

# Why Wood Pellet Production in VT?

- **Stimulate the VT economy!**
  - Hundreds of millions of dollars leave our economy when purchasing fuel oil, kerosene or propane! This money could be retained if more people heat with Vermont made wood pellets.
  - Approximately 85% of the money spent on fuel oil, kerosene and propane leaves the VT economy!
- **Create lasting, green jobs!**
  - Forestry, transportation, processing and distribution jobs will be created. Many other jobs are possible if we integrate other businesses, such as methane digestion, mulch, compost, and greenhouses.
  - Wood pellet production would also stimulate other industries that support the Vermont forestry industry!
- **Ensure supply of wood pellets!**
  - Most wood pellets made in the U.S. go to Europe. As a result, pellets were limited this winter.
  - Producing pellets in Vermont, could and should ensure supply for Vermonters first and foremost. This will be achieved through a high environmental standard.
- **Reduce Carbon Emissions!**
  - Wood pellets do not increase atmospheric carbon because wood is in the short carbon cycle.
  - Burning fossil fuels, brings carbon out of the ground that was buried millions of years ago. This is called the long carbon cycle, and these fuels should be left underground.
- **If not now, When? And by Whom?**
  - The sooner we get a pellet mill running, the sooner it will stimulate jobs and save Vermonters money.
  - A cooperative business model will benefit Vermonters by prioritizing the needs of the local community first.

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Please see our documents webpage, (2011 work) for a Feasibility Study on Pellet Production in Vermont.