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## Project Launched to Help NH Communities Explore Wood Biomass District Heating

Today, a project titled The Community Roadmap: A civic decision making tool for evaluating the viability of wood biomass district heating systems for New Hampshire communities was officially launched announced Russ Dowd of the North Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. “So many communities are interested in district heating for cost savings and environmental reasons” said Allison Grappone, Program Assistant at the Northern Forest Center and member of the New Hampshire Wood Biomass Heat/Power Task Force... “We want to make it as easy as possible for them to get started by providing information and technical assistance”, added Grappone.

The project, which has received financial support from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) administered by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, has the goal of creating this decision making tool which will be useful to municipalities, but also subsets of communities such as commercial and residential housing developments said Richard DeMark, USDA Coordinator for the North Country RC&D Area. Demark added that starting today, North country RC&D will be soliciting proposals from qualified consultants to work with the Task Force to create the decision making tool.

Those interested in the project can get more information by visiting [www.nhrcd.net](http://www.nhrcd.net) or by calling the North Country RC&D Area at (603) 527-2093.

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