

# Barre Micro-Hydro Project

## Community Energy and Climate Change Conference



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# Introduction

## What is Micro-Hydro?

- Recover energy from existing infrastructure
- Low head and/or low flow applications
- Open or closed conduit



# Purpose

To Generate Power



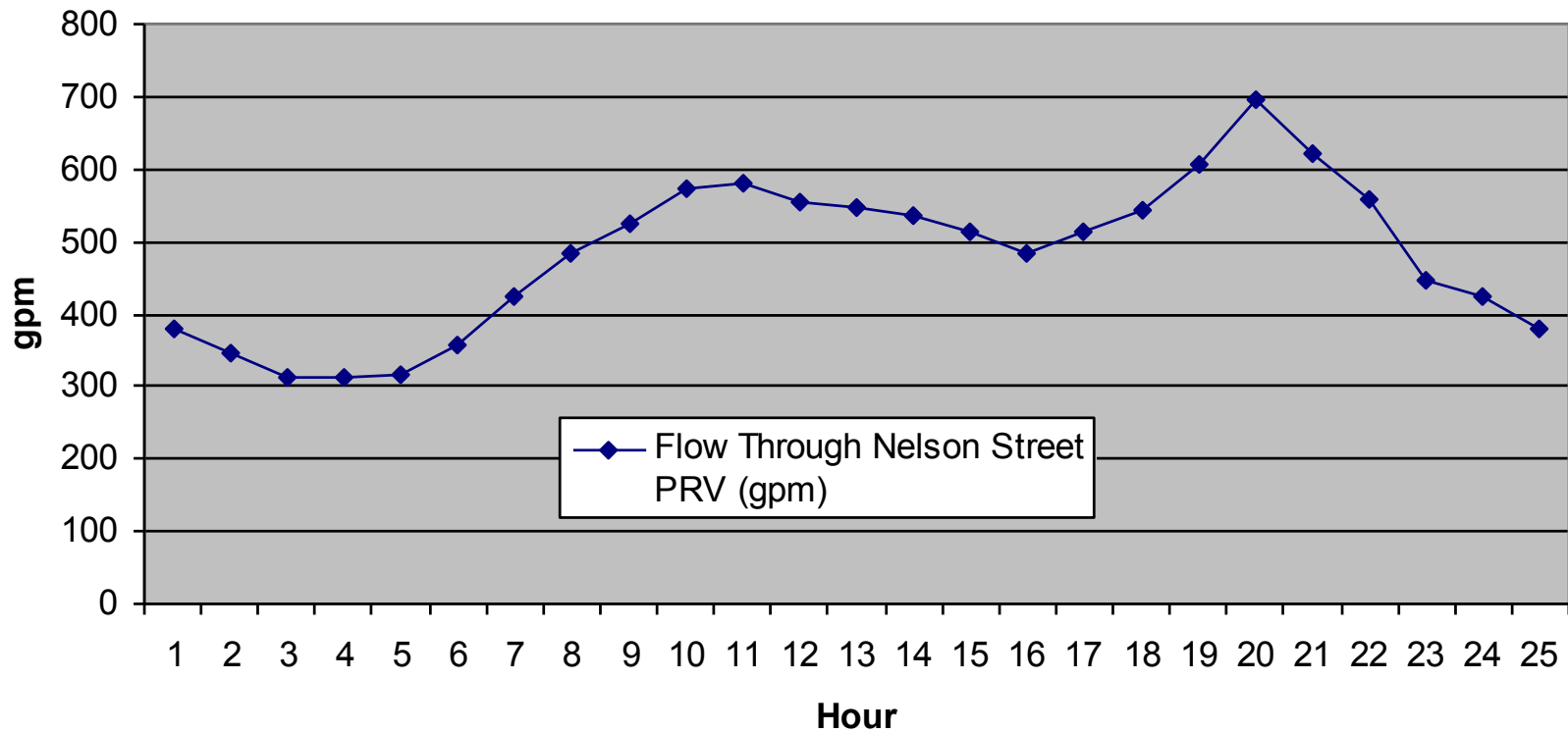
# Barre City Hydro



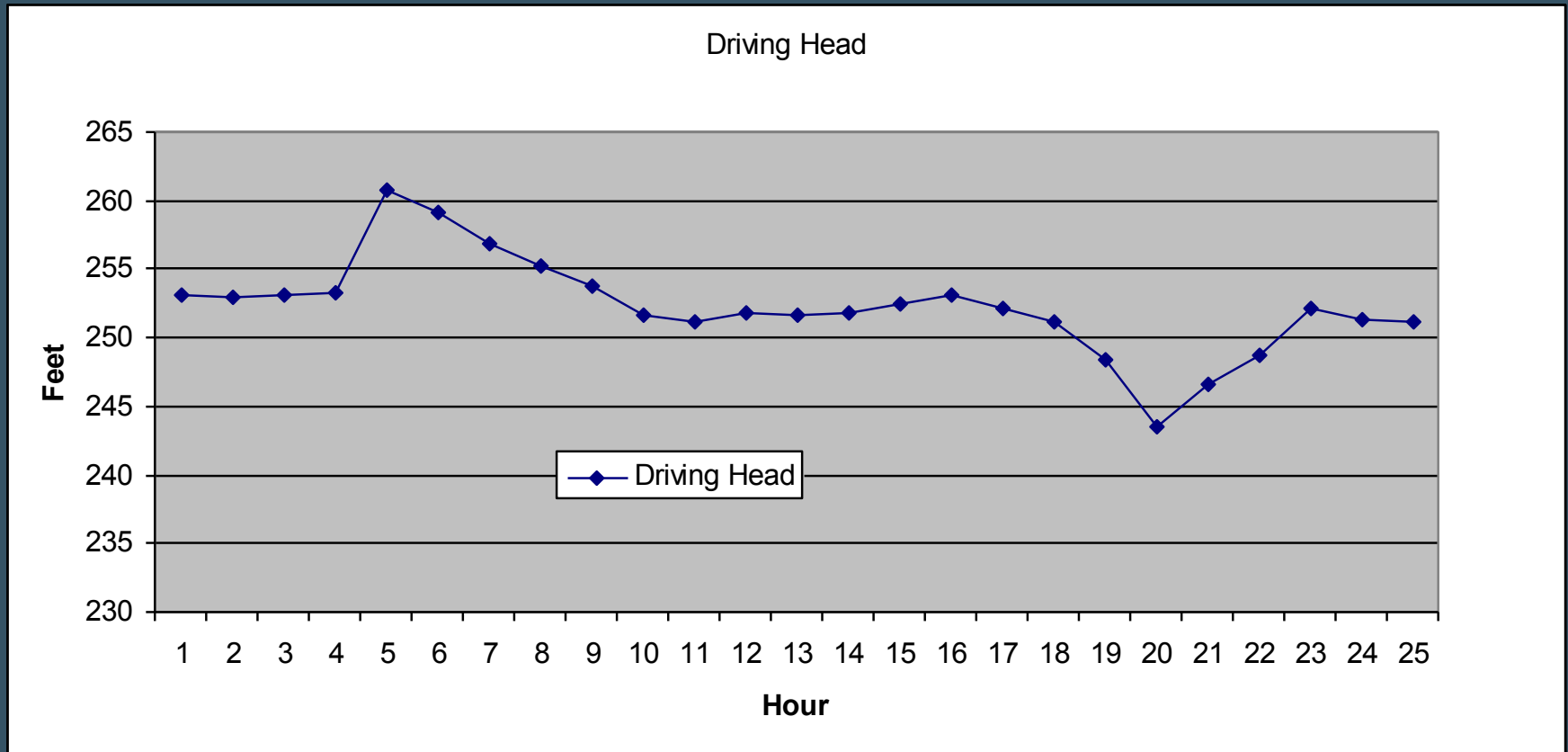
Current Nelson Street Vault, March, 2011

# Average Daily Flows

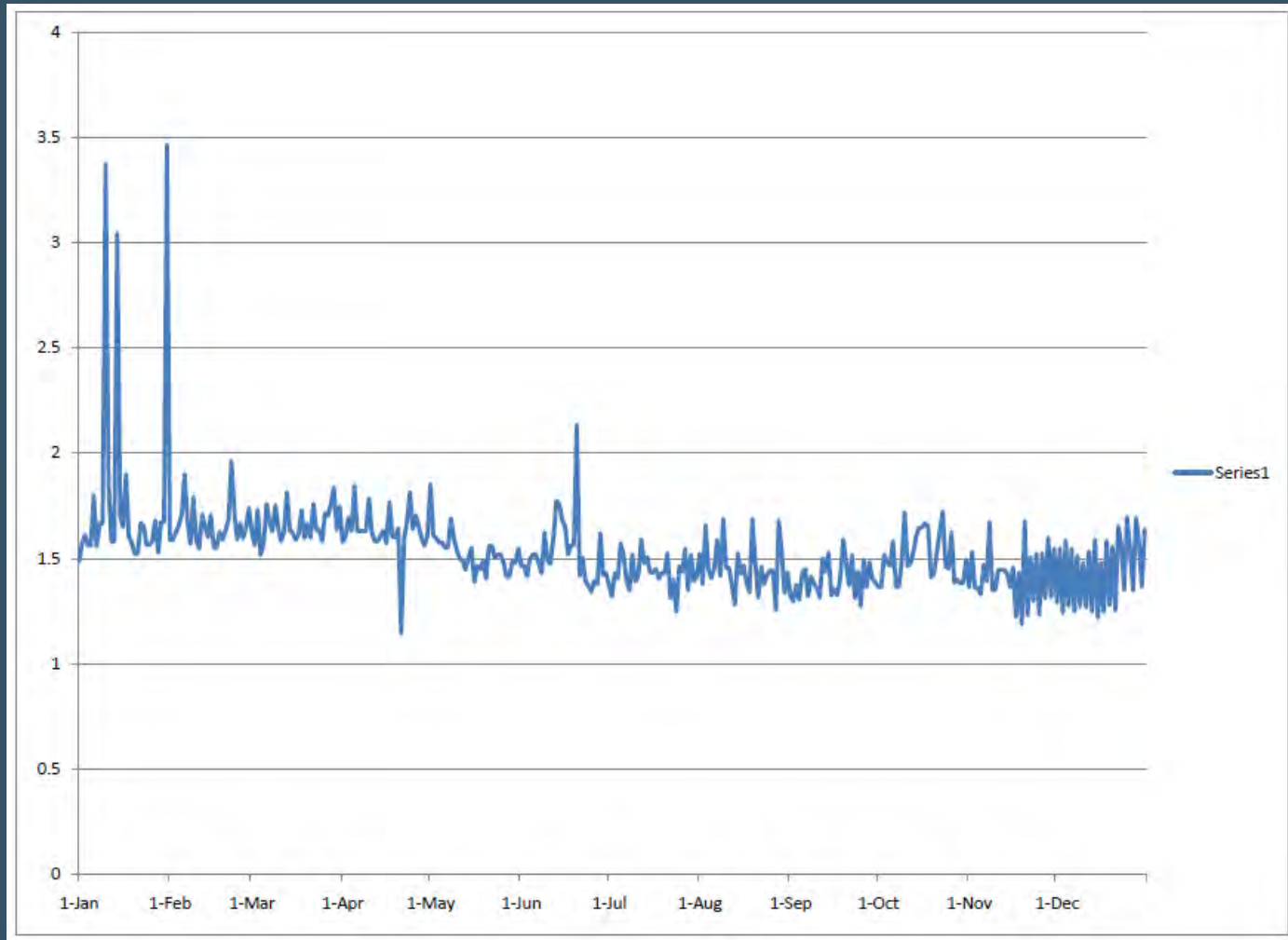
Flow Through Nelson Street PRV (gpm)



# Average Day Driving Head



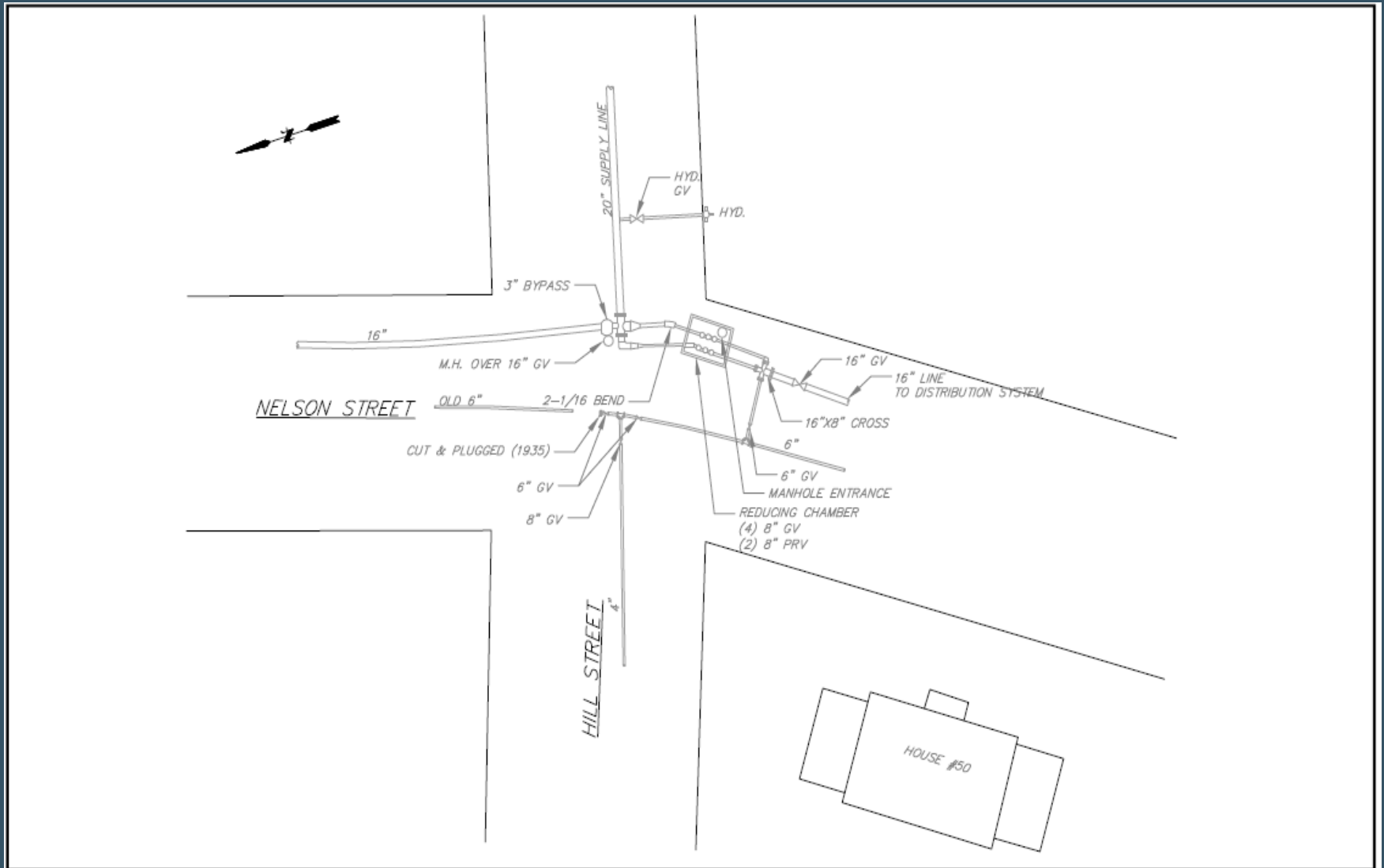
# Barre City Demands (MGD)



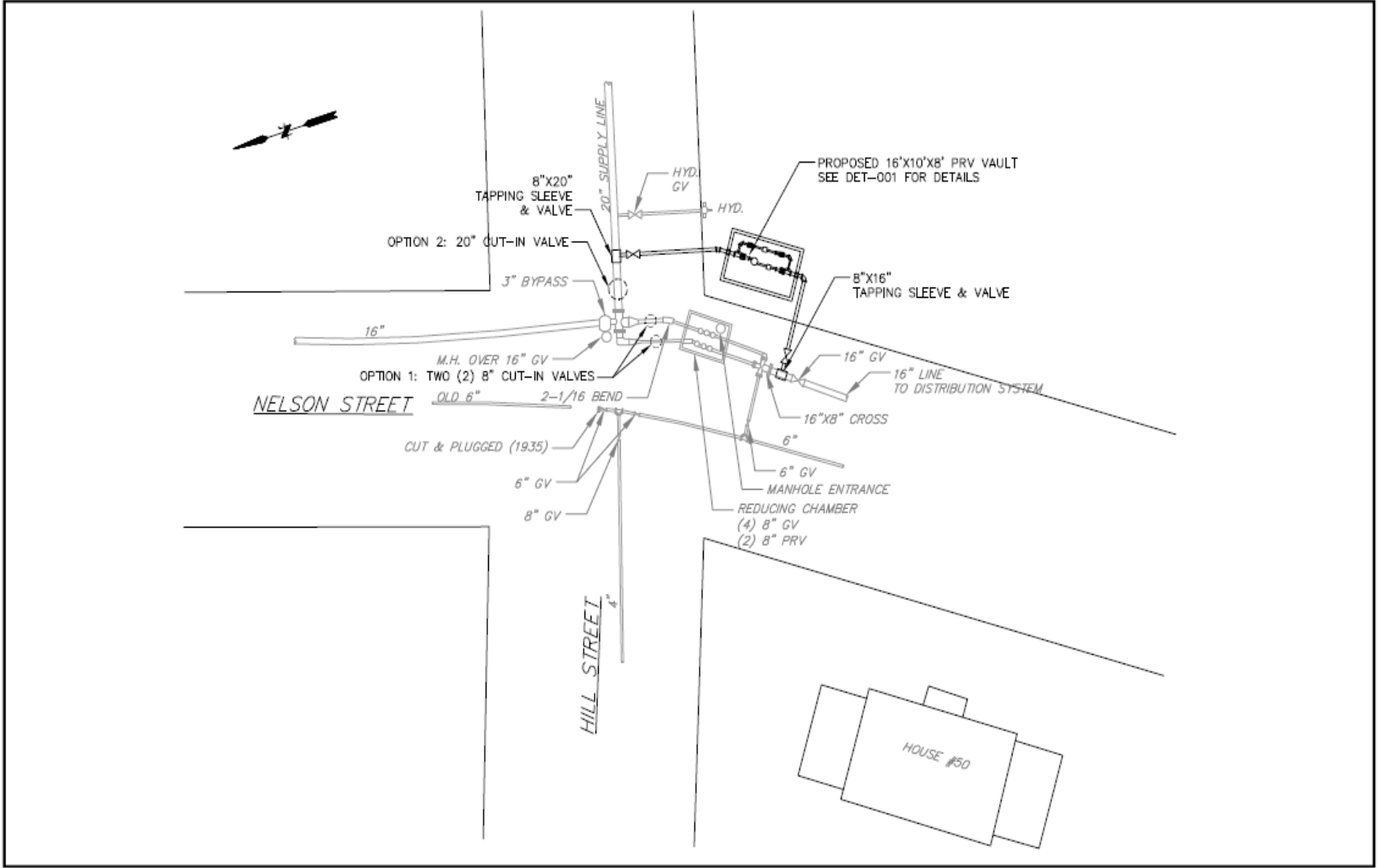
# Nelson and Hill Streets (existing)



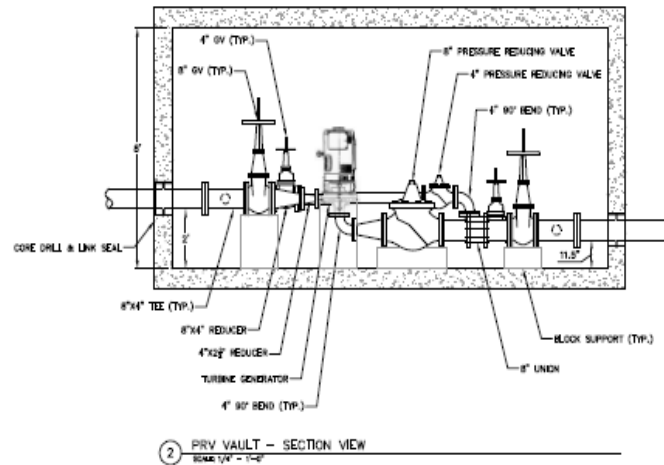
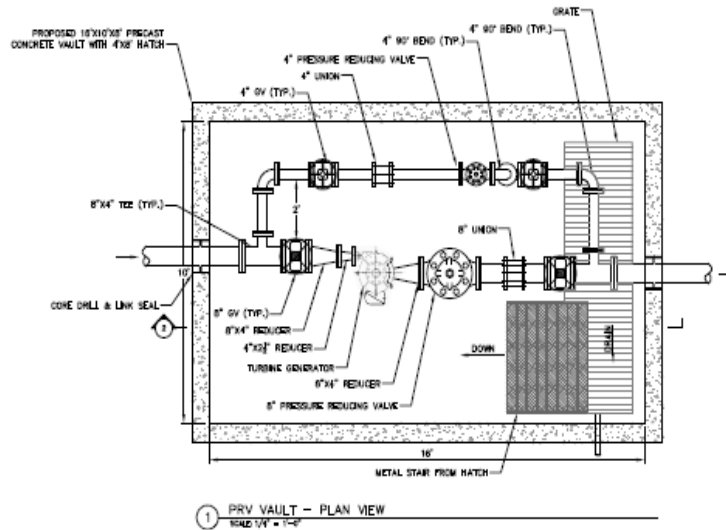
# Site Conditions



# Proposed Site Improvements



# New PRV/Turbine Vault



# Development of Nelson Street In-Pipe Hydropower Probable Costs

Cost Item	Water System Improvements	Energy Component Options	
	Base Project New PRV Vault and Appurtenant Construction	Alternative A 50% ADF ~0.7MGD	Alternative B 70% ADF ~1.05 MGD
<b>Capital Cost Summary</b>			
Base Project Cost	\$ 190,000	\$ 135,000	\$169,588
Vender Options		13,500	16,412
Extra Features		37,500	47,000
<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$ 190,000</b>	<b>\$ 186,000</b>	<b>\$ 233,000</b>
	5,000	0	0
	0	10,000	10,000
Estimated Easement Cost	37,000	36,000	46,000
Preliminary Engineering	28,000	28,000	35,000
Development Costs (~20%) Contingency (~15%)	<b>\$ 260,000</b>	<b>\$ 260,000</b>	<b>\$ 324,000</b>
<b>Total Project Costs</b>			
<b>Grant Funding</b>	<b>\$ _____ 0</b>	<b>\$ <del>100,000</del></b>	<b>\$ <del>100,000</del></b>
<b>Net Project Cost</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>160,000*</b>	<b>224,000*</b>
<b>Revenue Summary</b>		15 kW	25 kW
Turbine Power		18 hrs/d	24 hrs/d
Operating Time		\$ 12,500/yr	\$ 28,500/yr
Group Net Metering Projected Initial Revenue			

(at 13 cents/KWh)

Simple Payback	~ 13 Years**	~8 Years**
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- \* w/out additional grant funds
- \*\* simple payback maybe lower with additional grant funding

# North Vancouver Utilities PRV



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DISTRICT OF NORTH VANOUVER

# Bennington Drinking Water System— Gravity flows produce 15 kw power



<http://www.canyonhydro.com/projects/conduit.html>

# Displacement Type Turbine



Generator

Turbine

Pressure  
sensor

Control  
valve for  
simulation

Flow meter

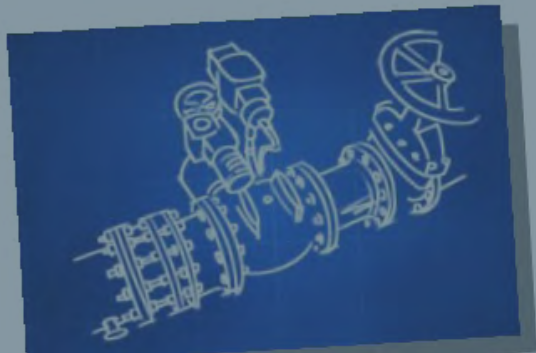
Emergency  
valve

# Displacement Type Turbine

## Pressure management – the **ADDITIONAL** energy source

Volumetric displacement turbines – a patented method to **combine**:

- Pressure control (replacing PRV')
- Harvesting the energy from the intended pressure drop as electricity



zeropex  
difgen

# Vertical Turbine



A modified vertical turbine with fly wheel, as offered by Rentricity

# Keene, NH



## Rentricity - Keene Project

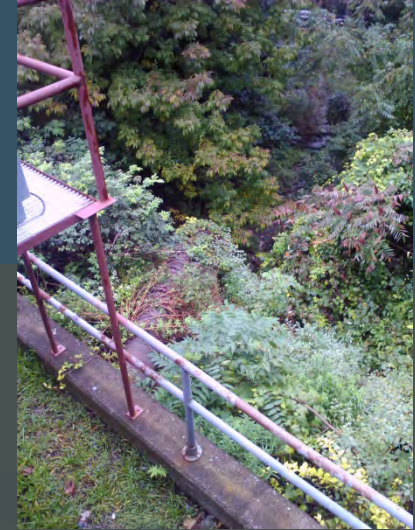


**Link to video of the Keene Site:**

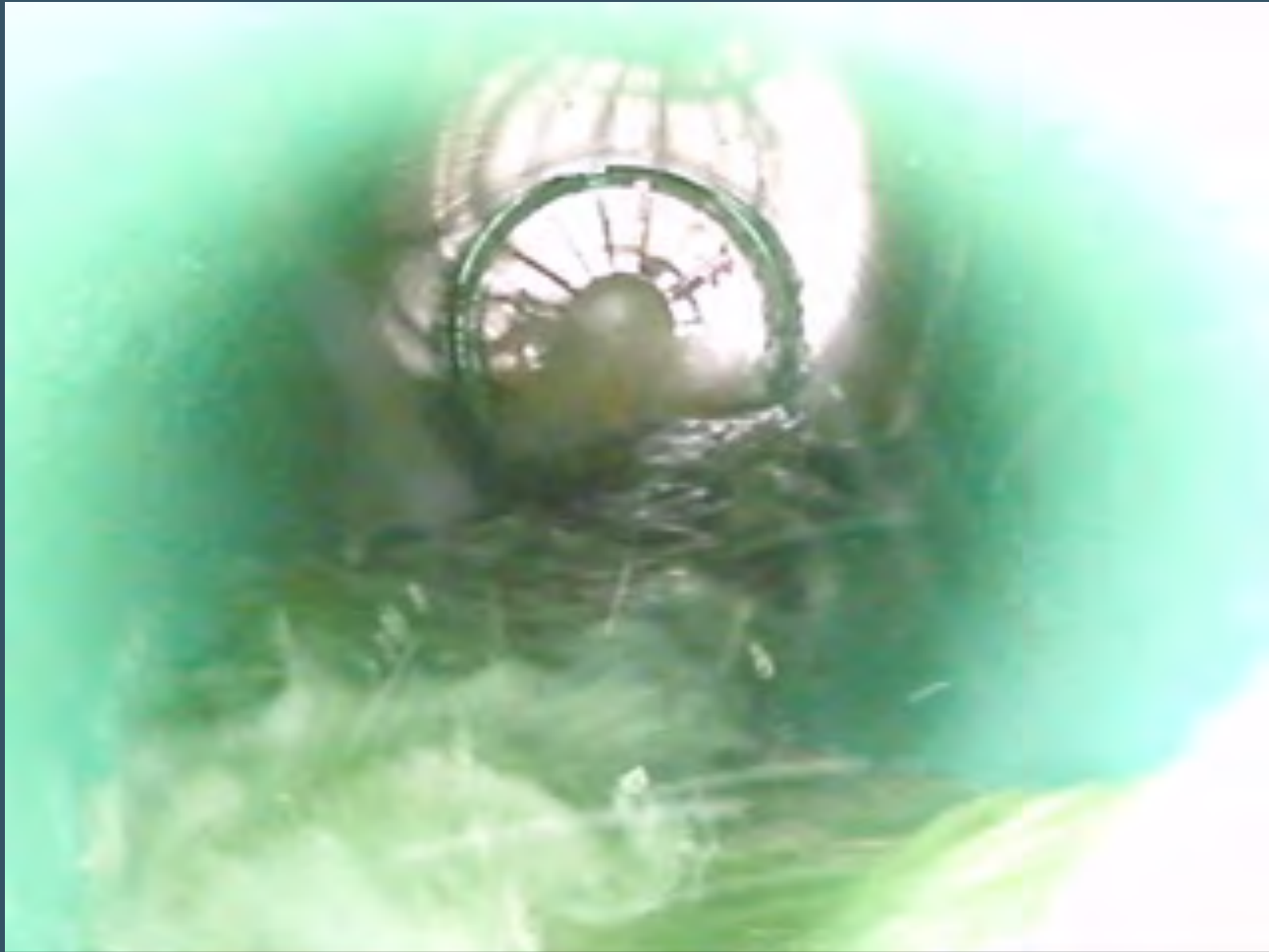
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLE9TrwLFZE&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLE9TrwLFZE&feature=player_embedded)

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# Wastewater Applications



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# Discussion?

