



# Commercial & Industrial Clean Heat Program Success Story: New York University

Participating Contractor  
**AFK Group, LLC**

Location  
**Manhattan, NY**



*Rubin Hall, New York University | Manhattan, NY*

## Overview

NYU's Rubin Hall, a 155,000-square-foot building, was built in 1928 and reopened in the fall of 2024 after a major renovation. The project is now LEED Platinum certified and has obtained Passive House pre-certification.

The retrofit was partially supported by **Con Edison's Commercial & Industrial Clean Heat Program**, which provided **more than \$3 million in incentives**.

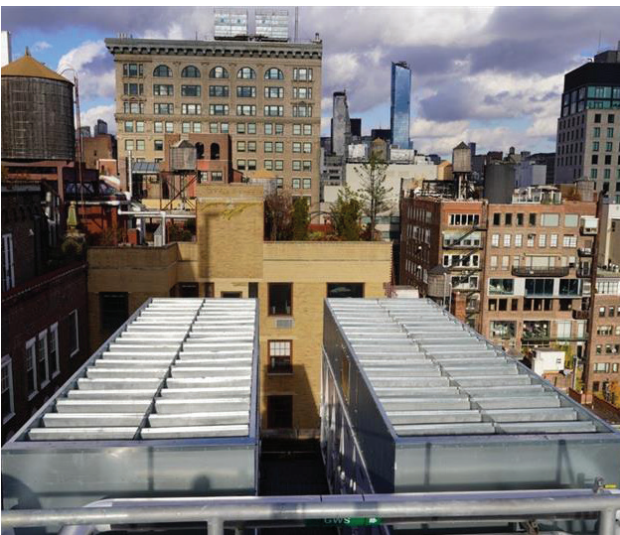
Through this initiative, NYU was able to introduce air conditioning to the building for the first time by replacing fossil-fuel based radiators and boilers with a chilled water distribution system. The university also installed a dedicated outside air system with heat recovery, insulated the building's envelope, and upgraded to triple-pane windows. These improvements created a comfortable, healthy space, while reducing energy loss and effectively eliminating greenhouse gas emissions.

NYU is using the success of this project as a guide for future renovations across its campus.

## Energy-Efficient Upgrades

- Heat Pump Chillers
- Energy Recovery Ventilators
- Heat Pump Hot Water Heaters
- Window Replacement
- Wall Insulation
- Roof Insulation





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## Highlights

Clean Heat Project Scope  
Covered by Con Edison  
Incentive:

**45%**

First-Year Energy  
Use Reduction:

**50%**

*\*With addition of air conditioning,  
compared to pre-retrofit use*

First-Year Heating Season  
Energy Reduction:

**70%\***

*\*Compared to pre-retrofit use*

Natural Gas Savings  
(Therms.):

**71,711\***

*\*Compared to a baseline design*

Annual GHG Savings:

**352 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e\***

*\*Compared to a baseline design, using 2024 LL97 coefficients*

## Testimonial

“With Con Edison’s help, Rubin Hall has become a highly efficient building that operates without fossil fuels. It features added insulation and triple-pane windows that reduce noise. Residents can sleep, relax, and feel comfortable in a resilient structure that holds its temperature during a power outage. Air quality is improved through filtered fresh air delivered to each unit. NYU now has a building that residents love, with energy savings helping to fund these vital investments.”

—Cecil Scheib, Chief Sustainability Officer, New York University

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