



DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTER

A 200,000-square-foot municipal community center — housing a senior center, preschool, gym, pool, and healthcare services — achieved a **17%** reduction in annual electricity use, saving **\$62,000** and eliminating **694,000 kWh** in wasted consumption annually after participating in Power TakeOff's Virtual Commissioning® (VCx®) Program.

The Opportunity

The community center's varied usage patterns and sometimes irregular scheduling make it challenging to limit usage to only the regular operating hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekends. However, Power TakeOff's analysis revealed persistent indicators of energy waste and potential savings, including:

- Elevated peak demand compared to historical baselines.
- Significant energy consumption during unoccupied weekend hours, outside of the 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. weekend operating hours.
- HVAC systems operating 24/7 regardless of building occupancy.

These findings indicated that equipment operation schedules were misaligned with actual occupancy, making the site an ideal candidate for VCx intervention.

The Action Plan

Following an introductory virtual meeting, the Power TakeOff Energy Advisor identified no- and low-cost operational adjustments. The customer quickly reprogrammed their Building Management System (BMS) to align with recommendations:

- Updated HVAC schedules to match actual occupancy hours.
- Optimized temperature setpoints for occupied and unoccupied periods.

These changes required no capital investment and maintained occupant comfort.



\$62,000
Annual Electricity
Cost Savings



694,000 kWh
Annual Electricity
Savings



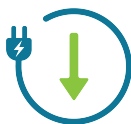
17%
Electricity Usage
Reduced

The Outcome

The Community Center experienced measurable and sustained improvements in energy efficiency following these adjustments:

694,000 kWh
saved annually

equivalent to powering 62 average U.S. homes for one year.



Peak demand lowered, minimizing strain on the local grid and reducing demand charges.

\$62,000
in annual cost savings

achieved entirely through operational improvements without capital expenditure.



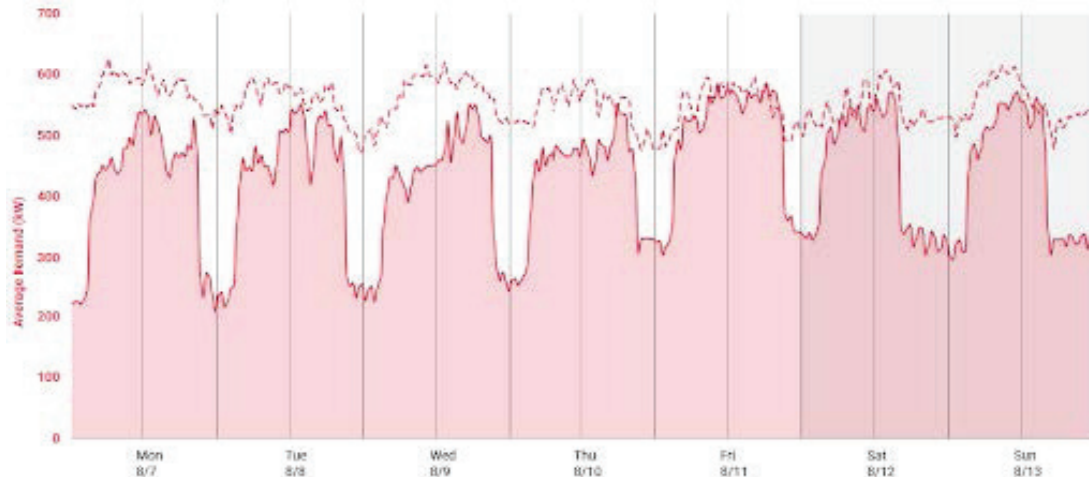
Improved alignment of HVAC operation with occupancy, preventing unnecessary wear on equipment and extending asset life.

17%
reduction in total electricity consumption

reducing the building's environmental footprint and operating costs.



Energy performance gains were maintained over the following year, with ongoing monitoring ensuring that savings persisted and providing early detection of any operational drift.



Site electricity consumption pre- and post-VCx program implementation

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