Decarbonize Massachusetts Municipalities by enabling public electric utilities to run geothermal networks

Team ENERGIZING PUBLIC POWER: NETWORKED GEOTHERMAL

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- Marblehead is a small seaside community in Massachusetts, trying to lower its emission of Greenhouse Gases in both municipal and private buildings. The town is located on a peninsula and subject to increasingly severe storms. This relative isolation is causing the town to explore disaster recovery options. An opportunity arises with the planned construction of a large housing development dedicated to handicapped and low-income families.
- The challenges are to provide this development with cheap, decarbonized energy for heating and cooling, while also increasing the resiliency of the community.
- The project will study the feasibility of a Networked Geothermal system to
 - Serve as an Energy Storage facility over hours, weeks, and months;
 - Provide Energy, sold as a Utility Service to ensure a cost as low as possible;
 - Help Regulate the electric Distribution Grid and Stabilize Consumption.
- Marblehead Light Commission; Marblehead Municipal Light Department (MMLD)
- Sustainable Marblehead; Marblehead Fair Housing Committee; Marblehead Housing Authority



MMLD started operations in 1894, in this recently renovated building

