



“We need to stay competitive in the foodservices business and Energize CT allows us to do that with ease.”

Dave Petrone, Owner/Manager, Riverview Bistro

Riverview Bistro knows the recipe for success.

The Stratford restaurant sits on the picturesque banks of the Housatonic River, serving up contemporary American cuisine in a warm and inviting setting. Just as using only the freshest ingredients is key to their success so is running an energy efficient restaurant. With support from Energize Connecticut’s **Small Business Energy Advantage program**, Riverview Bistro was able to greatly reduce operating costs.

Program engineers helped the restaurant identify several energy-saving measures, including refrigeration and motor control upgrades. They also offered technical guidance on a complete lighting overhaul. Riverview adopted energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the interior, converted the exterior incandescent lamps to LEDs, and enhanced the restaurant signage with LEDs; these changes alone translate to an estimated \$13,749 annual savings.

Riverview Bistro also received a generous incentive from the Energy Efficiency Fund, making the upgrades possible.

Additionally, Riverview Bistro received **zero percent** on-bill financing which realizes no up-front cost and the monthly energy savings frequently off-set the loan payments. The measures will be paid off in forty-eight months while providing energy savings.

Project: Riverview Bistro
Measures: Interior, exterior lighting and signage converted to LED. Installed new HVAC programmable thermostats, new controls for refrigeration evaporator fans and new electronically commutative motors. Hot water addressed with the installation of new spray valves and aerators in kitchen.

Fund Incentive: **\$30,240**

Energy Savings: **75,690 kWh** electricity/year
125 ccf natural gas/year

Cost Savings: **\$13,749** annually

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