

Bioenergy Update: A U.S. Outlook



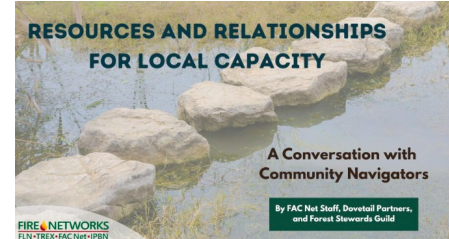
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Research is underway on many fronts with the result that placing bets regarding winners and losers in the future energy picture is risky. Within this environment, the future role of biomass in contributing to future needs for energy and industrial chemicals is open to question. Our assessment suggests a bright near- to mid-term future for biomass, especially regarding liquid fuels for commercial transportation. However, with the exception of aviation fuel, we see an uncertain and less promising future for biomass in both energy and industrial chemical markets over the long term.

FIRE NETWORKS Blog: Resources and Relationships for Local Capacity

Dovetail is proud to be featured in the Fire Adapted Network's article, "Resources and Relationships for Local Capacity" in support of the new Community Navigators Initiative. The initiative aims to enhance wildfire preparedness and resilience in communities. We're excited to be part of this effort to support local leaders and foster collaboration in fire adaptation strategies.

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Biochar field day

Join us for a free, hands-on Biochar Demonstration, rain or shine on August 24th! Discover the benefits of biochar for soil health and sustainability. Compare different equipment and learn how to create biochar using a flame-capped kiln. Find out how biochar production can help with fuel reduction, controlling invasive species like buckthorn, and cleaning up storm damage.

- When: August 24, 2024 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- Where: Clifton Fire Department: 2146 Old North Shore Rd. Duluth, MN 55804

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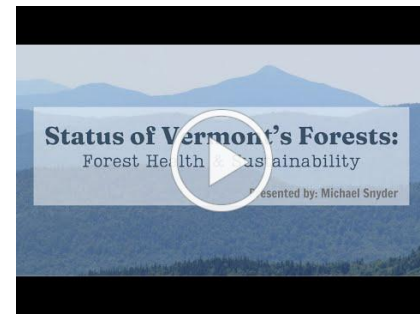
Join the Clifton SWCD for the Biochar as a Soil Health Amendment Field Day on August 29th. Learn more at <https://carletonswcd.org/>

Thank you to the Clifton SWCD for sponsoring this event and covering the expenses.

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Status of Vermont's Forest: Forest Health & Sustainability

Our latest YouTube video features guest speaker and Dovetail Associate, Michael Snyder. In a team meeting, Mike, a former Commissioner for Vermont Forests, Parks, and Recreation, shared insights into the forest health and sustainability of Vermont's forest. This eye-opening discussion is why we dubbed Mike 'our voice for NE Forests'.



Athena Institute co-founder and LCA advocate Wayne Trusty

Wayne Trusty, co-founder of the Athena Sustainable Materials Institute and valued Dovetail colleague, passed away on June 21, 2024. He was 82.

Trusty was one of the first in North America to recognize a need for systematic, science-based assessment in determination of environmental impacts of construction materials. He subsequently became a driving force for establishment of the Athena Institute – an organization dedicated to advocating for use of environmental life cycle assessment (LCA) in building materials manufacturing, product labeling, and building design and construction, and creating user-friendly LCA software.

As Athena's president from its 1997 launch through 2011, Trusty led efforts to bring attention of the North American building design and engineering community to LCA.

In the words of current Athena President Jennifer O'Connor "The incorporation of LCA and embodied carbon across green building programs, codes, and policy can be traced back to his [Wayne's] educational and advocacy efforts. This included a real dedication to ensuring international and national standards were up to par."

We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to partner with Trusty on several Dovetail projects. In one of these he led a response to criticism of LCA as inadequate for evaluation of forest-derived building materials, noting that while LCA is extremely valuable in determining impacts it is but one of many tools available for assessing impacts of forest harvesting and wood use.

His dedication, friendship, warmth, and sense of humor were very much valued. He will be missed.

Wayne Trusty's contribution to the work of Dovetail includes [The Toolkit Approach to Sustainability](#) and the [Environmental Product Declarations](#) reporting.

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