Geothermal Technologies Program 2010 Peer Review



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RiverHeath Appleton, WI

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- RiverHeath is a 16 acre mixed use development along the shores of the Fox River in Appleton, Wisconsin
- The goal of the project is to produce a closed loop neighborhood-wide geothermal exchange system using the river as the source of heat exchange
- Using heat exchangers plates in water requires less capital infrastructure than boreholes, so the key is to quantify both infrastructure and operational savings
- Total first phase budget = \$20M
 - Grant amount: ~\$1M
 - Estimated payback: 7 years (vs. 11-14 with boreholes)
- Neighborhood loop system capacity: 600 tons

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RiverHeath project data: broad applicability

- •45 of the 50 largest US Cities are located on the water
- •Lower capital infrastructure cost makes systems more appealing
- •River-based system lowers payback by 35%
- •Partnership with major HVAC distributor will broaden appeal and adoption of geothermal exchange systems

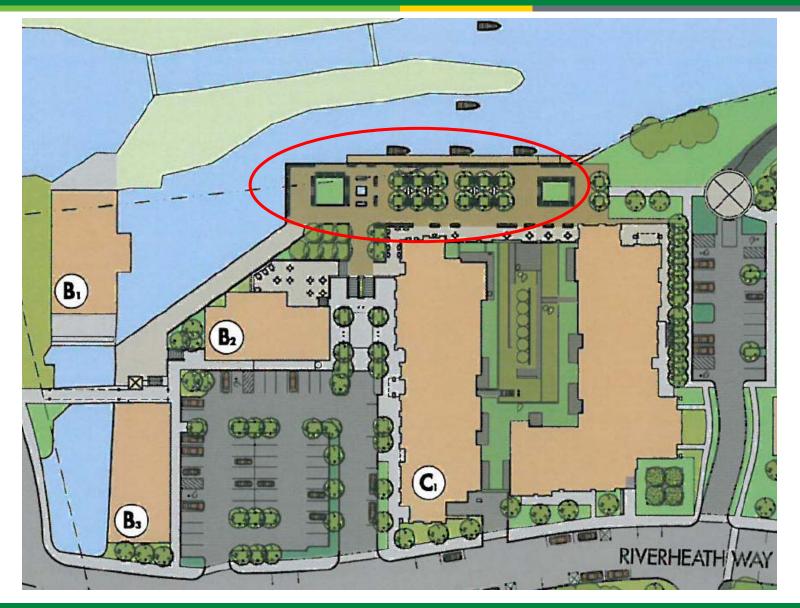
RiverHeath: Master Plan

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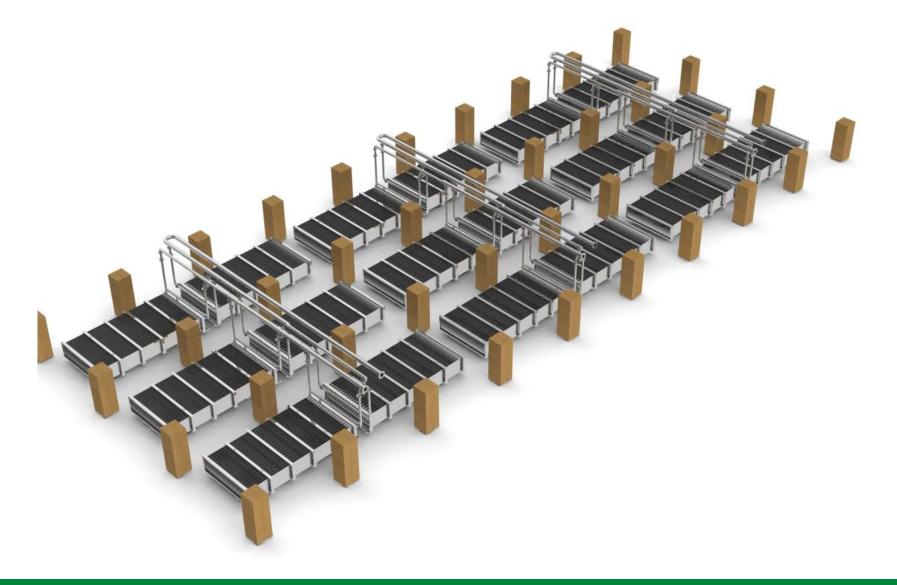
System below hydroelectric plant





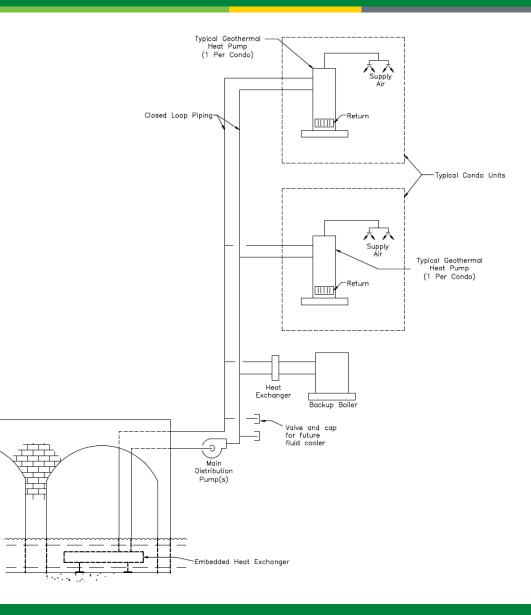
System installed below boardwalk





River-based closed-loop system







- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: understands the importance of embracing geothermal exchange systems, yet still uncertain as to impact to waterway
- Demonstration project: need to collect data to quantify that system will not impact river
- Over 1000cfs water flowing from adjacent hydroelectric facility, yet concerns over temperature differentials

- All of key barriers to geothermal exchange systems are addressed by collection and dissemination of data
- Regulatory: show that system does not impact waterway
- Capital infrastructure: show that system performance supports relatively short payback period
- Widespread adoption in marketplace: show that system is stable, effective, and reliable

- Technology demonstration projects are critical to gathering the data necessary to overcome barriers to widespread geothermal exchange adoption
- Neighborhood closed loop system in visible mixed use development will bring attention and acceptance by residential, office, and retail users
- Data collection will provide reassurance to developers considering geothermal systems
- Data collection will satisfy regulators that systems do not impact environment

Table 1: System payback periods



	Conventional Furnace Phase I	Geothermal Vertical Wells Phase I	Geothermal River Heat Exchanger Phase I
B2, Retail (5,000 SF)	\$55,000	\$89,000	\$73,750
B3, Retail (5,000 SF)	\$55,000	\$89,000	\$73,750
C1, Condominium and Retail (110,000 SF)	\$1,210,000	\$1,958,000	\$1,661,366
E1, Retail (5,000 SF)	\$55,000	\$89,000	\$73,750
E2, Retail (5,000 SF)	\$55,000	\$89,000	\$73,750
Total First Cost	\$1,430,000	\$2,314,000	\$1,956,366
Additional First Cost	Base	\$884,000	\$526,366

First Year Gas Cost	\$47,210	\$27,388	\$27,388
First Year Electric Consumption Cost	\$182,366	\$151,235	\$151,235
Total First Year Energy Cost	\$229,576	\$178,623	\$178,623
First Year Maintenance Cost	\$26,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Total First Year Building Cost	\$255,576	\$191,623	\$191,623
First Year Savings	Base	\$63,953	\$63,953

Simple Payback (Years)	Base	13.8	7.6
Life Cycle Cost Payback (Years)	Base	11	7
Cost Savings (25-Year basis)	Base	\$1,093,592	\$1,435,286

Table 2: Project Timetable



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C1000	Mobilize	0	Mobilize 01DEC09 * O	
C1001	Soli stabilization	4w	Soli stabilization 01DEC09	
C1005	Excavate building C1	4w	Excavate building C1 30DEC09 27JAN10	
C1004	Form & pour footings & foundations	8w	Form & pour footings & foundations	
C1003	Erect precast garage	4w	Erect precast garage 04MAR10	
C1002	Frame Retail areas	4w	Frame Retail areas 25MAR10 21APR10	
C1013	Install MEPFP garage & mechanical rooms	6w	Install MEPFP garage & mechanical rooms 01APR10	
C1018	Enclose Retail areas	4w	Enclose Retail areas 15APR1011111111111111111111111111111111111	
C1014	Install MEPFP Retail areas	4w	Install MEPFP Retail areas 22APR10	
C1008	Frame South Residential tower	8w	Frame South Residential tower 22APR10 16JUN10	
C1010	Install site utilities	8w	Install site utilities 03MAY10 *	
C1006	Install heat exchangers in river	2w	Instali heat exchangers in river 10MAY10 ************************************	
C1017	Install finishes for Retail areas	4w	Install finishes for Retail areas 20MAY100000000000000000000000000000000000	
C1011	Install underground heat pump piping	2w	Install underground heat pump piping 24MAY10000 04JUN10	
C1020	Enclose South Residential tower	6w	Enclose South Residential tower	
C1007	Frame North Residential tower	8w	Frame North Residential tower 03JUN10 28JUL10	
C1009	Install MEPFP South tower	12w	Install MEPFP South tower 10JUN10	
C1025	Final site grading	4w	Final site grading 28JUN10 10 23JUL10	
C1019	Enclose North Residential tower	6w	Enclose North Residential tower 15JUL10 25AUG10	
C1012	Install MEPFP North tower	12w	Install MEPFP North tower 22JUL10 13OCT10	
C1023	Install exterior site hard surfaces	6w	Install exterior site hard surfaces 26JUL10 03SEP10	
C1021	Install green roof	4w	Install green roof 26AUG10 225EP10	
C1016	Install finishes for South Residential tower	10w	Install finishes for South Residential tower 02SEP10 10NOV10	
C1022	Landscaping	4w	Landscaping 06SEP10000010CT10	
C1015	Install finishes for North Residential tower	10w	Install finishes for North Residential tower 14OCT10 22DEC10	
C1026	Final commissioning	4w	Final commissioning 23DEC10 19JAN11	
C1024	Project substantially complete	0	Project substantially complete	
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