

Update on District Cooling and Thermal Storage

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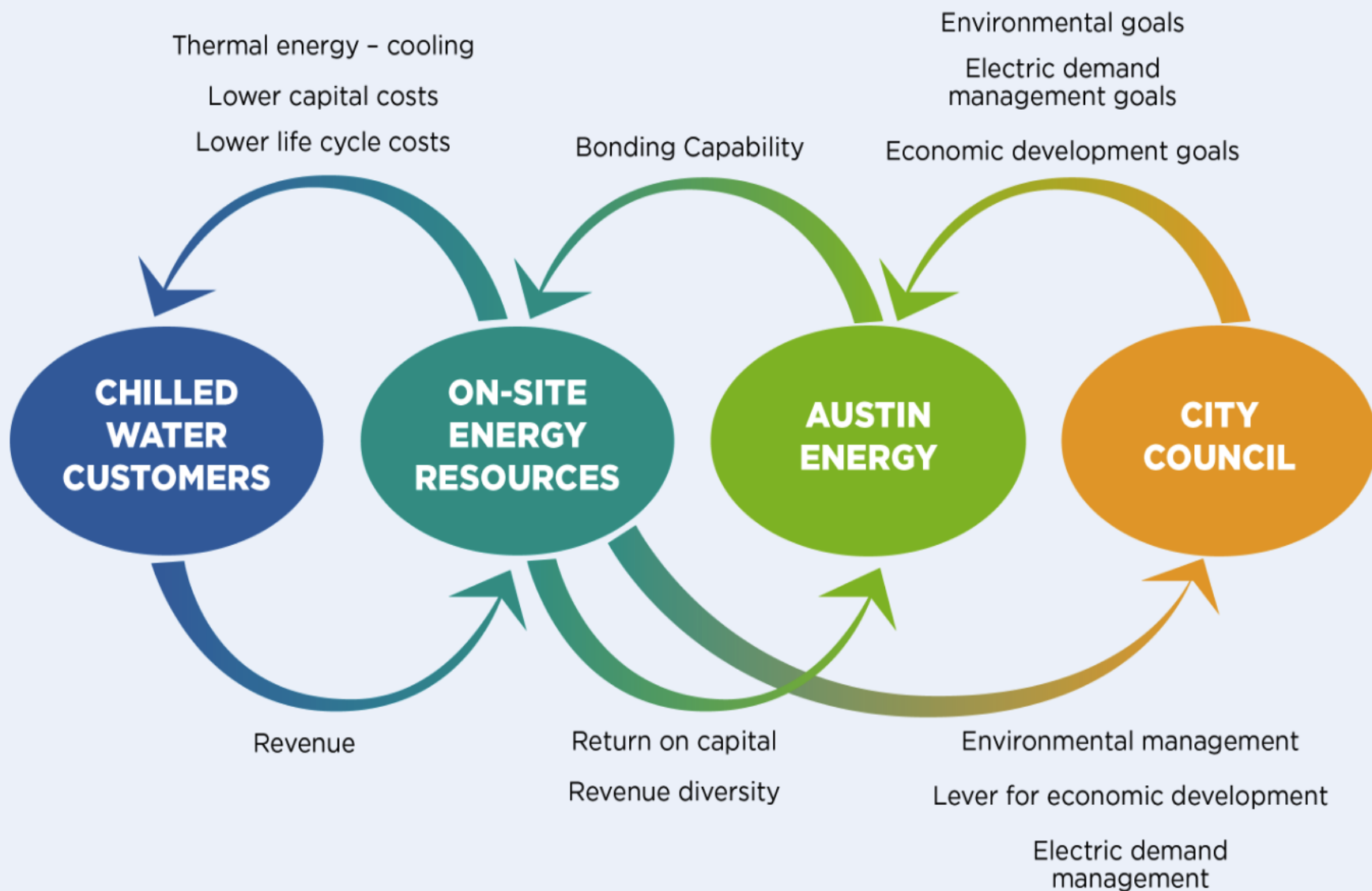




- Underground network of pipes providing chilled water to meet cooling needs of multiple buildings
- Gathering load generates superior energy savings, reliability and quality
- Thermal storage element shifts electric demand to off-peak



District Cooling Value Chain





2017 Snapshot

- District Cooling Program has connected 70 customers
- Over 19 million square feet of facilities (i.e., 165 City Halls)
- Summer 2017 ➡ 17.2MW demand shift toward Resource Plan goal of 30 MW of thermal storage by 2027





Look Ahead – Capacity Additions

Downtown

- Paul Robbins Plant
- Crescent Tract
- Red River

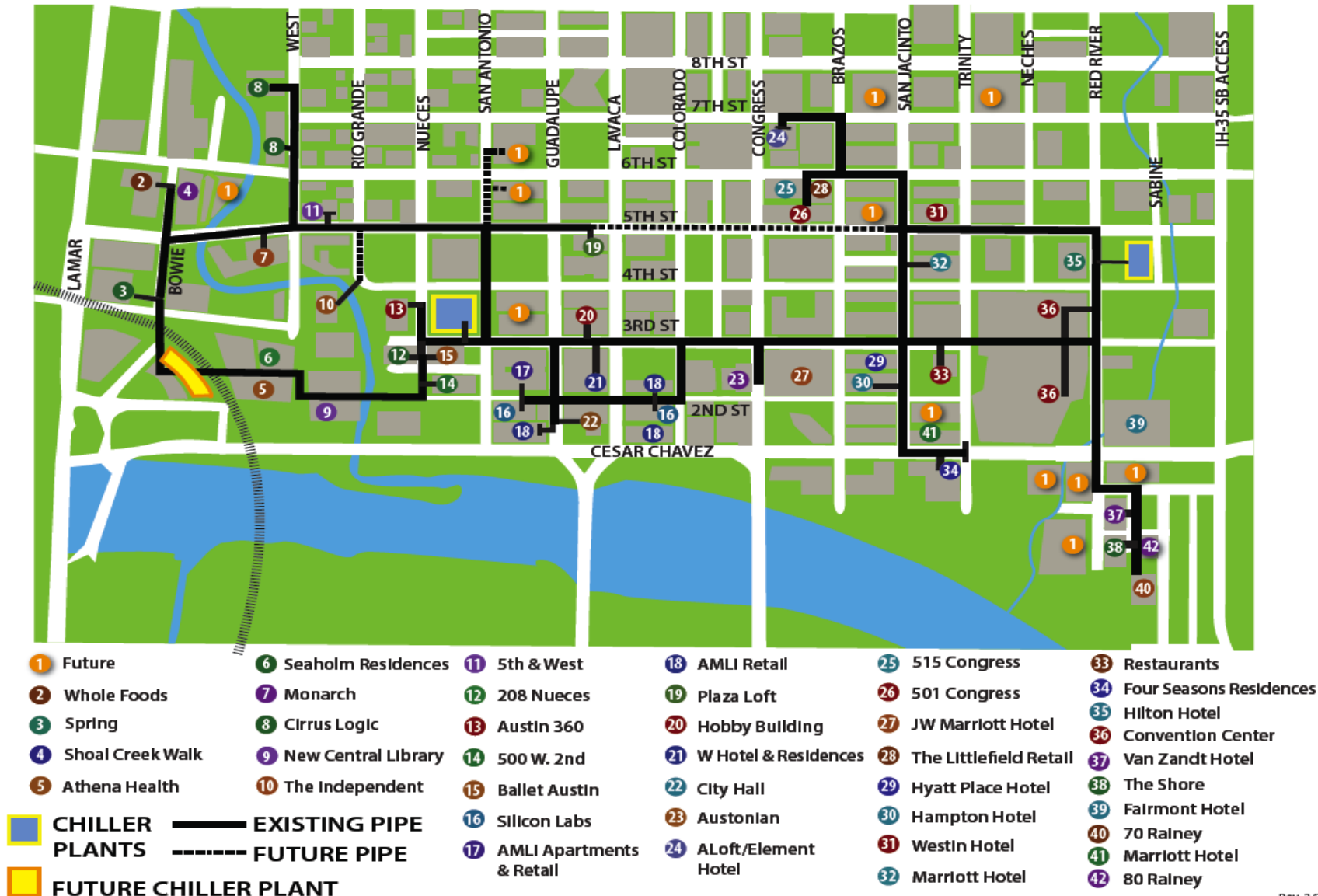


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- Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas expansion
- Next wave of commercial/retail facilities



Downtown District Cooling Customers



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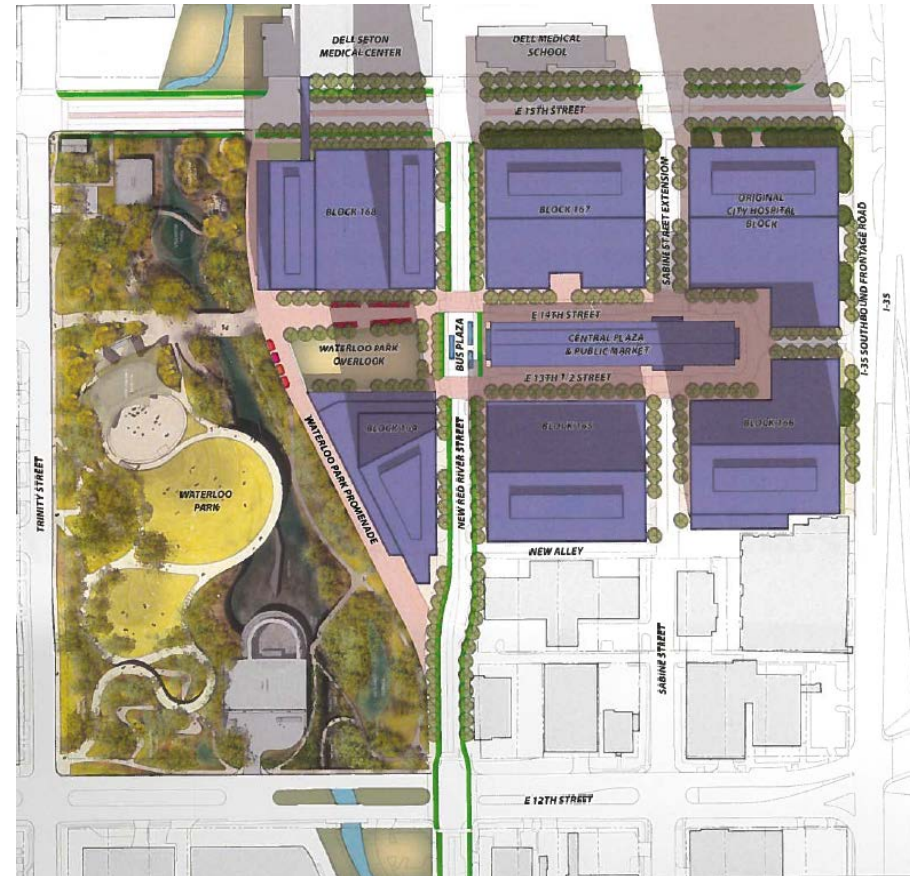


Look Ahead – Satellite Plants

Austin Community College



Central Health





Look Ahead – Satellite Plants

South Central Waterfront District



Austin Energy – District Cooling



Willing to investigate innovative strategies to expel heat (i.e. using Lady Bird Lake or ground source)

Possible location for underground District Cooling facility

Possible location of closed-loop chilled water lines

Alternate location for air based heat-exchanger

Consider future expansion, and/or alternative location for District Cooling facility

- What is District Cooling:** District Cooling provides customers their HVAC requirements through a network of underground pipes. It serves multiple buildings within a particular service area. A District Cooling plant distributes chilled water (approximately 42 to 44 degrees) to the customer's building through a set of heat exchangers located in the customer's mechanical room.
- Benefit to developer:** District Cooling provides substantially reduced initial capital investment and lowers operational and energy expenses. In addition to stabilizing long-term costs, the developer does not need to provide a space for a mechanical room and other on-site HVAC dependent spaces.
- Benefit to city and community:** District Cooling allows Austin Energy to manage peak demand and provide an added value to customers. All costs of the program are recovered through chilled water customer's fees and charges.

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Thank you!



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