# Illini Energy Dashboard

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# Our agenda today

### The Illini Energy Dashboard

- Our Planning Process
- The Funding Support
- Implementation Plan
  - Phase One develop website
  - Phase Two replace via priority listing of out dated meters with digital

# **Sponsors**

• Environmental Change Institute <a href="http://eci.illinois.edu/">http://eci.illinois.edu/</a>

The Environmental Change Institute helps focus the unique educational, outreach, and research capabilities of the University of Illinois to advance our understanding of global environmental change and support solutions that enable society to mitigate or adapt to its effects.

• Student Sustainability Committee <a href="http://sustainability.illinois.edu/ssc/">http://sustainability.illinois.edu/ssc/</a>

The Student Sustainability Committee receives fees from students and allocates these resources to fund campus sustainability projects and initiatives.

Facilities & Services <a href="http://www.fs.illinois.edu/">http://www.fs.illinois.edu/</a>

Facilities & Services supports the academic enterprise at Illinois by planning, constructing and maintaining the campus physical environment with a commitment to sustainability as well as regulatory compliance.

# History of the project

#### November 2012

 After a visit from Ron Dembo, Founder and CEO of Zerofootprint, project team established by ECI to discuss development, implementation and timeline of a dashboard for the University of Illinois campus to communicate to campus and beyond energy usage

### December 2011

Test Server Launch at ECI Fall Symposium

### March 2011

- Begin discussions with F & S staff about data management and software
- Establish Instep, Inc. connections

### January 2012

Beginning of year one with three campus buildings

# The Environmental Change Institute

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE INSTITUTE



When it comes to the changing global environment, most people want to know three things: What's going on? How does it affect me? And what can I do about it? Here at the Environmental Change Institute, we pursue answers to these questions, uniting theoretical research with real-world tools. To question and to challenge. To research and resolve. To think. And to become *agents* of change.



### What is the Point?

### Dashboard Project has threefold effect

- Provide real time information to develop awareness and cultural/behavioral changes in how energy is used (not only in the buildings featured but in all aspects of life).
- Provide information for faculty and students in research
- Provide details for building staff to better use resources and energy, and make plans for building adaption in ways that may decrease usage over time

# Welcome to Illini Energy!



# What is Illini Energy?

The Illini Energy provides clearly visible understandable information data and information to students and staff of selected University buildings describing energy consumption rate (electrical, chilled water and steam) so that users can make educated choices about the way they can affect energy consumption and conservation.

# What is our Carbon Footprint?

- Our Carbon Footprint is a measure of the impact we have on global climate change via the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions we generate.
- The largest contributor to our campus carbon footprint is the coal and natural gas burned to produce the electricity and steam which powers and heats our buildings.
- Other contributions include gasoline and diesel burned in campus vehicles, transportation of food to campus, and agrochemicals, especially fertilizer, used on our fields.

# What is displayed?

- The gauges on the each building page displays realtime energy use data by building for heating, cooling and electricity
  - Electricity Electricity is used for lights, office and lab equipment, heating and air conditioning, appliances, and air quality equipment such as fume hoods in laboratories.
  - Heating Steam is used to heat campus buildings and power some equipment
  - Cooling Chilled water is used to cool campus buildings and lab equipment

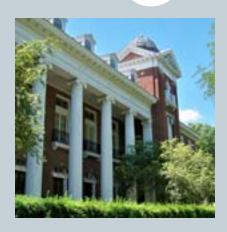
### **Future Plans**

- Phase one: Launch of website and student, student, staff & faculty awareness
- Addition and connection to meters of more buildings across campus
  - Resident Halls
  - Labs
  - Classroom buildings
  - Recreational buildings
  - Office and other use buildings
- Phase two
  - Installation of real time meters

# **Buildings**



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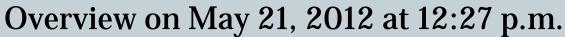


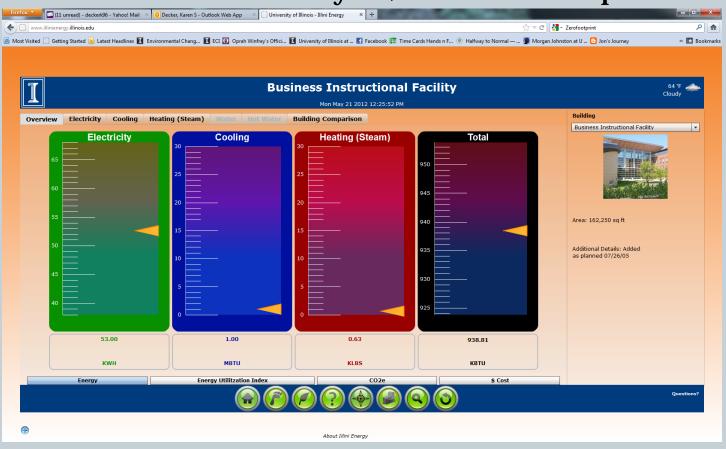
**English Building** 



Business Instructional Facility

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# Electricity use at BIF

## May 21, 2012 at 12:29 p.m.



# **Personal Conservation Tips**

- Use task lighting or natural light to reduce energy consumption.
- Turn off computer monitors when not in use, and shut down computers when leaving for the day.
- Think before you print. Save paper by proofreading on your screen before printing. Print double-sided when possible and only print the pages that you need.
- Park your car on the periphery of campus and utilize active transportation bus, bike, or walk.
- Unplug infrequently used appliances or electronic devices.
- Wash your clothes and dishes only when you have a full load.
- Replace disposable products razors, plates and utensils, water bottles - with reusable ones.

### Thanks!

- Students, staff and faculty who have served over the last 2 years on the ECI project team
- To the Student Sustainability Committee for the funds for this project
- In addition, the announcement of matching funds from the campus for phase two
- The teams of people in the Utilities & Energy Services and IT at Facilities and Services who have been working with InStep to install the website

# **Student Sustainability Committee**



# Vision for Funding

- The Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) is accepting proposals to fund sustainability, energy efficiency, and renewable energy projects on campus. The funding for these proposals is provided by the Clean Energy Technology Fee (\$2/semester) and the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee (\$14/semester). These student fees generate approximately \$1,150,000 annually to support sustainability on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus.
- This is an open and competitive process.

# Who is allowed to apply for the money?

• All are welcome to apply — students, faculty, staff, university departments, and registered student organizations. Community members and businesses may also partner with a university affiliate. All projects must fit within the fee mandates outlined in "Funding Categories" on the website.

# What are some examples projects?

• See a listing of projects found on SSC website at: http://ssc.union.illinois.edu/projects.shtml

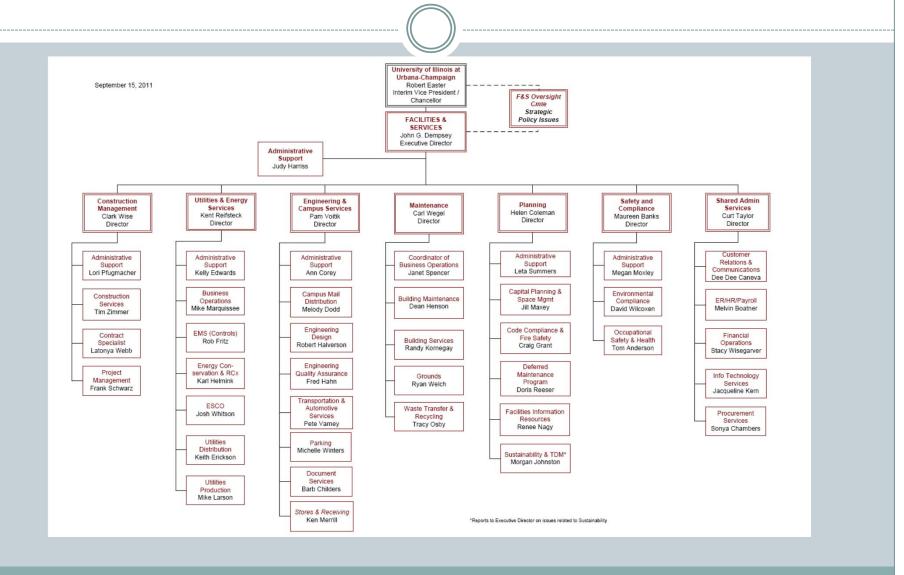
### Who can I contact?

• You can contact via email at <u>sustainability-committee@illinois.edu</u>. If you are unsure that your project fits our criteria or in need of consulting, a committee member would be happy to meet with you.

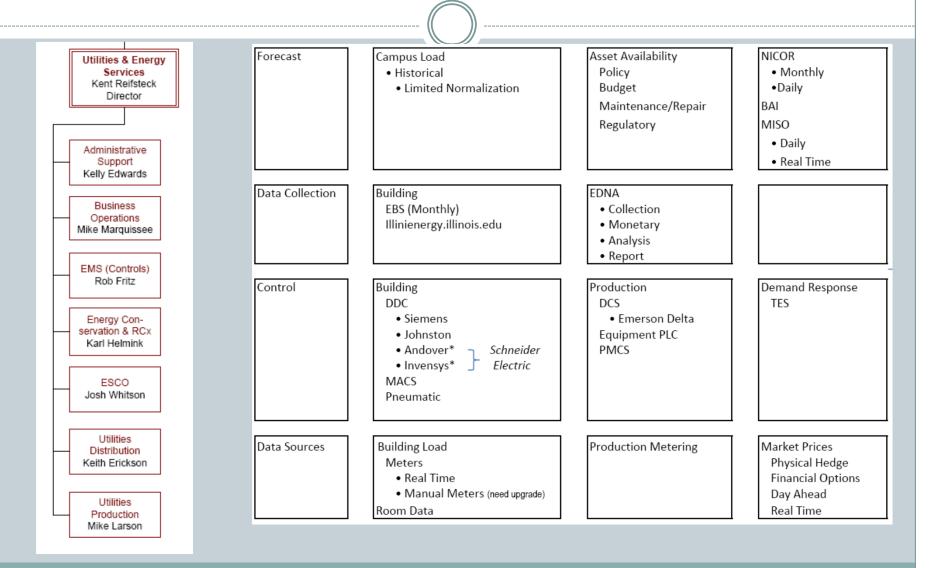
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# F&S Energy Services



# **Implementation**

- Educational tool and access to historical data
- Complex chain of connections and software from real-time meters to the dashboard
- Not "revenue-grade meters"
- F&S Energy Services will continually monitor the site and work to correct meter issues in a timely fashion

### Please Review

 If you are interested in reviewing the website and responding with comments and critique, please send to:

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