

Illinois EPA Public Water Infrastructure Energy Efficiency Program

Reduce the energy cost of
wastewater and water treatment

Apply for a No-Cost Energy Assessment
<https://smartenergy.illinois.edu/water/>
800.214.7954

The Illinois EPA Office of Energy, in partnership with the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) and the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC), is helping local municipalities reduce the cost of wastewater and water treatment. For a limited time, receive a no-cost energy assessment, a \$6,000 to \$12,000 value.

What is an energy assessment?

An energy assessment provided by SEDAC or ISTC will include a facility walk-through, utility bill analysis, and an assessment report with:

- Projected energy and cost savings
- Estimated incentive totals and funding sources
- Energy recommendations
- Projected capital cost and payback time

Top 3 Energy Savings Opportunities

For WASTEWATER:

- 1. Aeration.** Use automation, VFDs, and high-efficiency diffusers to reduce aeration energy.
- 2. Pump VFDs.** Install VFDs on lift station and plant pumps to provide better process control.
- 2. Blower Optimization.** Upgrade blower systems to properly sized, high-efficiency units with proper staging for plant flows.

For WATER:

- 1. VFDs.** Install variable frequency drives (VFDs) so pump speeds can be adjusted to match demand.
- 2. Pumping Optimization.** Use the smallest, lowest speed pumps possible to reduce demand charges and energy consumption.
- 3. Filtration Optimization.** Reduce backwash water loss and pumping energy with improved filters and controls.

Realized Savings at Assessed Facilities



City of Caseyville WWTTP

1,858,000

Estimated kWh savings/yr

VFDs on digester and reactor blowers & LED lighting upgrades and controls

\$177,000

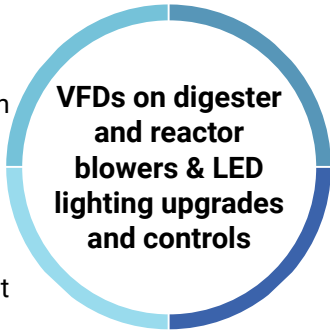
Estimated incentives

0.35 yrs

Simple payback

\$112,000

Estimated cost savings/yr



Average Flow: 2.62 MGD



Sangamon County Water Reclamation District - Spring Creek WWTTP

335,000

Estimated kWh savings/yr

VFDs at pumping station and gas detection sensors

\$71,000

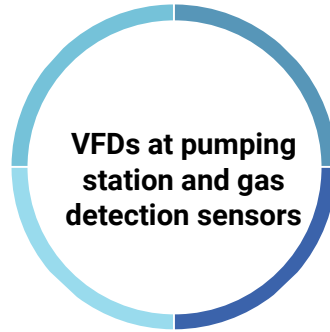
Estimated incentives

2.7 yrs

Simple payback

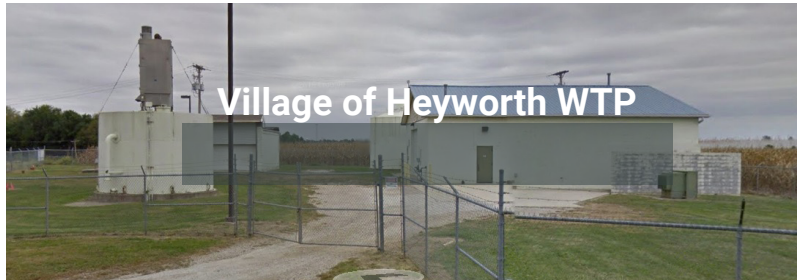
\$46,000

Estimated kWh savings/yr



Average Flow: 27 MGD

Identified Savings at Assessed Facilities



Village of Heyworth WTP

45,900

Estimated kWh savings/yr

Outdoor lighting manual control, High service low-flow pump

\$8,200

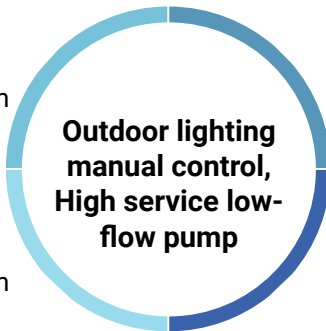
Estimated incentives

4.4 yrs

Simple payback

\$3,700

Estimated kWh savings/yr



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