

### RENEWABLE THERMAL: PURSUING THE POLICY PIPELINE

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### **Session Description**

#### Renewable Thermal: Pursuing the Policy Pipeline

In a region heavily dependent on natural gas and heating oil, how are renewable thermal alternatives being pursued? Hear the latest from policy experts in 3 states on the transition of a fuel oil company to an energy company from CT, biomass and cold-climate heat pumps in VT and a coordinated thermal strategy in MA.

# **Energy Futures Group Consulting**

#### **Areas of Expertise**

- Policy Development
- Program Design
- Building Codes
- Evaluation
- Cost-Effectiveness

- Range of Clients
- □ Government Agencies
- Advocates
- Regulators
- Utilities

Clients in 20 states/provinces plus regional, national and international organizations.

### **Presentation Overview**

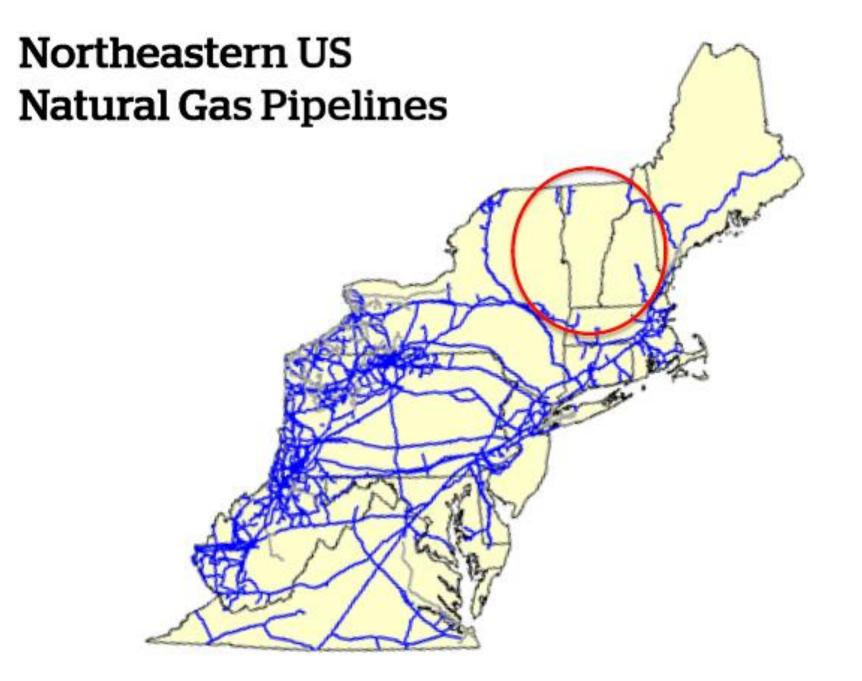


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- 1. Vermont's Energy Situation and Policy
- 2. Biomass
- 3. Cold Climate Heat Pumps
- 4. Efficiency Excellence Network The Evolution of VT Fuel Dealers

### Heating Oil Dependence in Northeastern US

	Annual <u>Million</u> <u>Liters of</u> Heating Oil <sup>1</sup>	Population <sup>2</sup>	Liters Oil/ Capita
Connecticut	2,131	3,500,000	609
Maine	1,356	1,300,000	1,043
Massachusetts	2,318	6,646,000	349
New Hampshire	1,054	1,320,000	798
New York	6,104	19,570,000	312
Pennsylvania	2,467	12,763,000	193
Rhode Island	611	1,050,000	582
Vermont	707	626,000	1,129
Total/Average	16,748	46,775,000	358

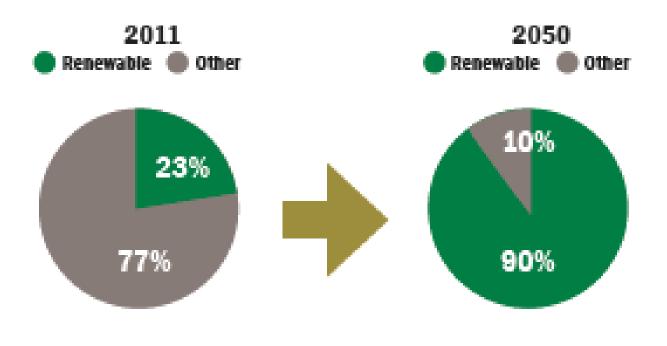


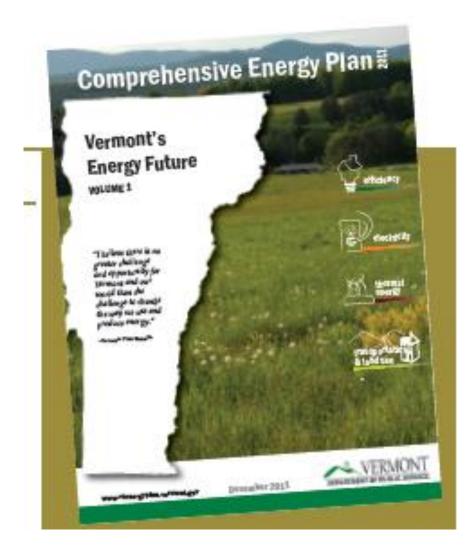




## Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan

• 90% of our total energy from renewable sources by 2050







### Solar Farm : Shelburne, Vermont



# <sup>10</sup> Biomass: Vermont & Upper Austria



### **Vermont Wood Heat Stats**

Wood fuels account for 15% of Vermont's space heating demand today
Vermonters currently use over 800,000 green tons of wood fuel to displace over 40 million gallons of heating oil annually – saving nearly
\$150 million in avoided oil costs and investing over \$40 million into the local economy.

□ 32% of Vermont children attend a school heated with wood

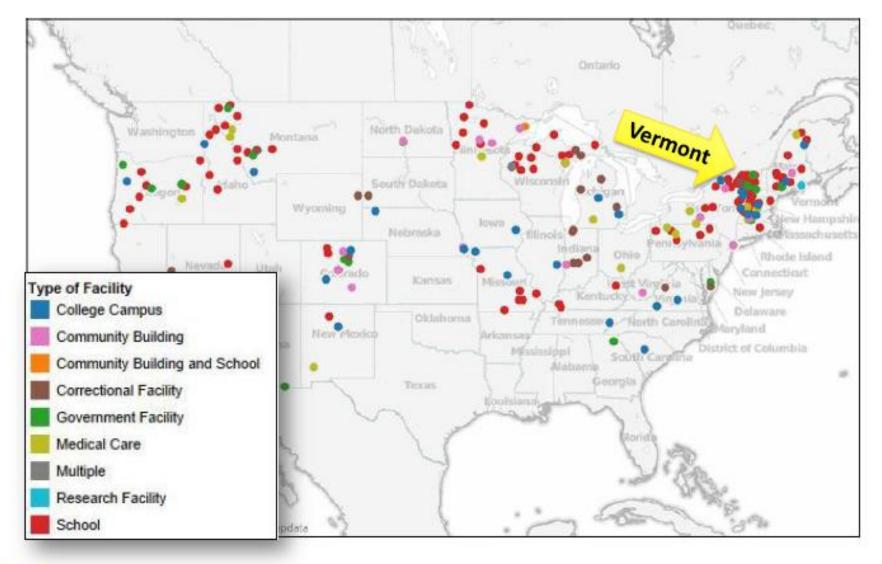
□ 28% of under-graduate college students in Vermont attend a school with a biomass heating system.

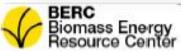
□ The City of Montpelier (in partnership with the State of Vermont) is developing the first district heating system in the state.

□ Vermont has ambitious renewable energy goals BUT still leads the nation in the per capita consumption of heating oil (300gallons/person/yr) or 186 million gallons

□ Vermont is 80% forested and we have the wood resources to displace another 26% of the remaining use of heating oil – the balance can be met with efficiency and other renewables.

### **Community-scale Wood Heating Systems in the US**



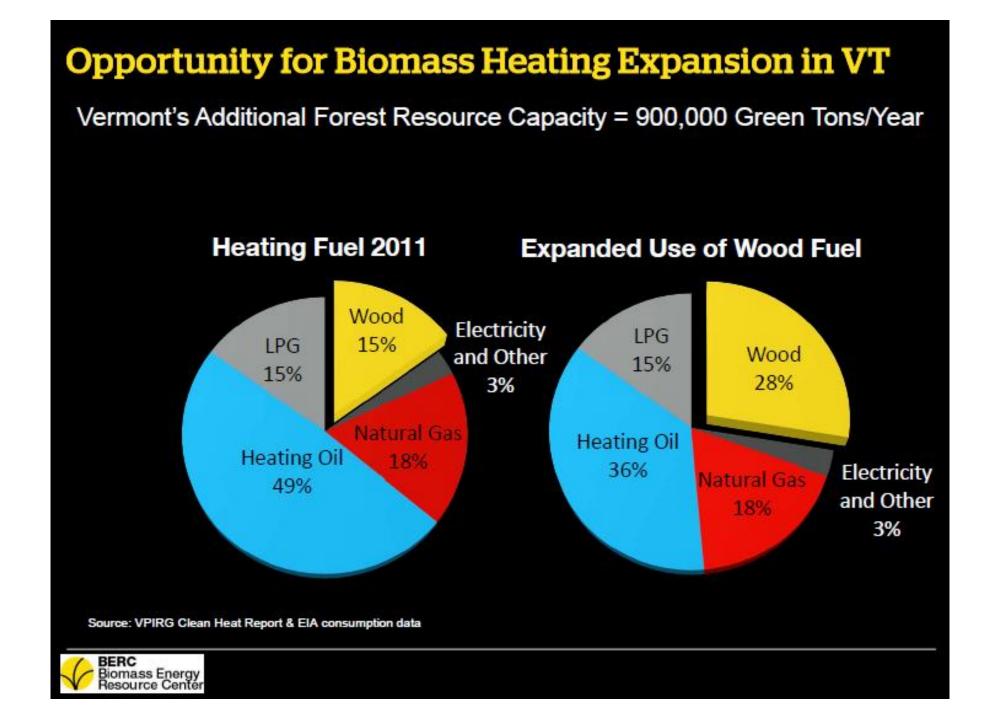


### Modern, Automated Biomass Heating Installations in Vermont

Building Type	Number of Installations
District Heating	
systems	1
Businesses	8
College Campuses	5
Low-Income Multi-	
Family Complexes	16
Public Buildings	13
Schools	46
Bulk Pellet	
<b>Residential Boilers</b>	120+
Total	208







### **Pneumatic Bulk Pellet Delivery**













### **Upper Austria Wood Heat Stats**

- □1.9 million population (about the size of CT)
- □1 of 9 states in Austria
- □33.4% of total energy came from renewable energy in 2010
- □ Biomass 14.6% of total energy and biomass thermal is 33% of total thermal
- □Goal of 100% renewable energy space heating by 2030! □Over 40,000 automated biomass boilers in residential
- commercial, and institutional buildings
- □Over 300 small- medium scale biomass district heating plants owned/operated by farmer cooperatives who provide the fuel.
- □ A robust biomass equipment and service industry based in Upper Austria creating 4,500+ jobs in the state.

Sources:

http://nebioheat.com/pdf/Biomass heating 2010.pdf http://nebioheat.com/pdf/Biomass heating 2010.pdf



#### **Cold-Climate Heat Pumps**



#### **Cold-Climate Heat Pump Program Incentive Amounts**

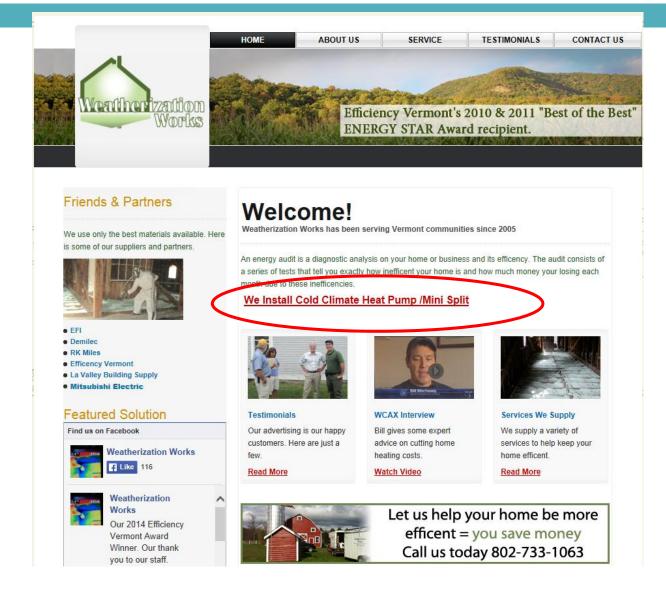
	DUCTLESS*	CENTRAL
First Indoor Unit	\$750	\$500/ton
Second Indoor Unit	\$500	\$500/ton
Integrated Controls	\$250	\$250
Integrated DHW System		\$500



Photo courtesy of Turtle Creek Builders, Waitsfield, VT

# Heat Pumps & Energy Efficiency

 One of the top Home Performance contractors in VT
Installed 100 ductless heat pumps along with efficiency jobs in 2013







Furnace Failure? If your furnace system fails during the winter, we have the ability and equipment to

Winter Storms- Please check all exhaust vents, air intakes and fill-pipes, after winter storms dump snow.

New customer? Click here to fill out a Credit Application prior to service or deliveries.

It can save you a no heat call, or possible health hazards like carbon monoxide poisoning.

Animal Bedding Pellets

provide you with temporary heat.

#### Solar Panels

We now offer solar panels for domestic hot water. The panels that we offer can make up 51 gallons a day per panel for hot water. Its a drain back system so that eliminates the use of glycol, which makes it a more hassle free system. for more info give us a call at the office, S 802-453-2381.



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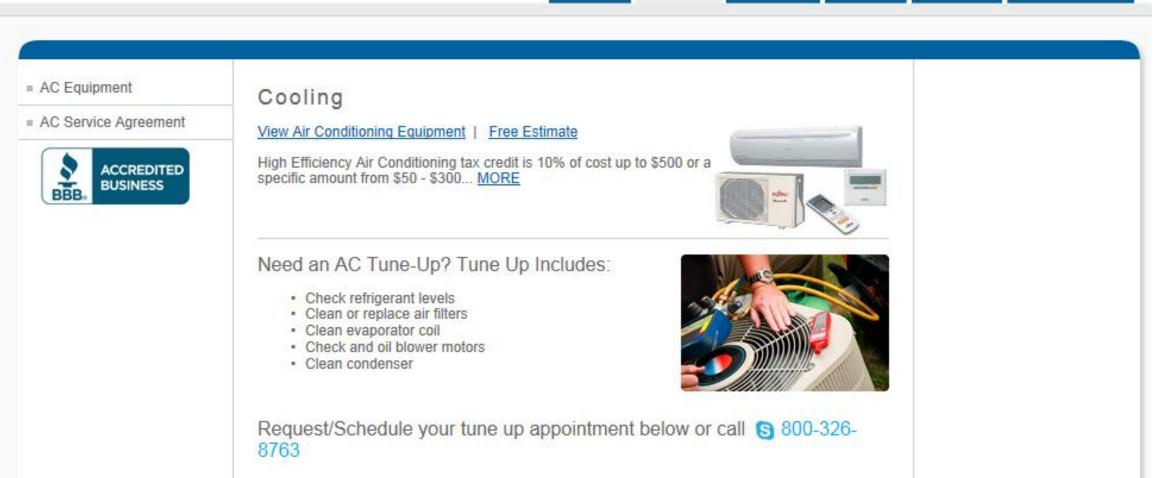
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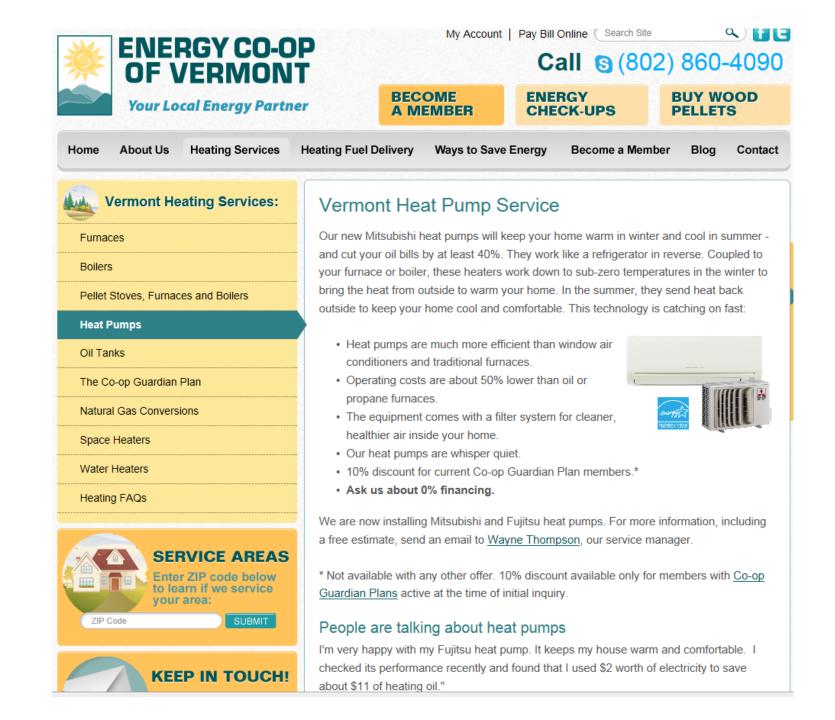
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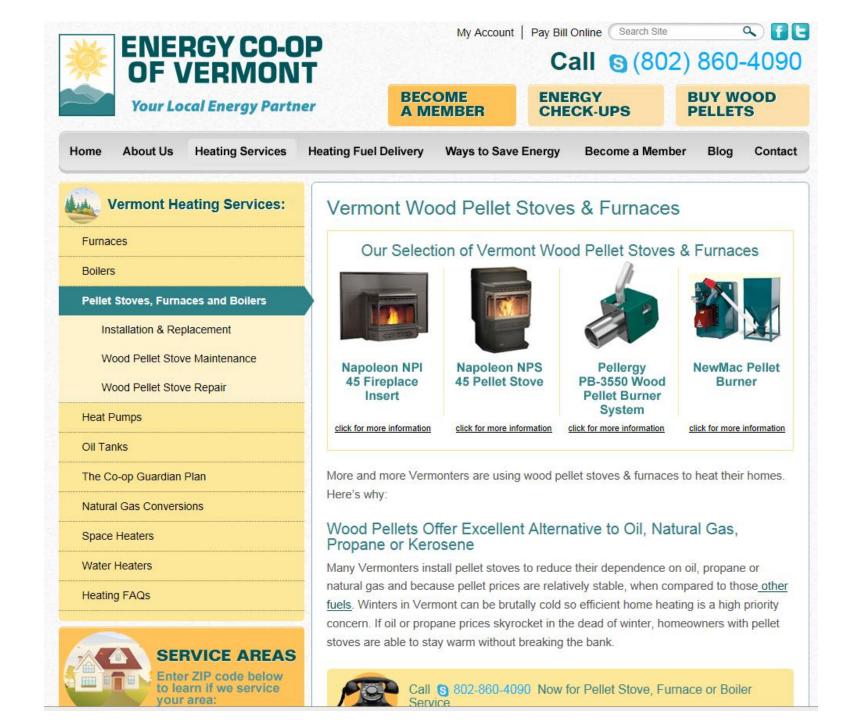
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### Efficiency Excellence Network



Efficiency Vermont's Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) is designed to encourage contractors and distributors to identify and promote energy efficiency equipment and opportunities in their work.

Benefits:

- Marketing and promotion of EEN contractors by Efficiency Vermont;
- Marketing resources, including:
  - A business listing on EfficiencyVermont.com;
  - Marketing materials; and
  - Cooperative advertising opportunities.
- In-network training and support;
- Leads and referrals from Efficiency Vermont.



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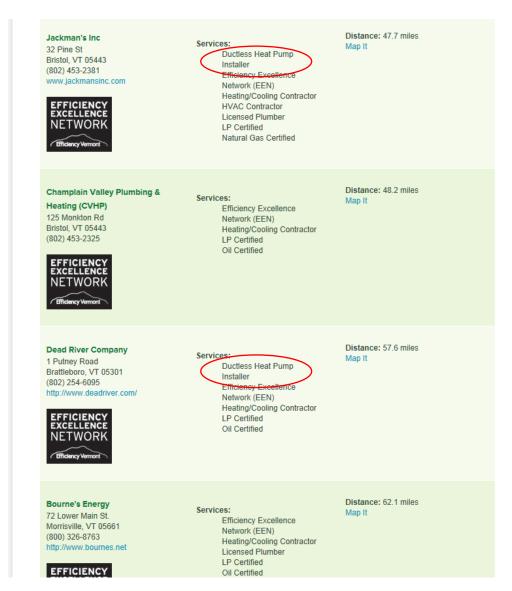
The Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) is designed to encourage fuel dealers and heating, ventilation & air conditioning (HVAC) contractors to identify energy efficiency opportunities and to partner with Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® contractors to complete energy efficiency projects. The EEN makes it easier for home owners to save money on their energy bills as participating members have been trained to discover energy saving opportunities and can help guide homeowners towards making improvements.

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Energy Co-op of Vermont 73 Prim Rd Colchester, VT 05446 www.ecvt.net EFFICIENCY EXCELLENCE NETWORK	Services: Ductless Heat Pump Installer Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) Heating/Cooling Contractor HVAC Contractor Natural Gas Certified Oil Certified Written Reports	Distance: no zipcode entered Map It
Champlain Valley Plumbing & Heating (CVHP) 125 Monkton Rd Bristol, VT 05443 (802) 453-2325 EFFICIENCY NETWORK	Services: Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) Heating/Cooling Contractor LP Certified Oil Certified	Distance: no zipcode entered Map It





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