Unique Solutions for Building Envelope Repair

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Agenda

- Speaker Introduction
- Review of envelope improvement concepts
- Case Study #1 Rhodes Tower
- Case Study #2 OSF Healthcare Administration Building
- Audience Q&A

Learning Objectives

At the end of the presentation, you will be able to:

- Identify real-life examples of various improvement strategies and will understand each strategy's potential energy impact
- Explain the benefits of performing advanced analytic modeling (such as hygro-thermal analysis)
- Recognize when building materials testing/sampling is necessary during envelope improvement projects.
- Understand alteration of the vapor drive within an exterior wall assembly, including the long-term repercussions of changes.

Speaker Introduction

Our Locations 5 Continents

and Professionals

+50 Offices

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Chicago, Illinois
Cupertino, California

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Mississauga, CA

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San Diego, California

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1500 Engineers,
Architects, Scientists

Coun

Countries

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Bristol, UK

Edinburgh, UK

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London, UK (PLC City Office)

London (Victoria), UK

Romsey, UK

Warrington, UK

York, UK

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Beijing, China

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Our Practices







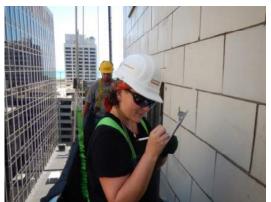
Renewal Practice

Envelope Renewal Structural Renewal Advanced Analytics

Passionate About What We Do

Hands-on professional technical staff throughout the life of the project



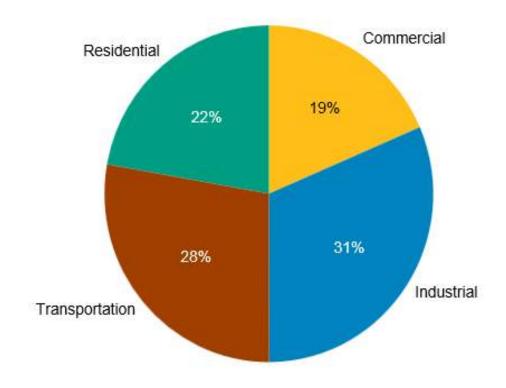






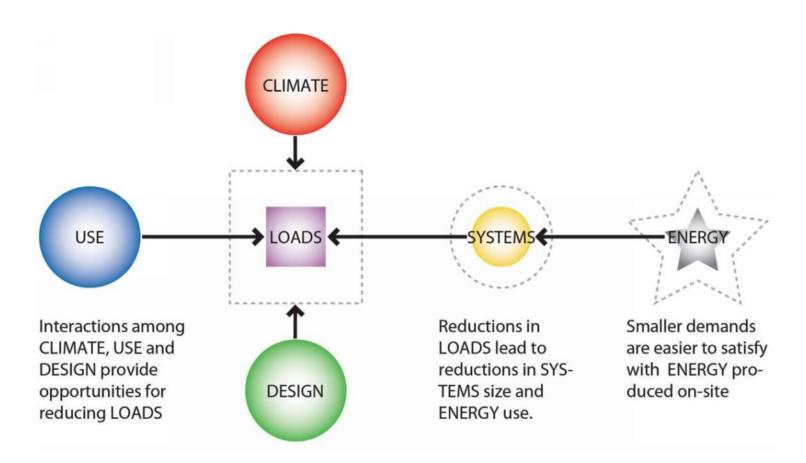


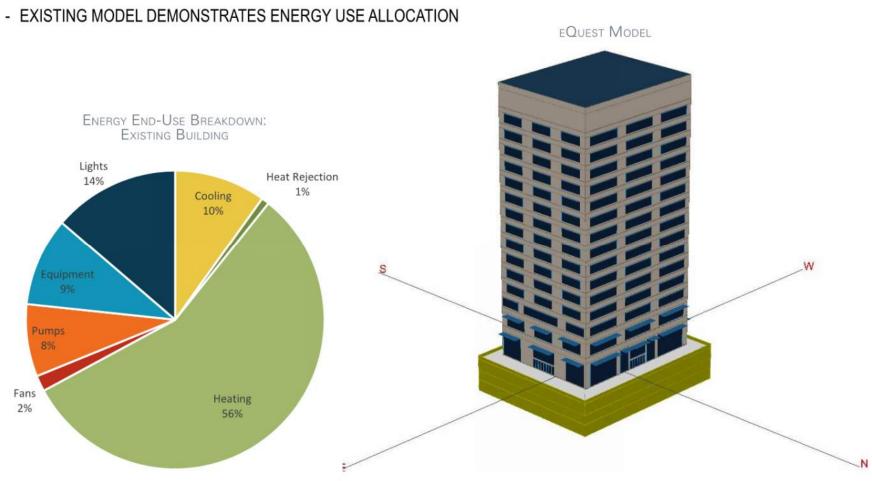
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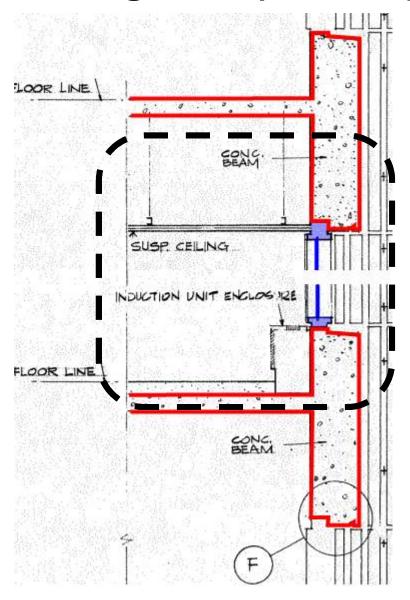
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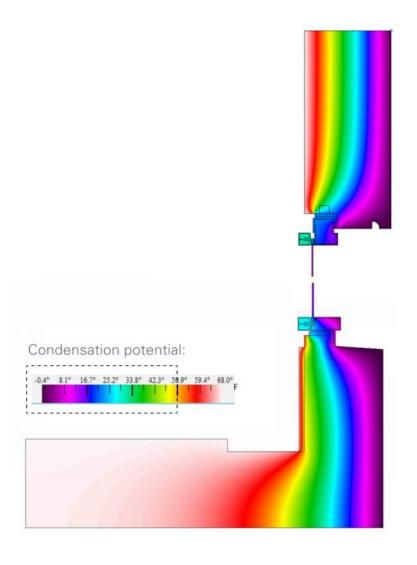
COMPOUNDING ENERGY USE REDUCTION BY RIGHT-SIZING HVAC TO REDUCED HEATING AND COOLING LOAD





Note: These results are subject to change, as assumptions are based on limited knowledge of the existing design.

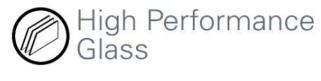






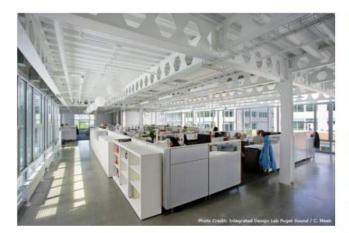
EUI: 86 KBTU/SF-YR EUI SAVINGS: 2%

Natural light has many benefits, including better occupant productivity and well-being. Incorporating daylight into office spaces has these positive impacts as well as decreased energy usage in both lighting and cooling. By implementing a lighting control system with daylighting sensors that dim or turn off electric lighting when illuminance levels are met with daylight alone can result in significant energy savings.



EUI: 75 KBTU/SF-YR EUI SAVINGS: 15%

Typical office buildings from the mid-century era tend to have poor performing glass. By upgrading to high performance double or triple pane glass with low-E coatings, significant energy savings can be seen. In conjunction with the remainder of the envelope, high performance glass can greatly contribute to reducing loads on the building, leading to smaller mechanical equipment requirements. In addition, high performance glass can have a positive impact on thermal comfort and acoustics.





https://glassmagazine.com/article/commercial/glassmetals-501-architects-guide-1412465?page=0%2C3



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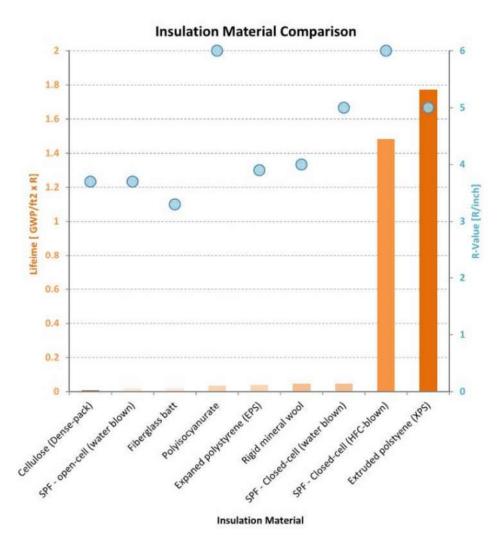


EUI: 75-80 KBTU/SF-YR EUI SAVINGS: 10-15%

The addition of interior insulation can have large impacts on the performance of the envelope, leading to significant energy savings. TT generally recommends insulation with good environmental performance and low Global Warming Potential (GWP). A range of options could be considered and evaluated with hygrothermal and thermal analysis to determine the point of diminishing returns for the project.



Vi at Aventura, Aventura, FL





EUI: 65 KBTU/SF-YR EUI SAVINGS: 25%

Along with re-cladding, this option is the most extreme. A whole building approach could be taken, adding a second skin to provide a high performance insulative envelope. This option can be useful if normal operating hours are required during the renovation.



EUI: 65 KBTU/SF-YR EUI SAVINGS: 25%

Along with overcladding, this option is the most extreme, requiring removal of the current envelope and providing a full facade replacement. However, with big risk comes big reward and this option can result in deep energy savings.







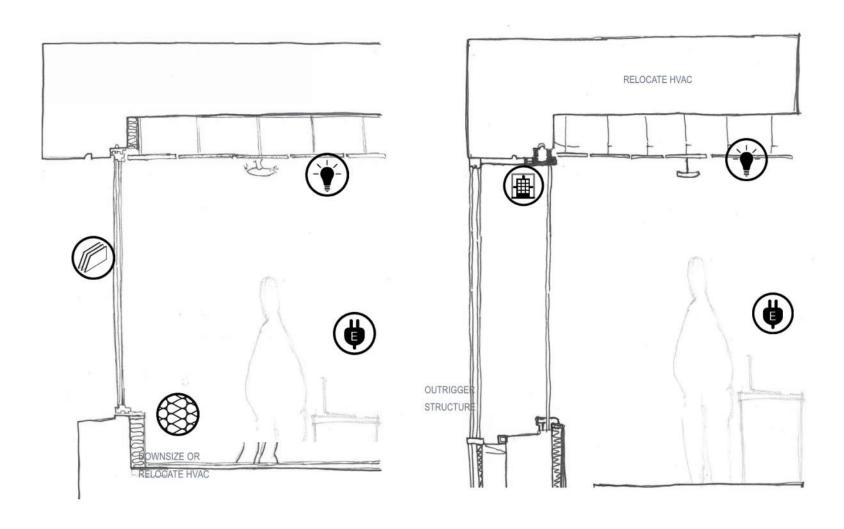


Hemingway House Condominiums, Chicago, IL



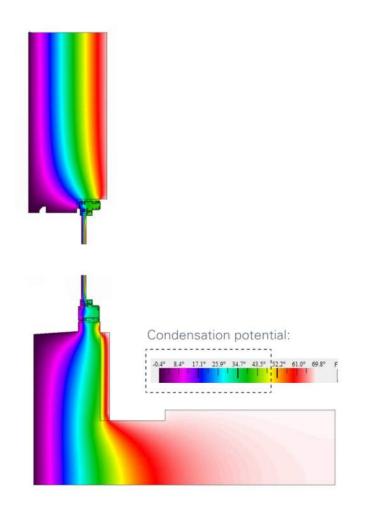
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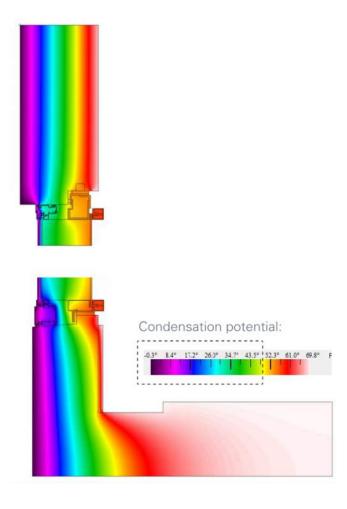
Option 2: Overclad



Option 1: Retrofit



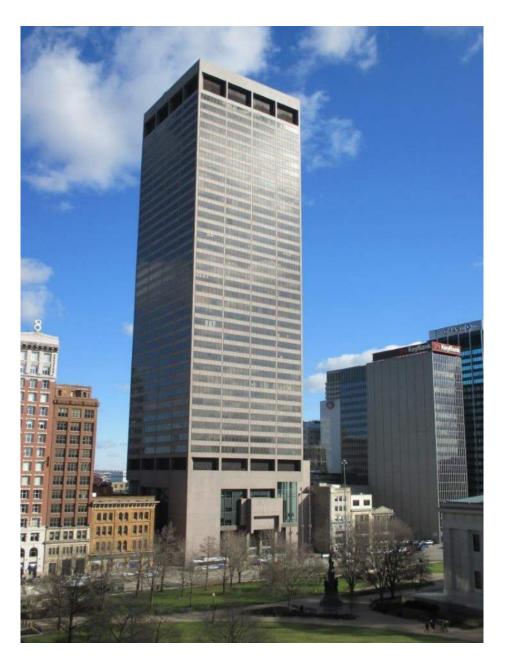




Case Study #1 Rhodes Tower

Columbus, Ohio

- 44 Floors
- 1 Million Square Feet
- 2,400 State Employees
- Clad with granite and window wall system



Columbus, Ohio

Two Primary Distresses



Granite Spalls



Water Infiltration at Windows

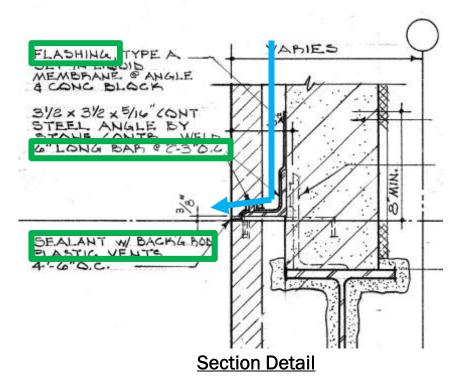
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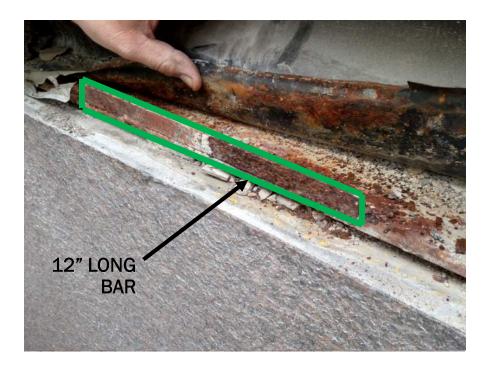
Enlarged Elevation

Analysis Investigation Restoration

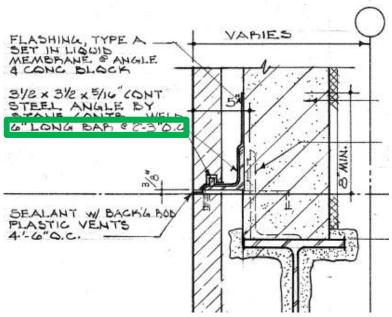


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Section Detail

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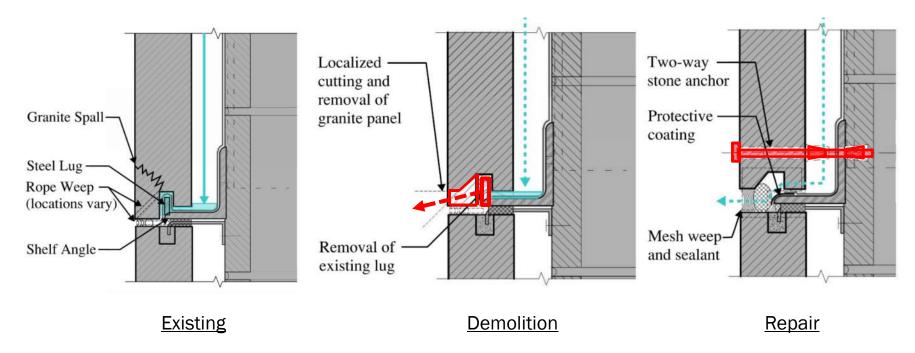


<u>Design Assist - Mockup</u>

Columbus, Ohio

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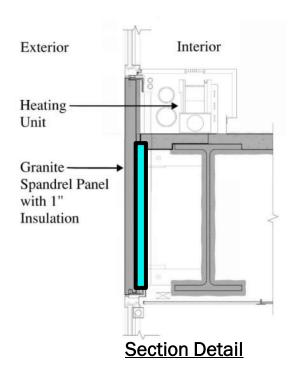
Analysis Investigation Restoration



Repair Scheme

Columbus, Ohio

WINDOWS AND INSULATION



Analysis Approximate area of possible condensation -0.4* 8.4* 17.1* 25.9* 34.7* 43.5* 52.2* 61.0* 69.8* F

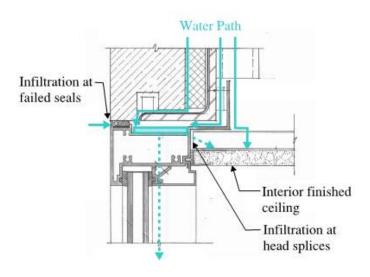
Heat Transfer Analysis

Columbus, Ohio

WINDOWS AND INSULATION

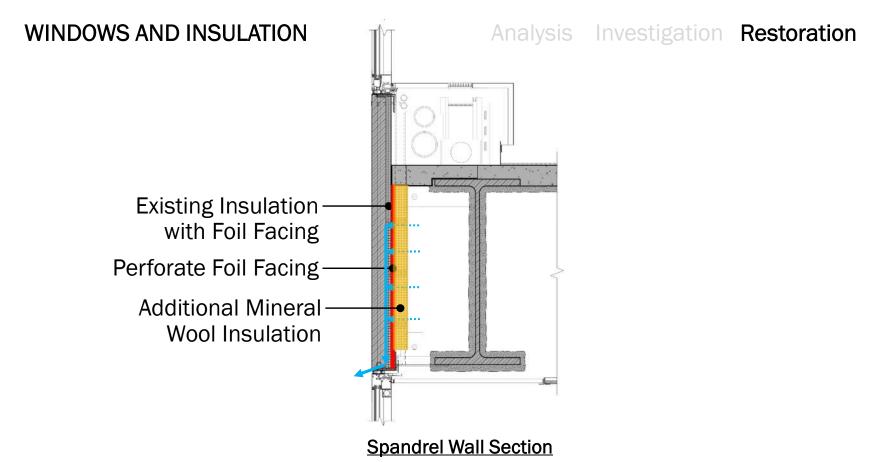


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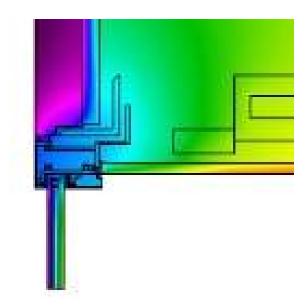
Head Detail

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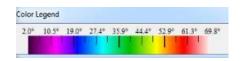
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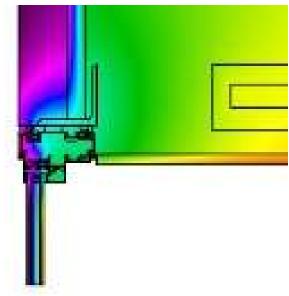
WINDOWS AND INSULATION



Existing Windows

Analysis Investigation Restoration

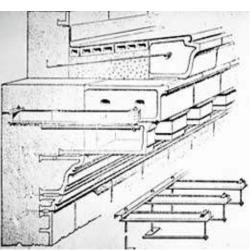




New Windows

Case Study #2 OSF Healthcare Administration Building







Circa 1914. Image courtesy of Peoria Public Library, Peoria, Illinois

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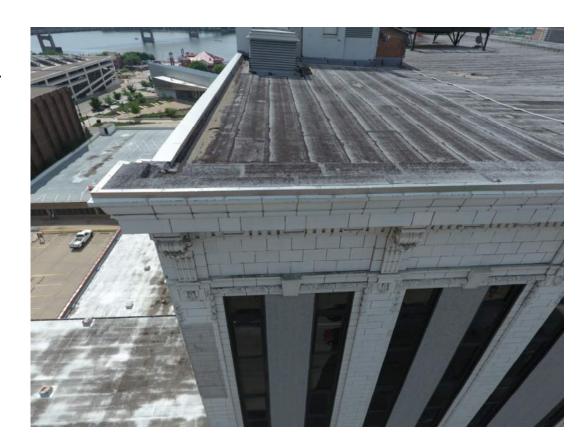




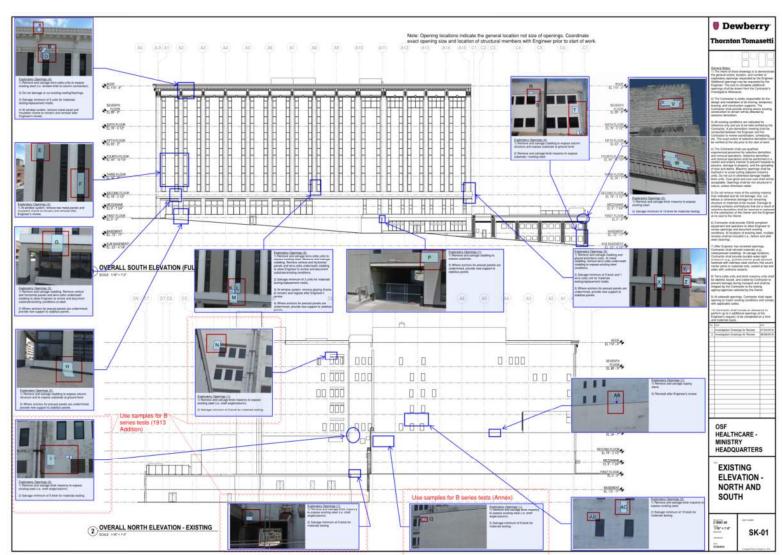
Peoria, Illinois

PROCESS

- Investigation (Drone, Laser scan, hands-on review)
- Research/Testing
- Assessment/Analysis
- Repair documents



Peoria, Illinois



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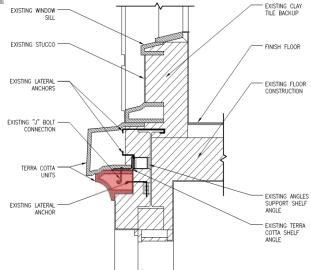
Examples of Terra Cotta Repairs Unit repair/coating



Example of Terra Cotta Replacement

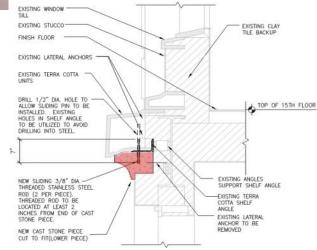
Replacement with Alternate Material (Cast Stone)









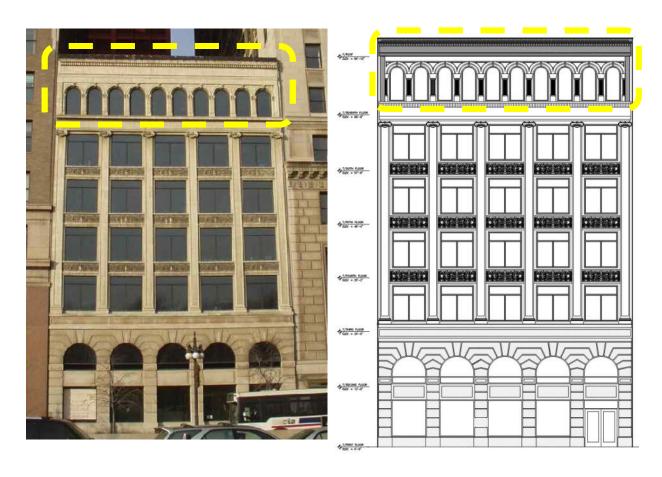


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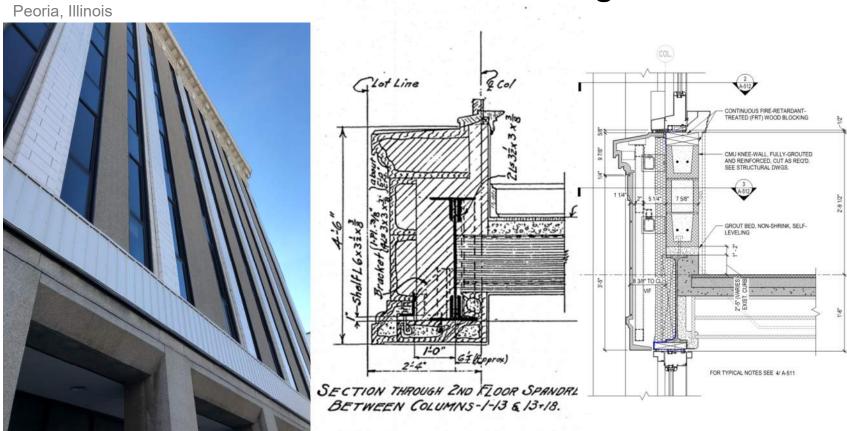
ATTACHMENT FOR LOWER CAST STONE PIECE

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

Example of Terra Cotta Replacement Replacement with Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete Panels







GFRC Replacement Spandrels

Peoria, Illinois





GFRC Replacement Spandrels

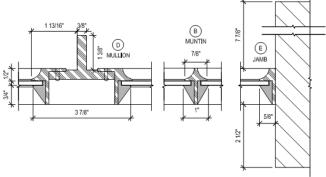
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Example of Historic Window Replacement Replacing windows in a National Historic Landmark



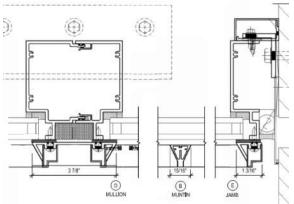




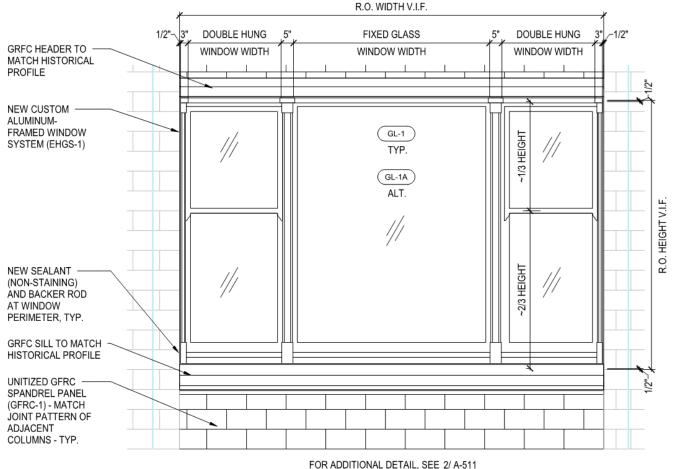
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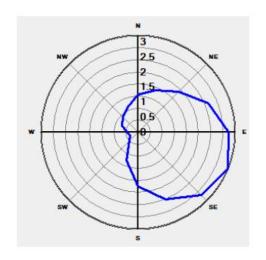


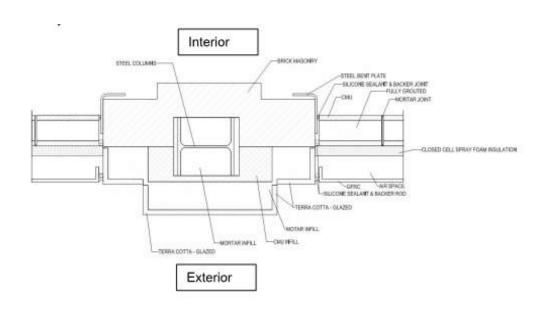
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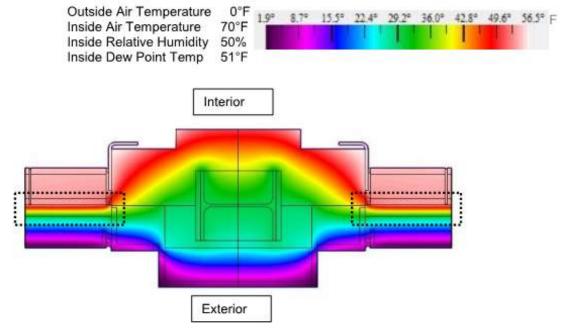


Replacement Windows Systems

Peoria, Illinois







Conclusions

- Various improvement strategies can improve building enclosure performance with (or without, if desired) affecting the building's appearance.
- The long-term durability of the enclosure is recommended to be assessed by performing advanced analytic modeling (such as hygro-thermal analysis).
- Building materials testing/sampling is often necessary during envelope improvement projects, especially for historic buildings.
- The addition of insulation and vapor barriers will alter the vapor drive within an exterior wall assembly, and there may be long-term repercussions of changes.

