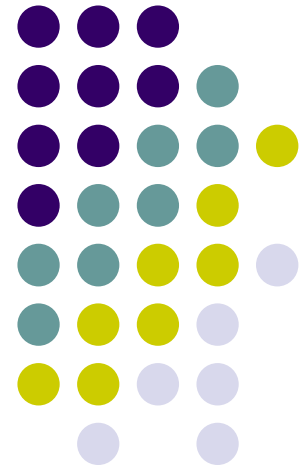


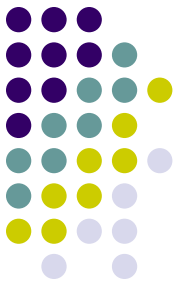
LEC/Public Sector Working Groups

A brainstorm summary

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Where are municipalities and energy committees now?



Observations:

Variety in project quantity and quality

Stages of maturity

Stages of knowledge

Size variance

Best Practices:

Experience

Leadership

Time commitment

Baseline research

Observations
Variety in quantity and quality of projects
Varied Expertise
Variety in focus (buildings, business, foods, etc)
Grassroots to professional spectrum
Committees grow and mature over time
Connections/partnership with towns vary
Expectation of transformative change leads to attrition
Projects vary in approach to energy issue- no standards
High assistance needs during grant processes
Local politics at play
Size of committees don't correlate to size of community but more to resources

Best practices/Things to avoid
Strong experience brings quality to committees
Strong support from towns is important although some are successful without support
Leadership is important
Time commitment and availability is important
Consider projects scope/value and if expectations (of group & large resident body) are affected
Research work already done by your town (inventory)
Research work done by other committees/towns

What are the desired outcomes from work in renewable energy and energy efficiency?



Outcomes:

Cost tracking and reduction

Absolute reduction in ghg emissions

Energy security

Building of social capital in communities

Process:

Tactical Goals

Energy-specific budget

Consensus building

Outreach and education

Process - achieve products
tactical goals
town plans (general and specific)
specific energy budget
outreach and education of energy info-> leads to awareness
consensus building around decision making
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Products - Outcomes
good info on energy consumption, costing tracking
absolute reduction in ghg emissions
building of social capital in communities
legitimacy
concept/understanding of self-reliance
awareness
see municipality take actions that result in market transformation and green collar economy
develop energy security and structures needed
durability and resilience of (physical) infrastructure

What are the gaps in resources?



Resources:

Time

Skills/Education

Tools

Communication

Funding

Policy/Politics

Models

Incentive/Penalty

Systemic issues

Funding

stability of funding
formalized funding for LECWG
getting ARRA money to communities in an efficient way
getting demand side management funds to community projects
lack of money
ongoing money
\$ gap
public funding system in NH
business models of banks

Communication

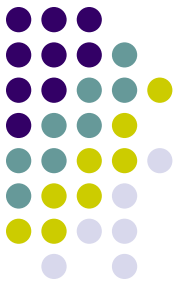
coordination of efforts
asking municipalities what their needs are?
fundamental agreement on first principles
communication of model projects
municipal staff not connected to LEC
aggregation or coordination across towns/regions
lack of access to media
school to town

Policy/Politics

lack of state energy policy framework
lack of set of municipal policies
political will
high-level political leadership
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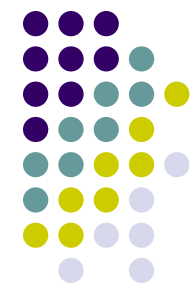
Resources- skills/education

trainings
basic knowledge
less opinion, more facts
coordination with tech assistance
lack of technical skills
technical skills w/in a communities



What is the role of energy committees to address the gaps or enhance work toward their goals?

How does the working group lead? What is the WG's role?



What are existing/upcoming resources to address barriers to achieving goals

- Programs
- Organizations/Groups
- Tools
- Public Financing
- Private Financing
- Events/Marketing/Outreach
- Natural Resources
- Plans
- Policy/Politics
- Human Capital/Experience

Programs
EECBG
CBG
CREBS
QECGS
Sustainable Communities initiative
transportation reauthorization
demand response
ARRA
RPS
\$BC/Smart Start
ICLEI- limited to larger towns
upcoming- PACE?
MEAP
SEP TA contract

Events/Marketing/Outreach
LEC's June 19th conference
LES conference
media outreach
campaigning
media- web, print, tv, radio
increasing dialogue about energy/climate
circuit riders

Organizations/Groups
EECBG
LECs
Leadership NH, other regional programs
EPA
LECWG
commissions
state agencies
non-profits
other LECs
Existing companies/orgs with tech support (Jordan Inst, CACP, OEP, NH Coop Ext
NHSEA

Tools
ILU Handbook
Portal
UNH energy hotline
NPR inventory of zoning changes
group purchasing
performance contracts
district heating roadmap
regional planning
Portfolio manager
small town carbon calculator
MA energy info system - other states?
statewide database, inventory assist, a la carte
EPA benchmarking tools
NH LGC workshops for muni employees
success of existing (Epping/Atkinson)

Private Financing
Equity(?)
Time of Day Pricing
Bank financing
community banks
foundation grants
individual contributions
grant funding
upcoming- private/bank financing