



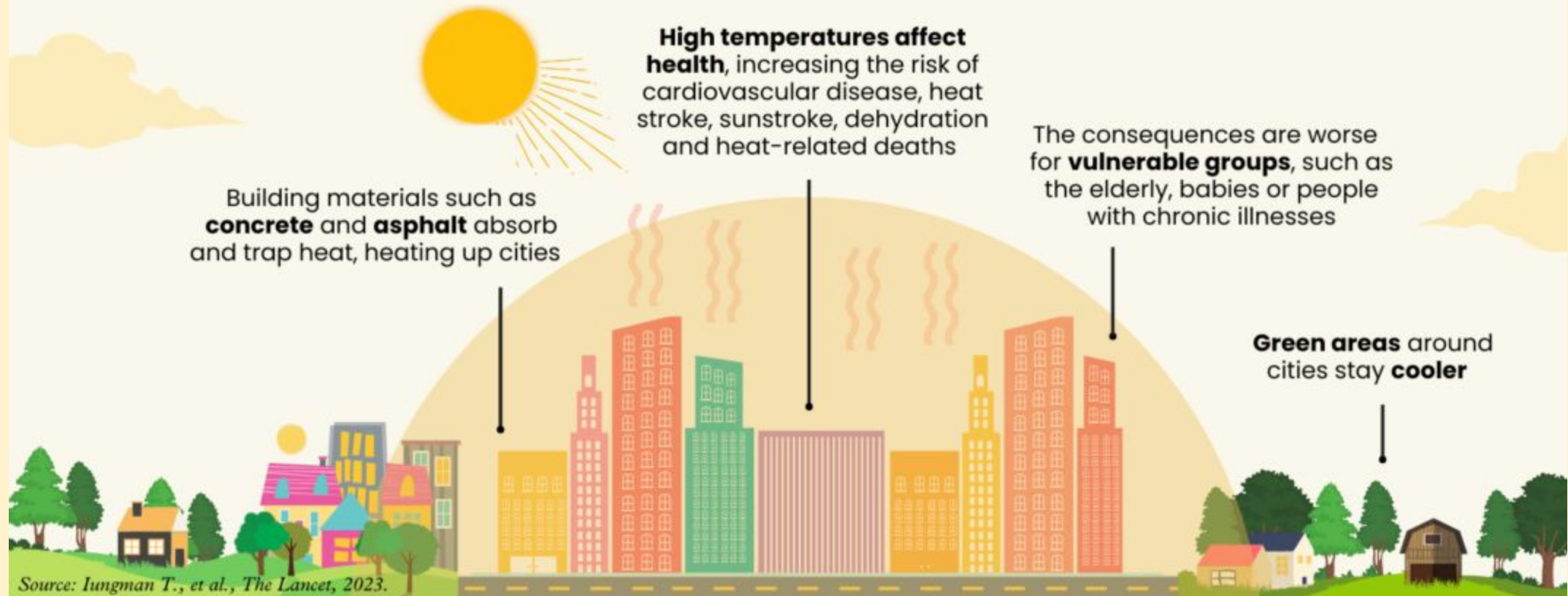
Geothermal is the way FORWARD

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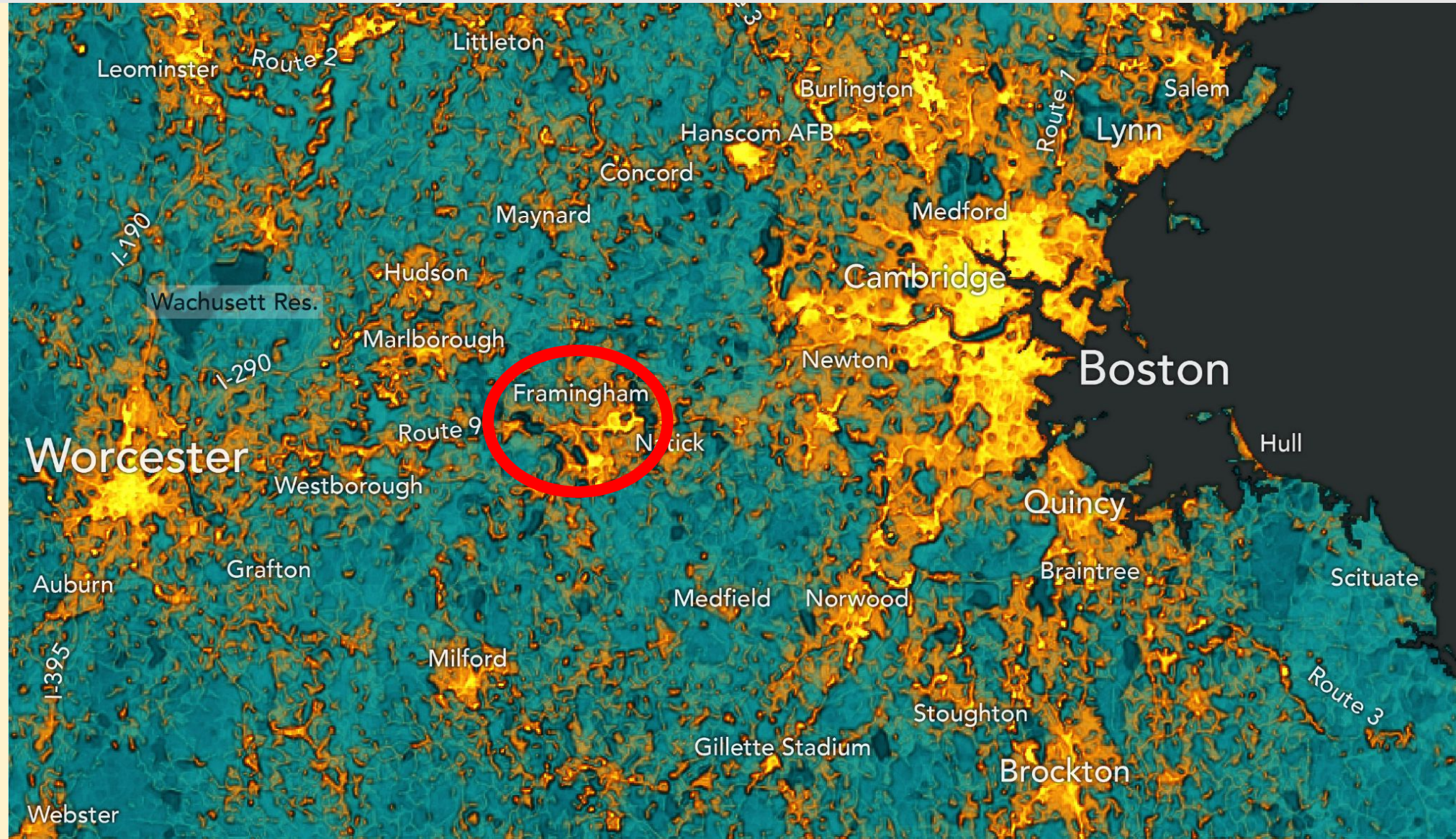
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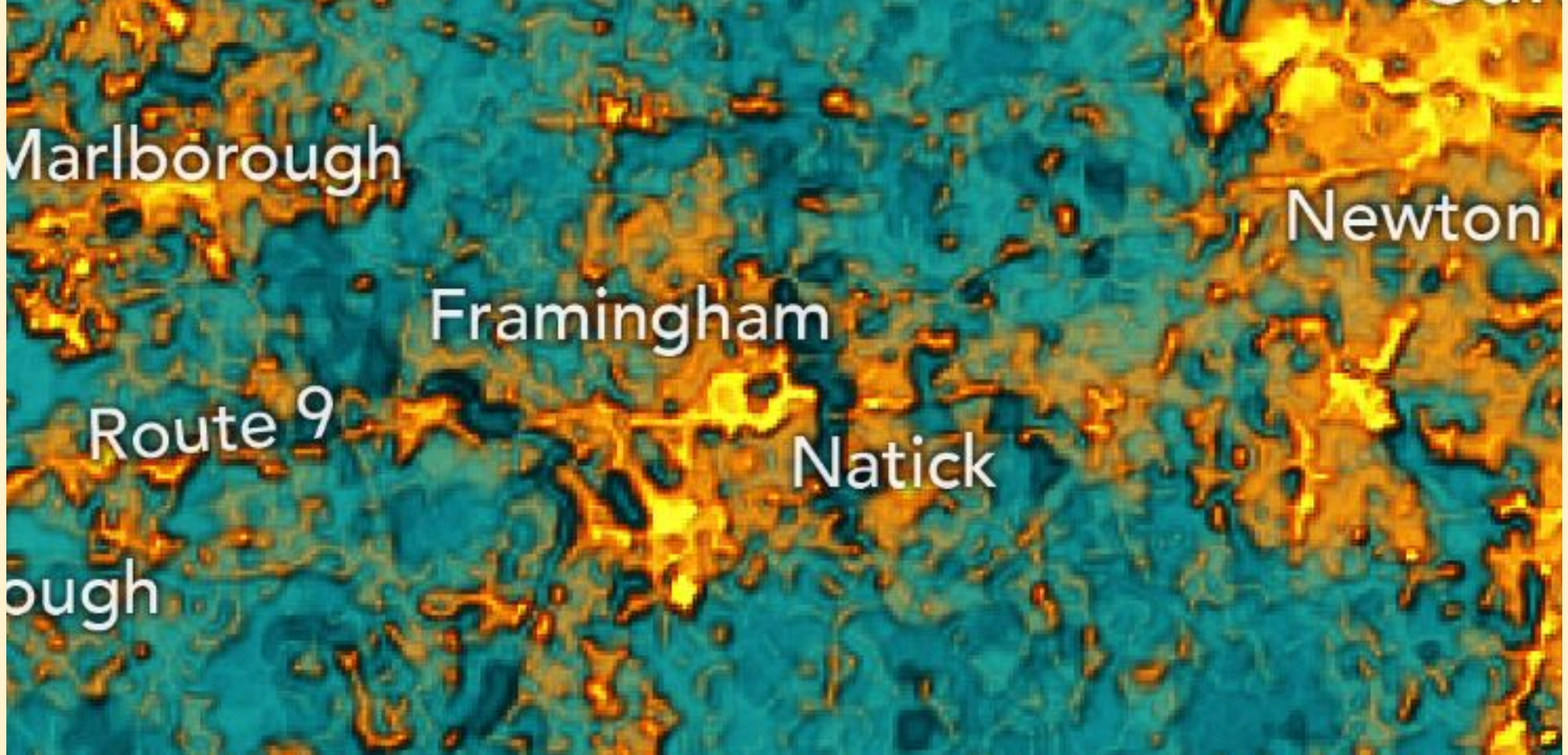
The urban heat island effect

Refers to the **increase in temperature** in **urban environments** compared to surrounding areas.



A map of urban heat islands in Eastern Massachusetts. Brighter colors represent relatively hotter summer conditions.

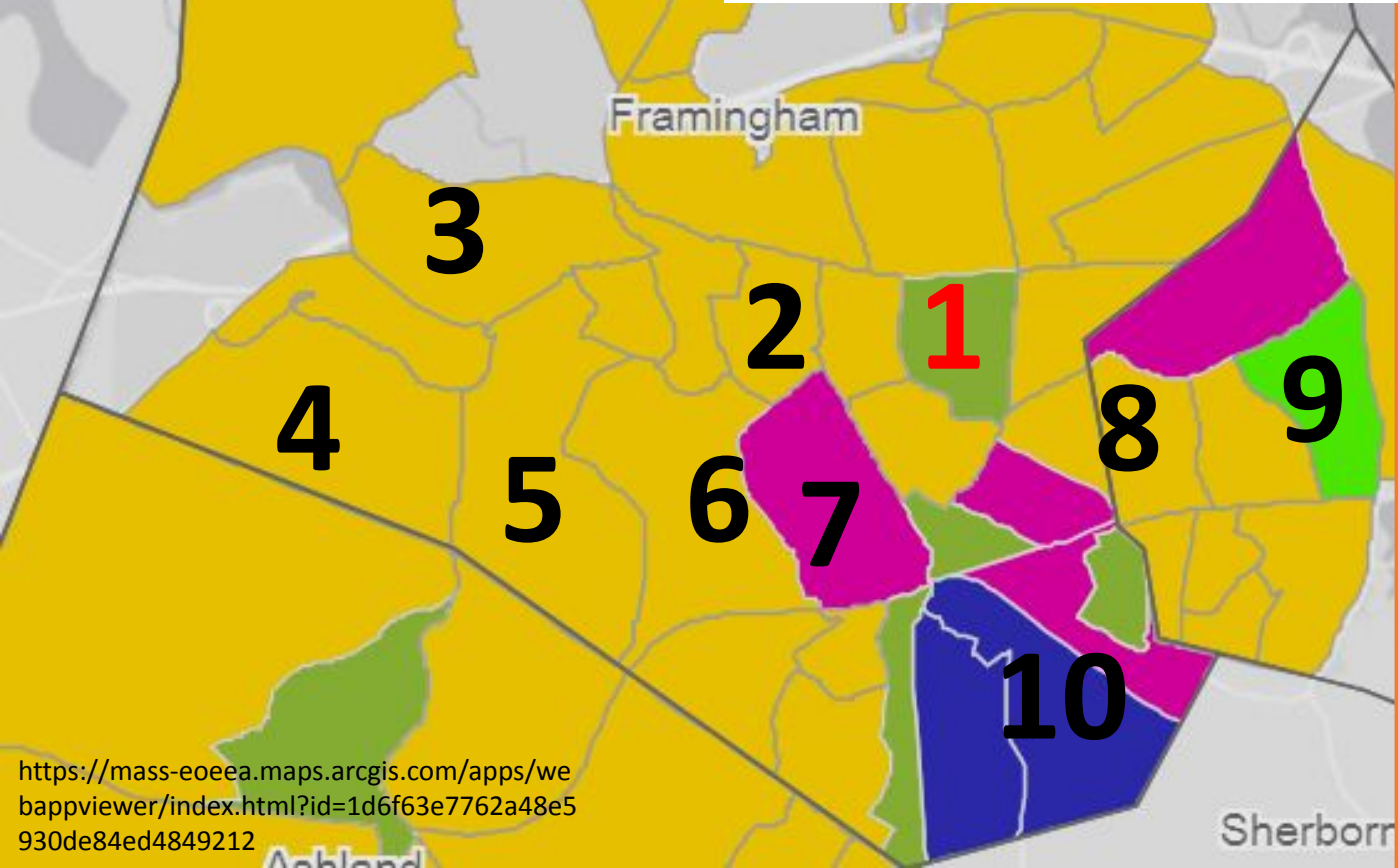




This map was created from a **Landsat 8 land surface temperature composite** of the **summers 2018-19**.

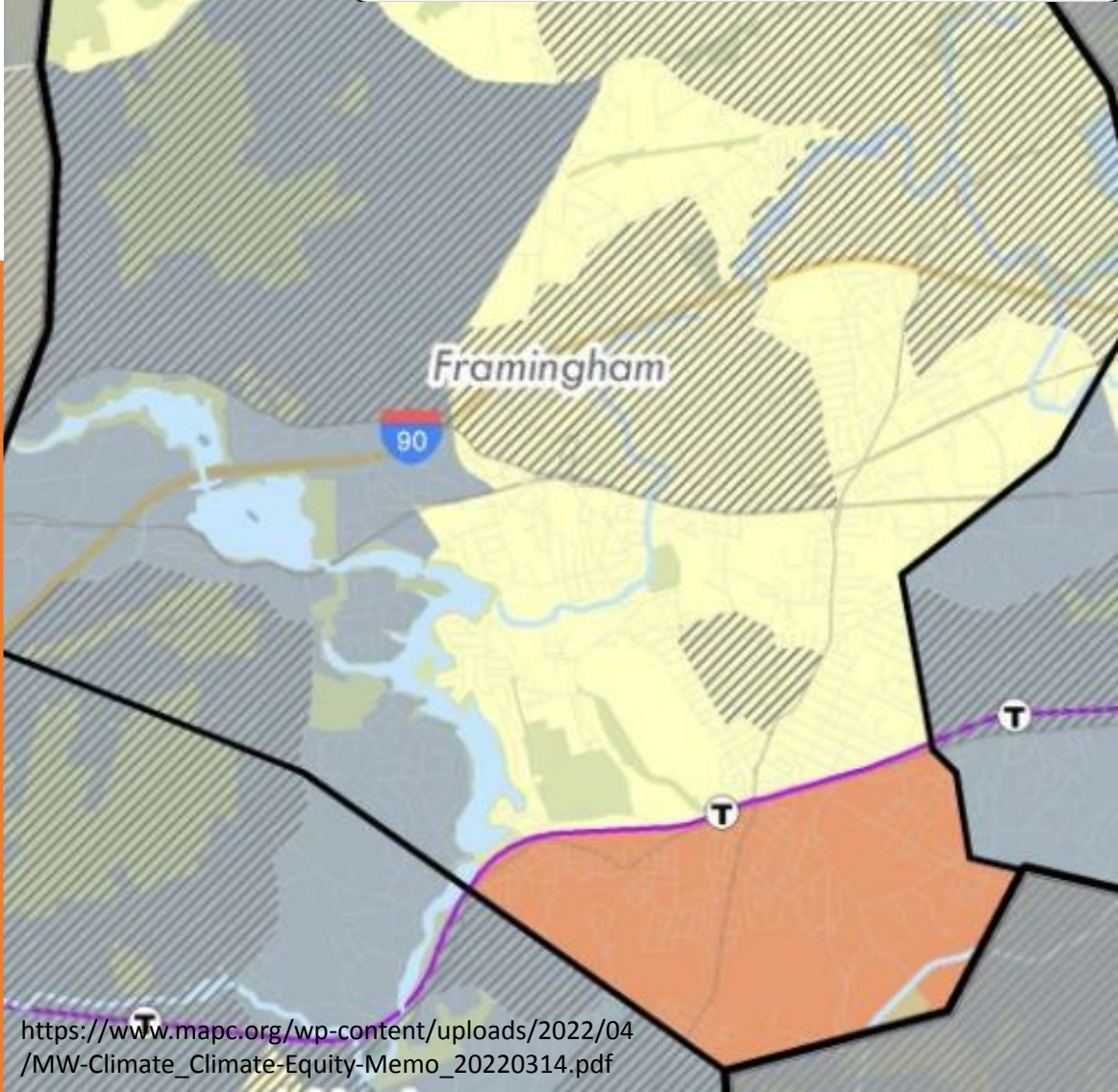
Environmental Justice Neighborhoods

- Minority: the block group minority population is $\geq 40\%$, or the block group minority population is $\geq 25\%$ and the median household income of the municipality the block group is in is $< 150\%$ of the Massachusetts median household income
- Income: at least 25% of households have a median household income 65% or less than the state median household income
- Language isolation: 25% or more of households do not include anyone older than 14 who speaks English very well
- Minority and Income
- Minority and English isolation
- Income and English isolation
- Minority, Income and English isolation



Energy Bill Burden

- Non-Environmental Justice Areas
 - Rivers and Streams
 - Lakes and Ponds
 - All Open Space
- | Average Annual Energy Burden (% Income) | |
|---|----------|
| Dark Blue | 1% |
| Light Blue | 2% |
| Yellow | 3% |
| Orange | 4% |
| Red | 5% - 11% |

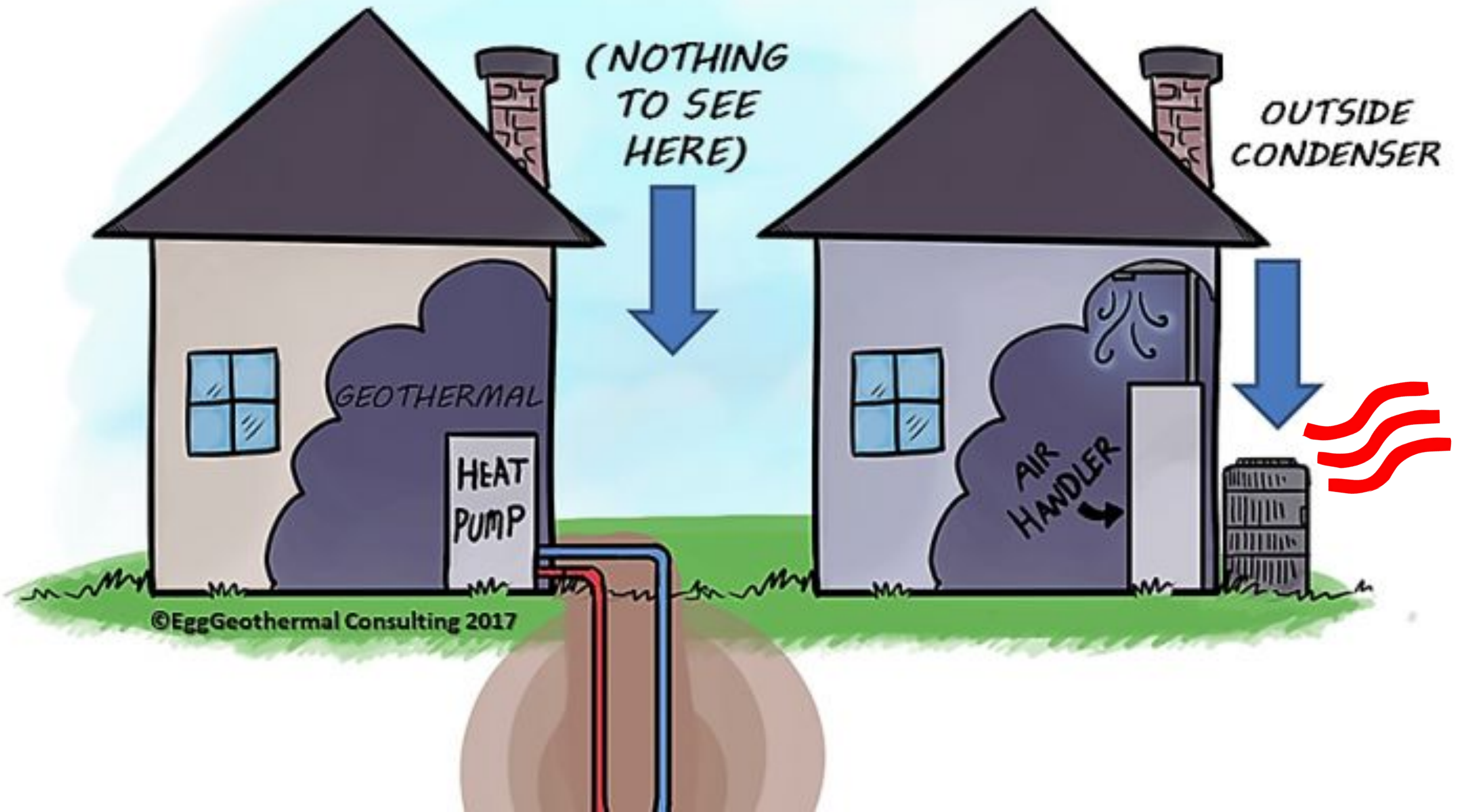


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**Ever stood
next to one
of these?**



(NOTHING
TO SEE
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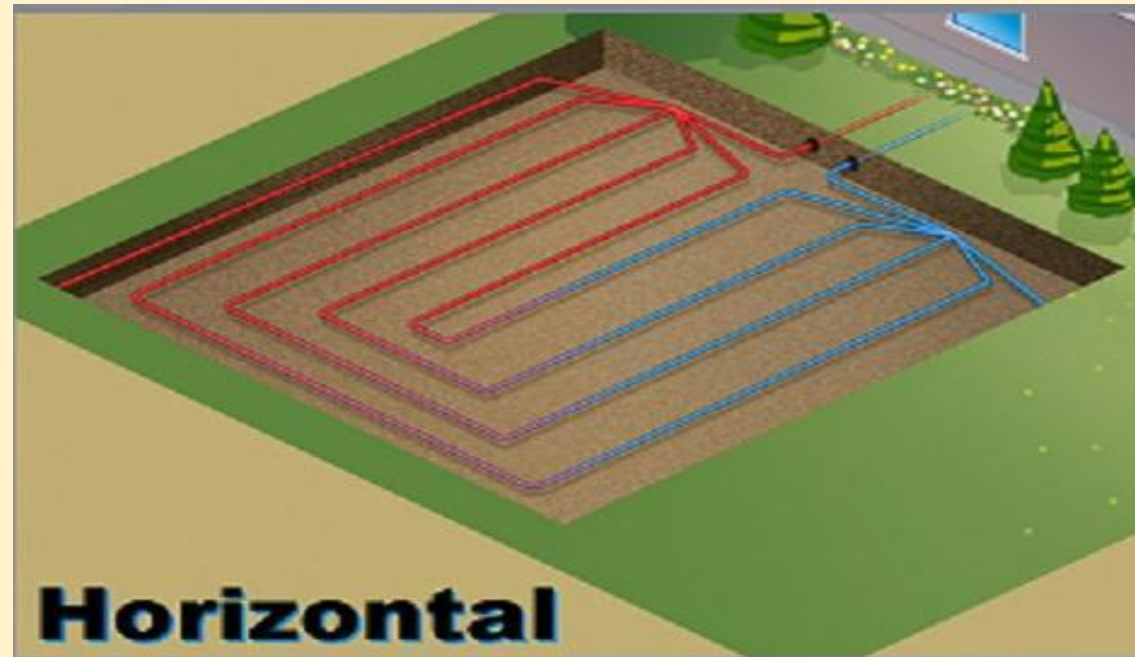
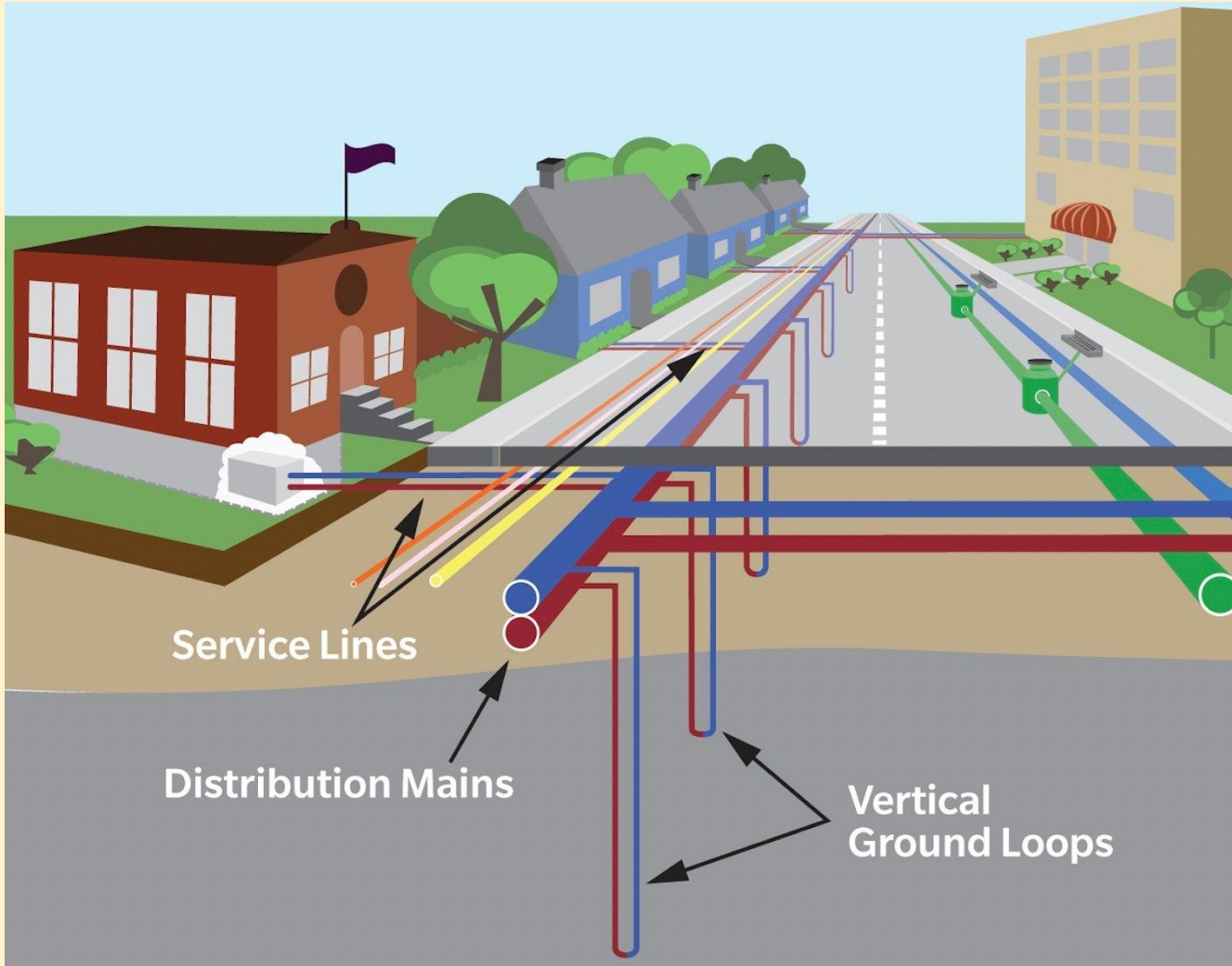
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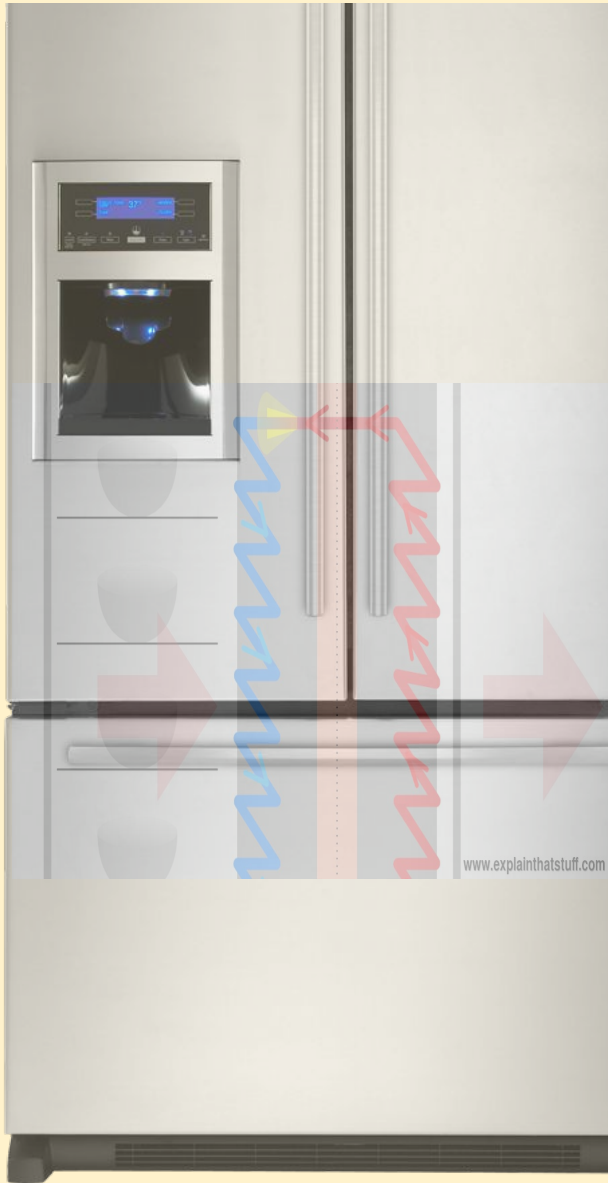
GEO THERMAL

HEAT
PUMP

AIR
HANDLER

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Geothermal Pilot Project



<https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/about/transmission-distribution/projects/massachusetts-projects/geothermal-pilot-project#:~:text=The%20route%20is%20a%20neighborhood,the%20outcome%20of%20the%20pilot.>

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