# \$23,000

# SUSTAINABLE CPC: A STUDY IN SAVINGS

Classic Energy Retrofit | Multifamily Walkup



By 2009, this building was in poor physical condition and relied on outdated heating and distribution systems. Working with our city and state government partners, CPC provided a construction loan for rehabilitation and efficiency upgrades that included roof replacement, low-flow water fixtures, envelope insulation, and a new boiler.

## **BUILDING PROFILE**

Year Constructed	1920
Size	6 Floors, 35 Apartments, 132 Rooms, 34,600 Gross Square Feet
HVAC System	Oil-Fired, Steam Boiler, 1-Pipe Distribution
Utilities Provided by Owner	Heat, Hot Water, Water & Sewer

## **PROJECT PROFILE**

Loan Type	Construction and Permanent Loan
Loan Offering	\$1.4 million

## ADDITIONAL LOAN PROCEEDS SUPPORT ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY



## SAVINGS SNAPSHOT

As a result of the comprehensive energy retrofit this building went through, the property reduced its gas bill by \$700 per dwelling unit and saved 32% on the total annual utility cost, as reflected in the table below. As part of the renovation, additional lighting fixtures were added to common areas, increasing the electricity load and cost. The scope also included replacement of all the building plumbing fixtures, driving down the amount of water used every day. Since this building is billed on a flat rate for water, cost savings from the water retrofit were not included in the analysis.

UTILITY	ANNUAL EXPENSE BEFORE (\$/APARTMENT)	ANNUAL EXPENSE AFTER (\$/APARTMENT)	EXPENSE DIFFERENCE
Heating	\$1,400	\$760	-46%
Hot Water	\$670	\$610	-9%
Electricity Baseload	\$140	\$170	+12%
Water	305 gal   day	216 gal   day	-29%
Total	\$2,210	\$1,540	-30%

#### **UPGRADE COST AND SAVINGS**

The graphic below outlines the cost and potential savings associated with upgrading certain components to new, energy efficient models. Use this graphic to help you estimate the cost savings of installing similar upgrades in your building.

### **KEY**

- Per Building
- Per Apartment



#### **EXISTING CONDITION**

75% efficiency for existing boiler burning #4 oil

#### UPGRADE OPTION

Heating system upgrade: new boiler (87% efficiency, #2 oil), pipe insulation; new control, radiator valves

INSTALLATION COST \$105,000

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS** \$5,950

SIMPLE PAYBACK (YRS) 17.7

**RETURN ON** INVESTMENT (ROI) 57%

# **WINDOWS**

**EXISTING CONDITION** Standard double-pane windows

**UPGRADE OPTION** Low-e coated windows in apartments and common area

INSTALLATION COST \$70,000

SIMPLE

PAYBACK (YRS)

6.9

**ESTIMATED** ANNUAL SAVINGS \$10,150

RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) 14.5%



# **EXISTING CONDITION**

Hot water provided by heating boiler year-round

UPGRADE OPTION Separate hot water heater, pipe insulation,

temperature adjustment

INSTALLATION COST \$22,050

SIMPLE PAYBACK (YRS) 6.3



**EXISTING CONDITION** 

UPGRADE OPTION

INSTALLATION соѕт \$1,000

SIMPLE PAYBACK (YRS) 9.1

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS** \$110 RETURN ON

**ESTIMATED** 

**ANNUAL SAVINGS** 

\$3,500

RETURN ON

INVESTMENT (ROI)

15.9%

INVESTMENT (ROI) 11.0%

# ROOF

**EXISTING CONDITION** Flat, built-up roofing system

UPGRADE OPTION New roof sealing leaks; 12" insulation

INSTALLATION COST \$52,850

ESTIMATED **ANNUAL SAVINGS** \$3,850

SIMPLE PAYBACK (YRS) 13.7

RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) 7.3%

# **FIXTURES**

**EXISTING CONDITION** 

**UPGRADE OPTION** 

INSTALLATION соят \$20

SIMPLE PAYBACK (YRS) 2.0

RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) 50.0%

**ESTIMATED** 

**ANNUAL SAVINGS** 

\$10

# REFRIGERATORS

**EXISTING CONDITION** 

**UPGRADE OPTION** 

INSTALLATION COST \$610

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ANNUAL SAVINGS \$110

SIMPLE PAYBACK (YRS) 5.6

**RETURN ON** INVESTMENT (ROI) 18.0%

**ESTIMATED** 

### **FEATURED UPGRADE** BOILER AND HEATING CONTROLS

Boilers lose efficiency and reliability as they age, and after decades of service they can be up to 25% less efficient. Upgrading a boiler is also a great opportunity to improve outdated controls and fix inefficiencies in the distribution system, which can have a great impact on energy use, comfort, and costs. Heating savings of at least 10% are typical from boiler or control replacements.

### IS THIS UPGRADE RIGHT FOR YOU?

If any of the following apply, then yes!

- Central steam or hydronic (hot water) heating systems
- Overheating and resident discomfort
- Aging boilers due for replacement
- Old, analog heating system controls
- Oil used as heating fuel; interested in converting to natural gas

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