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**CITY OF BEACON REDUCES ENERGY USAGE THROUGH ESPC WITH WENDEL**

BEACON, NEW YORK – Wendel Energy Services, a Wendel company, is nearing completion on a project with the City of Beacon to improve energy efficiency by way of an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC). The focus of the project is to reduce the city’s energy usage and operating budget by upgrading street lighting and traffic signals throughout the City to high efficiency LED technology. These upgrades will not only reduce energy cost but have a positive impact on the city’s carbon footprint as well.

The City took advantage of their relationship with Wendel, having previously worked together on another energy related project. After success on their previous effort which included upgrades to interior lighting and lighting controls, HVAC equipment, and controls upgrades, and water and wastewater treatment plant improvements, Beacon brought Wendel back in to implement LED upgrades to street and traffic lighting throughout the City. The project included the City purchasing the street lighting assets from the local utility prior converting them to high efficiency LED technology. Upgrades to traffic signals were also included in the project. To aid in the funding of the roughly \$2 million project, Wendel helped the city to obtain approximately \$83,000 in incentives.

Currently in nearing the end of construction, the project guarantees annual savings to the City of Beacon of over \$200,000 for both energy savings and operations and maintenance costs. In the first year, energy and operational cost for street lighting and traffic signals are expected to be reduced by more than 75%,

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