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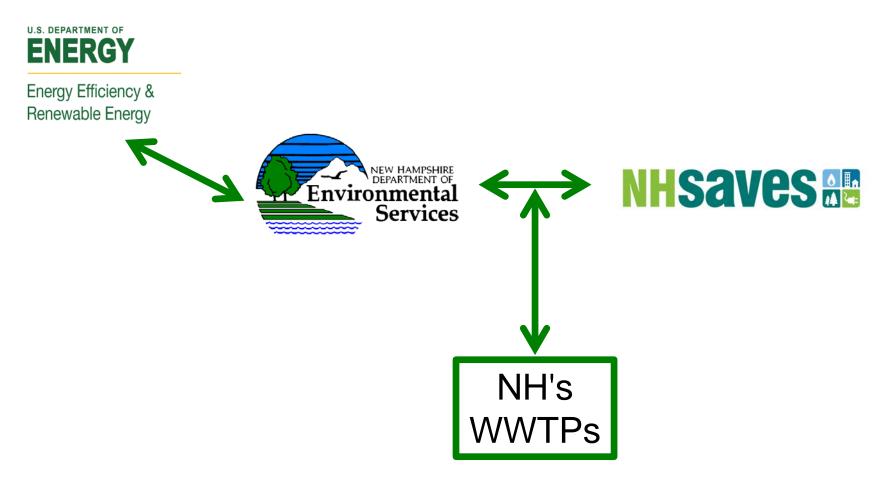
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Wastewater Opportunities

- Largest energy user in municipality
- Tight budgets do more with less
- Aging equipment
- Over-designed

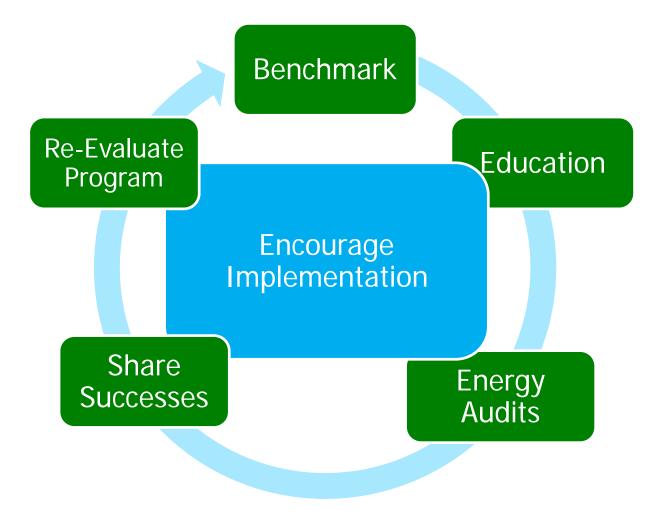
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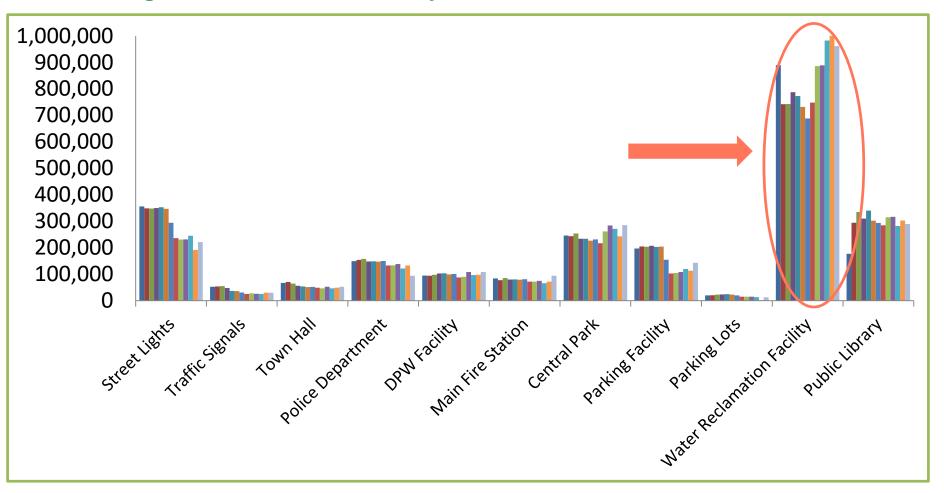
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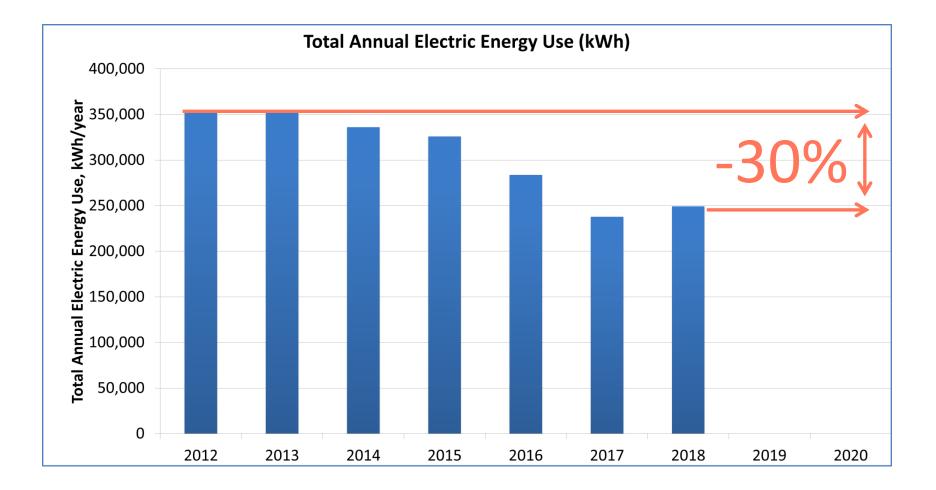
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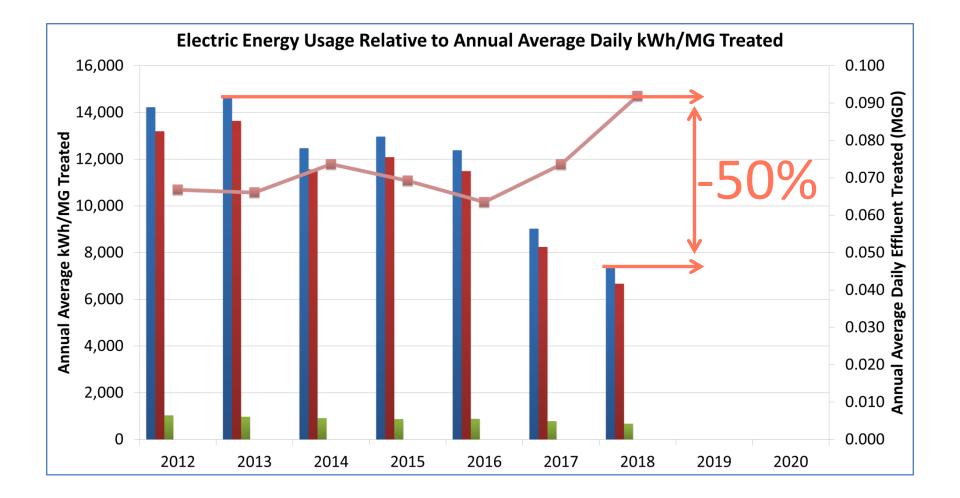
Benchmarking

- Compile total energy use for WWT
- Evaluate single WWTP
- Compare similar NH WWTPs
- Compare NH WWTPs to other states
- Track improvements or changes over time
- Increases awareness

Benchmarking Energy Efficiency Progress: NH Lagoon Facility

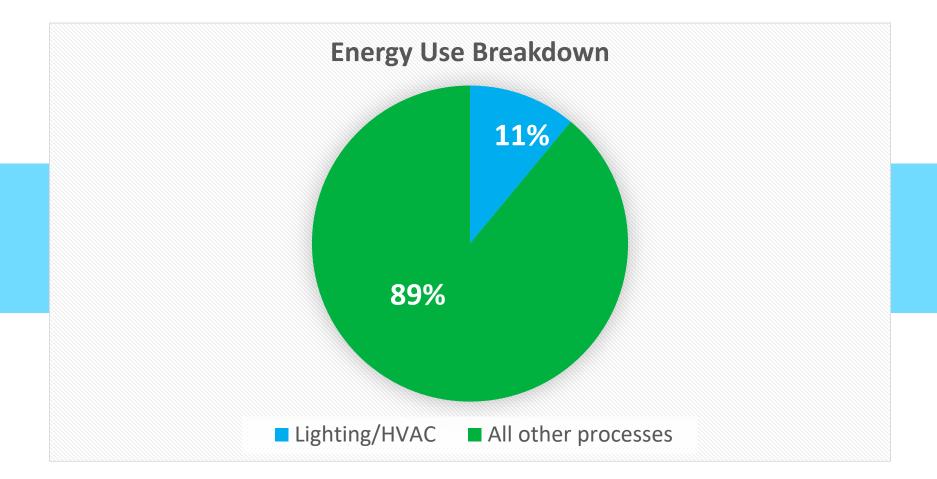


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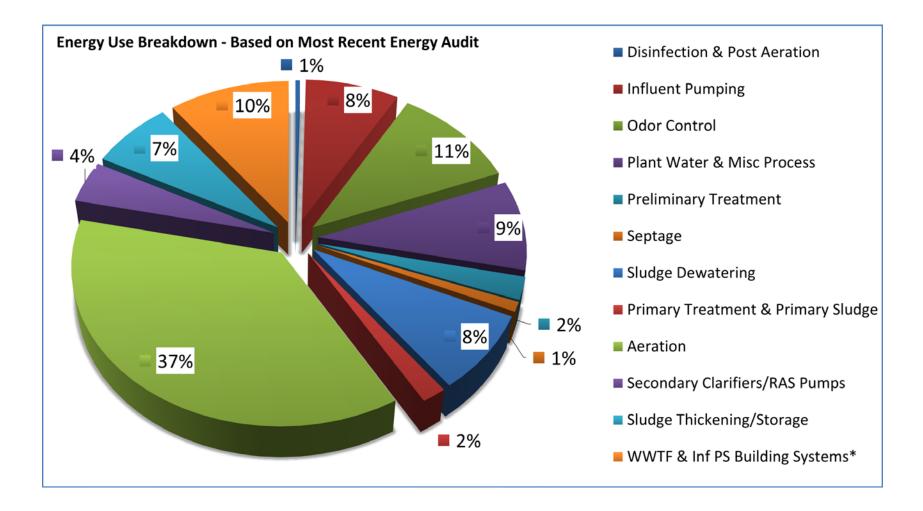


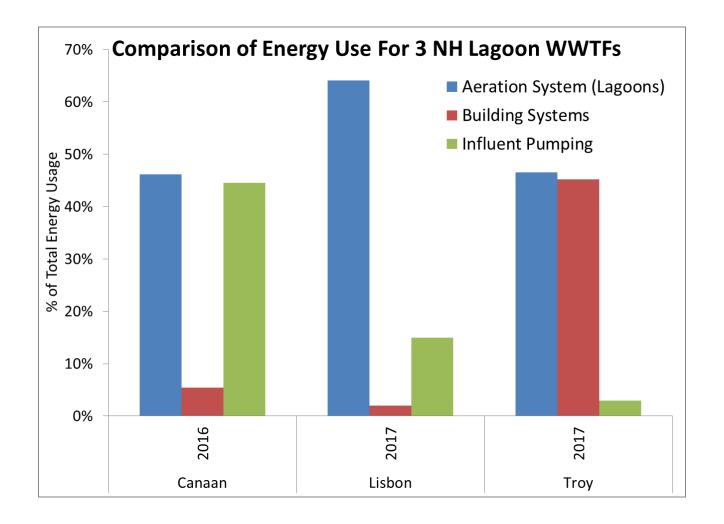
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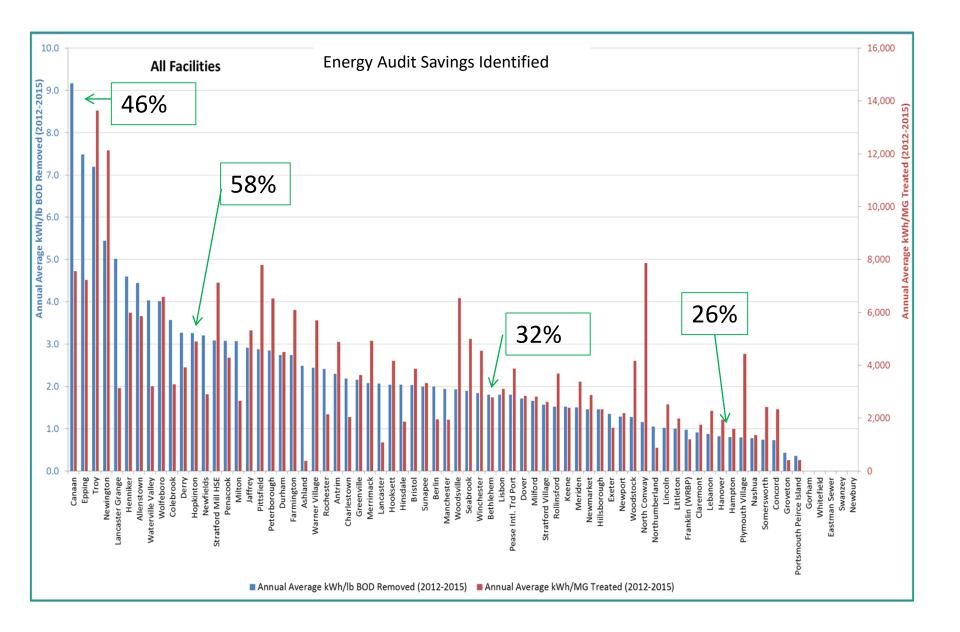
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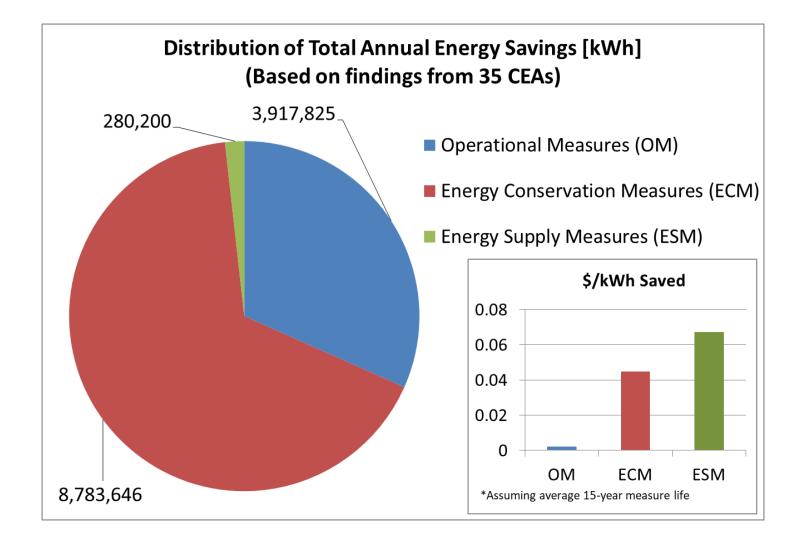






Energy Audit Findings (35 WWTPs)

- S Saving otential
- 29% Overall Energy Use
- 1300 MWh Electricity
- 72,000 therms NG
- 35,000 gallons propane and oil



Implementation

\$6.3M Estimated Implementation Costs

\$1.72M Estimated Annual Avoided Costs

3.2 Year Payback (before incentives)

Implementation Funding

NH Saves

- -CORE Electric Funds
- RGGI Municipal Funding

CWSRF Loan Forgiveness -50% up to \$400,000



Implementation Challenges

- Municipalities can't move quickly
- Perceived funding limitations
- Fear of WWTP upset
- Incentive paperwork burdens
- EE seen as a burden more than an opportunity
- Gets lost in the pile of "to do"

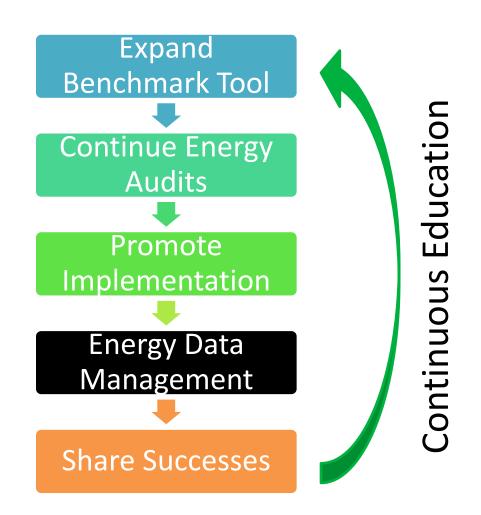


Implementation – Continuous Improvement

- Education repeated and varied
 - One on one
 - Workshop setting
 - Success stories peer to peer
- Technical assistance
- Funding opportunities
- Checking back in on a regular basis







Questions?

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