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Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

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What Kind of Project Can We Do

- Do A Study
- Identify what you use in your community for transportation, manufacturing, residential and agriculture
- Identify what you have in your community that could replace some of that usage

Morrison County Energy Study

- We found that 29% of the industrial natural gas usage in the County was used by the Central MN Ethanol Coop
- We found that there is a real potential for methane digesters to replace natural gas usage

Methane Digesters

- Large farmers are interested in methane digesters
- Central MN Ethanol is interested in digesting the syrup from the plant
- City of Little Falls is interested in using methane digestion in the waste treatment plant
- Identified a developer and possible funder

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Other Alternative Energy Possibilities

- Wind
- Solar
- Biomass

What Can A City Do?

- Look at your own buildings for alternative energy i.e. air source heat pumps
- Look at your HRA housing for alternative energy heating and cooling
- Alternative energy vehicles
- Incentives for housing projects that use alternative energy i.e. geothermal and TIF

Future Funding for Cities

- LGA being cut
- No one wants to raise taxes
- What do you have left that you can cut
- What can be a source of new income

New Source of Income

- Alternative energy projects can be expensive
- Cities and Counties can fund a portion of a project with revenue bonds or other types of funding and become a partner in the project and share in the revenue
- Or by using alternative energy to bring down your operating costs

New Jobs/Job Enhancement

- Many jobs are the same i.e. welders, heating and cooling, rehab homes, lead based paint removal
- New jobs i.e. methane digester installers and operators, lawyers and financial specialists in alternative energy, geothermal installers and servicers for all forms

Region V Development Commission

- Energy Study for the area
- Educate businesses regarding alternative energy possibilities
- Identify job skills needed for alternative energy professions
- Work with Rural MN CEP and Colleges to identify training courses and students

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