

Detroit 2030 Blog Spot

2022 Detroit Energy Challenge
Featuring Henry Argasinski

Detroit 2030 would like to celebrate our 2022 Detroit Energy Challenge Biggest Losers. Henry Argasinski with the Samaritan Center was the challenge's 2nd place biggest loser. When we asked Henry what the challenge meant to him his reply was "Being a part of receiving recognition at the Battle of the Buildings and the Detroit Energy Challenge was a rewarding experience and a reflection of the efforts made by the Samaritan Center in achieving a reduction in energy usage and reducing our carbon footprint."

The Samaritan Center was originally built as a half-million-square-foot hospital facility but has now been repurposed as a multi-use office building. As a Hospital, the building consumed considerable energy but as an office building would typically only need a fraction of that amount, plus it had to deal with working with the original equipment as well.

They were able to use the building automation system to revise scheduling but also had to reconfigure the actual operation of the main building systems to accommodate the transition in the use of the building which was a considerable task.

"In the year before the Challenge, we succeeded in reducing our energy consumption by 29% and this past year as part of the Challenge we achieved an additional reduction of 12.78, so we still have more work ahead of us," said Henry.



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“The Challenge was not to Think Outside the Box, but to Reconfigure the Box!”



We are excited to celebrate & congratulate Henry as well as the other awarded finalists and competitors during our 2nd annual Detroit Energy Challenge Breakfast on June 15th, 2023.

For more on the Annual Detroit Energy Challenge and to purchase tickets to this event and other Detroit 2030 information, please visit <http://2030districts.org/Detroit>.

Congratulations to the Samaritan Center and to Henry for this great accomplishment. We can't wait to see what you do next year!