

TED TALK: ECO-EDITION

SEPT. 19 @6 P.M.

Topic: Geothermal Energy

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Illinois **GEO THERMAL COALITION**

*Technical and Educational
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Illinois Geothermal Coalition

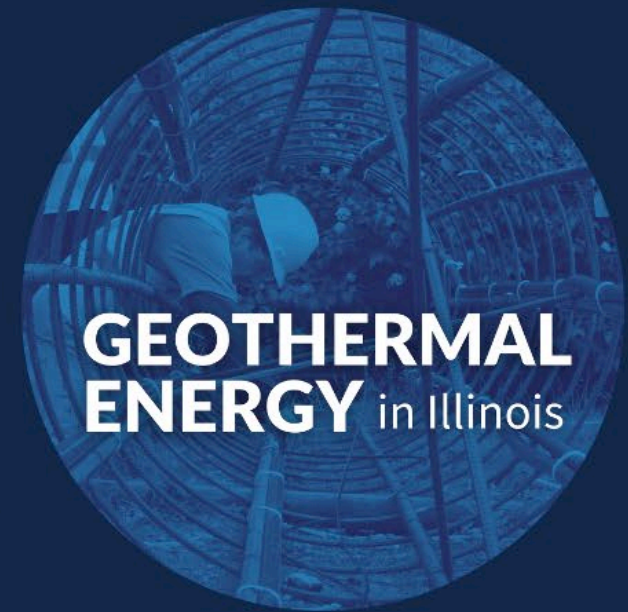


A screenshot of the Illinois Geothermal Coalition website. The header features the logo "ILLINOIS GEOTHERMAL COALITION" in blue and white, followed by navigation links: "Home" (underlined), "About +", "Events & Opportunities", "Resources & Publications", and a blue "JOIN" button. The main content area has a dark background image of industrial equipment. A white text box in the center contains the heading "Who are the IGC?" and a paragraph: "The Illinois Geothermal Coalition (IGC) is a growing collection of individuals from corporate, non-profit, and research spheres dedicated to establishing geothermal energy at Illinois." Below this is a button that says "Click to Discover More About Our Affiliates!". At the bottom, a blue banner reads "ILLINOIS GEOTHERMAL COALITION EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES".

<https://geothermal.illinois.edu>

Networks and Partnerships

- [Illinois Geothermal Coalition](#)
- [Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment \(iSEE\)](#)
- [Illinois Water Resources Center](#)
- [Geothermal Alliance of Illinois](#)
- [International Ground Source Heat Pump Association \(IGSHPA\)](#)
- [The GeoExchange Organization](#)
- [Prairie Rivers Network](#)
- [Citizens Utility Board](#)
- [Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition](#)
- [Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition \(MBDC\)](#)





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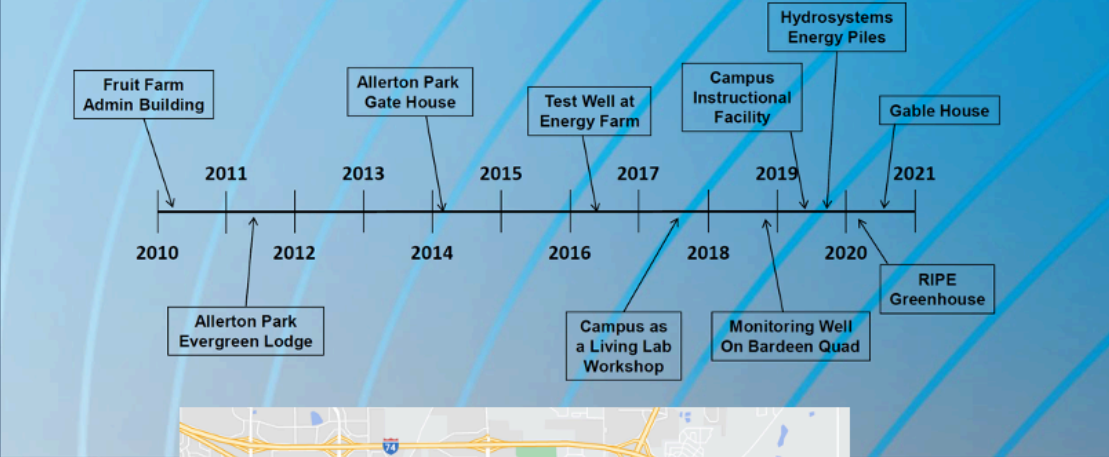
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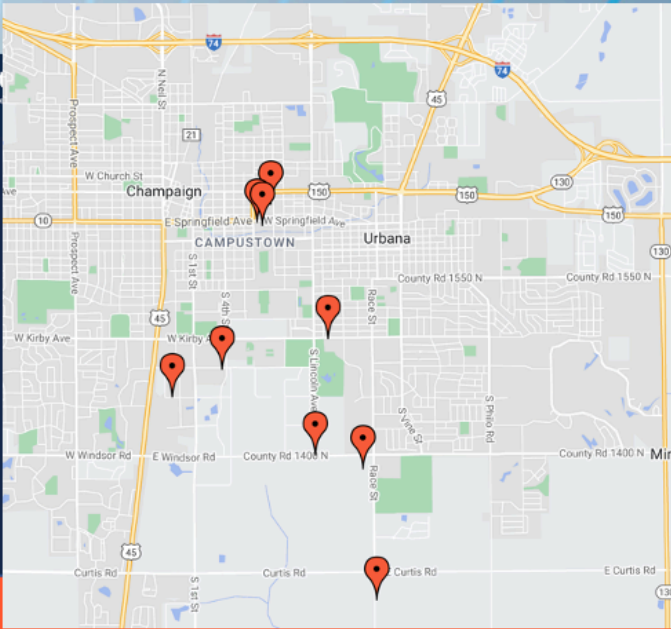
Current state of Geothermal at U of I and path forward

Geothermal Timeline

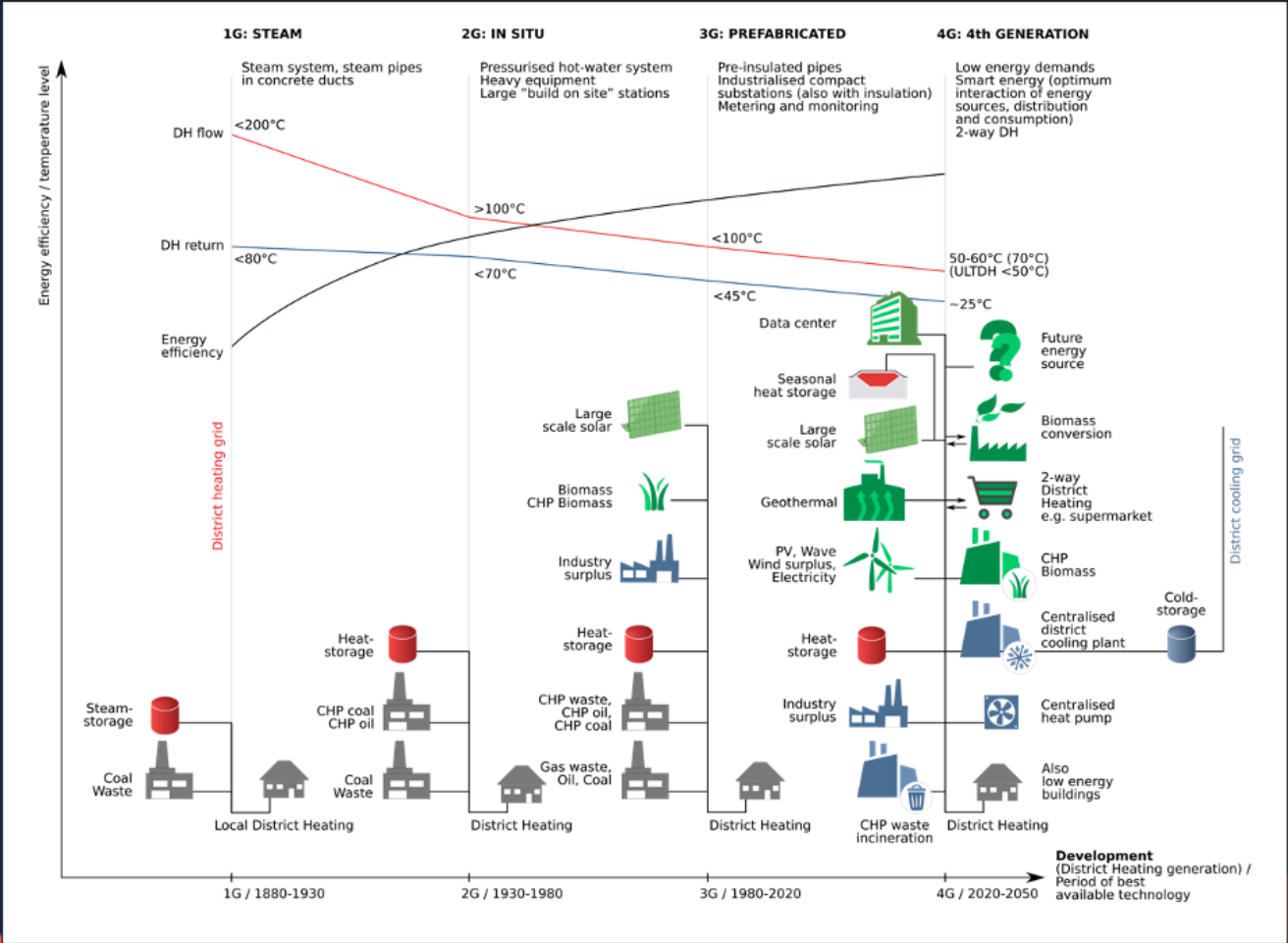


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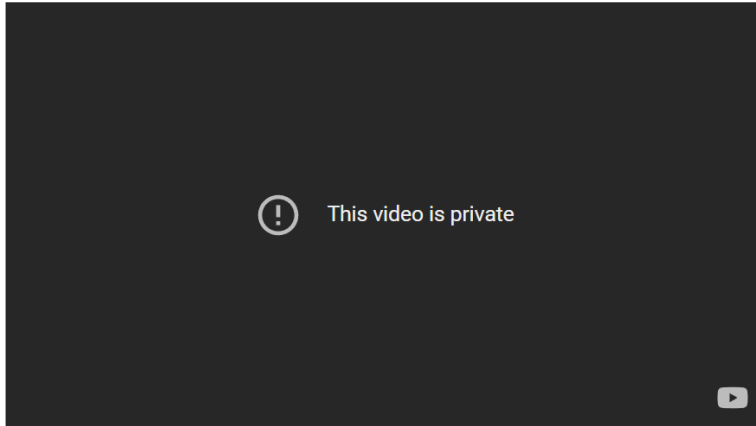
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02/27/2012

Geothermal Study Provides Promise for Your Campus

By Suhail Barot and Emily Cross, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign



In October, [Google released the results of a nearly half a million dollar grant to the Southern Methodist University \(SMU\) Geothermal Lab, creating the most detailed geothermal maps to date](#). Not only did the researchers add tens of thousands of new thermal data points, but it also painted a very different picture of the potential for this clean energy that colleges nationwide can access.

The maps developed by SMU depict the heat flow of the geology in North America. When heat flows through the ground, like in water and rocks, it is possible to tap into that energy. Geothermal power plants work like normal power plants - except without burning any fuels. After piping down into the earth to capture hot water and steam, plants use this energy to push a turbine that is connected to a generator.

So what's so special about the maps that Google commissioned? Using previously unattainable data and looking at the energy flow in a more detailed manner, researchers at [SMU developed a heat flow map that shows potential in areas that were once considered inaccessible](#). It looked at energy that could be accessed with new technologies, like tapping into heat deep below ground, even those with relatively low temperatures.

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A New Geothermal Map of the United States

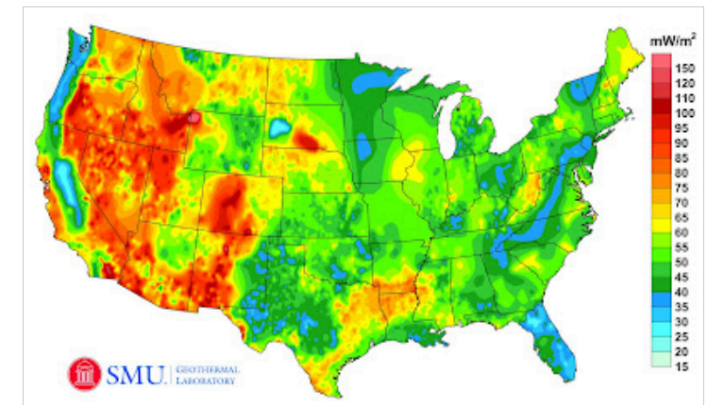
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(Cross-posted from the [Google Green blog](#))

Imagine a renewable energy resource capable of producing more than 10 times the energy of the installed capacity of coal in the US. That's the potential for Geothermal Energy in the United States, according to a recently completed 3-year project supported by Google.org to update the [Geothermal Map of North America](#).

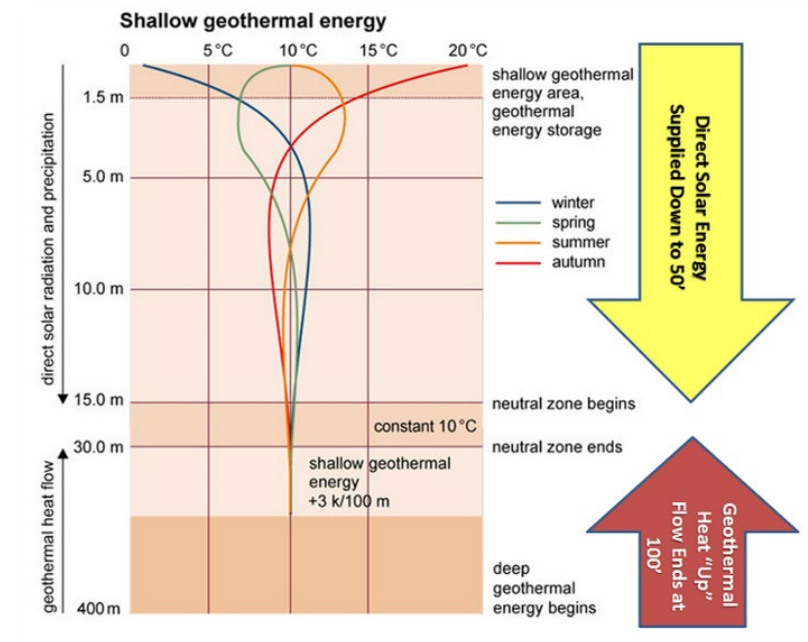
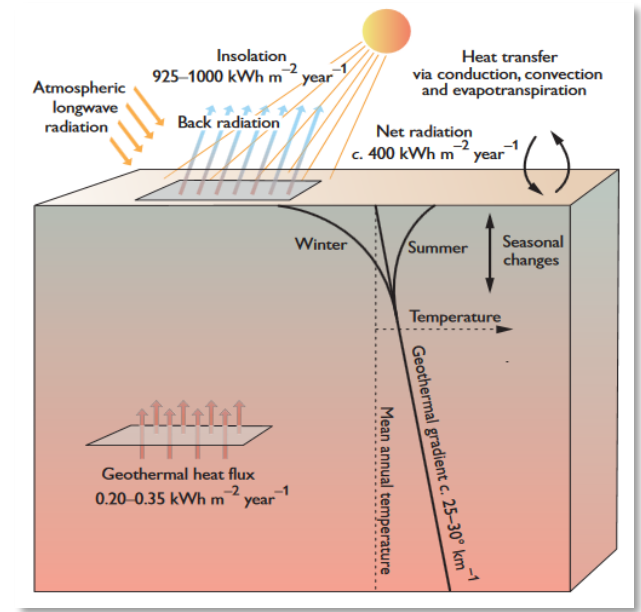
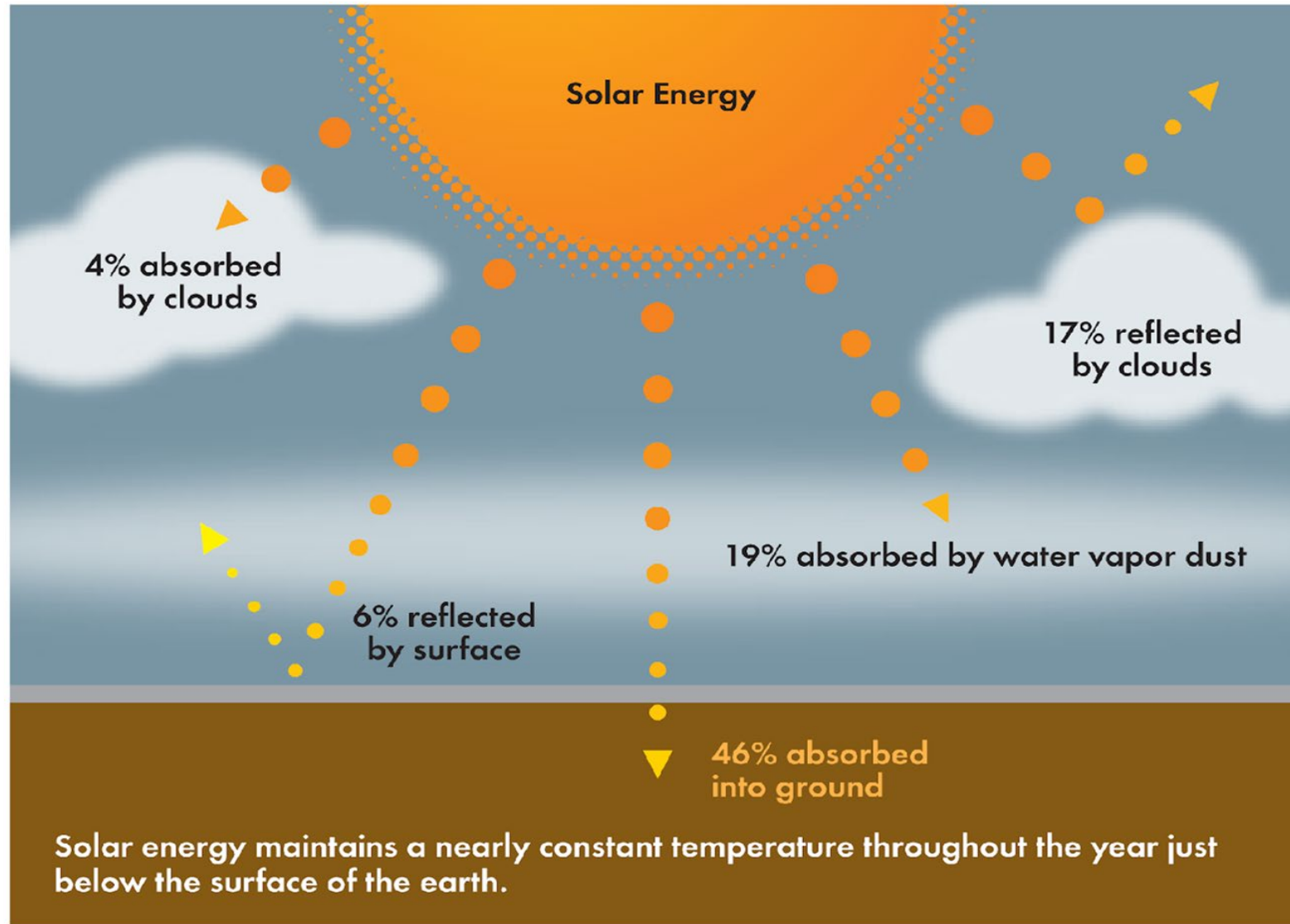
The study conducted by [SMU Geothermal Laboratory](#), led by Principal Investigator [Dr. David Blackwell](#), incorporated tens of thousands of new thermal data points to create the most data rich perspective on US geothermal resources to date. The full results can be seen in the updated [Google Earth layer](#) on U.S. Geothermal Resources and in SMU's paper to be presented at the [Geothermal Resources Council](#) Annual Meeting.

The project estimates that Technical Potential for the continental US exceeds 2,980,295 megawatts using Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) and other advanced geothermal technologies such as Low Temperature Hydrothermal.



2011 Geothermal Heat Flow Map of the US

Earth is a **BIG** Solar Collector



Courtesy Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland

Courtesy GAOI

What is Deep Direct-Use?



Geothermal Heat Pumps/ Ground Source Heat Pumps

Use relatively constant temperature of the earth as heat sink/source for commercial/residential heating and cooling

- Near ambient temperatures (~40-80°F)
- Shallow depths - trenches to wells hundreds of feet deep



Deep Direct-Use Geothermal Energy

Use thermal energy (heat) from the earth directly for heating/cooling buildings, greenhouses, aquaculture, pools, spas, etc.

- Moderate temperatures (100-300°F)
- Wells hundreds to thousands of feet deep

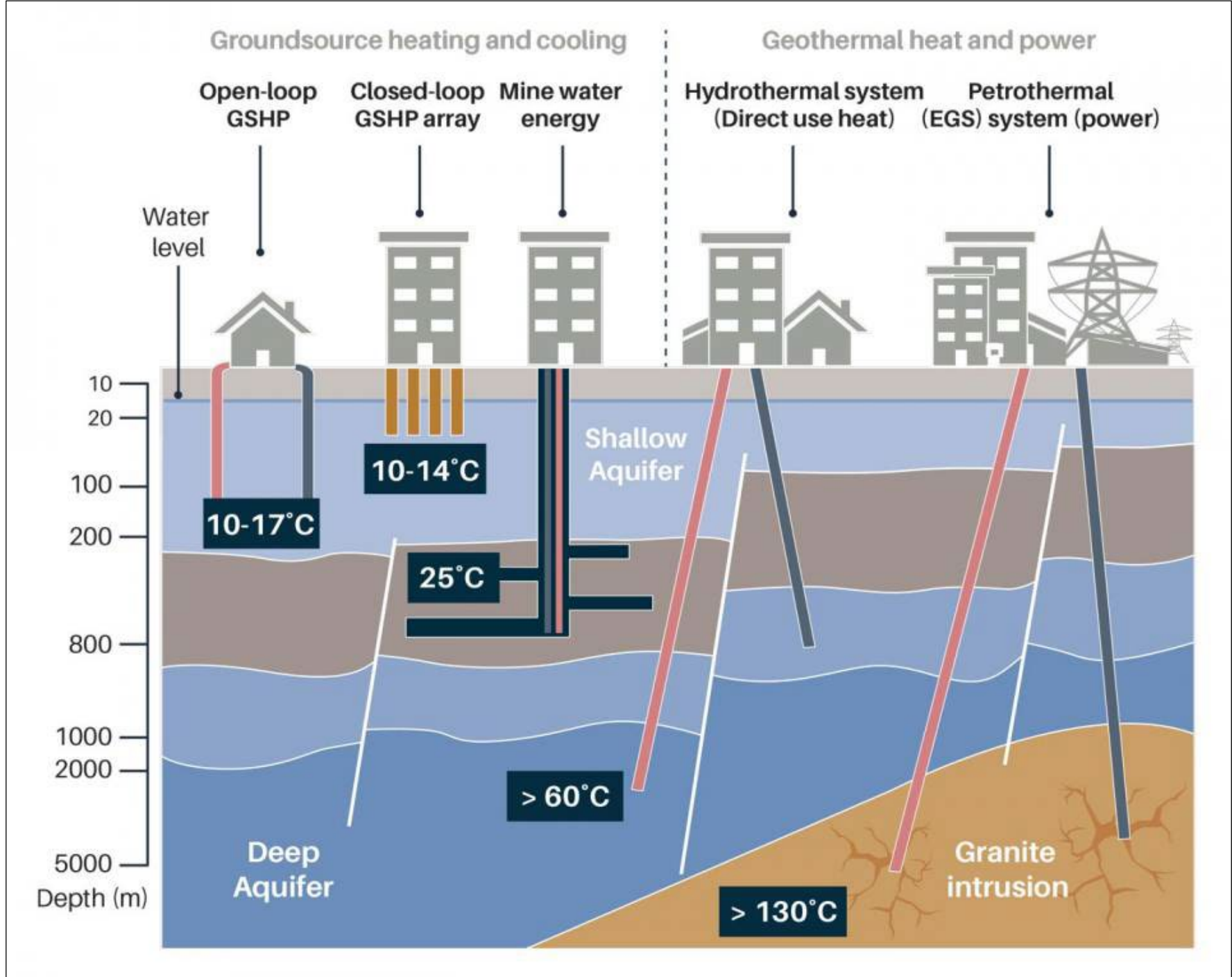


Geothermal Power (Electricity Generation)

Use thermal energy (heat) from the earth to generate electricity

- High temperatures (>300°F)
- Wells hundreds to thousands of feet deep
- Baseload generation

Courtesy West Virginia University



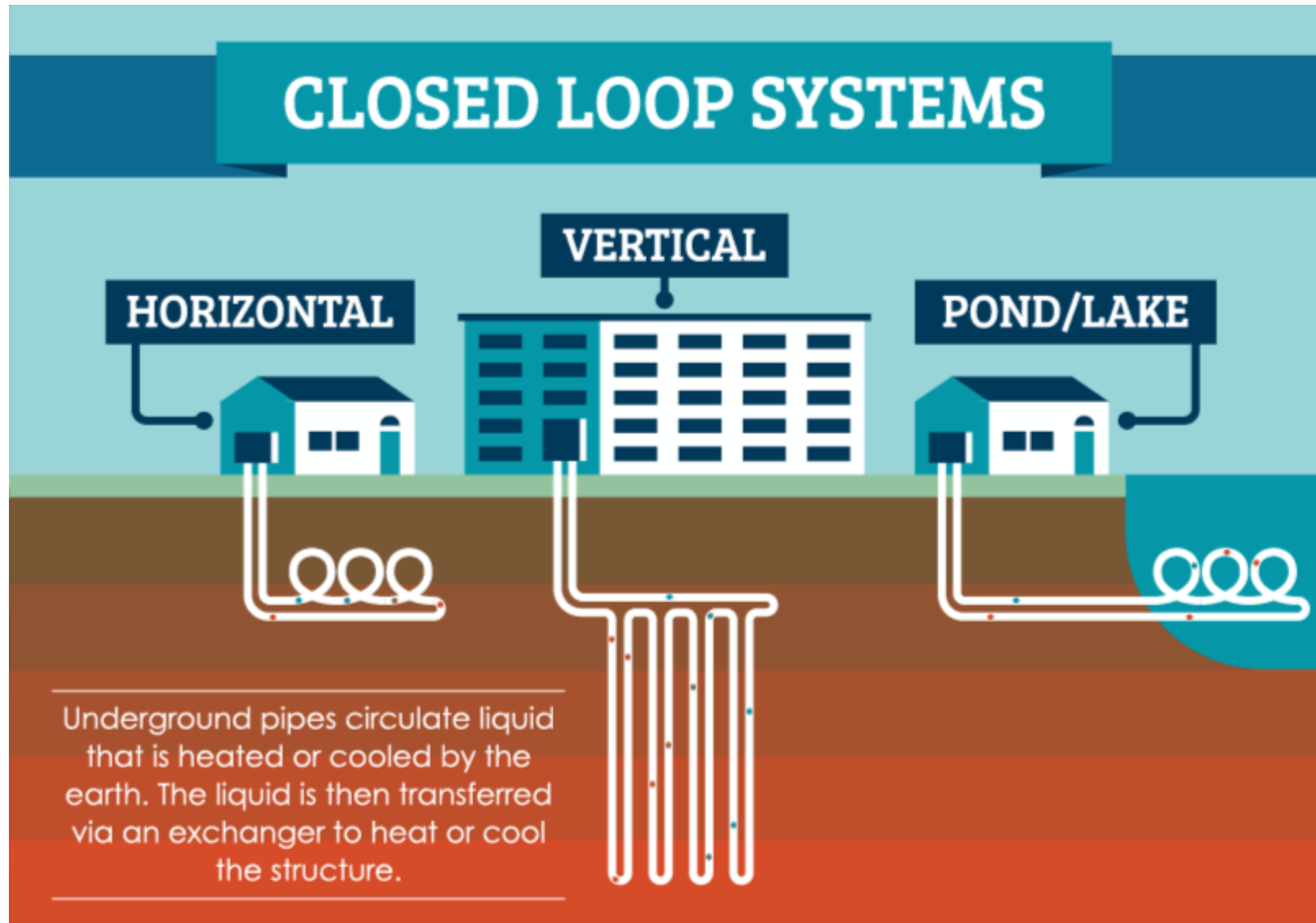
CLOSED LOOP SYSTEMS

HORIZONTAL

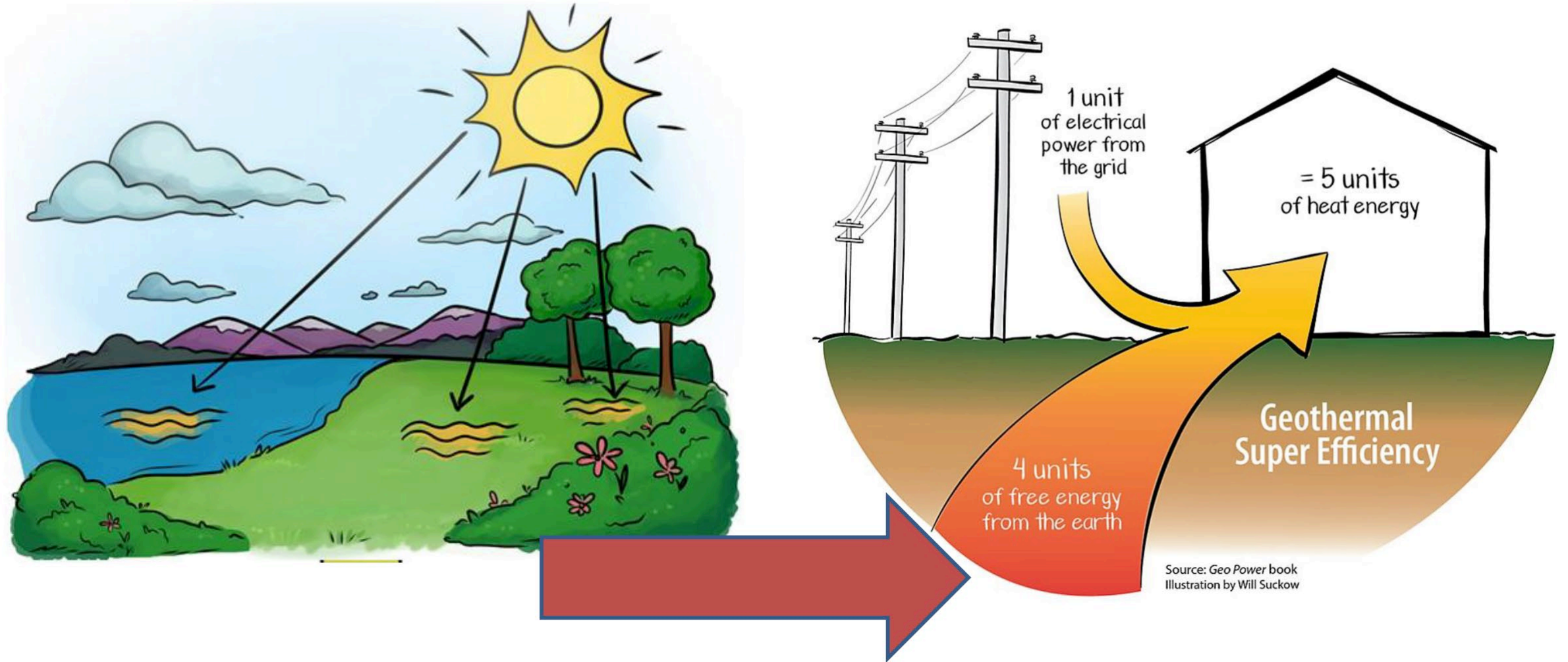
VERTICAL

POND/LAKE

Underground pipes circulate liquid that is heated or cooled by the earth. The liquid is then transferred via an exchanger to heat or cool the structure.

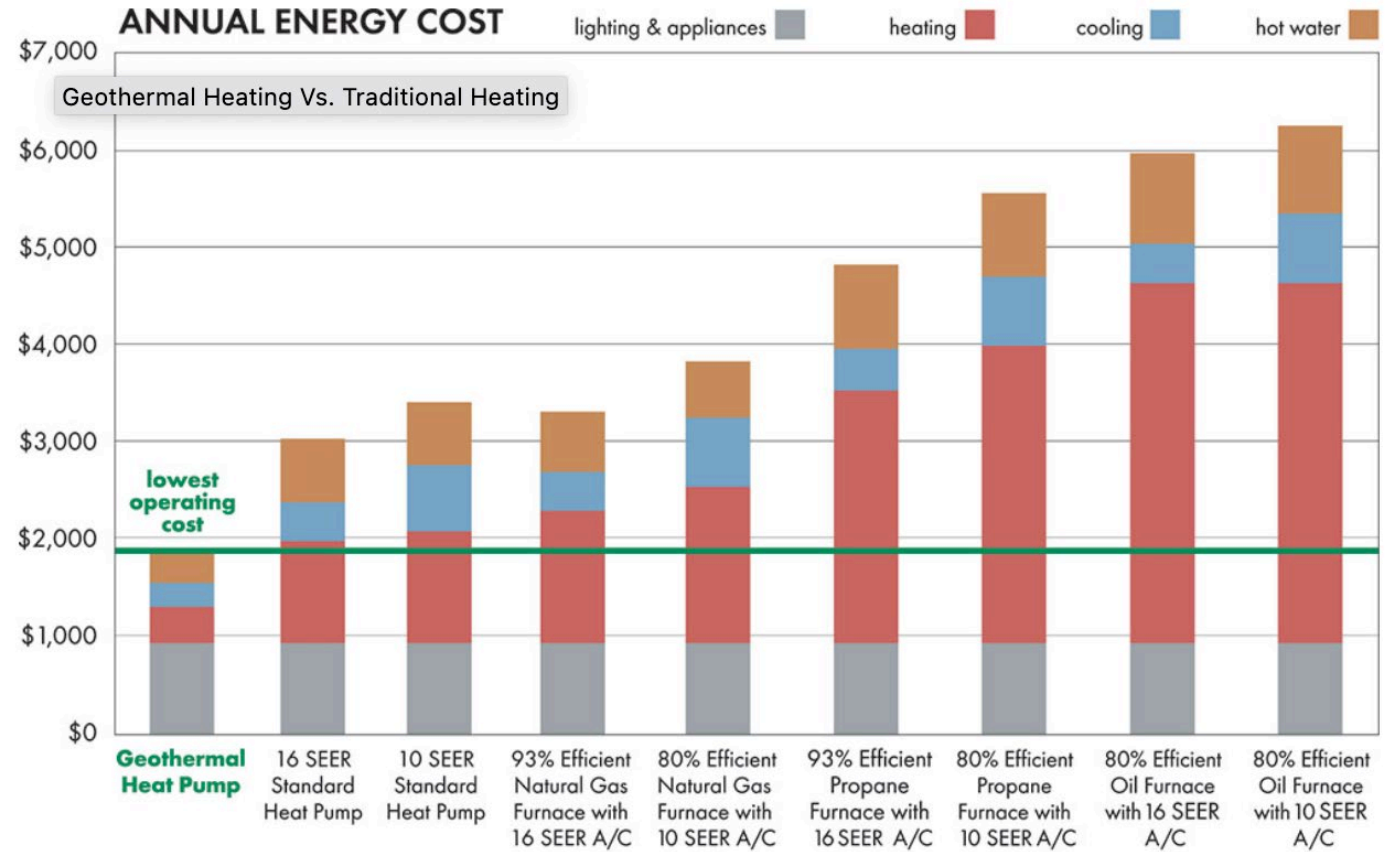
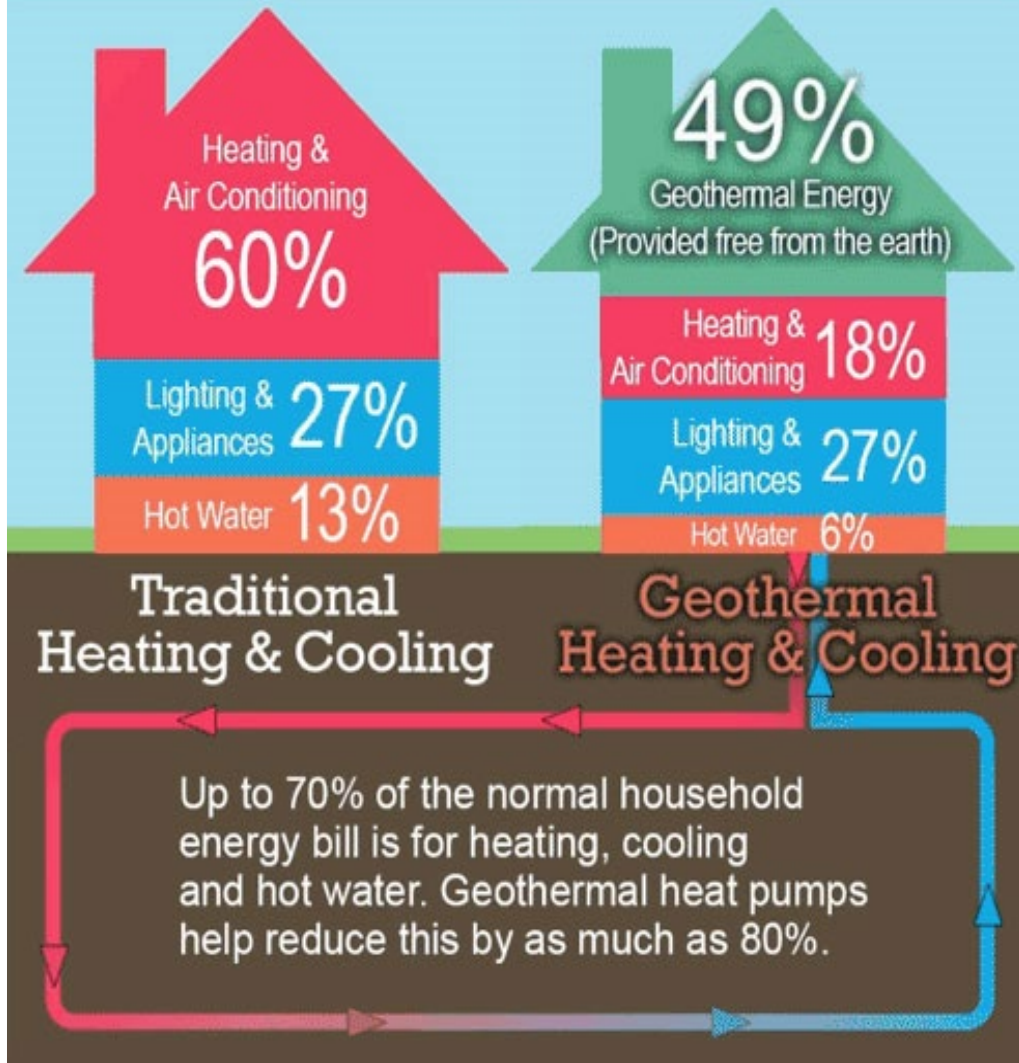


We Harvest Solar Energy with a GHP



Geothermal:

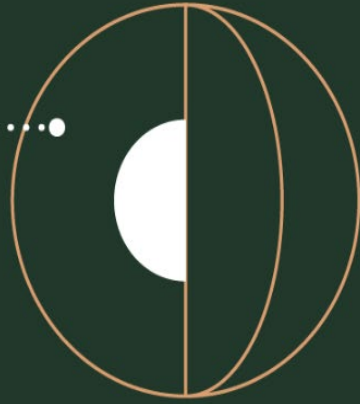
Real Savings & How It Works



Calculations are based upon current utility costs for a typical home in the U.S. Midwest

GEOHERMAL ENERGY

Renewable heat energy harnessed from deep beneath the surface of the earth.



A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE



MINIMAL VISUAL IMPACT



VIRTUALLY ZERO CO₂ EMISSIONS



UNAFFECTED BY CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

CO₂ EMISSIONS

FOSSIL FUELS

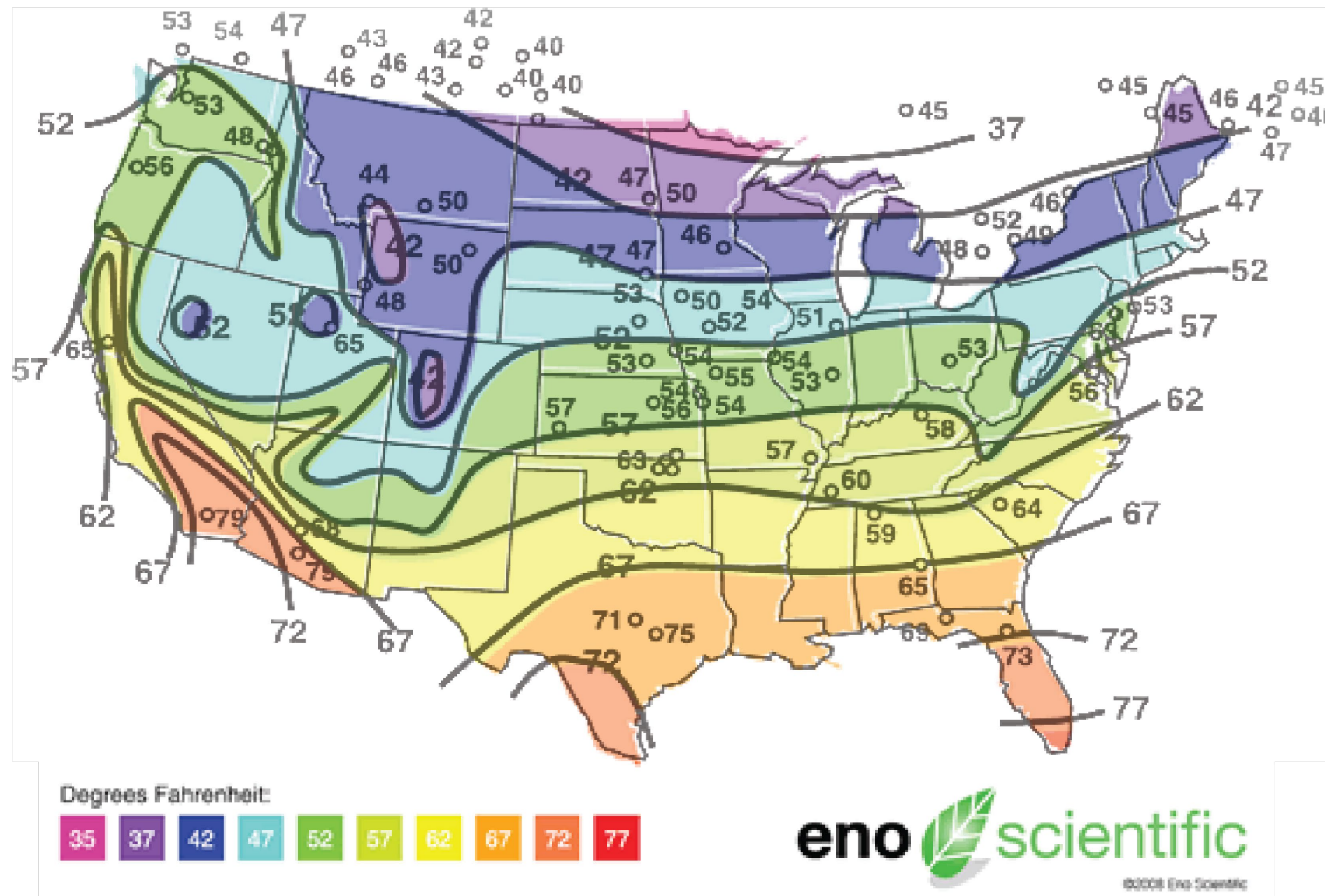
GEOHERMIC RESOURCES



ENERGY THAT *Works* AROUND THE CLOCK

Geothermal is a reliable, baseload energy source. It can provide power **24** hours a day, **365** days a year, independent of weather conditions and with the flexibility to meet consumer demand.





In Illinois, the ground temperatures below 20 feet remains constant between 50 – 60 °F year-round. Geothermal systems are designed to take advantage of these moderate temperatures in the ground to boost energy efficiency and reduce the operational costs of heating and cooling systems.

SUMMER

90°
AIR TEMP



60°
GROUND TEMP

Warm Air

Cool Air



WINTER

5°
AIR TEMP



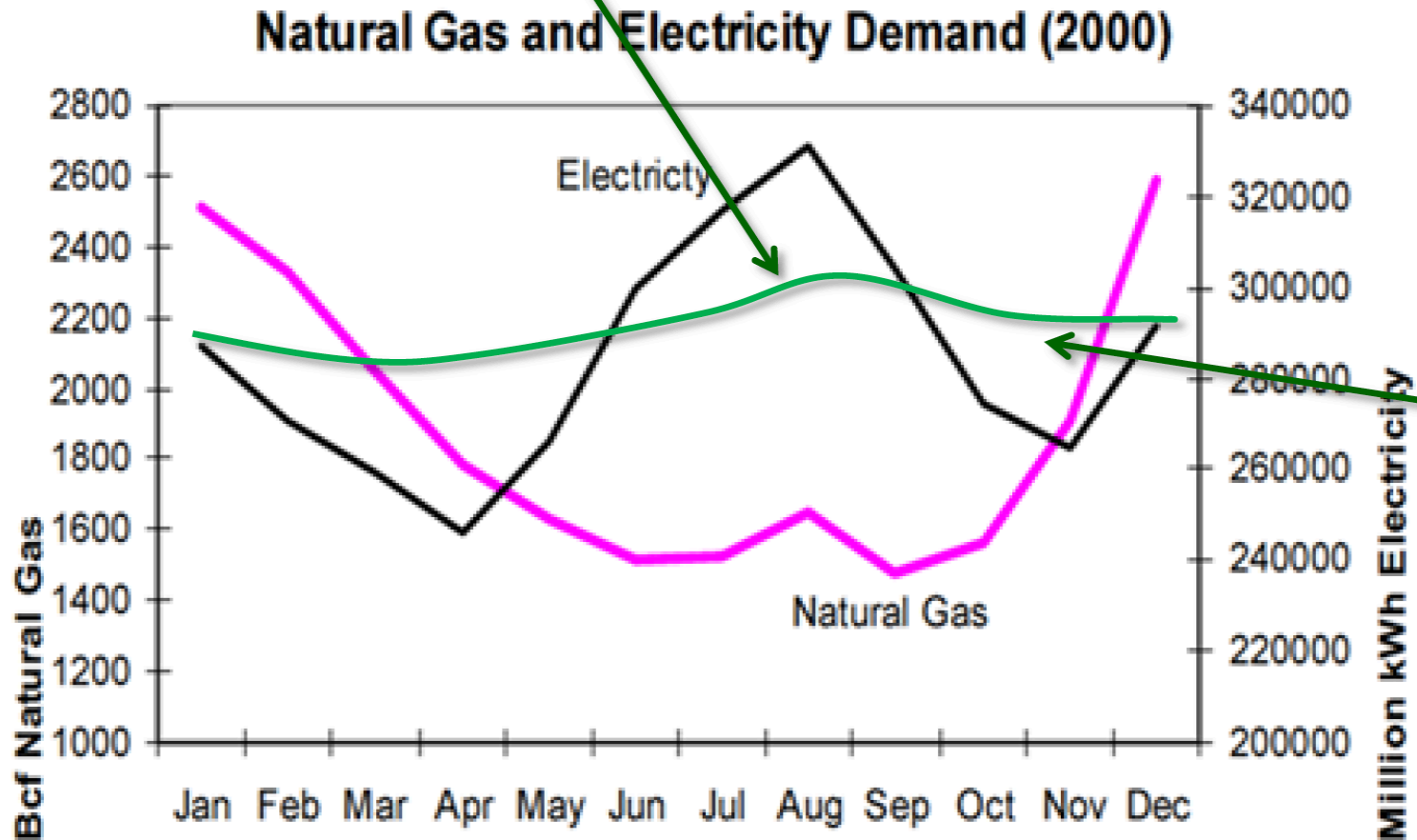
55°
GROUND TEMP

Cool Air

Warm Air



With **GHP** Technology, we eliminate peaks, and add load in the Winter (Levels the Grid)

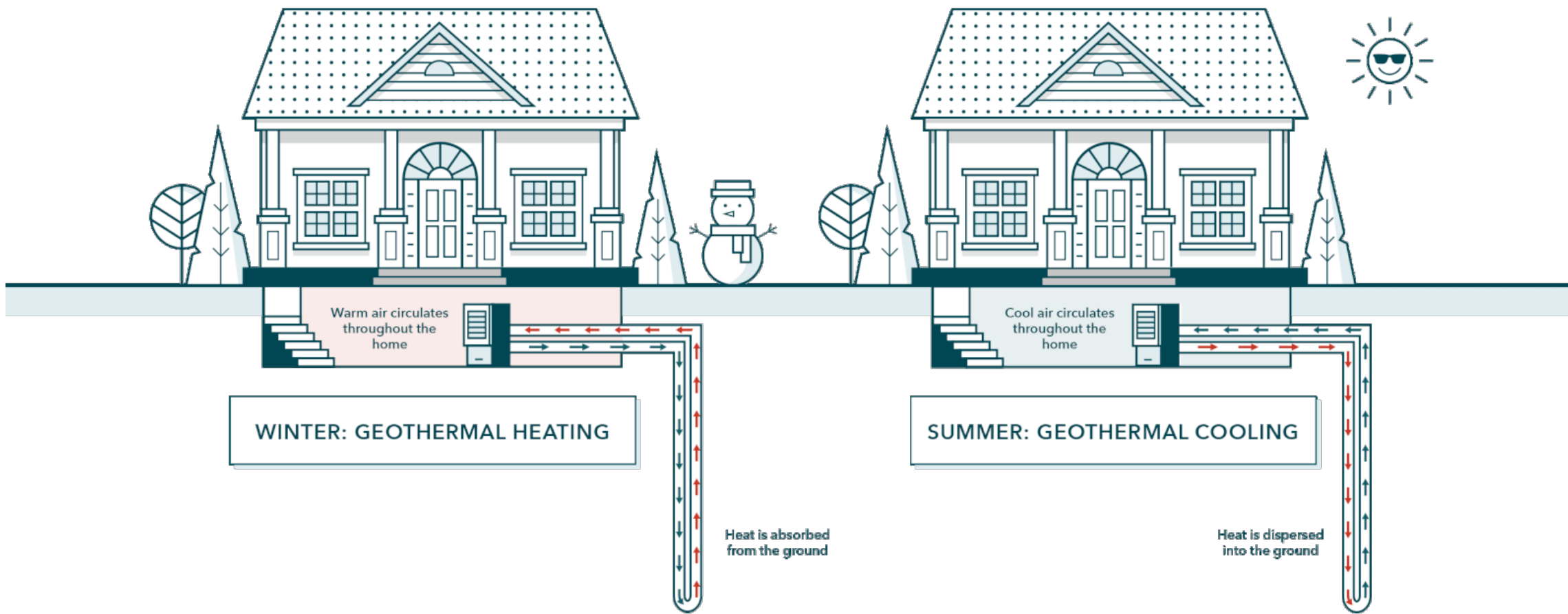


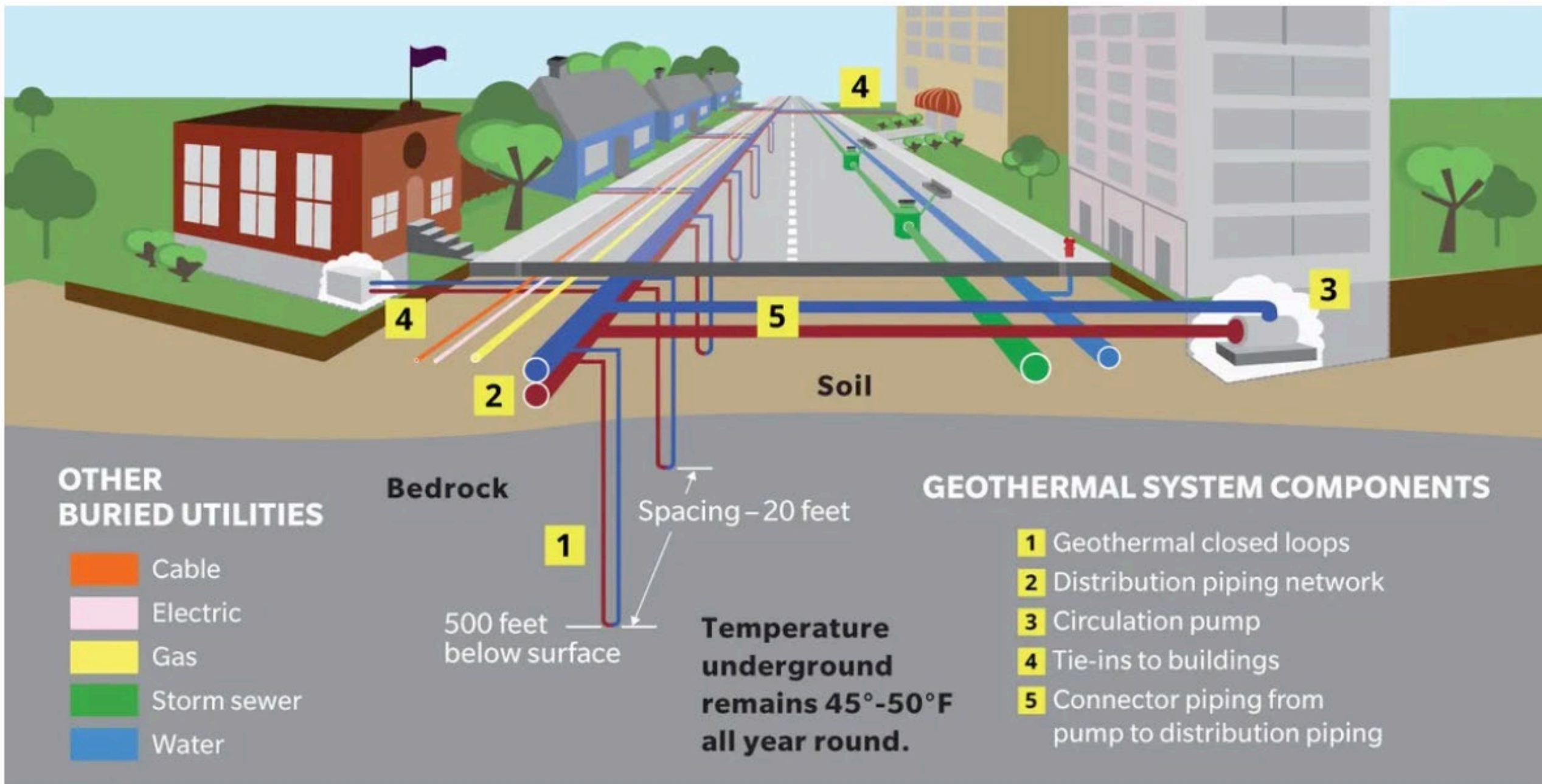
A Geothermal System:

- **Reduces Summer Peak Electric Load**
- **Adds Winter Base Electric Load**

Makes good use of existing electrical infrastructure

Ref: Gas Technology Institute, GRI 03/0173





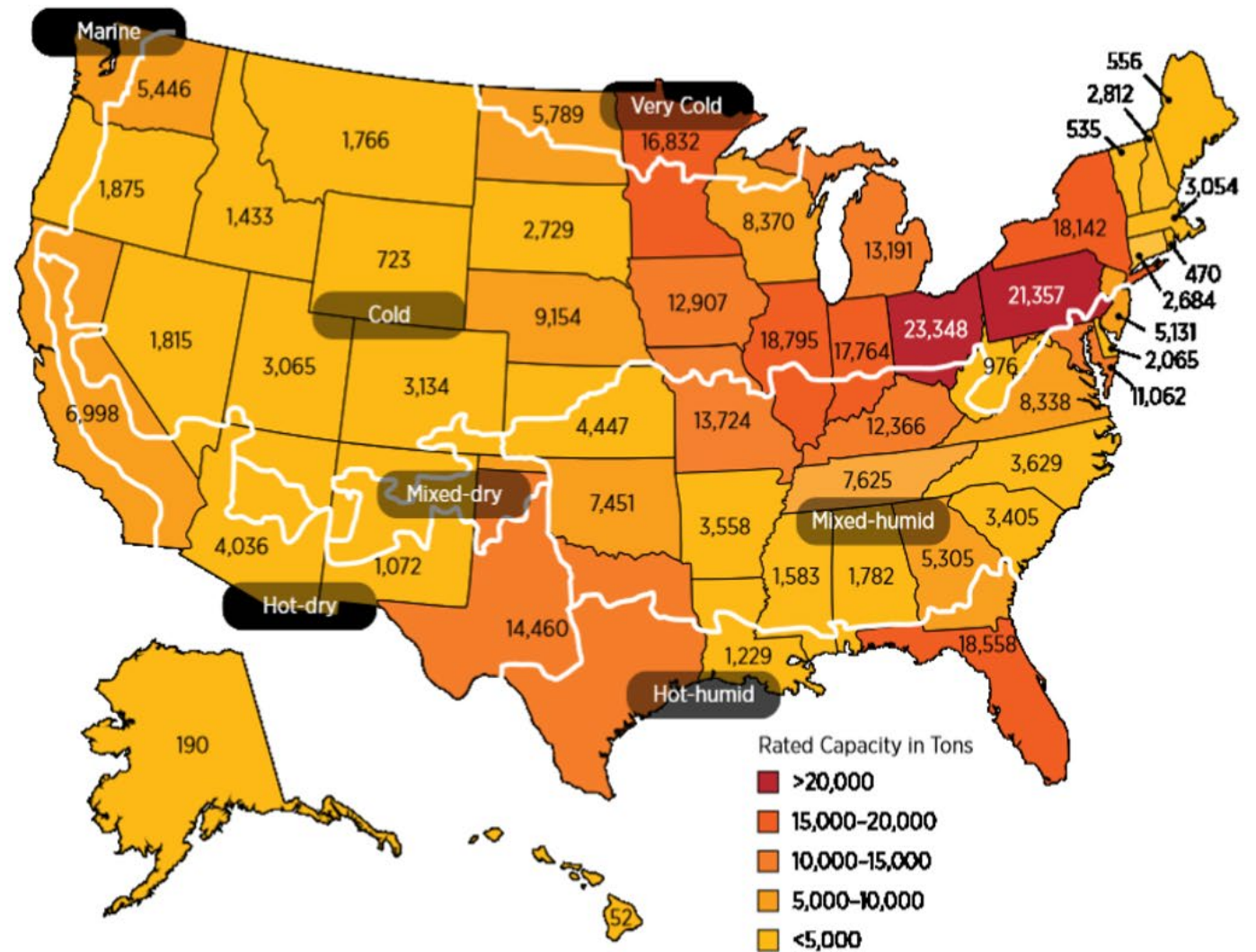
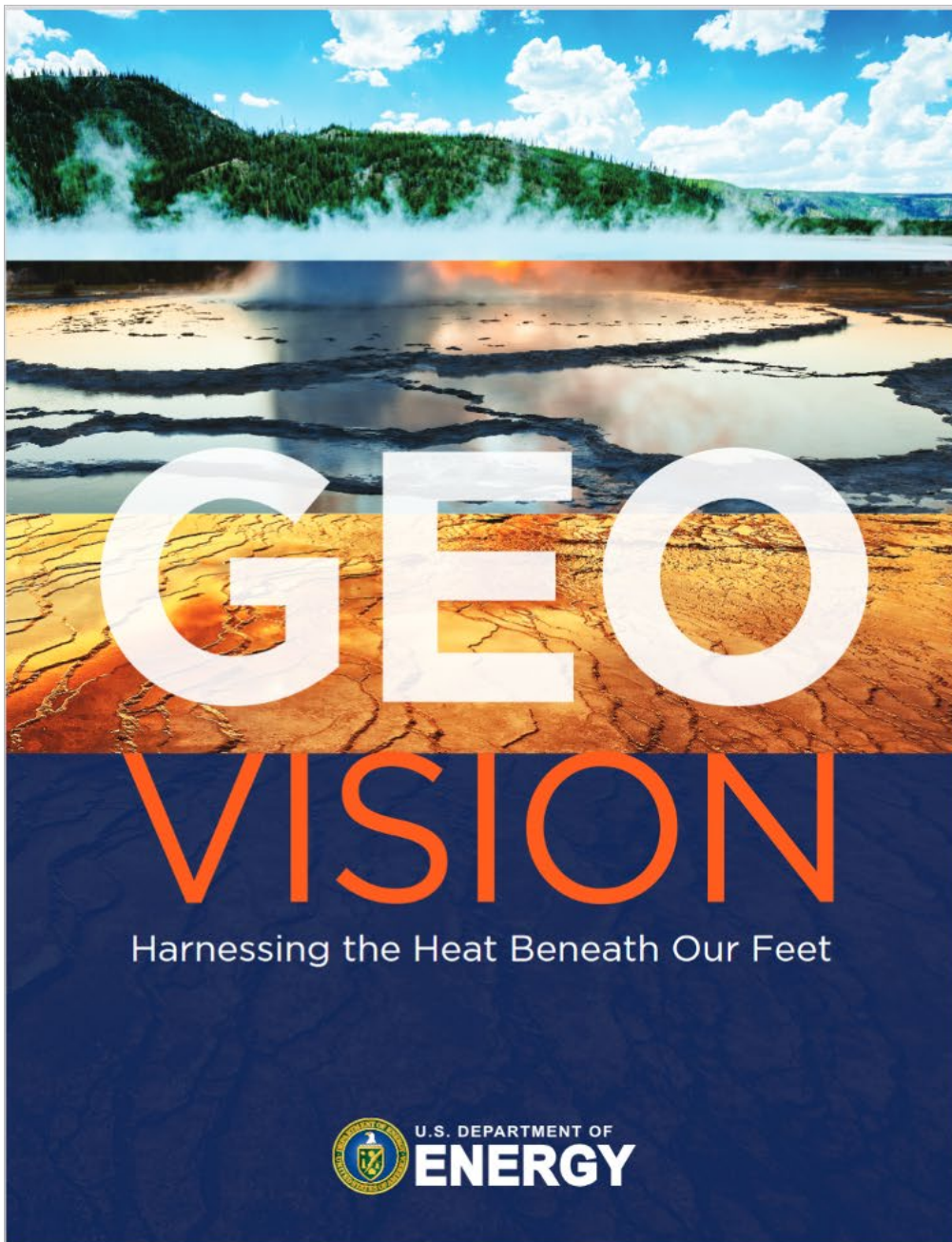
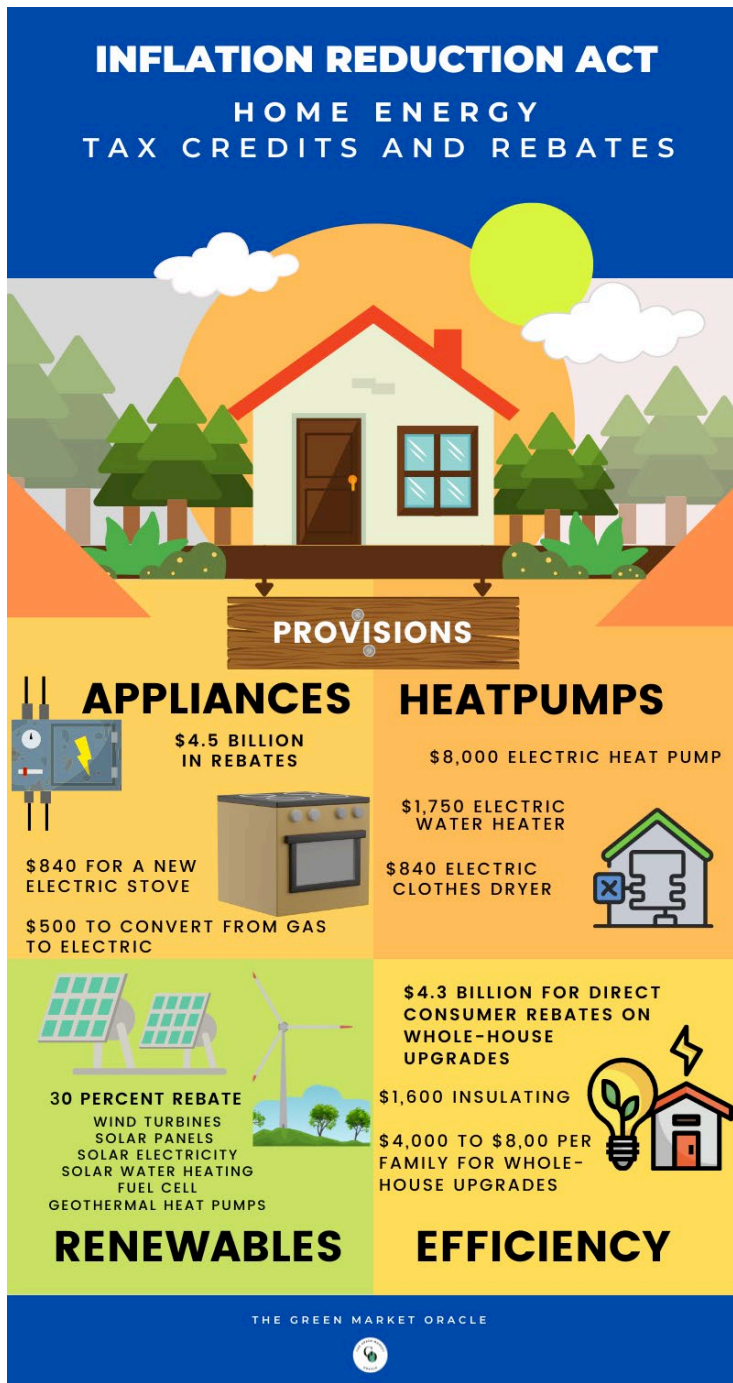


Figure 2-13. U.S. geothermal heat-pump shipments (rated capacity in cooling tons) in 2009

Source: Liu et al. 2018

Figure Note: The number in each state indicates the total capacity (cooling tons) of GHP shipments in 2009 in the state. The white lines indicate climate zones, which are based on the 2009 data on the destinations of GHP unit shipments in the United States and color-coded based on the total rated capacity (in cooling tons) shipped in that year (EIA 2010). The 2009 data are the last data available; EIA no longer tracks GHP shipments.



Provisions Affecting Geothermal Heat Pumps in the Proposed “Inflation Reduction Act”

The [Geothermal Exchange Organization](#) (GEO) is the voice of the geothermal heat pump industry in the United States. Below is their summary of the provisions affecting geothermal heat pumps in the ‘Inflation Reduction Act’ and a brief outlook on where things will go from here. You can read the full text of the bill [here](#).

• Section 25D residential tax credit –

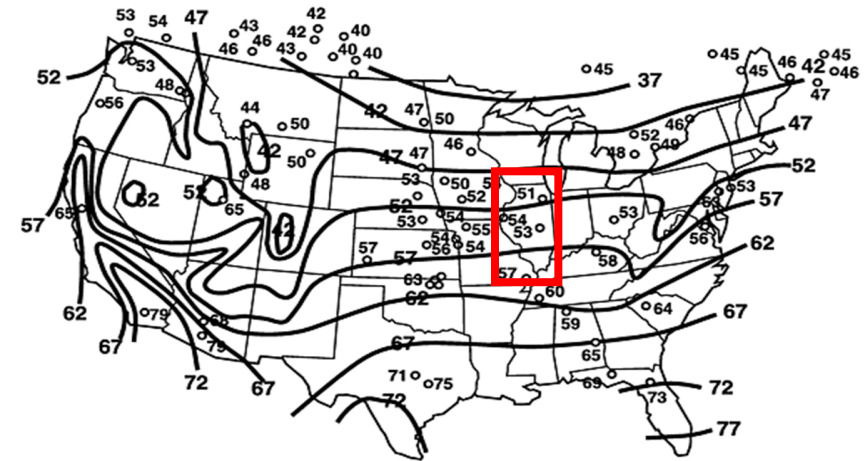
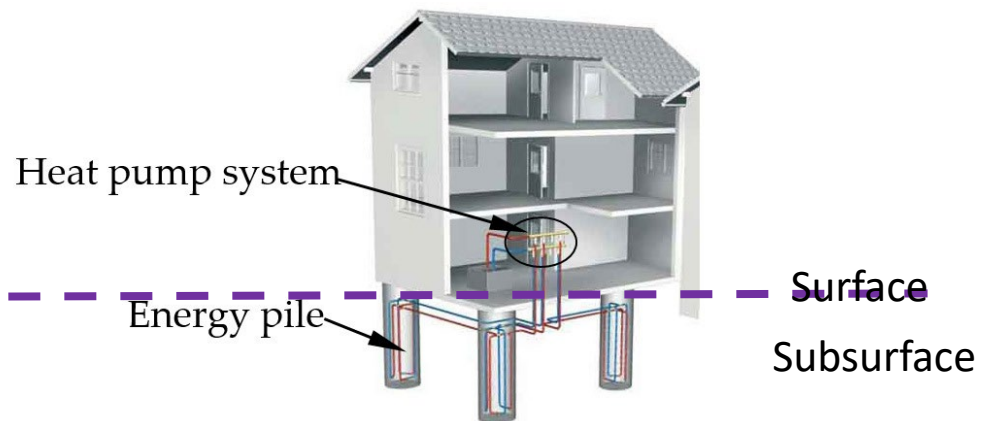
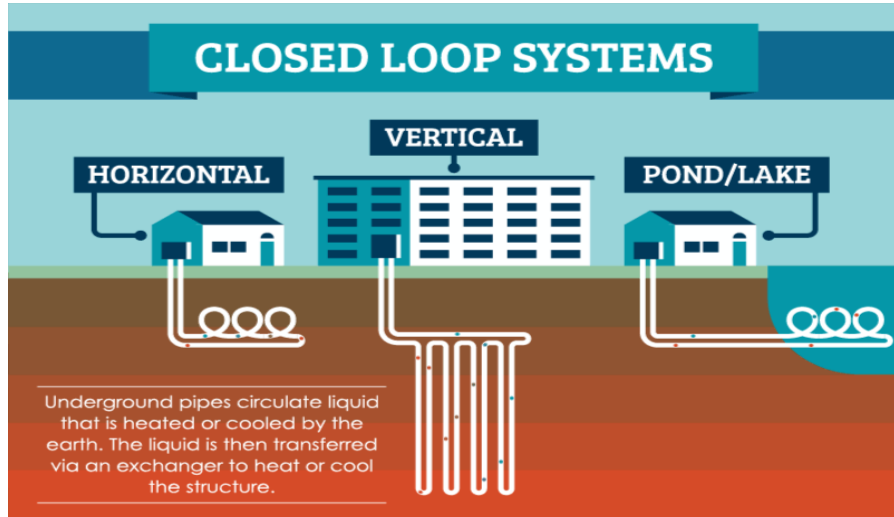
- Under current law, the credit is at 26% in 2022, 22% in 2023, and expires at the end of 2023.
- The bill extends the credit for all Section 25D technologies at the following rates:
 - 26% (2021)
 - 30% (2022-2032)
 - 26% (2033)
 - 22% (2034)
 - 0% (2035)
- The House-passed version of the bill made the credit fully refundable, subject to extensive verification requirements on installers to guard against fraud. These refundability and verification requirements have been removed.

• Section 48 commercial tax credit –

- Section 48 is extended under a two tier structure:
 - A “base rate” of 6% (or 1/5 of the bonus rate)
 - A “bonus rate” of 30%

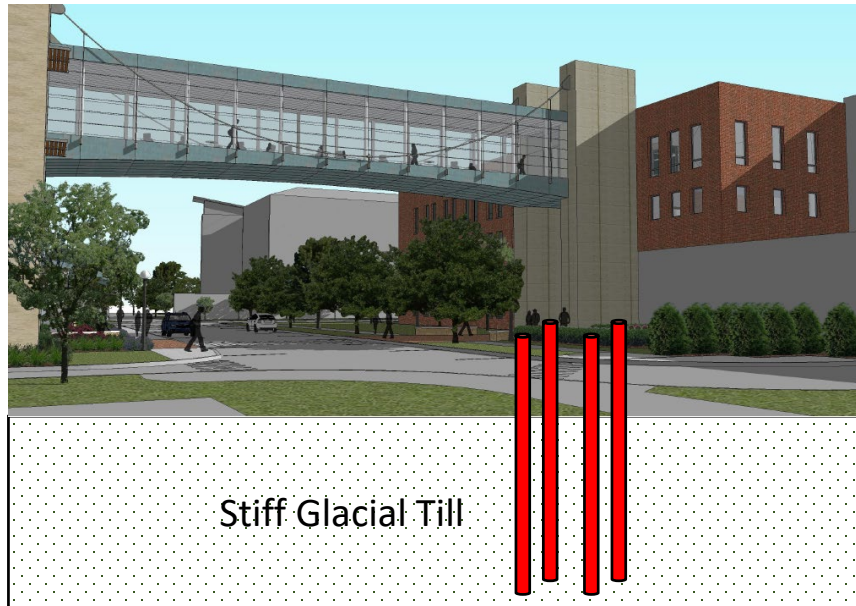
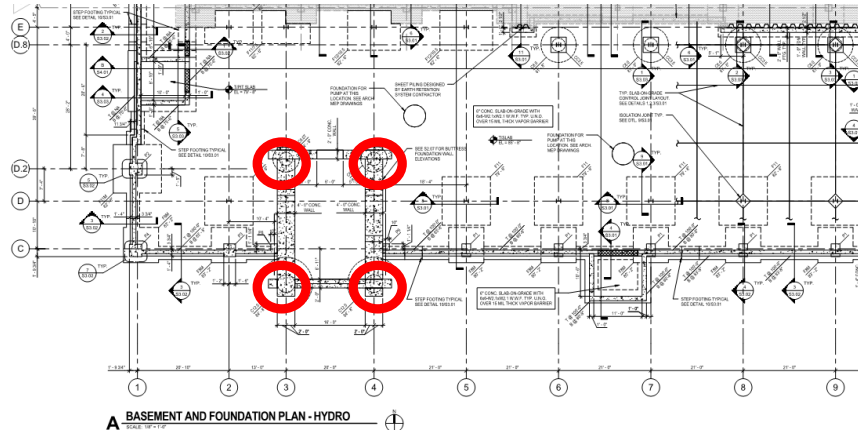
- The House-passed version of the bill provided for direct pay/refundability of the credit. In this version, direct pay/refundability is only available under Section 48 for the following entities:
 - tax-exempt organizations;
 - state or local government (or political subdivision thereof);
 - Tennessee Valley Authority;
 - Indian tribal government; and
 - Alaskan Native Corporations.
- The bill includes a domestic content bonus credit for facilities that use domestic steel, iron, and manufactured products. The bonus credit is two-tiered:
 - 10% (projects that either meet prevailing wage/apprenticeship requirements or are under 1MW of electrical or thermal energy)
 - 2% (projects over 1MW that don't meet prevailing wage/apprenticeship requirements)

Energy geostructures



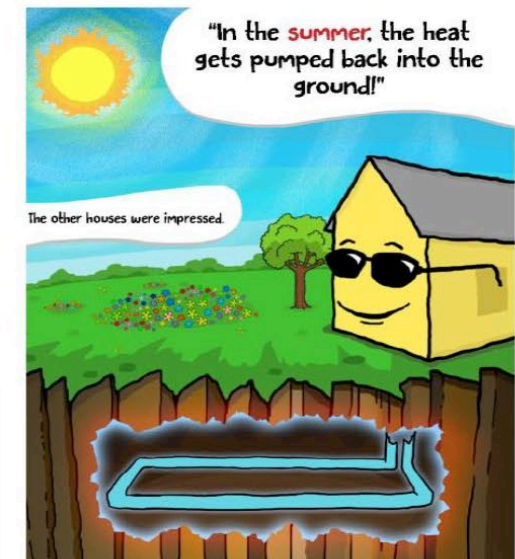
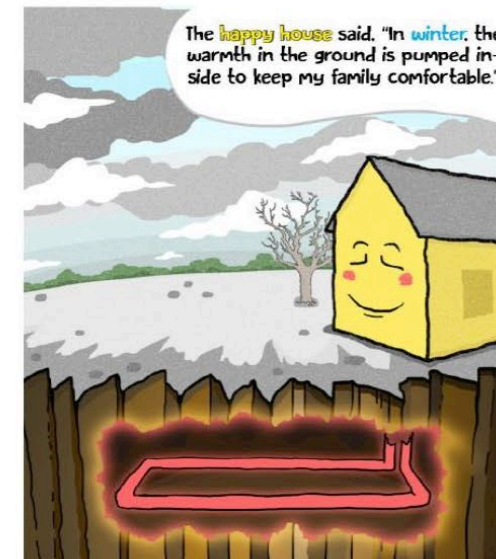
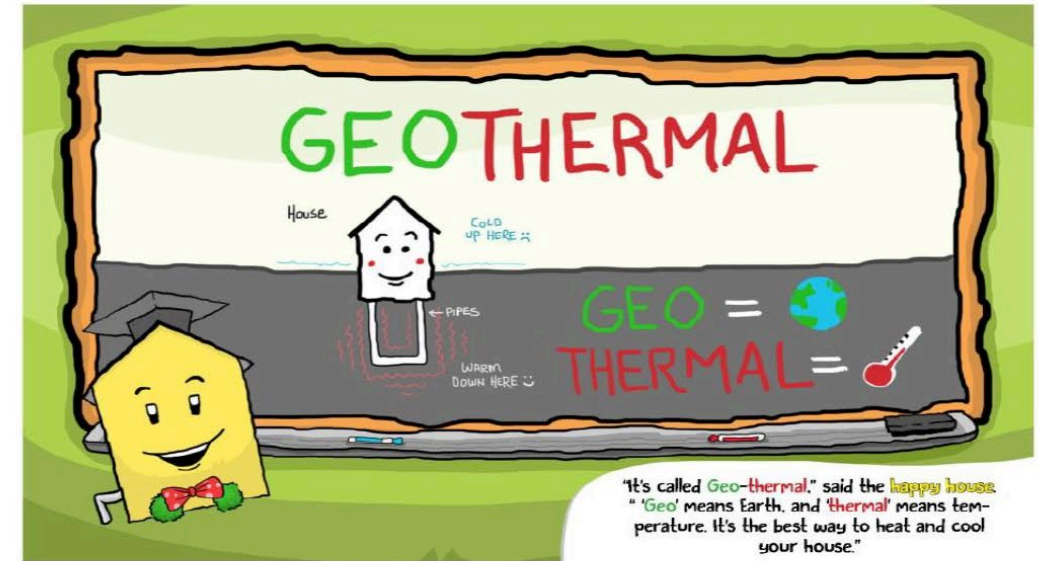
Energy Foundations: Installation

Instrumented energy foundations at the Ven Te Chow Hydrosystems Laboratory

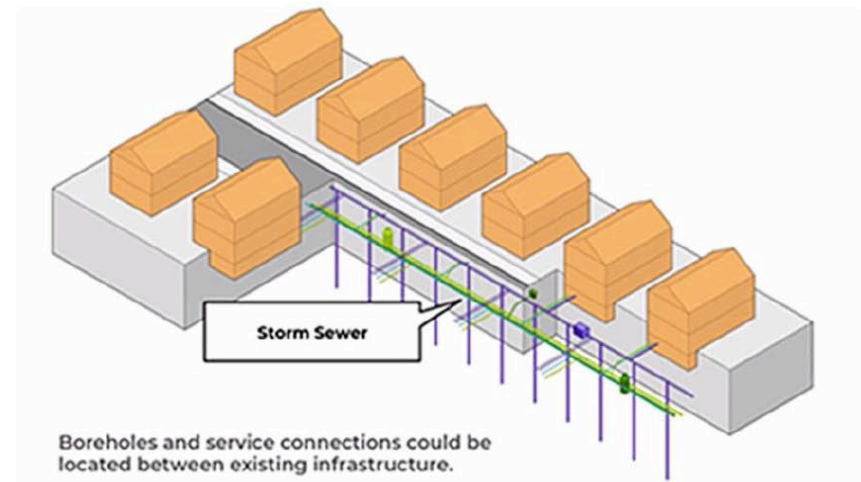
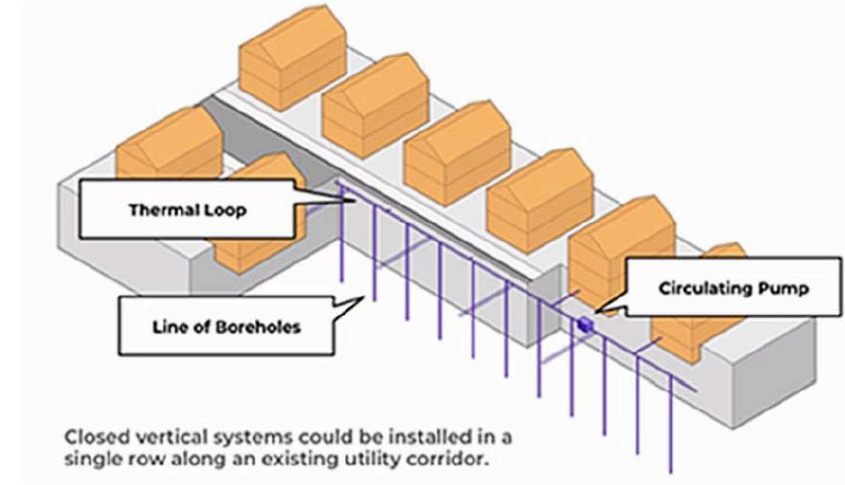
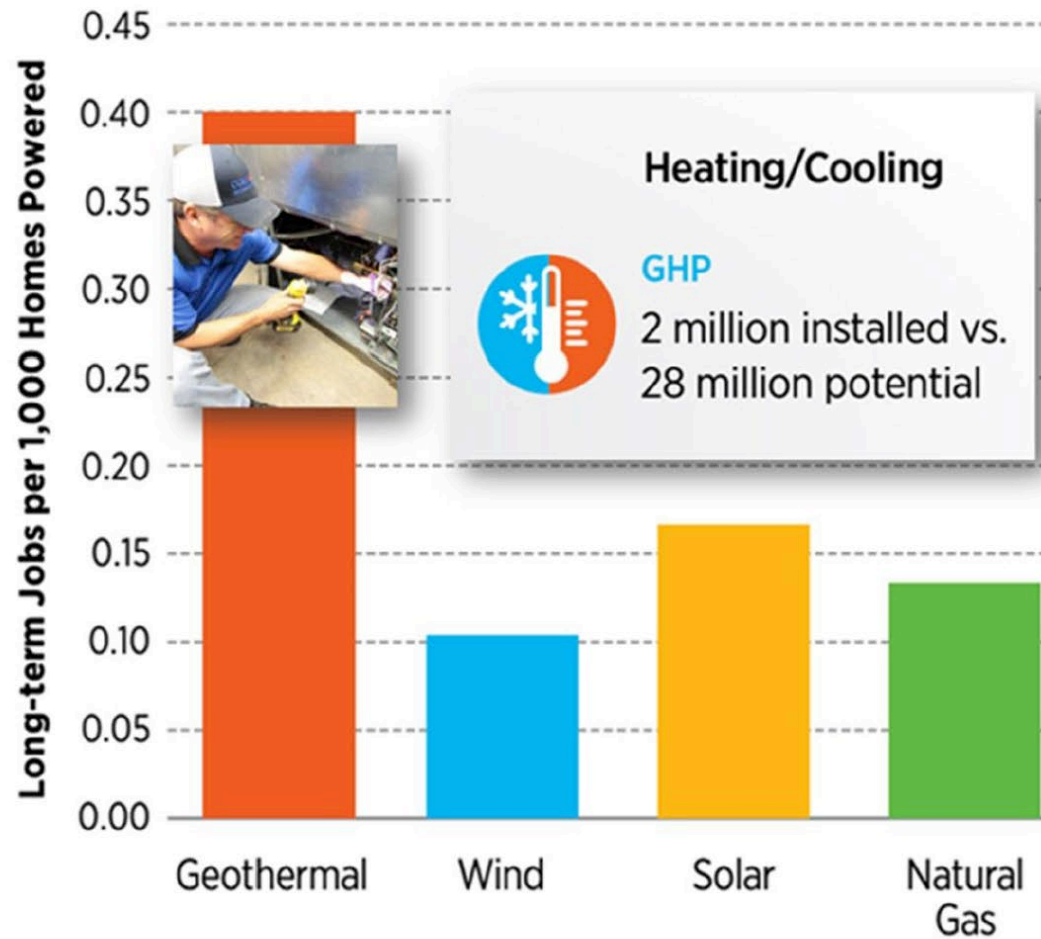


A New Way of Thinking About GEO

1. The Basics of Geothermal Systems
2. Beneficial Electrification through GHPs
3. Benefits of Reductions in Cooling Tower Use
4. Community Infrastructure Can Aid Geothermal as Utilities & Geothermal Grids
5. More Ways to Couple with Infrastructure
6. Aging Natural Gas Pipelines to >> Geo Districts
7. Health and Human Safety;
 - a. Reduce/Eliminate Combustibles
 - b. Reduce/ Eliminate Legionnaires Disease
8. Load Diversification / Thermal Advantage
9. Surface Water Exchange



This model will provide long lasting Clean Energy employment for thousands of workers



Thank you

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