Oneida Nation



Building Audit Program and Energy Development Strategy

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Talking Points History of Oneida's efforts

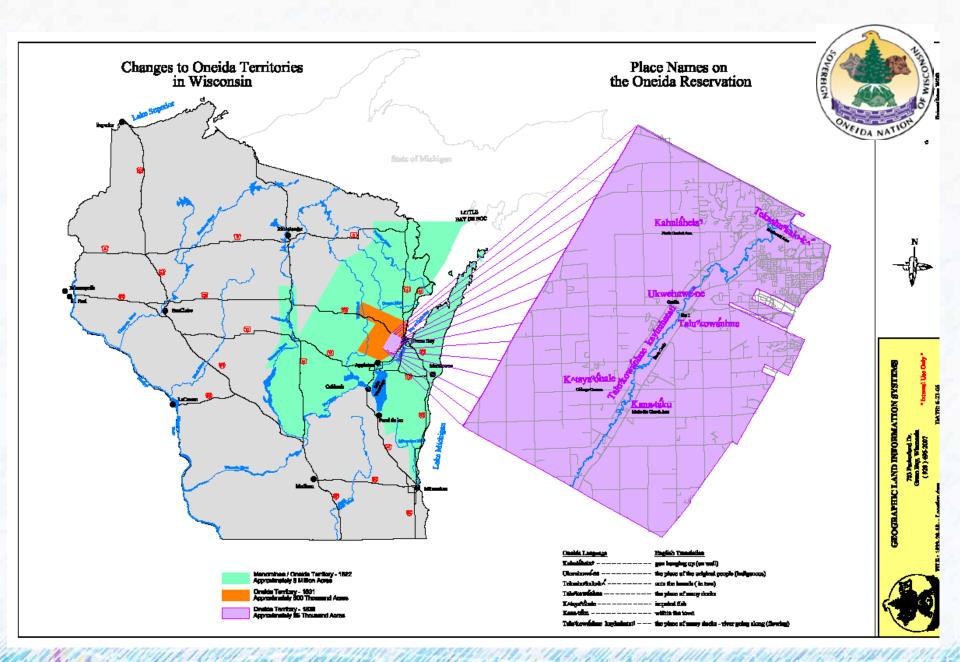


Energy Security Plan
 § Residential
 § Transportation
 § Buildings and Operations
 § Energy Development

Building Audit Program

Energy Optimization





1995 to 2002

- 13 kw photovoltaics
- 16 residential solar hot water systems
- Demonstration trailer
- Solar thermal greenhouse

Lessons

- Maintenance
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- Total impact
- Buy in



Since 2002

- Oneida Energy Team established
- Wind Assessments
- Wind Study
- Solar Hot Water Training
- Inspection and Maintenance Program
- Food Distribution PV System in WE Energies Buy-Back Program
- Grant Research (DOE, BIA, USDA)
- Ground-source thermal experiment
- OHA, DOLM and DPW energy efficiency
- ORCCC Solar Thermal System

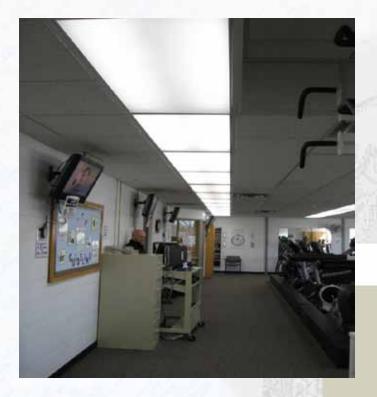


Energy Security Plan



Collaboration between Oneida departments – The value of cross-functional teams!

- Energy Security Plan
 - **§** Transportation
 - § Residential
 - **§** Buildings and Operations
 - **§** Energy Optimization
- Energy Action Plan
- **Business Committee, General Tribal Council**



B) Solar thermal on Elder Service Center

C) Residential energy audits

EECBG projects

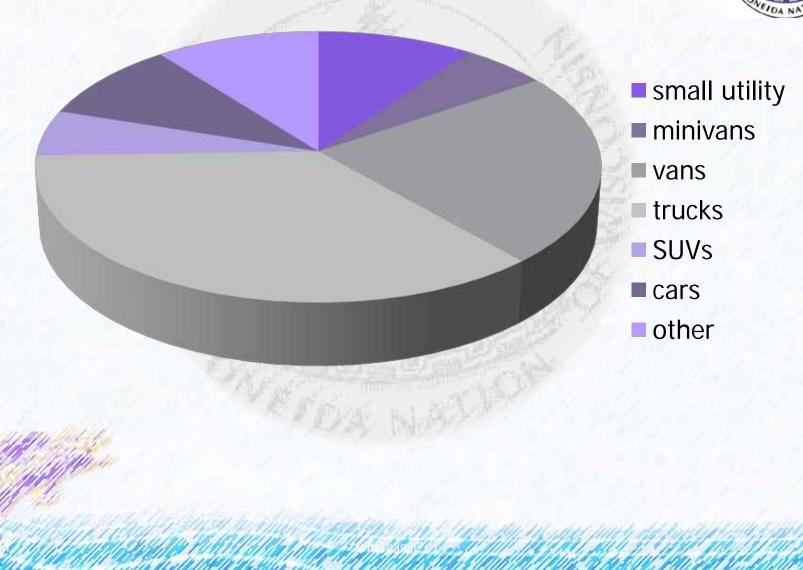


A) \$247,000 for Electrician, Lighting upgrades



Oneida Transportation





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Oneida Energy Costs



residential \$5M
commercial \$3M
transportation \$0.5M

Residential Assistance: Oneida Housing Authority and Dept. of Land Management

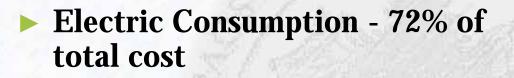


OHA

- S ARRA funds for rehab of 132 rental units
- **§** New housing developments
- § Home audit training
- **§** Solar hot water
- Land Management
 - **§** Upgrades to Dream Homes
 - **§** Solar hot water



2009 Consumption Total Cost = \$3.4 Million

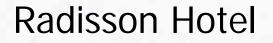


- buildings, structures, signs, fields, street lighting
- Natural Gas Consumption -27% of cost
 - § 99% of buildings on N.G. (low cost for now)

electricnatural gaspropane

56,585,953 lbs of CO2





Lighting Ozone laundry Heat recovery

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ENERGY DEPLOYMENT





- Energy Deployment grant for 44 building audits.
- Database of buildings prioritized based on size, age, and known energy concerns
- Oneida Energy Controls Manager working with team to draft RFP for selecting consultant
- RFP modeled on the Wisconsin Focus on Energy program Conservation Feasibility Study Guidelines

DOE Energy Efficiency Development a Deployment grant



Consultant to perform audits and submit reports/feasibility studies

Recommendations will be used for budgeting tribal funds, capital expenditures, and applications for future grant funding

Oneida Energy Team and Business Committee to be kept informed on progress



Energy Optimization

Energy Portfolio Development

More Lessons

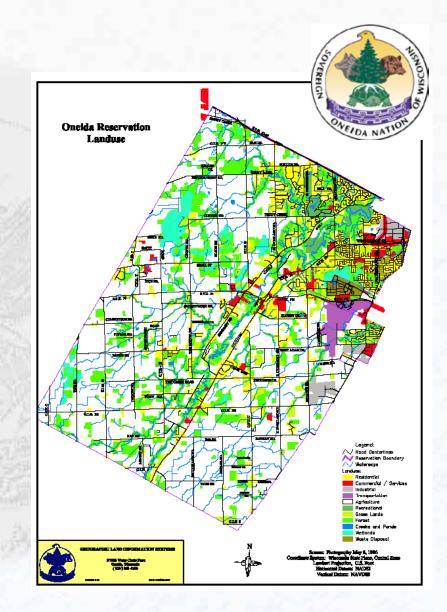


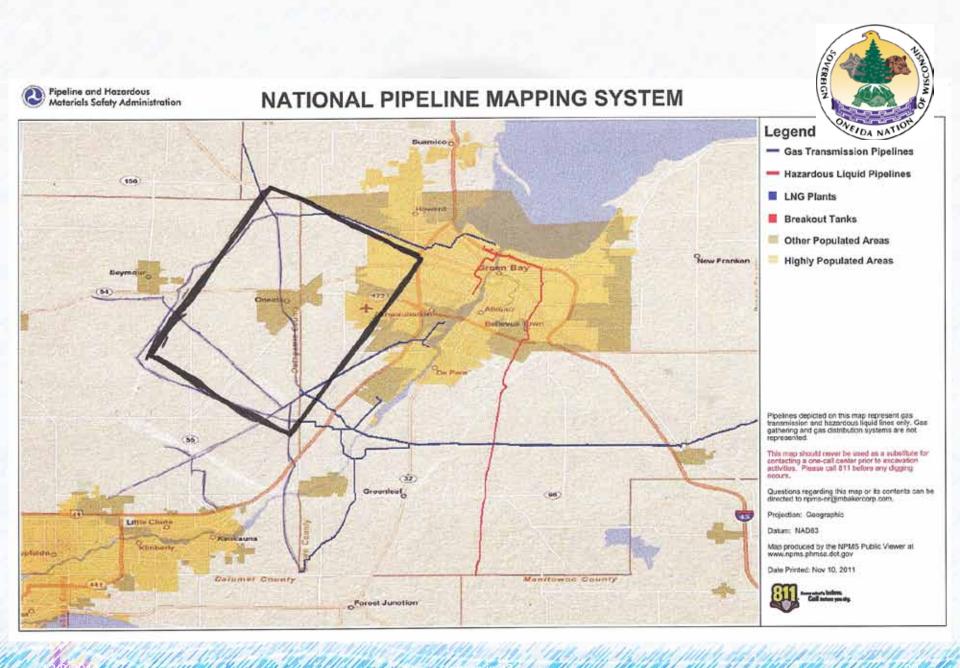
- Just because you build it doesn't mean they'll really come; Make sure everyone is on board, including endusers.
- Buyer Beware!
- Design a program that is devoted to installing AND maintaining systems.
- Can't rely on Programs.
- Education intensity will make or break a good idea.

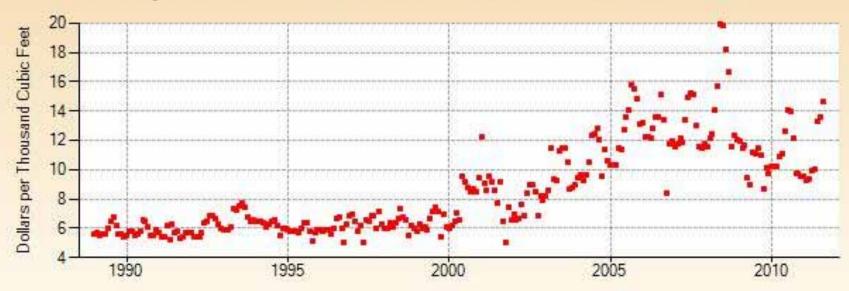
Supply and Demand too.

Oneida Reservation 96 square miles = 61,440 acres

- ~ 80% agriculture
- West is rural
- Northeast is suburban
- Southeast is rural/suburban
- Oneida farms manage 5,000+ acres
- Oneida leases 5,000+ acres
- **2009 Live, Sustain, Grow survey:**
- ~ 5,000 Tribal members live in region
- **68% use N.G. for heat**
- 49%??? use electricity for heat
- 16% use firewood for heat
- 13% use L.P. for heat
- 1% use oil for heat
 - **10-20% do or will use wood 70+% support alternative fuels**







Monthly Wisconsin Price of Natural Gas Delivered to Residential Consumers

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Tribal Energy Considerations



- 100% of energy is imported into Reservation (two public utilities: WE and WPS)
- N.G. prices are unstable; electricity costs are rising \$0.01-\$0.2 / yr.
- No local tap (some Tribes have access to reserves, most don't)
- Climate change and carbon matters
- Land is our greatest asset
- Oneida is an agricultural community
- Energy is sovereignty

Tribal Energy Considerations

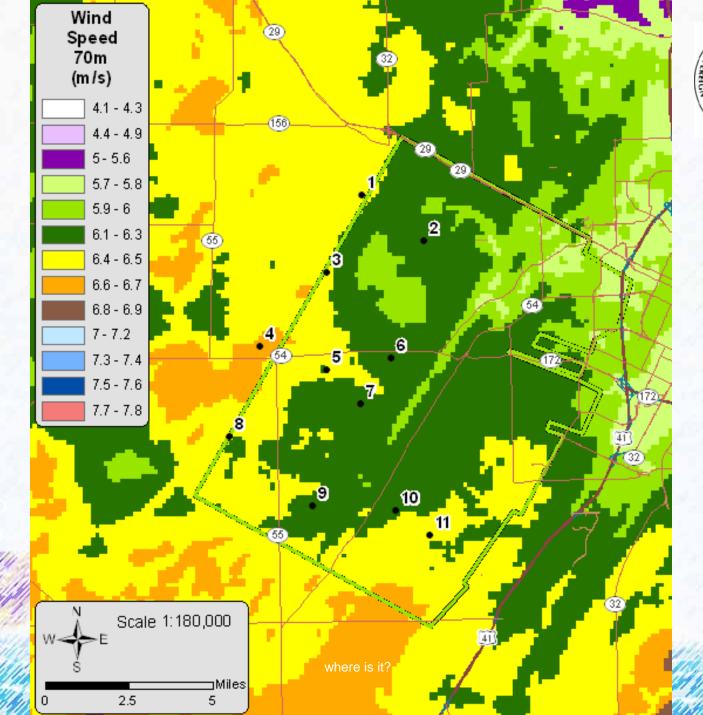


- Bioenergy is likely the only energy source that will allow Oneida to establish a renewable portfolio that exceeds 25, 50, or 75% in _____ years.
- Gasification project is in pilot stage
- Woody biomass is a popular source; Grass biomass has potential
- Market analysis will gage local and regional interest
- The technology and infrastructure are at various stages in development
- The path must be economical, sustainable

Oneida Energy Development Program Vision



- Energy Interdependence
- Community Partnership
- Economic Development
- Job Creation (thanks to bioenergy)
- Sustainable Energy (economical & environmental)
- Tribal Sovereignty





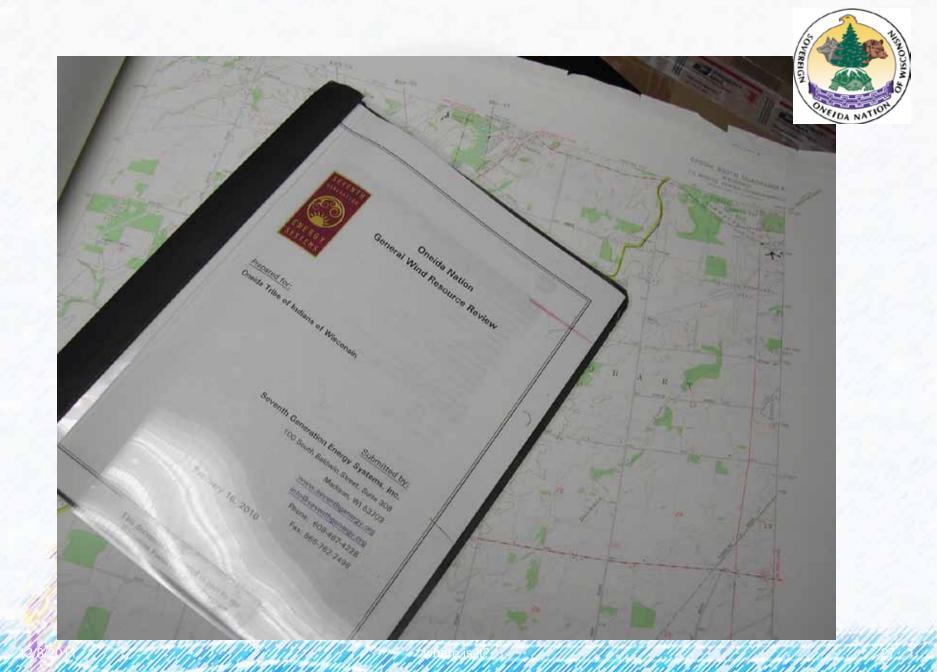
Wind Monitoring Tower







where is it?



Oneida Recycling Solutions











Department of Energy grant

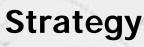
Objectives

- Energy profile
- Community profile
- **Forecast**
- Feasibility for available energy technologies
 - **§** Wind, solar, ground thermal, bioenergy
- Market analysis
- Energy Optimization Model
 - **Energy Portfolio**

First Steps Action Plan

Resources

- Solar
 - § Thermal
 - § Electric
- Wind electric
- Ground-source thermal
- Bioenergy
 - § Thermal
 - § Electric
 - § Fuels
- Hydropower ?
 CNG, biodiesel, electric



- Energy history
- Energy forecast
 - **§** Community needs
- Resource feasibility
 - Technology research
 - Energy Portfolio
- Organizational development
 - S Website development
 - § Facility planning



Benefits of an Energy Crop



- Old technology improved
- Flexible fuel
- Local production
- On-site production
- On-site uses
- Agriculture crop
- Existing equipment

80% efficient Local process Job creation **Economic Dev** Water quality Habitat **Ground** cover

The Bioenergy seed...



- Currently, OCC delivers wood to elders and others on a weekly basis
- The wood source is from harvesting hazard trees in neighborhoods
- Deliver 250-280 face-cords per year 80-90 full-cords producing 1,785 MMBtu heats 15-20 homes; based on 100 MMBtu/home /heating season
- Can Oneida convert a percentage of their cropland into an energy crop, pellet the crop, and distribute the pellets to members?
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- 1-5 acres/home/year for heating



Regional examples

Midwest Biomass Conference

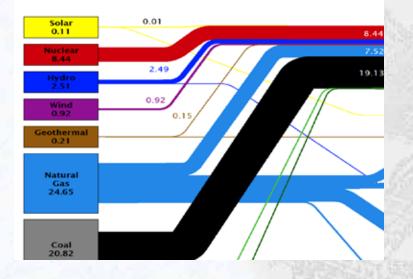
- Europe is decades ahead of us
- District Energy in St Paul
- Show Me Energy in Missouri
- Biomass Thermal Energy Council
- Field plots in SW WI (RC&D, UW-Mad)
- Switchgrass, Miscanthus, others

Other examples

- Bad River Tribe biomass plant
- Potowatomi combined heat and power biomass facility



Estimated U.S.



https://flowcharts.llnl.gov (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)

Biomass challenges

- > 20 50 miles of source
- specific growing characteristics depending on the variety
- Grass biomass can be pelleted, briquetted, etc.; local processing requires capital
- Stoves need to be designed for ash content
- Can we incorporate CHP into Tribal buildings and residences?
- Is a bio-fuel an option
- In regions of WI, production must exceed 5 tons/acre (70 MMBtu) to be economical (preliminary data)
- <u>Cheap and easy heat and electricity (BTEC webinar)</u>



Bioenergy Strategy

Action Plan

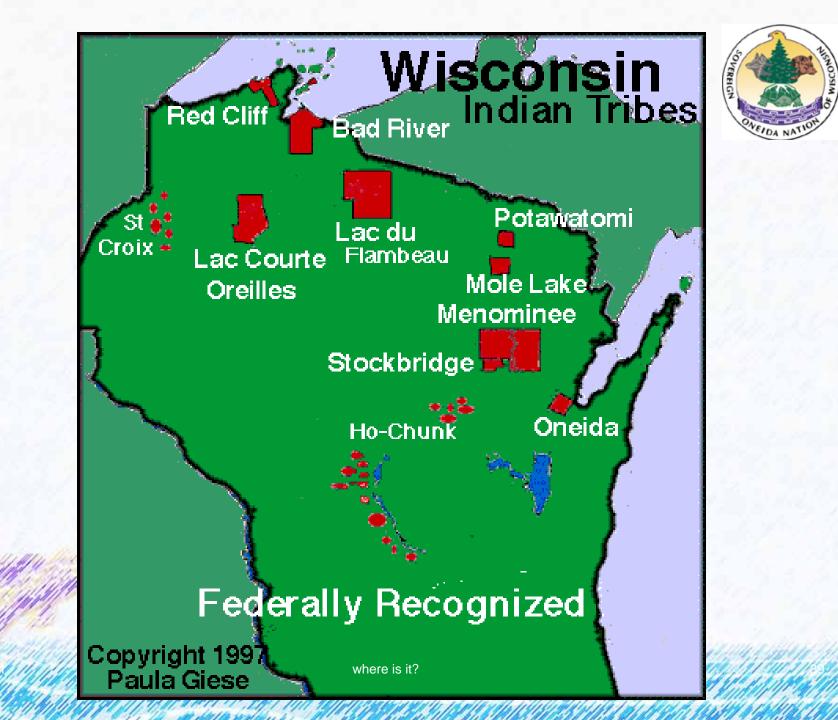
- Organize work team
- List partners
- Determine scope of work
- Determine available funding
- Develop budget
- Develop marketing work plan
- Develop test plot work plan
- Develop manufacturing work plan
- Pilot Study

- **Test Plot Work Plan**
- Locate field plots
- Mobilize labor and equipment
- Determine field prep needs
- Determine seed mix choices
- Develop timeline
 - Staging area
- Material management
- **Demonstration project**
- 2011 field season





Thank you Partners! DOE, BIA, USDA Focus on Energy Utilities: WE, WPS **WDNR** UWGB, UW-Madison BTEC RC&D WTCAC



Questions

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