

# ***Energizing Healthcare at Gundersen Lutheran***



***What footprint will we leave behind?***

# *Why Should a Healthcare System Think About Energy / Environment?*

- Pollutants from the burning of fossil fuels cause cancer, liver disease, kidney disease, and reproductive issues.
- According to the D.O.E., hospitals are 2.5 times more energy intensive than other commercial buildings.\*
  - This is inconsistent with our mission...we are responsible for contributing to disease through our wasteful consumption.
- Energy costs continue to escalate, making it more difficult to provide affordable care.
- Reducing waste results in an improved bottom line.

## ***Our Promise***

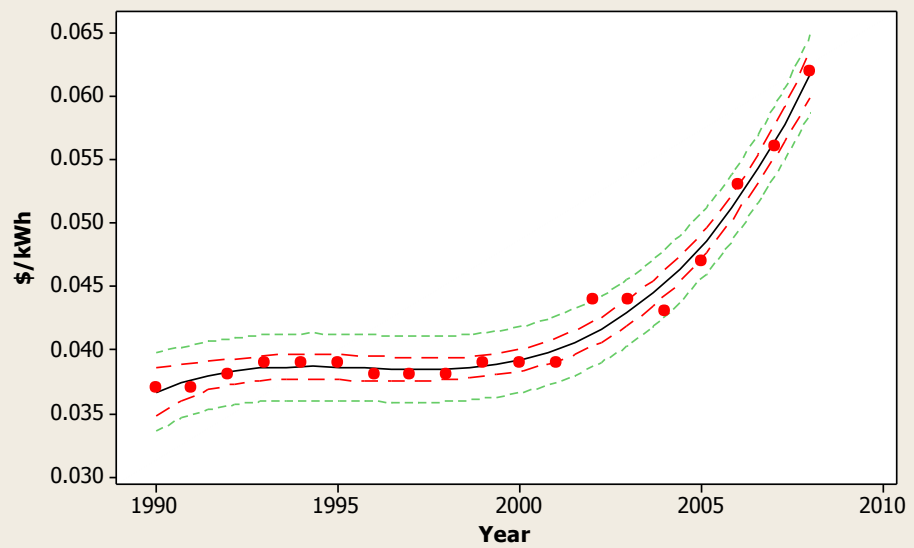
*Gundersen Lutheran is committed to environmental stewardship and energy management programs that promote a healthy environment for our patients, their families, our employees, and the communities we serve. We are dedicated to solutions that make environmental and economic sense, creating a healthier environment and lowering healthcare costs.*

# The Cost of Energy

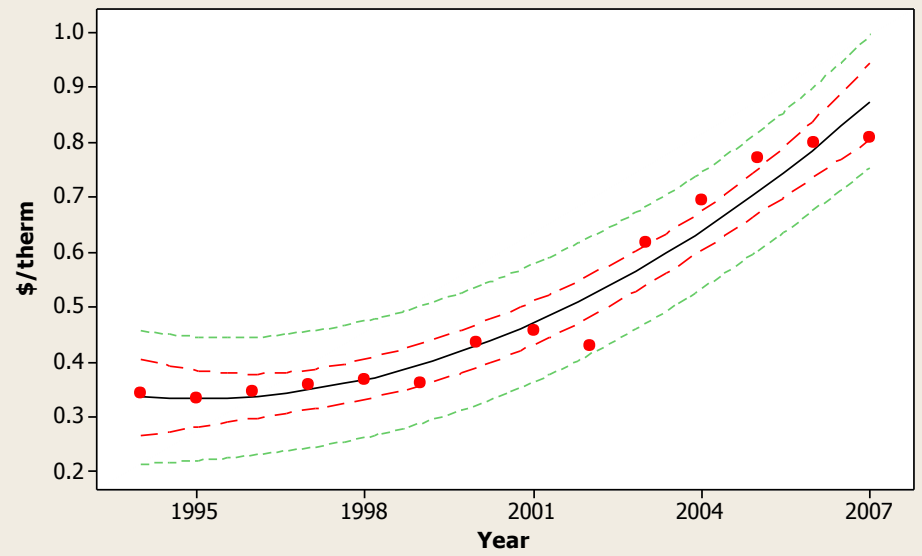
\$5M Spend in 2007

>\$350,000 Increase Annually for Gundersen Lutheran

Electricity Cost Trend



Gas Cost Trend



*The need for affordable healthcare compels us to address this trend*

# *Our Envision Program*

- **Energy Management**
  - Energy Efficiency
    - 30% reduction vs. 2007 baseline by December 2010
  - Renewable Energy
    - Plan for 100% renewable production has been developed
- **Recycling**
- **Waste Management and Control**
  - Comprehensive Waste Management System to include pharmaceutical waste best practice program
- **Sustainable Design of New Facilities**

***Gundersen Lutheran's Vision for Energy and Environmental Stewardship***

# *Energy Conservation*

- Best leverage of resources
  - Many conservation measures have paybacks < 2 years
- Immediate benefits to gain momentum
- Reduces the amount spent for renewable energy supply
- Stewardship gains credibility with stakeholders

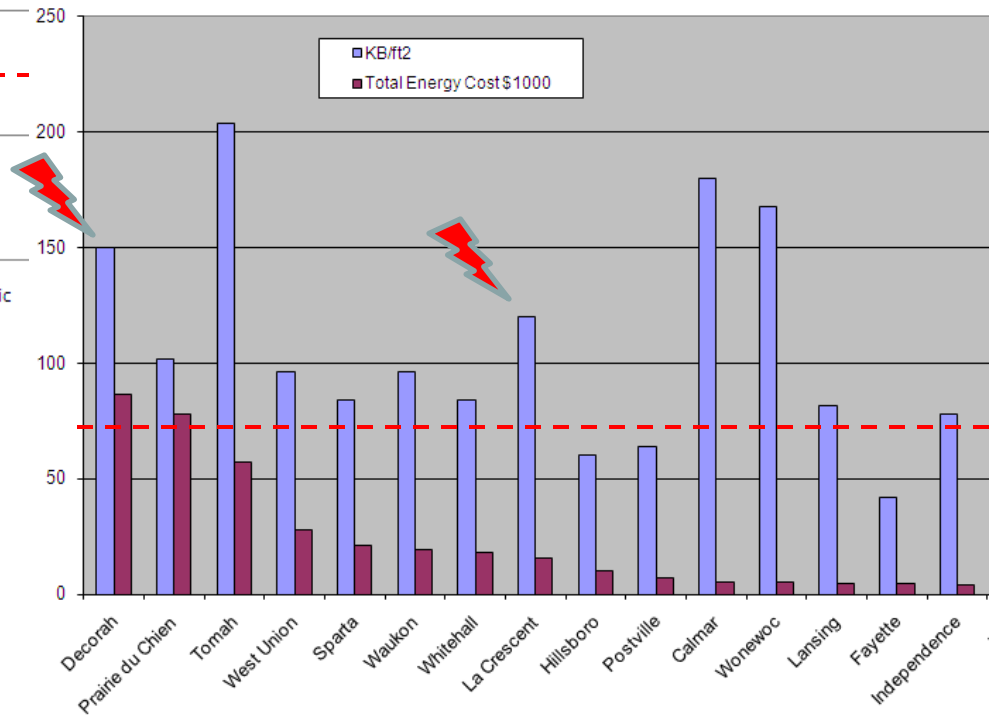
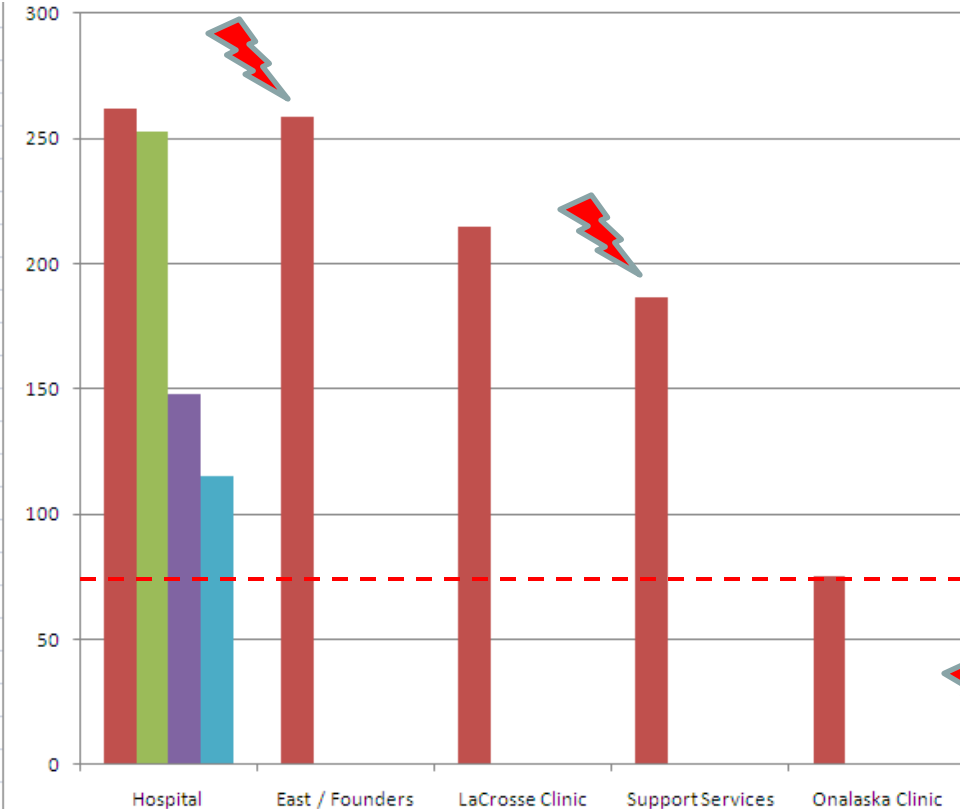
*20 – 30% energy reduction can be achieved through conservation measures*



# The Value of Commissioning



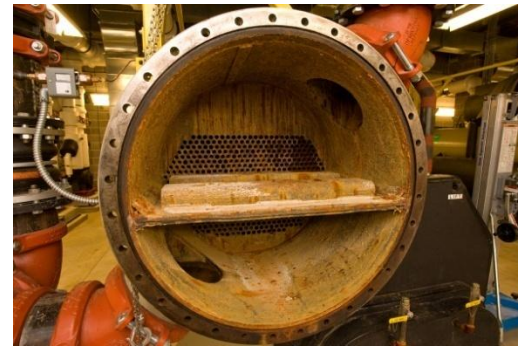
Several of our newest buildings were our worst performers





# Retrocommissioning

*Retrocommissioning examines heating and cooling systems, lighting systems and employee behavior to identify opportunities to reduce energy demand. Low-cost or no-cost Energy Control Measures (ECMs) are then implemented to improve efficiency.*



***Use only the energy you need, when you need it, where you need it...no more.***

# Audits & Project Lists

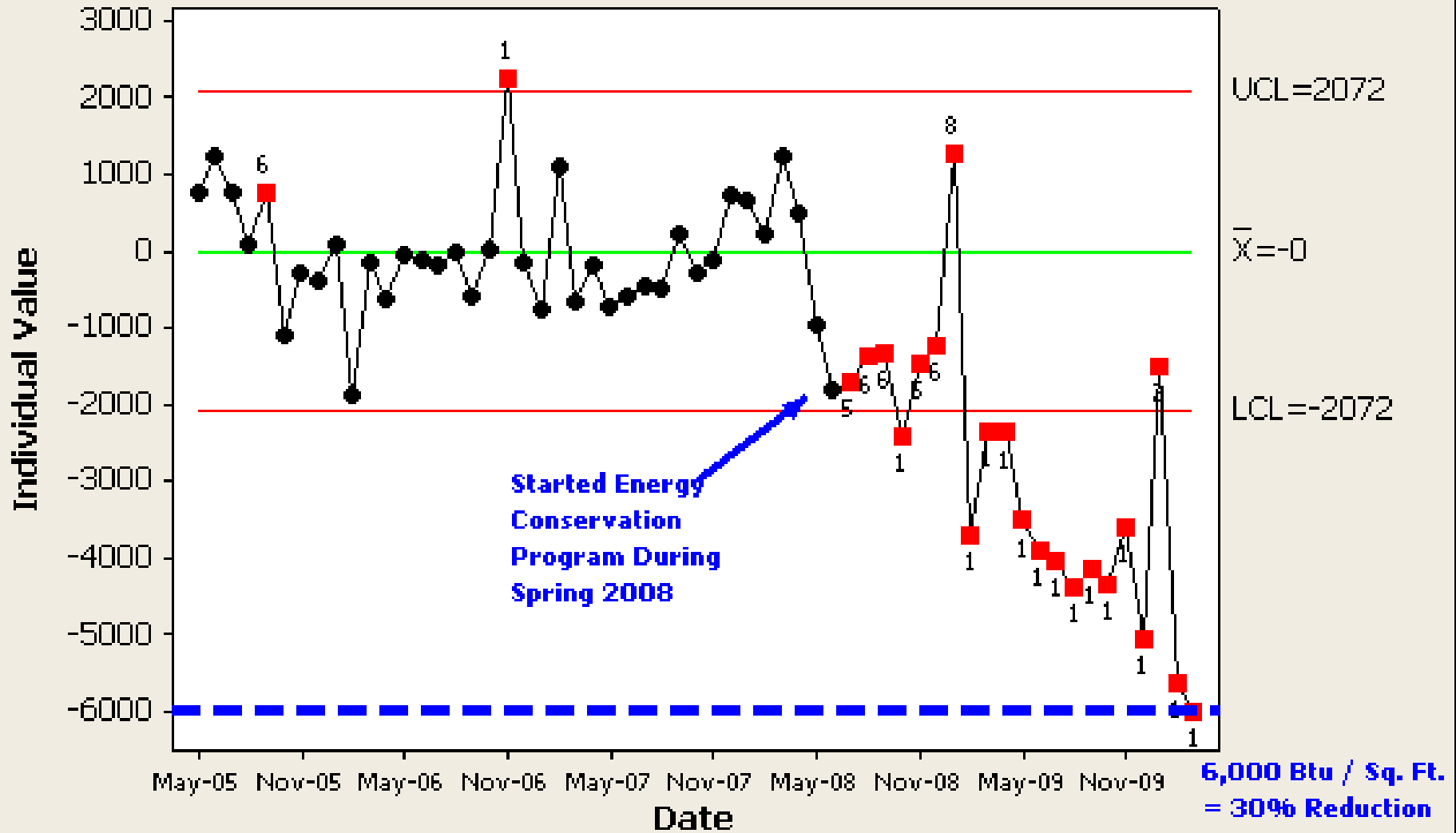
	Cost	Annual Saving	Payback	Category	kWh saved	Therm save
Chilled water pump balancing valve	\$ -	\$ 297	Immediate	Retro	4,950	
Chiller/Tower Optimization	\$ -	\$ 13,354	Immediate	Retro	222,567	
Exhaust fan scheduling	\$ -	\$ 4,286	Immediate	Retro	71,431	?
Zone scheduling (Unoccupy VAV boxes/slow down AHU's - phase 1 easy - internal rooms)	\$ -	\$ 18,535	Immediate	Retro	308,910	?
Zone/AHU scheduling	\$ -	\$ 25,525	Immediate	Retro	414,860	?
Chiller/Tower Optimization	\$ 8,455	\$ 15,790	0.5	Retro	263,167	
Chiller/Tower Optimization	\$ 58,800	\$ 25,332	2.3	Retro	432,200	
Chiller/Tower Optimization	\$ 5,680	\$ 7,511	0.8	Retro	125,183	
Chiller/Tower Optimization	\$ 14,990	\$ 2,288	6.6	Retro	38,133	
Zone scheduling (Unoccupy VAV boxes/slow down AHU's - phase 2 - lobbies/hallways/exterior rooms)	\$ -	\$ 21,568	Immediate	Retro	359,474	?
Condenser water acid feed	\$ 2,213	\$ 21,504	0.1	Retro	170,000	
AHU scheduling	\$ -	\$ 12,517	Immediate	Retro	208,621	?
Condenser water acid feed	\$ 1,258	\$ 11,537	0.1	Retro	90,667	
Enthalpy Control, Static Fan Pressure	\$ -	\$ 5,000		Retro	83,333	?
Reducing station for HP boilers & Boiler Economizers	\$ 155,326.0	\$ 49,433	3.1	Energy Capital		57,480
Shut off one of the hot water motors (??shut off retro motor too??)	\$ -	\$ 2,000		Retro	33,333	
Energy efficient lighting system	\$ 56,702	\$ 9,690	5.9	Energy Capital	161,500	
Steam Traps	\$ 125,550	\$ 35,590	3.5	Energy Capital		41,384
Domestic Hot Water - Heaters	\$ 18,411	\$ 500	36.8	Infrastructure		
Upgrade boiler controls & VFD drives	\$ 125,675.0	\$ 14,454	8.7	Energy Capital		16,807
Caulk	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,000		Retro		1,163
Steam Traps	\$ 104,592	\$ 6,280	16.7	Energy Capital		7,302
Domestic Hot Water VFD pumps & Controls	\$ 5,715	\$ 1,689	3.4	Retro	28,144	
Steam Traps	Incl in East	Incl in East		Energy Capital		
Steam Traps	Incl in Hospital	Incl in Hos				
AHU 38, 39, 21, 4, 5, & Phase II Hydronic Heating Controls	\$ 76,718	\$ -				
Condenser water acid feed	\$ 10,720	\$ -				
Condenser water acid feed	\$ 4,951	\$ -				
Domestic Hot Water - Controls	\$ 3,240	\$ -				
Domestic Hot Water - Controls	\$ 1,950	\$ -				
Controls	\$ 121,200	\$ -				
Controls	\$ 228,110	\$ -				
Replace OA Damper AHU 5	\$ 4,850	\$ -				
Controls	\$ 161,325	\$ -				
Energy efficient lighting system	\$ 277,049	\$ -				
Energy efficient lighting system	\$ 124,812	\$ -				
Energy efficient lighting system	\$ 59,758	\$ -				
Energy efficient lighting system	\$ 253,470	\$ -				
AHU scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
AHU scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Energy efficient lighting system	\$ 711,173	\$ -				
Chiller replacement	\$ 500,000	\$ -				
Domestic Hot Water - Controls	\$ 3,525	\$ -				
AHU scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Exhaust fan scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Exhaust fan scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Vacuum pump	\$ 3,500	\$ -				
HP boiler scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Different opportunity now with using reducing station	\$ -	\$ -				
Exhaust fan scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Exhaust fan scheduling	\$ -	\$ -				
Heat Wheel	\$ 350,000	\$ -				
Steam to Founders	\$ 200,000	\$ -				
Replace s-1 Coil	\$ 60,000	\$ -				

## Energy Conservation Project Priority Matrix

Project Name				
Establish enforce new temp range guidelines to support energy efficiency (non-patient areas)	9	1	9	132
Shut down / reduce regional site signage and/or parking lot lights	3	9	9	120
Hot Water Scheduling, upgrades, design better than current (Hx Pneum/DDC Clinic) underway	9	3	3	120
Eliminate hot water boiler-Founders, bring over from Domestic East Building	9	3	3	120
Decrease pressure in HP boilers	3	9	9	120
Heat recovery off of our boiler stacks ORC?	9	3	3	120
Finish scheduling areas in LaCrosse that have not been addressed (i.e. LaX clinic, Foundation, GBB)	3	9	9	120
Connect steam loop on LaCrosse Campus	9	3	3	120
Install motion sensors for lights in offices and conf. Rooms (analyze appropriate)	9	1	3	108
Lighting controls where needed (i.e. region too)	9	1	3	108
Relamp regional clinics and smaller buildings with retrofit lighting	9	1	3	108
Alternative heat source for regional clinics (solar heating, new furnace, gshp, wood?)	9	1	3	108
Replace hospital AHU-1 & heat recovery wheel	9	1	3	108
With older regional clinics, audit insulation and supplement with additional insulation as needed	9	1	3	108
More VAV's rooms in existing buildings	9	1	3	108
Use on Emergency generators to supplement electrical load and turn over fuel	9	1	1	100
Natural gas stand by generators (load shed)	9	1	1	100
Elevator Analysis	1	9	9	100
Sweater day turn down heat (non-patient care areas)	1	9	9	100
Add Biomass Boiler	9	1	1	100
Sell the old Viroqua Clinic so we don't have to heat it	1	9	9	100
Meters	3	9	3	96
Daylight harvesting (East, Clinic, Hospital Lobby, SSB, Stukins, Onal Clinic, new Regional clinics)	3	3	9	84
Establish appliance policy / control plan to limit personal appliance use (i.e. space heaters, fridges, etc.)	3	3	9	84
Unoccupied individual rooms HVAC during day when not occupied (GLMF)	3	3	9	84
Ceiling fans in high ceilings (Distribution ctr., laundry, power plant, lobbies)	1	9	3	76
Develop specs. (for old stuff too) For motors and other energy using equipment (i.e., Haworth lighting, etc.)	3	1	9	72
LED lighting on outside signage (regional sites)	3	3	3	60
LED lighting for parking lots or reduce during certain hours	3	3	3	60
Night light retrofit in the hospital (dimmer switch?)	3	3	3	60
Upgrade older / non-efficient kitchen equipment	3	3	3	60
Replace exhaust hood kitchen ventilation control	3	3	3	60
Install VFD's on hospital chilled water pumps	3	3	3	60
Install differential pressure valves on chilled water distribution	3	3	3	60
Reduce lighting at AVS warehouse	3	3	3	60
Unoccupied HVAC & lighting / coordinate with cleaning staff	3	3	3	60

# Validating Results

**Actual vs. Predicted kBtu / Sq. Ft.**  
**Monthly Electricity + Gas Baseline = 19,660 Btu / Sq. Ft.**



# *Renewable Energy Supply*

- Proven technologies exist today
- Investment mentality
  - Expect 5 -15 year paybacks for many projects
  - Hedge against inflation
  - Highly variable depending upon project specific parameters
    - **Feasibility studies recommended**
  - Significant tax incentives exist for those who qualify
  - Renewable Energy Credits add financial value
- Great opportunity to form mutually beneficial partnerships

Wind

Hydro

Biogas

Solar

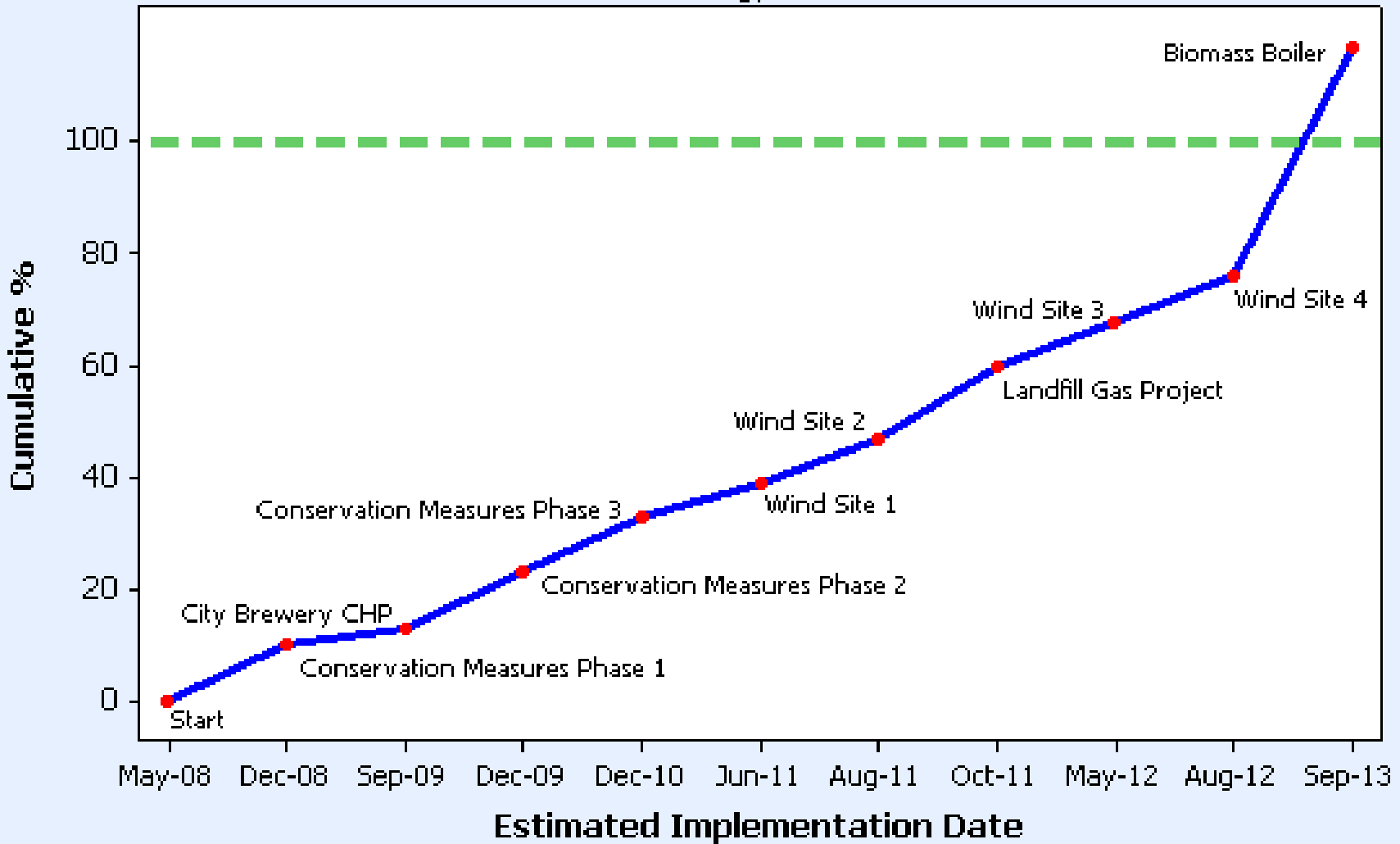
Biomass

Geothermal

*We will always need to consume some energy to fulfill our mission.  
Clean, renewable sources of energy can offset this consumption.*

# Gundersen Lutheran's "Road to Renewable Energy"

% Fossil Fuel Energy Use Offset



# *Energy Status*

## Implemented Energy Benefit

- ~ 25% offset through conservation achieved by 12/31/09
  - 10,000,000 kWh
  - 40,000,000 cu. ft.
  - \$1,250,000 annualized benefit



# *Sustainable Design of New Facilities*

- Underground Parking Ramp
  - Solar photovoltaic, paint on concrete, green space, etc
  - LEED Certified
- Stukins Building
  - Renovated a building that dated back to late 1800's
  - 90% diversion rate of construction waste
    - Recycled lumber for paneling
  - Rain garden for storm runoff
- Critical Care Tower – in design
  - 115 KBTU/sqft Energy Goal
  - Geothermal



# *Why isn't everyone doing this?*

- Financial
  - Energy is typically 1-2% of a hospital's budget
  - Energy competes with other mission-critical investments
  - Little to no documented results for value on some technologies
  - Difficult to verify results of implemented improvements
  - Grants/Incentives
    - Nonprofits
      - Can not use tax incentives
      - Can not enjoy depreciation expense tax benefits on capital investments
      - Are excluded in many federal stimulus grants (ARRA)
    - Hospitals and Universities consume a great deal of heat energy which is not incented as strongly as electricity projects
    - Some competitive grants are focused on large scale projects beyond the capacity of smaller organizations



# *Why isn't everyone doing this?*

- Personnel (especially smaller and rural hospitals)
  - Not a lot of engineers or technical people
  - Limited training on energy efficiency or renewable energy
  - Need to maintain the comfort
  - Communicating payback to decision-makers
    - Personnel don't know what to ask the suppliers
    - Personnel don't know how to sell to leadership
    - Personnel don't sit in the same meetings

# *Why isn't everyone doing this?*

- Buildings
  - Checkerboard construction/disconnected systems
    - Brand new buildings connected to 100+ year old buildings
      - Equipment and controls that span as well
  - Aesthetics
  - Many codes/regulations
    - Infection control, Indoor Air Quality
  - Limited onsite renewable opportunities
  - Larger renewable energy projects take years
  - Untapped sustainable opportunities
    - Waste Heat Recovery
    - Combined Heat and Power
      - Energy security



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Jeff Rich joined Gundersen Lutheran Health System in October 2006 to lead the department of Major Projects and Efficiency Improvement. As the executive director, his major responsibilities include project identification, project delivery and coaching of project leaders on process improvement. Jeff facilitates project reviews and helps manage the project portfolio to achieve Gundersen Lutheran's strategic and operational goals. In this work, Jeff utilizes Lean-Six Sigma tools and partners with other leaders to direct change. Jeff was previously employed as the director of Customer Satisfaction and Six Sigma for Trane's Global Marketing Division. During his 10-year career with Trane, he also held a variety of quality engineering, Lean-Six Sigma and engineering management positions. Jeff was also employed for six years with the John Deere Waterloo Works Drive Train Division as an industrial engineer and quality engineer. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and is a certified Lean-Six Sigma black belt and master black belt. He is also a senior member of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and an ASQ-certified quality engineer.

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