

# Great Places: Hennepin Energy Recovery Center, Minneapolis, MN

## Functional Necessity to Community Amenity

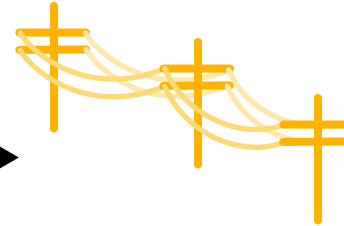
### What is:



HERC currently receives 365,000 tons of garbage a year



**that is** processed in this utilitarian 'green' building



**and** produces enough electricity for 25,000 residences



**or** 1/5 of all homes in Minneapolis.

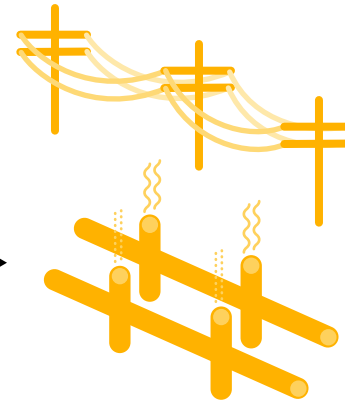
### What could be:



HERC can increase its capacity by 10% to 401,500 tons of garbage a year



**and is** planning to redesign the exterior of the building and surrounding site



**and also** expand electricity production to service 27,500 residences AND steam/water heating and cooling to buildings throughout the North Loop neighborhood.



HERC becomes a neighborhood landmark that symbolizes a forward-thinking community, provides an essential service and is an invaluable piece of the sustainable city building puzzle.