

Check Out KC Public Library Buildings Upgrade

Metropolitan Energy Center is teaming with the Kansas City Public Library and the City of Kansas City, Missouri, to solve the Department of Energy Buildings Upgrade Challenge – *actionable and scalable solutions to advance energy efficiency and efficient electrification upgrades in existing U.S. buildings.*

The Library Buildings Upgrade Concept: A community-based framework to upgrade existing U.S. public library buildings by overcoming barriers to the adoptions of efficient electric heat pumps for heating, cooling, and water heating, plus weatherization and envelope improvements that reduce energy costs and improve environmental quality at the public library. Upgrading libraries will have the added benefit of demonstrating efficient solutions for library patrons and local businesses, including available funding, federal incentives, and workforce development.

The team will pilot the Library Buildings Upgrade framework for building assessments, improvements, and outreach programs in 10 equity-eligible Kansas City Public Library buildings. The initiative will scale to include more than 100 underserved Missouri and Kansas public libraries, while sharing the stories with a nationwide network of public libraries.

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