



# Local Government Energy Audit: Energy Audit Report



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## ***Pine Acres Manor Lift Station***

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## Disclaimer

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The intent of this energy analysis report is to identify energy savings opportunities and recommend upgrades to the facility's energy using equipment and systems. Approximate savings are included in this report to help make decisions about reducing energy use at the facility. This report, however, is not intended to serve as a detailed engineering design document. Further design and analysis may be necessary in order to implement some of the measures recommended in this report.

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# I EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) has sponsored this Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) Report for Pine Acres Manor Lift Station.

The goal of an LGEA report is to provide you with information on how your facility uses energy, identify energy conservation measures (ECMs) that can reduce your energy use, and provide information and assistance to help facilities implement ECMs. The LGEA report also contains valuable information on financial incentives from New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) for implementing ECMs.

This study was conducted by TRC Energy Services (TRC), as part of a comprehensive effort to assist New Jersey local governments in controlling energy costs and protecting our environment by offering a wide range of energy management options and advice.

## I.1 Facility Summary

Pine Acres Manor Lift Station is a 21 square foot facility hosts two lift pumps each with a 3 hp capacity. The facility does not have a building structure and is open to outside. Lighting consists of a single exterior pole mounted PAR28 halogen fixture that is controlled via daylight sensor.

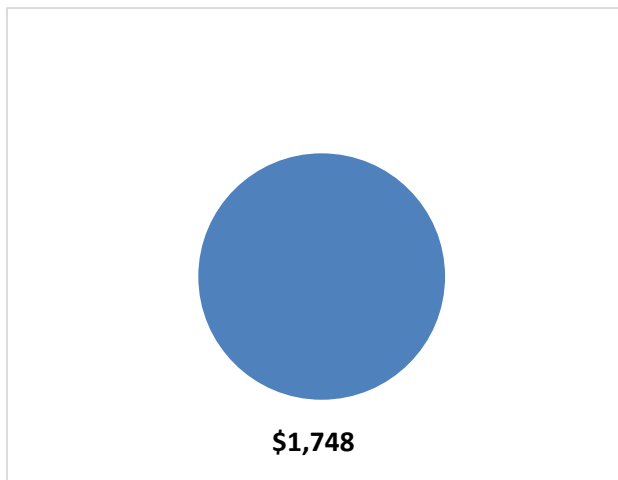
A thorough description of the facility and our observations are located in Section 2.

## I.2 Your Cost Reduction Opportunities

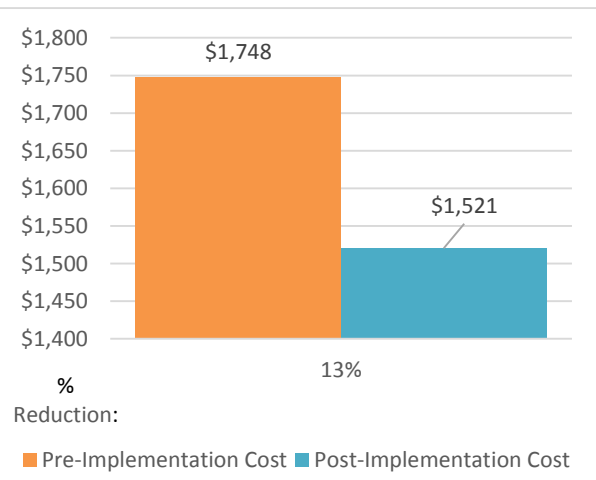
### Energy Conservation Measures

TRC evaluated two measures which together represent an opportunity for Pine Acres Manor Lift Station to reduce annual energy costs by roughly \$227 and annual greenhouse gas emissions by 1,385 lbs CO<sub>2</sub>e. We estimate that if all measures, including the “not recommended” were implemented, the project would pay for itself in 9.8 years. The breakdown of existing and potential utility costs after project implementation are illustrated in Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively. Together these measures represent an opportunity to reduce Pine Acres Manor Lift Station’s annual energy use by 13%.

**Figure 1 – Previous 12 Month Utility Costs**



**Figure 2 – Potential Post-Implementation Costs**



A detailed description of Pine Acres Manor Lift Station’s existing energy use can be found in Section 3.

Estimates of the total cost, energy savings, and financial incentives for the proposed energy efficient upgrades are summarized below in Figure 3. A brief description of each category can be found below and a description of savings opportunities can be found in Section 4.

**Figure 3 – Summary of Energy Reduction Opportunities**

Energy Conservation Measure		Recommend?	Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Peak Demand Savings (kW)	Annual Energy Cost Savings (\$)	Estimated Install Cost (\$)	Estimated Incentive (\$)*	Estimated Net Cost (\$)	Simple Payback Period (yrs)**	CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Reduction (lbs)
<b>Lighting Upgrades</b>			<b>620</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>\$102.40</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>625</b>
ECM 1	Install LED Fixtures	Yes	620	0.1	\$102.40	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	0.9	625
<b>Motor Upgrades</b>			<b>755</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>\$124.65</b>	<b>\$2,137.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,137.14</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>760</b>
	Premium Efficiency Motors	No	755	0.2	\$124.65	\$2,137.14	\$0.00	\$2,137.14	17.1	760
<b>Totals (All Measures)</b>			<b>1,375</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>\$227.05</b>	<b>\$2,227.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,227.14</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>1,385</b>
<b>Totals (For Recommended Only Measures)</b>			<b>620</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>\$102.40</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>625</b>

\* - All incentives presented in this table are based on NJ Smart Start Building equipment incentives and assume proposed equipment meets minimum performance criteria for that program.

\*\* - Simple Payback Period is based on net measure costs (i.e. after incentives).

**Lighting Upgrades** generally involve the replacement of existing lighting components such as lamps and ballasts (or the entire fixture) with higher efficiency lighting components. These measures save energy by reducing the power used by the lighting components due to improved electrical efficiency.

**Motor Upgrades** generally involve replacing older standard efficiency motors with high efficiency standard (NEMA Premium). Motors replacements generally assume the same size motors, just higher efficiency. Although occasionally additional savings can be achieved by downsizing motors to better meet current load requirements. This measure saves energy by reducing the power used by the motors, due to improved electrical efficiency.

### Energy Efficient Practices

TRC also identified two low cost (or no cost) energy efficient practices. A facility’s energy performance can be significantly improved by employing certain behavioral or operational adjustments and by performing better routine maintenance on building systems. These practices can extend equipment lifetime, improve occupant comfort, provide better health and safety, as well as reduce annual energy and O&M costs. Potential opportunities identified at Pine Acres Manor Lift Station include:

- Develop a Lighting Maintenance Schedule
- Ensure Lighting Controls Are Operating Properly

For details on these energy efficient practices, please refer to Section 5.

### On-Site Generation Measures

TRC evaluated the potential for installing on-site generation for Pine Acres Manor Lift Station. Based on the configuration of the site and its loads there is a low potential for installing any PV and combined heat and power self-generation measures.

For details on our evaluation and on-site generation potential, please refer to Section 6.

### I.3 Implementation Planning

To realize the energy savings from the ECMs listed in this report, a project implementation plan must be developed. Available capital must be considered and decisions need to be made whether it is best to pursue individual ECMs separately, groups of ECMs, or a comprehensive approach where all ECMs are implemented together, possibly in conjunction with other facility upgrades or improvements.

Rebates, incentives, and financing are available from NJCEP, as well as other sources, to help reduce the costs associated with the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Prior to implementing any measure, please review the relevant incentive program guidelines before proceeding. This is important because in most cases you will need to submit applications for the incentives prior to purchasing materials or commencing with installation.

The ECMs outlined in this report may qualify under the following program(s):

- SmartStart
- SREC (Solar Renewable Energy Certificate) Registration Program (SRP)
- Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)

For facilities wanting to pursue only selected individual measures (or planning to phase implementation of selected measures over multiple years), incentives are available through the SmartStart program. To participate in this program you may utilize internal resources, or an outside firm or contractor, to do the final design of the ECM(s) and do the installation. Program pre-approval is required for some SmartStart incentives, so only after receiving pre-approval should you proceed with ECM installation. The incentive estimates listed above in Figure 3 are based on the SmartStart program. More details on this program and others are available in Section 8.

For larger facilities with limited capital availability to implement ECMs, project financing may be available through the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP). Supported directly by the NJBPU, ESIP provides government agencies with project development, design, and implementation support services, as well as, attractive financing for implementing ECMs. An LGEA report (or other approved energy audit) is required for participation in ESIP. Please refer to Section 8.3 for additional information on the ESIP Program.

Additional information on relevant incentive programs is located in Section 8. You may also check the following website for more details: [www.njcleanenergy.com/ci](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/ci).

## 2 FACILITY INFORMATION AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

### 2.1 Project Contacts

*Figure 4 – Project Contacts*

Name	Role	E-Mail	Phone #
<b>Customer</b>			
Joe Veni	Supervising Engineer	jveni@manchestertwp.com	732-65-8121
Jeff Ruerup	Maintenance Supervisor	jruerup@manchestertwp.com	908-963-6242
<b>TRC Energy Services</b>			
Vish Nimbalkar	Auditor	VNaikNimbalkar@trcsolutions.com	732-947-8898

### 2.2 General Site Information

On March 30, 2018, TRC performed an energy audit at Pine Acres Manor Lift Station located in Toms River, New Jersey. TRC’s team met with Kevin to review the facility operations and help focus our investigation on specific energy-using systems.

Pine Acres Manor Lift Station, constructed in 1972, is a 21 square foot facility that hosts two lift pumps each with a 3 hp capacity. The facility does not have a building structure and is open to outside. Lighting consists of a single exterior pole mounted PAR28 halogen fixture that is controlled via daylight sensor.

### 2.3 Building Occupancy

The facility is operational all year, however the township staff only visits a few minutes every day to record pump hours and address any maintenance issues. Typical schedule is presented in the table below.

*Figure 5 - Building Schedule*

Building Name	Weekday/Weekend	Operating Schedule
Pine Acres Manor	Weekday	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM
Pine Acres Manor	Weekend	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM

### 2.4 Building Envelope

The facility does not have a building structure and is open to the outdoor. It has a fenced surrounding the lift station.

### 2.5 On-Site Generation

Pines Acres Manor has an onsite Kohler diesel generator for back up. Specifications or nameplate information were not available.



## 2.6 Energy-Using Systems

Major energy using equipment include the two submersible sewage pumps each with a 3 hp constant speed. The pumps are controlled automatically by a central monitoring system. Based on the utility bills both pumps run about six to seven hours a day all year. The annual utility spend is approximately \$1,550. The motors appear original to the facility construction and are past their useful life.

Lighting at the facility consists of a single exterior pole mounted PAR38 halogen fixture that is controlled via daylight sensor. The fixture is rated at 180-Watts.



Please see Appendix A: Equipment Inventory & Recommendations for an inventory of the facility's equipment.

### 3 SITE ENERGY USE AND COSTS

Utility data for electricity was analyzed to identify opportunities for savings. In addition, data for electricity was evaluated to determine the annual energy performance metrics for the building in energy cost per square foot and energy usage per square foot. These metrics are an estimate of the relative energy efficiency of this building. There are a number of factors that could cause the energy use of this building to vary from the “typical” energy usage profile for facilities with similar characteristics. Local weather conditions, building age and insulation levels, equipment efficiency, daily occupancy hours, changes in occupancy throughout the year, equipment operating hours, and energy efficient behavior of occupants all contribute to benchmarking scores. Please refer to the Benchmarking section within Section 3.3 for additional information.

#### 3.1 Total Cost of Energy

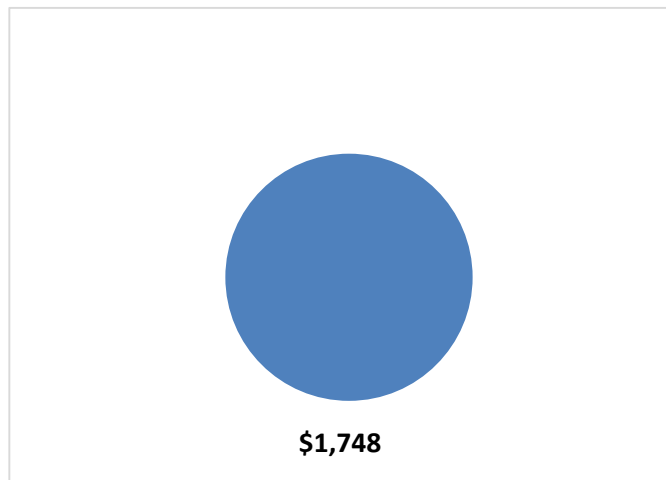
The following energy consumption and cost data is based on the last 12-month period of utility billing data that was provided for each utility. A profile of the annual energy consumption and energy cost of the facility was developed from this information.

*Figure 6 - Utility Summary*

Utility Summary for Pine Acres Manor Lift Station		
Fuel	Usage	Cost
Electricity	10,586 kWh	\$1,748
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,748</b>

The current annual energy cost for this facility is \$1,748 as shown in the chart below.

*Figure 7 - Energy Cost Breakdown*



### 3.2 Electricity Usage

Electricity is provided by JCP&L. The average electric cost over the past 12 months was \$0.165/kWh, which is the blended rate that includes energy supply, distribution, and other charges. This rate is used throughout the analyses in this report to assess energy costs and savings. The monthly electricity consumption and peak demand are shown in the chart below.

Figure 8 - Electric Usage & Demand

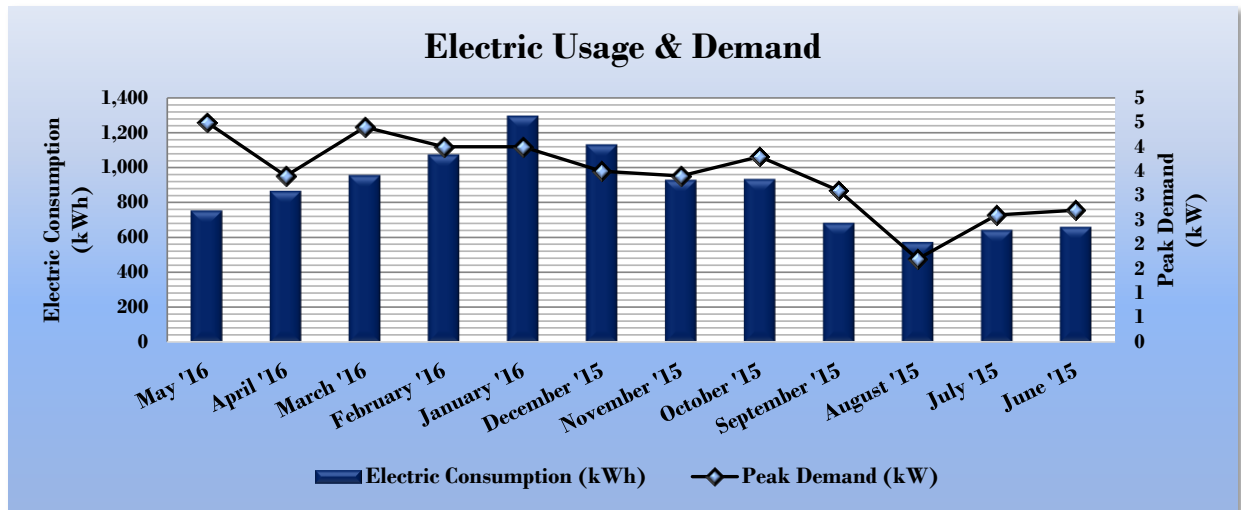


Figure 9 - Electric Usage & Demand

Electric Billing Data for Pine Acres Manor Lift Station					
Period Ending	Days in Period	Electric Usage (kWh)	Demand (kW)	Demand Cost	Total Electric Cost
5/24/16	29	756	4.50		\$ 127.58
4/25/16	32	869	3.40		\$ 145.17
3/24/16	29	959	4.40		\$ 158.90
2/24/16	28	1,077	4.00		\$ 173.70
1/27/16	30	1,299	4.00		\$ 197.70
12/28/15	33	1,134	3.50		\$ 179.63
11/25/15	30	931	3.40		\$ 154.40
10/26/15	31	936	3.80		\$ 155.10
9/25/15	30	685	3.10		\$ 119.08
8/26/15	30	575	1.70		\$ 101.63
7/27/15	32	645	2.60		\$ 112.74
6/25/15	29	662	2.70		\$ 112.43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>10,528</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,738</b>
<b>Annual</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>10,586</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,748</b>

### 3.3 Benchmarking

Lift stations are not one of the facility types that is eligible to receive an ENERGY STAR® score. The energy use intensity (EUI) would also not be comparable to any other facilities as energy used per square feet would be not be an appropriate index to measure the facility performance. The reason being that most of these buildings are less than 500 square feet and host pumps and a few light fixtures.

The EUI is a measure of a facility’s energy consumption per square foot, and it is the standard metric for comparing buildings’ energy performance. Comparing the EUI of a building with the national median EUI for that building type illustrates whether that building uses more or less energy than similar buildings of its type on a square foot basis. EUI is presented in terms of “site energy” and “source energy.” Site energy is the amount of fuel and electricity consumed by a building as reflected in utility bills. Source energy includes fuel consumed to generate electricity consumed at the site, factoring in electric production and distribution losses for the region.

**Figure 10 - Energy Use Intensity Comparison – Existing Conditions**

Energy Use Intensity Comparison - Existing Conditions		
	Pine Acres Manor Lift Station	National Median Building Type: Water/Wastewater Treatment/Pumping
Source Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	5400.7	123.1
Site Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	1720.0	78.8

Implementation of all recommended measures in this report would improve the building’s estimated EUI significantly, as shown in the table below:

**Figure 11 - Energy Use Intensity Comparison – Following Installation of Recommended Measures**

Energy Use Intensity Comparison - Following Installation of Recommended Measures		
	Pine Acres Manor Lift Station	National Median Building Type: Water/Wastewater Treatment/Pumping
Source Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	5084.3	123.1
Site Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	1619.2	78.8

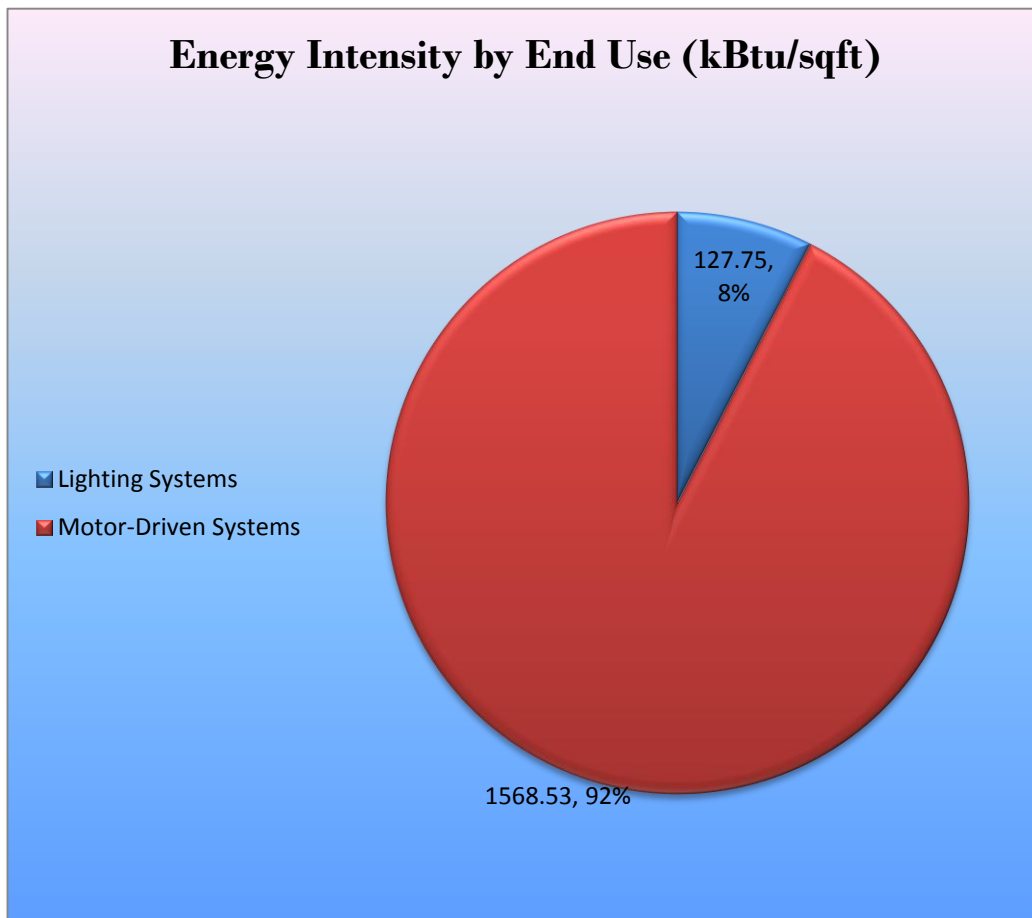
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### 3.4 Energy End-Use Breakdown

In order to provide a complete overview of energy consumption across building systems, an energy balance was performed at this facility. An energy balance utilizes standard practice engineering methods to evaluate all components of the various electric and fuel-fired systems found in a building to determine their proportional contribution to overall building energy usage. This chart of energy end uses highlights the relative contribution of each equipment category to total energy usage. This can help determine where the greatest benefits might be found from energy efficiency measures.

Figure 12 - Energy Balance (kBtu/SF)



## 4 ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES

The goal of this audit report is to identify potential energy efficiency opportunities, help prioritize specific measures for implementation, and provide information to the Pine Acres Manor Lift Station regarding financial incentives for which they may qualify to implement the recommended measures. For this audit report, most measures have received only a preliminary analysis of feasibility which identifies expected ranges of savings and costs. This level of analysis is usually considered sufficient to demonstrate project cost-effectiveness and help prioritize energy measures. Savings are based on the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Protocols to Measure Resource Savings dated June 29, 2016, approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Further analysis or investigation may be required to calculate more precise savings based on specific circumstances. A higher level of investigation may be necessary to support any custom SmartStart or Pay for Performance, or Direct Install incentive applications. Financial incentives for the ECMs identified in this report have been calculated based the NJCEP prescriptive SmartStart program. Some measures and proposed upgrade projects may be eligible for higher incentives than those shown below through other NJCEP programs as described in Section 8.

The following sections describe the evaluated measures.

### 4.1 Recommended ECMs

The measures below have been evaluated by the auditor and are recommended for implementation at the facility.

*Figure 13 – Summary of Recommended ECMs*

Energy Conservation Measure		Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Peak Demand Savings (kW)	Annual Energy Cost Savings (\$)	Estimated Install Cost (\$)	Estimated Incentive (\$)*	Estimated Net Cost (\$)	Simple Payback Period (yrs)**	CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Reduction (lbs)
<b>Lighting Upgrades</b>		<b>620</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>\$102.40</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>625</b>
ECM 1	Install LED Fixtures	620	0.1	\$102.40	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	0.9	625

## 4.1.1 Lighting Upgrades

Our recommendations for upgrades to existing lighting fixtures are summarized in **Error! Reference source not found.** below.

*Figure 14 – Summary of Lighting Upgrade ECMs*

Energy Conservation Measure		Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Peak Demand Savings (kW)	Annual Energy Cost Savings (\$)	Estimated Install Cost (\$)	Estimated Incentive (\$)*	Estimated Net Cost (\$)	Simple Payback Period (yrs)**	CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Reduction (lbs)
<b>Lighting Upgrades</b>		<b>620</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>\$102.40</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>625</b>
ECM 1	Install LED Fixtures	620	0.1	\$102.40	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	0.9	625

During lighting upgrade planning and design, we recommend a comprehensive approach that considers both the efficiency of the lighting fixtures and how they are controlled.

### **ECM 1: Install LED Fixtures**

#### *Summary of Measure Economics*

Interior/ Exterior	Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Peak Demand Savings (kW)	Annual Fuel Savings (MMBtu)	Annual Energy Cost Savings (\$)	Estimated Install Cost (\$)	Estimated Incentive (\$)	Estimated Net Cost (\$)	Simple Payback Period (yrs)	CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Reduction (lbs)
Interior	0	0.0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0	0
Exterior	620	0.1	0.0	\$102.40	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	0.9	625

#### *Measure Description*

We recommend replacing existing fixture containing PAR38 halogen lamps with new high performance LED light fixtures. This measure saves energy by installing LEDs which use less power than other technologies with a comparable light output.

Additional savings from lighting maintenance can be anticipated since LEDs have lifetimes which are more than twice that of a fluorescent tubes and more than ten times longer than many incandescent lamps.

## 4.2 ECMs Evaluated But Not Recommended

The measure below has been evaluated by the auditor but are not recommended for implementation at the facility. Reasons for exclusion can be found in each measure description section.

**Figure 15 – Summary of Measures Evaluated, but Not Recommended**

Energy Conservation Measure	Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Peak Demand Savings (kW)	Annual Fuel Savings (MMBtu)	Annual Energy Cost Savings (\$)	Estimated Install Cost (\$)	Estimated Incentive (\$)*	Estimated Net Cost (\$)	Simple Payback Period (yrs)**	CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Reduction (lbs)
<b>Motor Upgrades</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>\$124.65</b>	<b>\$2,137.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,137.14</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>760</b>
Premium Efficiency Motors	755	0.2	0.0	\$124.65	\$2,137.14	\$0.00	\$2,137.14	17.1	760
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>\$124.65</b>	<b>\$2,137.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,137.14</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>760</b>

\* - All incentives presented in this table are based on NJ Smart Start Building equipment incentives and assume proposed equipment meets minimum performance criteria for that program.

\*\* - Simple Payback Period is based on net measure costs (i.e. after incentives).

### Premium Efficiency Motors

#### *Summary of Measure Economics*

Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Peak Demand Savings (kW)	Annual Fuel Savings (MMBtu)	Annual Energy Cost Savings (\$)	Estimated Install Cost (\$)	Estimated Incentive (\$)	Estimated Net Cost (\$)	Simple Payback Period (yrs)	CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Reduction (lbs)
755	0.2	0.0	\$124.65	\$2,137.14	\$0.00	\$2,137.14	17.1	760

#### *Measure Description*

We recommend replacing standard efficiency motors with *NEMA Premium™* efficiency motors. Our evaluation assumes that existing motors will be replaced with motors of equivalent size and type. Although occasionally additional savings can be achieved by downsizing motors to better meet the motor's current load requirements. The base case motor efficiencies are estimated from nameplate information and our best estimates of motor run hours. Efficiencies of proposed motor upgrades are obtained from the *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Protocols to Measure Resource Savings (2016)*. Savings are based on the difference between baseline and proposed efficiencies and the assumed annual operating hours.

#### *Reasons for not Recommending*

Due to the simple payback being longer than the useful life of the new NEMA Premium Efficiency motors this measure is not recommended for implementation. The facility may choose to proceed with implementation based on other factors such as any current maintenance issues, costs etc.



## 5 ENERGY EFFICIENT PRACTICES

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In addition to the quantifiable savings estimated in Section 4, a facility's energy performance can also be improved through application of many low cost or no-cost energy efficiency strategies. By employing certain behavioral and operational changes and performing routine maintenance on building systems, equipment lifetime can be extended; occupant comfort, health and safety can be improved; and energy and O&M costs can be reduced. The recommendations below are provided as a framework for developing a whole building maintenance plan that is customized to your facility. Consult with qualified equipment specialists for details on proper maintenance and system operation.

### **Develop a Lighting Maintenance Schedule**

In addition to routine fixture cleaning, development of a maintenance schedule can both ensure maintenance is performed regularly and can reduce the overall cost of fixture re-lamping and re-ballasting. By re-lamping and re-ballasting fixtures in groups, lighting levels are better maintained and the number of site visits by a lighting technician or contractor can be minimized, decreasing the overall cost of maintenance.

### **Ensure Lighting Controls Are Operating Properly**

Lighting controls are very cost effective energy efficient devices, when installed and operating correctly. As part of a lighting maintenance schedule, lighting controls should be tested annually to ensure proper functioning. For occupancy sensors, this requires triggering the sensor and verifying that the sensor's timer settings are correct. For daylight sensors, maintenance involves cleaning of sensor lenses and confirming setpoints and sensitivity are appropriately configured.

## 6 ON-SITE GENERATION MEASURES

On-site generation measure options include both renewable (e.g., solar, wind) and non-renewable (e.g., fuel cells) on-site technologies that generate power to meet all or a portion of the electric energy needs of a facility, often repurposing any waste heat where applicable. Also referred to as distributed generation, these systems contribute to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reductions, demand reductions and reduced customer electricity purchases, resulting in the electric system reliability through improved transmission and distribution system utilization.

The State of New Jersey’s Energy Master Plan (EMP) encourages new distributed generation of all forms and specifically focuses on expanding use of combined heat and power (CHP) by reducing financial, regulatory and technical barriers and identifying opportunities for new entries. The EMP also outlines a goal of 70% of the State’s electrical needs to be met by renewable sources by 2050.

Preliminary screenings were performed to determine the potential that a generation project could provide a cost-effective solution for your facility. Before making a decision to implement, a feasibility study should be conducted that would take a detailed look at existing energy profiles, siting, interconnection, and the costs associated with the generation project including interconnection costs, departing load charges, and any additional special facilities charges.

### 6.1 Photovoltaic

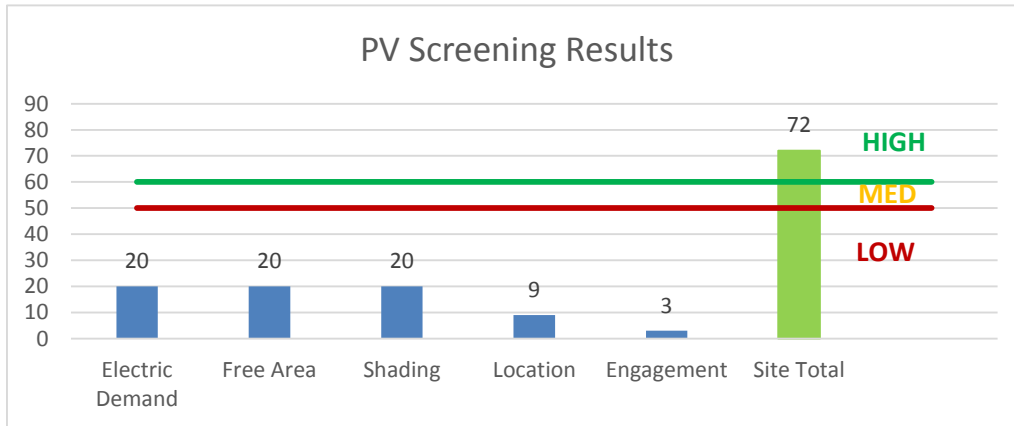
Sunlight can be converted into electricity using photovoltaics (PV) modules. Modules are racked together into an array that produces direct current (DC) electricity. The DC current is converted to alternating current (AC) through an inverter. The inverter is interconnected to the facility’s electrical distribution system. The amount of unobstructed area available determines how large of a solar array can be installed. The size of the array combined with the orientation, tilt, and shading elements determines the energy produced.

The facility requested TRC to analyze the solar potential at a former landfill site owned by the township located at 1360 Route 70, Whiting, New Jersey. The image below shows the area considered for the solar PV. The area is approximately 117,000 sq. feet.



A preliminary screening based on the facility’s electric demand, size and location of free area, and shading elements shows that the site has a high potential for cost-effective installation of a PV array. Please refer to the Municipal Building energy audit report for further details on the cost and savings analysis of installing solar PV at the location shown above. TRC recommends that the site be assessed by a qualified solar installer. Site conditions need to be assessed and options for sale of power or usage by municipal buildings need to be more fully explored in order to determine project cost-effectiveness.

**Figure 16 Photovoltaic Screening**



Solar projects must register their projects in the SREC (Solar Renewable Energy Certificate) Registration Program (SRP) prior to the start of construction in order to establish the project’s eligibility to earn SRECs. Registration of the intent to participate in New Jersey’s solar marketplace provides market participants with information about developed new solar projects and insight into future SREC pricing. Refer to Section 8.2 for additional information.

For more information on solar PV technology and commercial solar markets in New Jersey, or to find a qualified solar installer, who can provide a more detailed assessment of the specific costs and benefits of solar develop of the site, please visit the following links below:

- **Basic Info on Solar PV in NJ:** <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/whysolar>
- **NJ Solar Market FAQs:** <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/program-updates-and-background-information/solar-transition/solar-market-faqs>
- **Approved Solar Installers in the NJ Market:** [http://www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/nj-smartstart-buildings/tools-and-resources/tradeally/approved\\_vendorsearch/?id=60&start=1](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/nj-smartstart-buildings/tools-and-resources/tradeally/approved_vendorsearch/?id=60&start=1)

## 7 DEMAND RESPONSE

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Demand Response (DR) is a program designed to reduce the electric load of commercial facilities when electric wholesale prices are high or when the reliability of the electric grid is threatened due to peak demand. Demand Response service providers (a.k.a. Curtailment Service Providers) are registered with PJM, the independent system operator (ISO) for mid-Atlantic state region that is charged with maintaining electric grid reliability.

By enabling grid operators to call upon Curtailment Service Providers and commercial facilities to reduce electric usage during times of peak demand, the grid is made more reliable and overall transmission costs are reduced for all ratepayers. Curtailment Service Providers provide regular payments to medium and large consumers of electric power for their participation in DR programs. Program participation is voluntary and participants receive payments whether or not their facility is called upon to curtail their electric usage.

Typically an electric customer needs to be capable of reducing their electric demand, within minutes, by at least 100 kW or more in order to participate in a DR program. Customers with a greater capability to quickly curtail their demand during peak hours will receive higher payments. Customers with back-up generators onsite may also receive additional DR payments for their generating capacity if they agree to run the generators for grid support when called upon. Eligible customers who have chosen to participate in a DR programs often find it to be a valuable source of revenue for their facility because the payments can significantly offset annual electric costs.

Participating customers can often quickly reduce their peak load through simple measures, such as temporarily raising temperature set points on thermostats, so that air conditioning units run less frequently, or agreeing to dim or shut off less critical lighting. This usually requires some level of building automation and controls capability to ensure rapid load reduction during a DR curtailment event. DR program participants may need to install smart meters or may need to also sub-meter larger energy-using equipment, such as chillers, in order to demonstrate compliance with DR program requirements.

DR does not include the reduction of electricity consumption based on normal operating practice or behavior. For example, if a company's normal schedule is to close for a holiday, the reduction of electricity due to this closure or scaled-back operation is not considered a demand response activity in most situations.

The first step toward participation in a DR program is to contact a Curtailment Service Provider. A list of these providers is available on PJM's website and it includes contact information for each company, as well as the states where they have active business (<http://www.pjm.com/markets-and-operations/demand-response/csps.aspx>). PJM also posts training materials that are developed for program members interested in specific rules and requirements regarding DR activity (<http://www.pjm.com/training/training%20material.aspx>), along with a variety of other DR program information.

Curtailment Service Providers typically offer free assessments to determine a facility's eligibility to participate in a DR program. They will provide details regarding program rules and requirements for metering and controls, assess a facility's ability to temporarily reduce electric load, and provide details on payments to be expected for participation in the program. Providers usually offer multiple options for DR to larger facilities and may also install controls or remote monitoring equipment of their own to help ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of a DR contract.

## 8 PROJECT FUNDING / INCENTIVES

The NJCEP is able to provide the incentive programs described below, and other benefits to ratepayers, because of the Societal Benefits Charge (SBC) Fund. The SBC was created by the State of New Jersey’s Electricity Restructuring Law (1999), which requires all customers of investor-owned electric and gas utilities to pay a surcharge on their monthly energy bills. As a customer of a state-regulated electric or gas utility and therefore a contributor to the fund your organization is eligible to participate in the LGEA program and also eligible to receive incentive payment for qualifying energy efficiency measures. Also available through the NJBPU are some alternative financing programs described later in this section. Please refer to Figure 17 for a list of the eligible programs identified for each recommended ECM.

*Figure 17 - ECM Incentive Program Eligibility*

Energy Conservation Measure		SmartStart Prescriptive	SmartStart Custom	Direct Install	Pay For Performance Existing Buildings	Large Energy Users Program	Combined Heat & Power and Fuel Cell
ECM 1	Install LED Fixtures	X					

SmartStart is generally well-suited for implementation of individual measures or small group of measures. It provides flexibility to install measures at your own pace using in-house staff or a preferred contractor. Direct Install caters to small to mid-size facilities that can bundle multiple ECMs together. This can greatly simplify participation and may lead to higher incentive amounts, but requires the use of pre-approved contractors. Note that the volume of recommended work for this site is probably insufficient to engage the services of a Direct Install contractor. The Pay for Performance (P4P) program is a “whole-building” energy improvement program designed for larger facilities. It requires implementation of multiple measures meeting minimum savings thresholds, as well as use of pre-approved consultants. The Large Energy Users Program (LEUP) is available to New Jersey’s largest energy users giving them flexibility to install as little or as many measures, in a single facility or several facilities, with incentives capped based on the entity’s annual energy consumption. LEUP applicants can use in-house staff or a preferred contractor.

Generally, the incentive values provided throughout the report assume the SmartStart program is utilized because it provides a consistent basis for comparison of available incentives for various measures, though in many cases incentive amounts may be higher through participation in other programs.

Brief descriptions of all relevant financing and incentive programs are located in the sections below. Further information, including most current program availability, requirements, and incentive levels can be found at: [www.njcleanenergy.com/ci](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/ci)

## 8.1 SmartStart

### Overview

The SmartStart program offers incentives for installing prescriptive and custom energy efficiency measures at your facility. Routinely the program adds, removes or modifies incentives from year to year for various energy efficiency equipment based on market trends and new technologies.

### **Equipment with Prescriptive Incentives Currently Available:**

*Electric Chillers*

*Electric Unitary HVAC*

*Gas Cooling*

*Gas Heating*

*Gas Water Heating*

*Ground Source Heat Pumps*

*Lighting*

*Lighting Controls*

*Refrigeration Doors*

*Refrigeration Controls*

*Refrigerator/Freezer Motors*

*Food Service Equipment*

*Variable Frequency Drives*

Most equipment sizes and types are served by this program. This program provides an effective mechanism for securing incentives for energy efficiency measures installed individually or as part of a package of energy upgrades.

### Incentives

The SmartStart prescriptive incentive program provides fixed incentives for specific energy efficiency measures, whereas the custom SmartStart program provides incentives for more unique or specialized technologies or systems that are not addressed through prescriptive incentive offerings for specific devices.

Since your facility is an existing building, only the retrofit incentives have been applied in this report. Custom measure incentives are calculated at \$0.16/kWh and \$1.60/therm based on estimated annual savings, capped at 50% of the total installed incremental project cost, or a project cost buy down to a one year payback (whichever is less). Program incentives are capped at \$500,000 per electric account and \$500,000 per natural gas account, per fiscal year.

### How to Participate

To participate in the SmartStart program you will need to submit an application for the specific equipment to be installed. Many applications are designed as rebates, although others require application approval prior to installation. Applicants may work with a contractor of their choosing and can also utilize internal personnel, which provides added flexibility to the program. Using internal personnel also helps improve the economics of the ECM by reducing the labor cost that is included in the tables in this report.

Detailed program descriptions, instructions for applying and applications can be found at: [www.njcleanenergy.com/SSB](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/SSB).

## 8.2 SREC Registration Program

The SREC (Solar Renewable Energy Certificate) Registration Program (SRP) is used to register the intent to install solar projects in New Jersey. Rebates are not available for solar projects, but owners of solar projects MUST register their projects in the SRP prior to the start of construction in order to establish the project's eligibility to earn SRECs. Registration of the intent to participate in New Jersey's solar marketplace provides market participants with information about the pipeline of anticipated new solar capacity and insight into future SREC pricing.

After the registration is accepted, construction is complete, and final paperwork has been submitted and is deemed complete, the project is issued a New Jersey certification number which enables it to generate New Jersey SRECs. SREC's are generated once the solar project has been authorized to be energized by the Electric Distribution Company (EDC).

Each time a solar installation generates 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity, an SREC is earned. Solar project owners report the energy production to the SREC Tracking System. This reporting allows SRECs to be placed in the customer's electronic account. SRECs can then be sold on the SREC Tracking System, providing revenue for the first 15 years of the project's life.

Electricity suppliers, the primary purchasers of SRECs, are required to pay a Solar Alternative Compliance Payment (SACP) if they do not meet the requirements of New Jersey's Solar RPS. One way they can meet the RPS requirements is by purchasing SRECs. As SRECs are traded in a competitive market, the price may vary significantly. The actual price of an SREC during a trading period can and will fluctuate depending on supply and demand.

Information about the SRP can be found at: [www.njcleanenergy.com/srec](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/srec).

### 8.3 Energy Savings Improvement Program

The Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) is an alternate method for New Jersey's government agencies to finance the implementation of energy conservation measures. An ESIP is a type of "performance contract," whereby school districts, counties, municipalities, housing authorities and other public and state entities enter in to contracts to help finance building energy upgrades. This is done in a manner that ensures that annual payments are lower than the savings projected from the ECMs, ensuring that ESIP projects are cash flow positive in year one, and every year thereafter. ESIP provides government agencies in New Jersey with a flexible tool to improve and reduce energy usage with minimal expenditure of new financial resources. NJCEP incentive programs can be leveraged to help further reduce the total project cost of eligible measures.

This LGEA report is the first step to participating in ESIP. Next, you will need to select an approach for implementing the desired ECMs:

- (1) Use an Energy Services Company or "ESCO."
- (2) Use independent engineers and other specialists, or your own qualified staff, to provide and manage the requirements of the program through bonds or lease obligations.
- (3) Use a hybrid approach of the two options described above where the ESCO is utilized for some services and independent engineers, or other specialists or qualified staff, are used to deliver other requirements of the program.

After adopting a resolution with a chosen implementation approach, the development of the Energy Savings Plan (ESP) can begin. The ESP demonstrates that the total project costs of the ECMs are offset by the energy savings over the financing term, not to exceed 15 years. The verified savings will then be used to pay for the financing.

The ESIP approach may not be appropriate for all energy conservation and energy efficiency improvements. Entities should carefully consider all alternatives to develop an approach that best meets their needs. A detailed program description and application can be found at: [www.njcleanenergy.com/ESIP](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/ESIP)

Please note that ESIP is a program delivered directly by the NJBPU and is not an NJCEP incentive program. As mentioned above, you may utilize NJCEP incentive programs to help further reduce costs when developing the ESP. You should refer to the ESIP guidelines at the link above for further information and guidance on next steps.



## 9 ENERGY PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGIES

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### 9.1 Retail Electric Supply Options

In 1999, New Jersey State Legislature passed the Electric Discount & Energy Competition Act (EDECA) to restructure the electric power industry in New Jersey. This law deregulated the retail electric markets, allowing all consumers to shop for service from competitive electric suppliers. The intent was to create a more competitive market for electric power supply in New Jersey. As a result, utilities were allowed to charge Cost of Service and customers were given the ability to choose a third party (i.e., non-utility) energy supplier.

Energy deregulation in New Jersey has increased energy buyers' options by separating the function of electricity distribution from that of electricity supply. So, though you may choose a different company from which to buy your electric power, responsibility for your facility's interconnection to the grid and repair to local power distribution will still reside with the traditional utility company serving your region.

If your facility is not purchasing electricity from a third party supplier, consider shopping for a reduced rate from third party electric suppliers. If your facility is purchasing electricity from a third party supplier, review and compare prices at the end of the current contract or every couple years.

A list of third party electric suppliers, who are licensed by the state to provide service in New Jersey, can be found online at: [www.state.nj.us/bpu/commercial/shopping.html](http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/commercial/shopping.html).

### 9.2 Retail Natural Gas Supply Options

The natural gas market in New Jersey has also been deregulated. Most customers that remain with the utility for natural gas service pay rates that are market-based and that fluctuate on a monthly basis. The utility provides basic gas supply service (BGSS) to customers who choose not to buy from a third party supplier for natural gas commodity.

A customer's decision about whether to buy natural gas from a retail supplier is typically dependent upon whether a customer seeks budget certainty and/or longer-term rate stability. Customers can secure longer-term fixed prices by signing up for service through a third party retail natural gas supplier. Many larger natural gas customers may seek the assistance of a professional consultant to assist in their procurement process.

If your facility is not purchasing natural gas from a third party supplier, consider shopping for a reduced rate from third party natural gas suppliers. If your facility is purchasing natural gas from a third party supplier, review and compare prices at the end of the current contract or every couple years.

A list of third party natural gas suppliers, who are licensed by the state to provide service in New Jersey, can be found online at: [www.state.nj.us/bpu/commercial/shopping.html](http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/commercial/shopping.html).

# APPENDIX A: EQUIPMENT INVENTORY & RECOMMENDATIONS

## Lighting Inventory & Recommendations

Location	Existing Conditions					Proposed Conditions							Energy Impact & Financial Analysis						
	Fixture Quantity	Fixture Description	Control System	Watts per Fixture	Annual Operating Hours	Fixture Recommendation	Add Controls?	Fixture Quantity	Fixture Description	Control System	Watts per Fixture	Annual Operating Hours	Total Peak kW Savings	Total Annual kWh Savings	Total Annual MMBtu Savings	Total Annual Energy Cost Savings	Total Installation Cost	Total Incentives	Simple Payback w/ Incentives in Years
Exterior	1	Halogen Incandescent PAR Halogen	Daylight Dimming	180	4,368	Fixture Replacement	No	1	LED - Fixtures: 19W PAR LED	Daylight Dimming	38	4,368	0.10	620	0.0	\$102.40	\$90.00	\$0.00	0.88

## Motor Inventory & Recommendations

Location	Area(s)/System(s) Served	Existing Conditions						Proposed Conditions				Energy Impact & Financial Analysis						
		Motor Quantity	Motor Application	HP Per Motor	Full Load Efficiency	VFD Control?	Annual Operating Hours	Install High Efficiency Motors?	Full Load Efficiency	Install VFDs?	Number of VFDs	Total Peak kW Savings	Total Annual kWh Savings	Total Annual MMBtu Savings	Total Annual Energy Cost Savings	Total Installation Cost	Total Incentives	Simple Payback w/ Incentives in Years
Exterior	Lift Station	1	Process Pump	3.0	82.5%	No	2,555	Yes	89.5%	No		0.12	407	0.0	\$67.12	\$1,068.57	\$0.00	15.92
Exterior	Lift Station	1	Process Pump	3.0	82.5%	No	2,190	Yes	89.5%	No		0.12	348	0.0	\$57.53	\$1,068.57	\$0.00	18.57