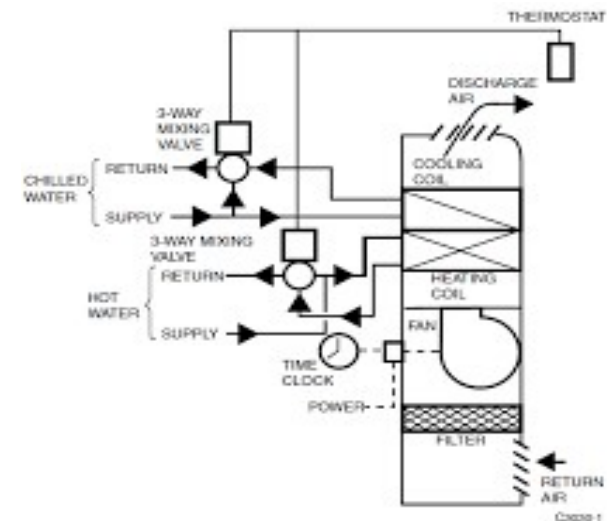


Fig. 34. Four-Pipe Heating/Cooling Fan Coil Unit with a Split Coil.



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# Inflation Reduction Act

Inflation Reduction Act- Federal Solar and Biomass Tax Credit

Eligible Projects can qualify for up to 40% of the project install cost

Maximize credit with Domestic Requirements, Qualified Community

Tax credit returned to the customer tax free

Will need to submit an application of interest

# 2 or 4 Pipe Geothermal

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## Pro

- Inflation Reduction act will pay 40% of entire project if building is converted to Ground Source geothermal
- 50 year solution with zero fossil Fuel
- EEI is converting City of Burlington to Geothermal heating and cooling


## Cons

- Higher cost up front



# Our Process

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- EEI is doing assessments on City Hall, Library, DPW, Fire Stations, and Community Campus
  - Similarly we are working on long term planning at Portsmouth Middle and High School
  - Our goal is a collaborative approach where we bring ideas forward and work with City Government to pick the best long term Solutions for City Buildings
  - Phase 1 Audits will be completed by December 2024
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# NH USDA/ NH BFA

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EI has been working with the NH Business Finance Authority to help bring USDA Rural Development Funds to NH. We anticipate they will roll out a \$50 Million dollar program in June that will make communities like Portsmouth Eligible for very low interest financing for energy efficiency upgrades

