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Community Strategic Energy Planning

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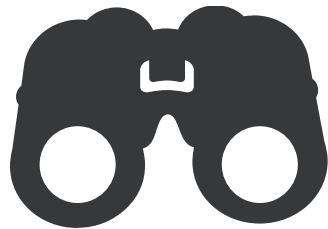
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- 40 hours of free technical assistance
- Project development support, PCE training, energy planning
- Have conducted 5 SEP workshops in the last 6 months



What is Community Strategic Energy Planning?

And what does it do for you?



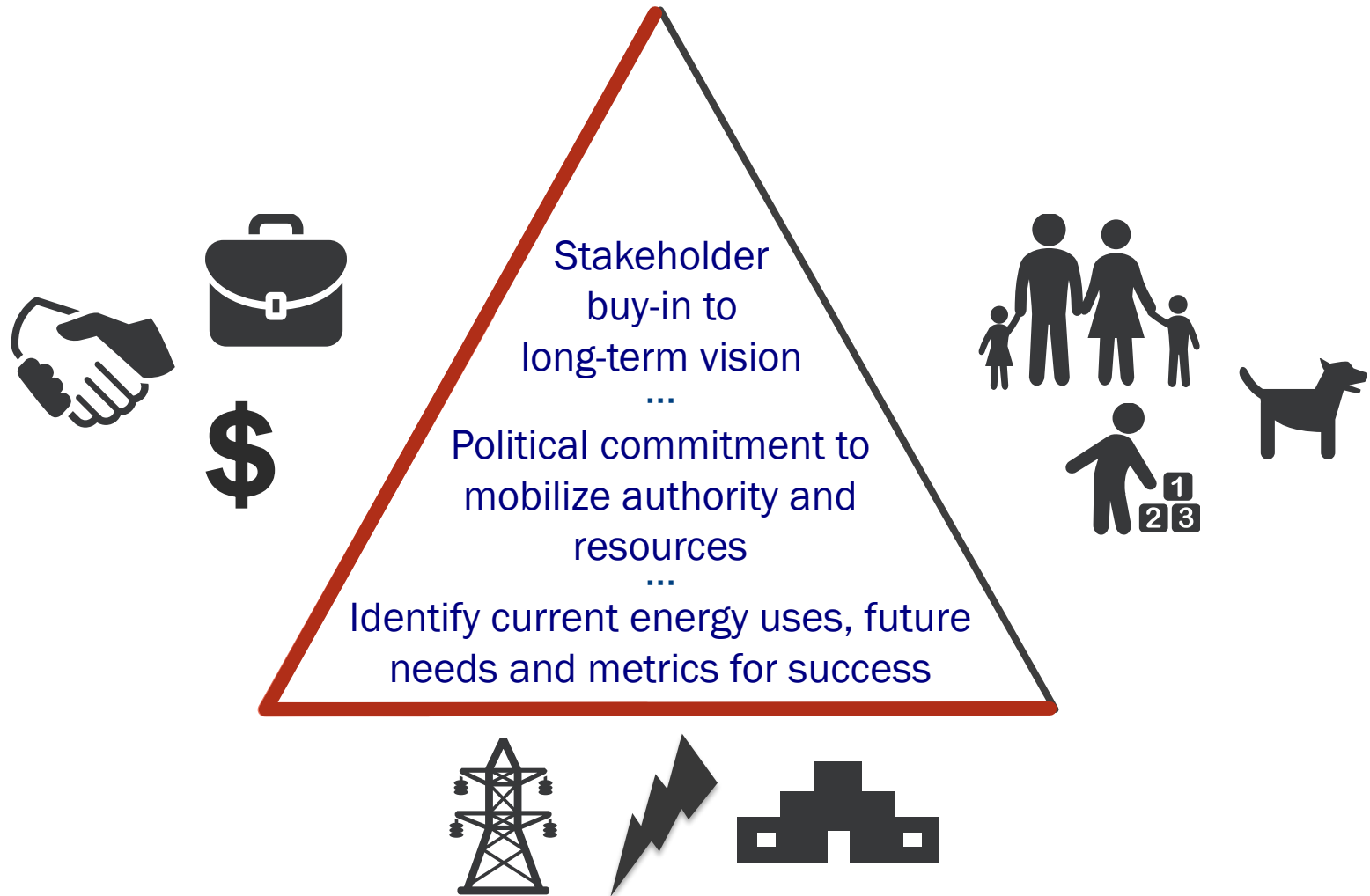
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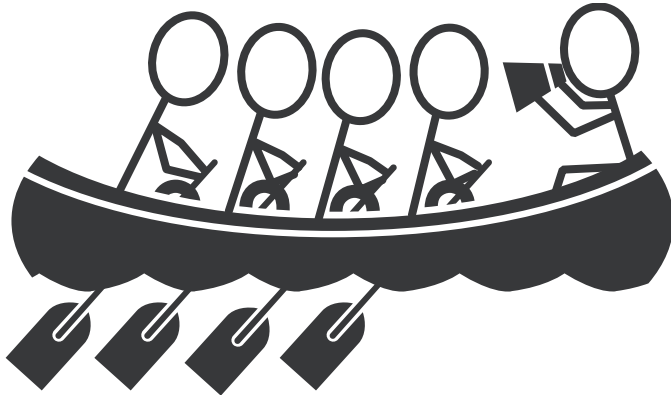
- Brings desired energy future into focus and builds consensus
- Considers current reality and local resources
- Considers hurdles/challenges before you reach them
- Maps out efficient path to achieve your desired energy future
- Clarifies key performance indicators
- Documents the game plan for short- and long-term success

What Makes Energy Planning “Strategic”?

Date-Driven, Inclusive Energy Planning Process



Why Does Strategic Energy Planning Fail?



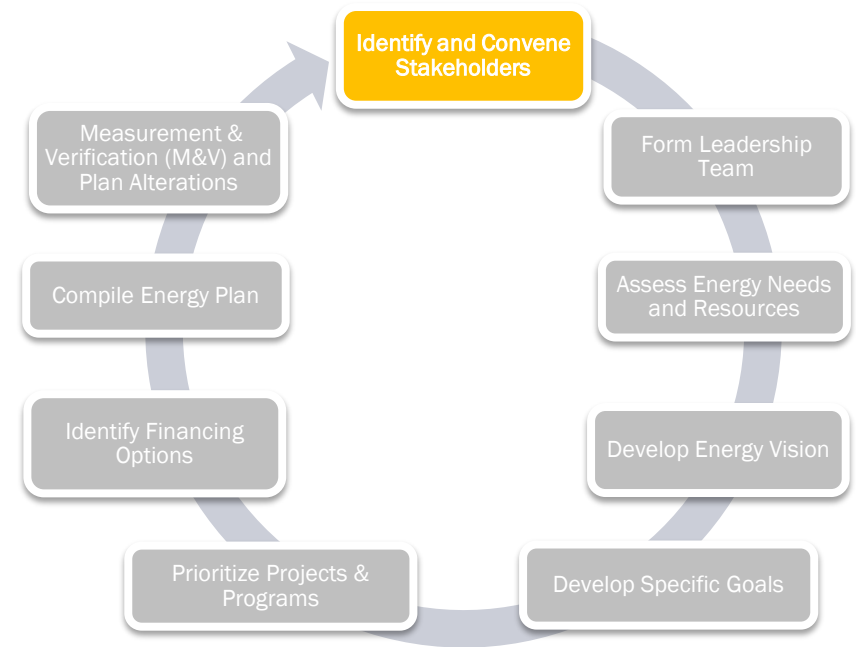
- Short-sighted predictions of the energy situation
- Unrealistic predictions of resources or need
- Fragmentation of the energy projects
- Narrow ownership & poor communication
- Failure to follow and follow through on the plan

Steps in Strategic Energy Planning



Step 1: Identify and Convene Stakeholders

- Utility representatives
- Community leaders (tribal/city)
- Local facilities managers
- Community businesses/industry
- Regional intertribal organizations
- Community members
- School district
- Housing authority
- State or regional-level energy-focused administrators

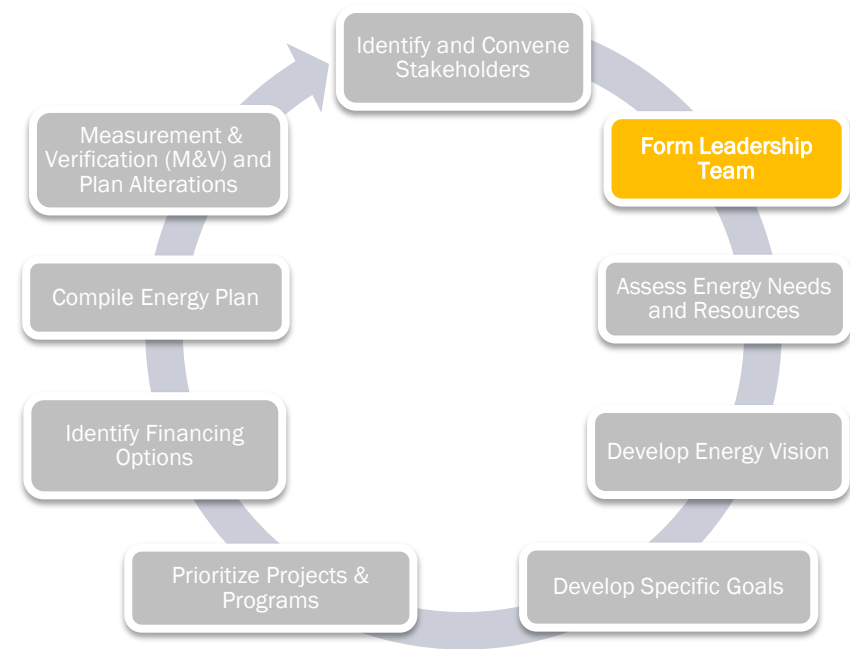


Step 2: Form Leadership Team

Draw from the stakeholders:

- Tribal Council Member(s)
- Village/Municipal Representative(s)
- Alaska Native Corporation & Enterprise Leader(s)

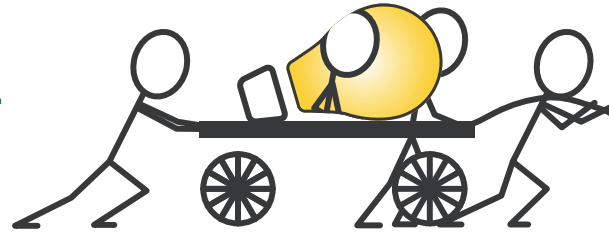
*Key success component:
Identify and select an energy
“champion” to endorse the
process and a “plan advocate”
to shepherd the steps in the
process*



Tips for Forming a Leadership Team



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Not just people with the “right” idea, but those committed to the long-term task with personal and political influence

Include ✓

Avoid ✗

- Individuals with authority to direct resources (utility management, fuel purchasing, school district, facility management, land and waste management, housing construction, etc.)
- Individuals with a passion for the “destination”
- Individuals with influence in the community and administrative abilities to keep the project alive
- Individuals with the technical ability
- Individuals who can “tell the story”

- Exclusively elected officials (turnover potential)
- Exclusively technical staff
- Exclusively implementers

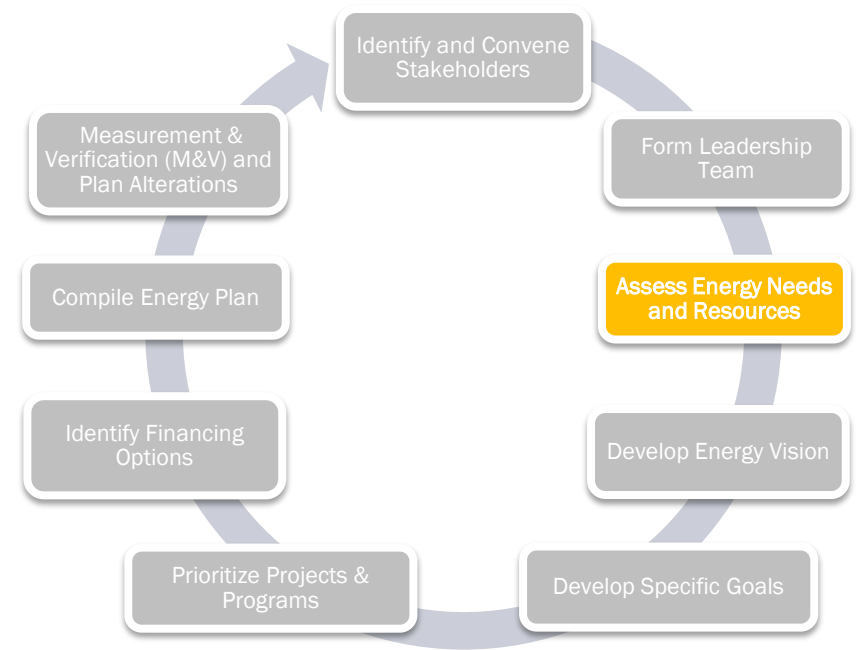
Step 3: Assess Energy Needs & Resources

Community energy assessment will have two key parts:

- A baseline of a community's energy use and generation (**Present**)
- A forecast that documents future energy demands (**Future**)

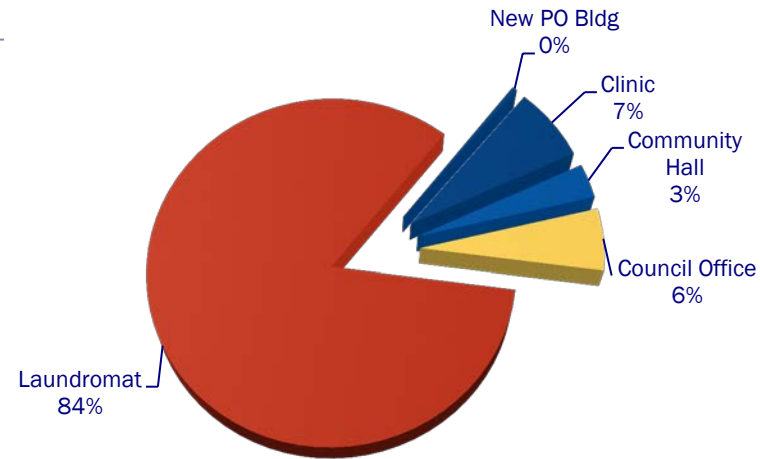
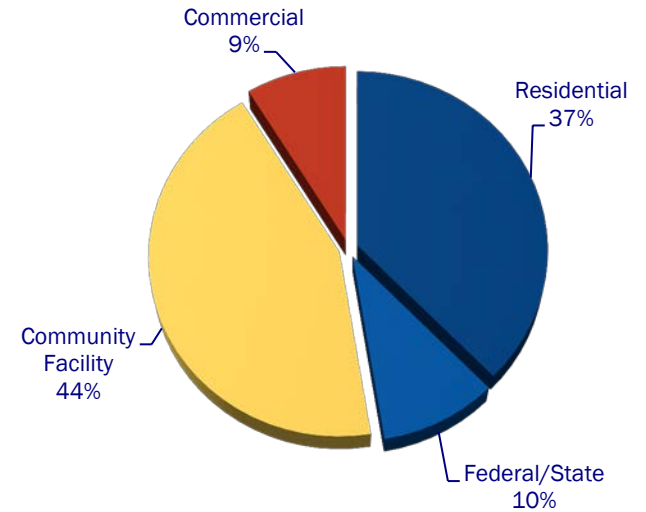
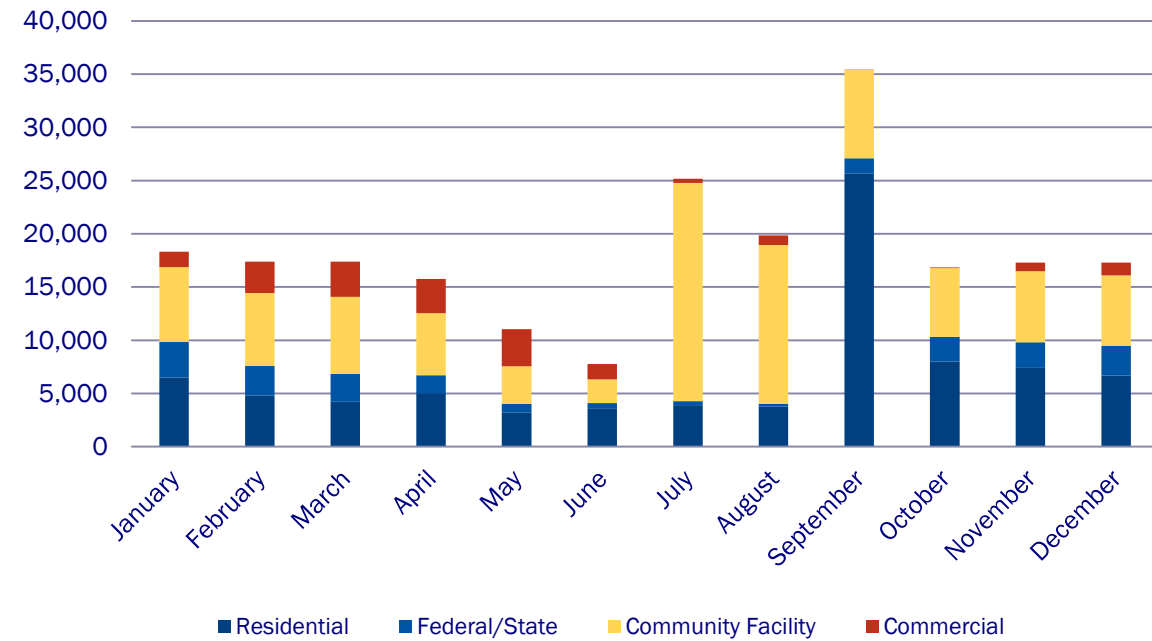
And should include:

- Heat
- Power
- Transportation



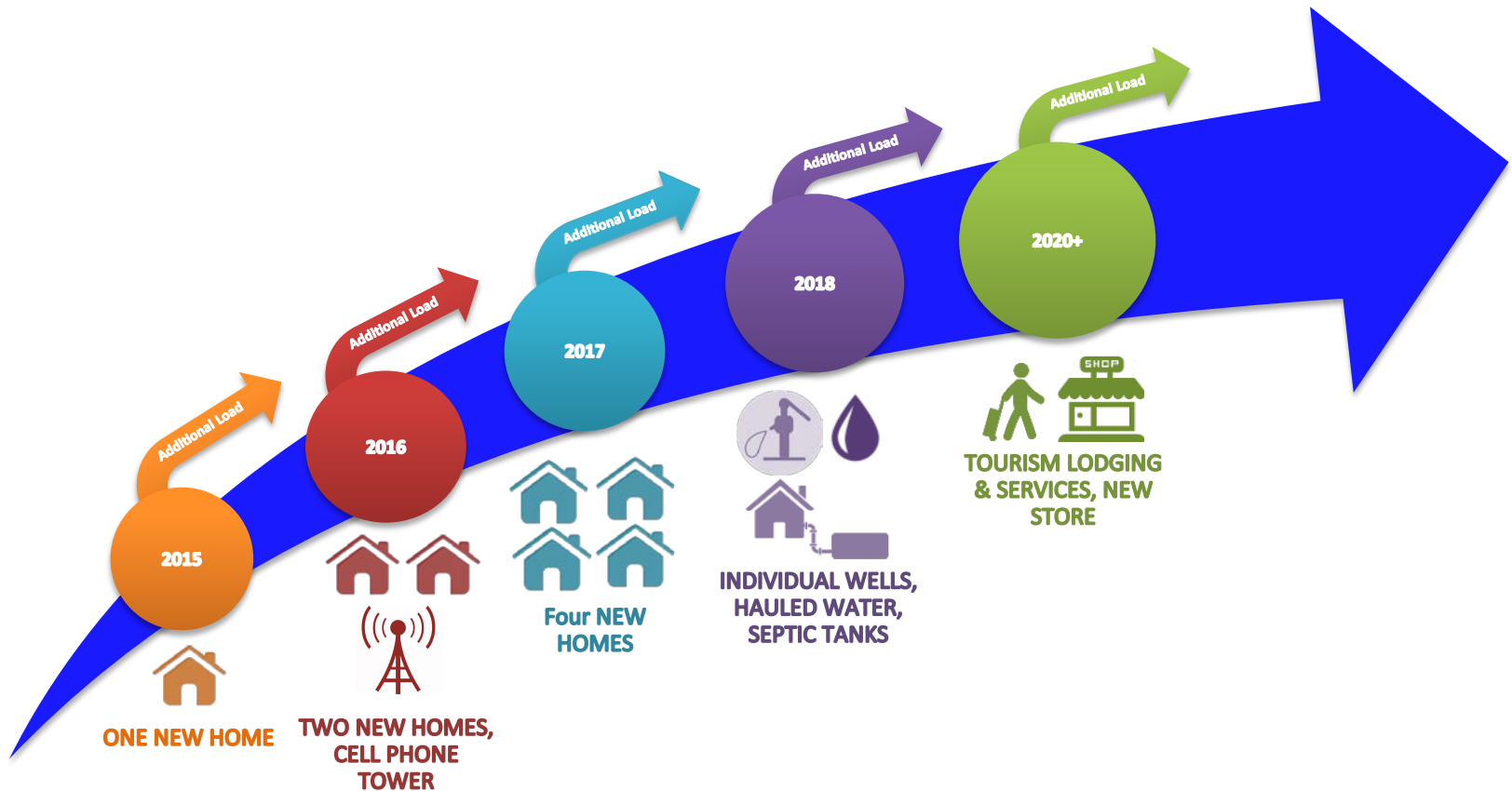
DATA, WHERE IS IT!?!?

Rampart Energy Baseline

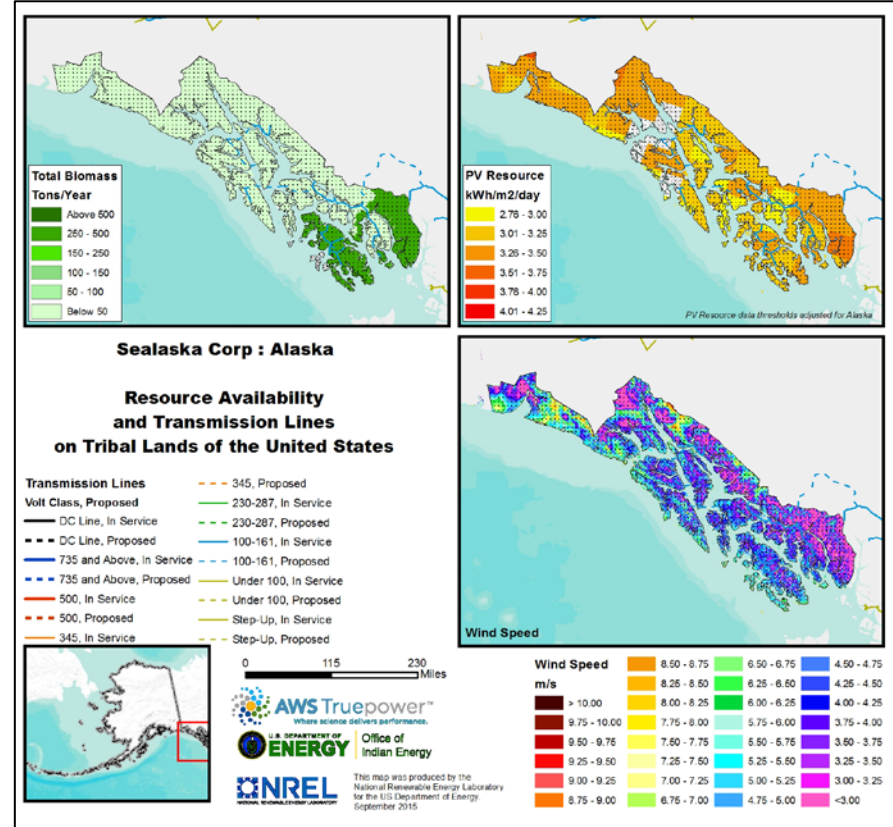
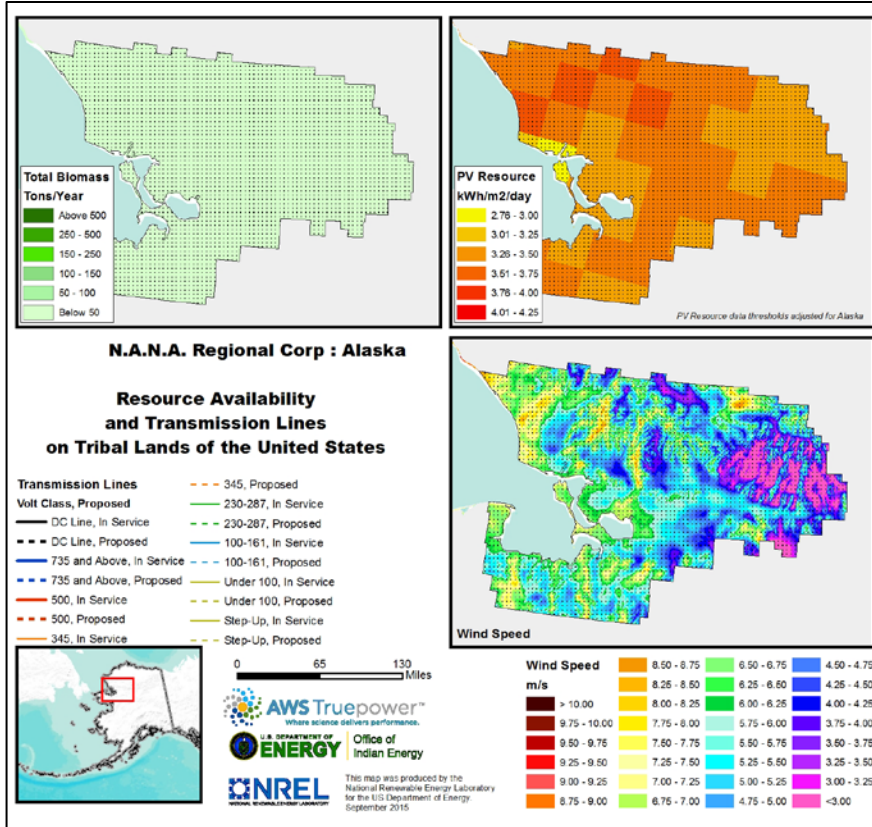


Forecasting Future Energy Demand

Forecasting energy demand is an exercise in broader community planning



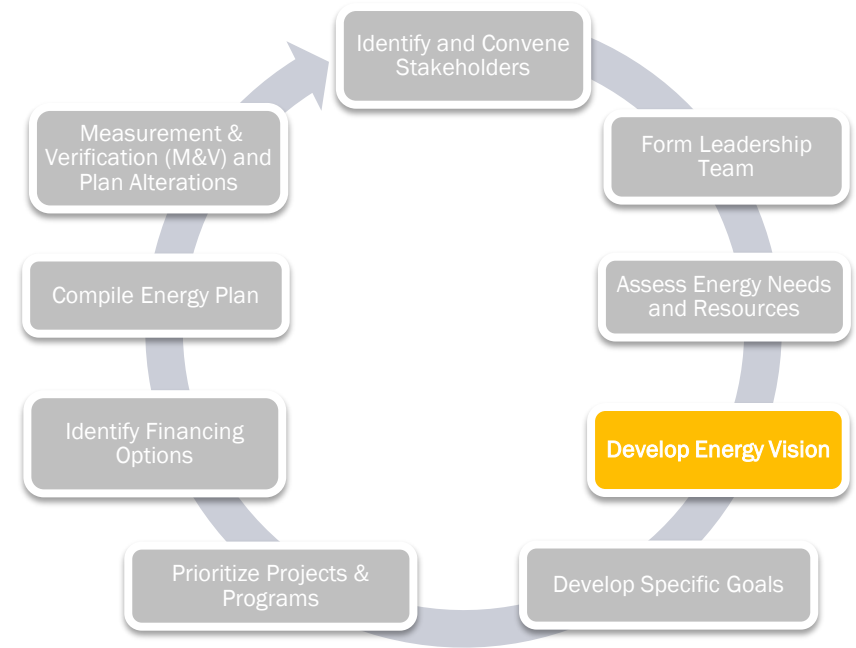
Resource Assessment



Step 4: Develop Energy Vision

A vision statement:

- Describes an optimal, desired future
- Provides inspiration/guidance
- Is succinct, easy to remember
- Specific and relevant to the situation “on-the-ground”



BRING YOUR STICKY NOTES!



Energy Vision Example: Rampart, AK

Build capacity to design and maintain new and existing energy systems while focusing on increasing the grid's efficiency, reliability, and stability and to provide employment and training opportunities for tribal members

Accomplishments toward this goal to date include:

- The tribe got on PCE after having been off for years
- Solicited expert advice on size and configuration of a new generation regime for the community
- Conducted a prefeasibility study of using waste-heat for the washeteria and clinic and also had an energy audit of those two buildings

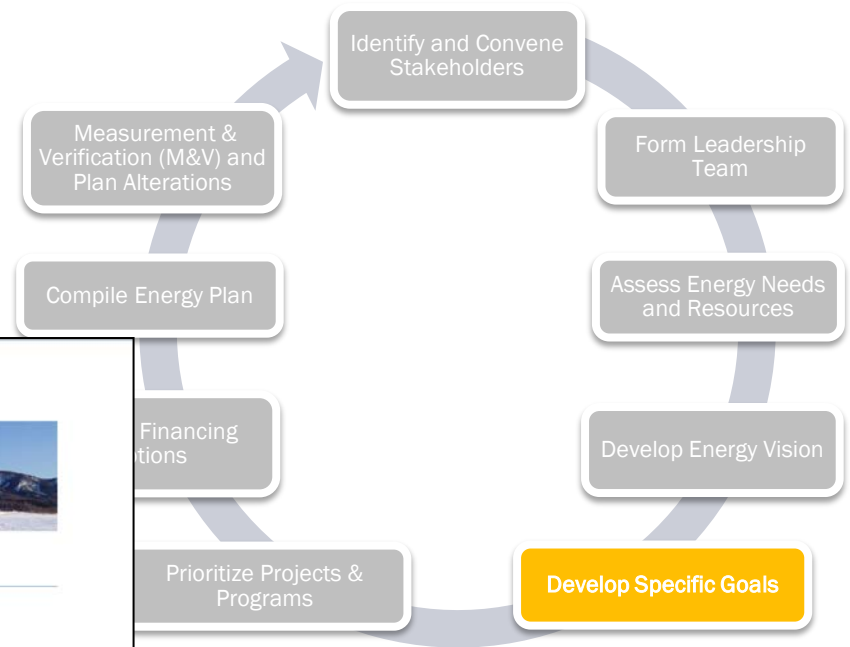
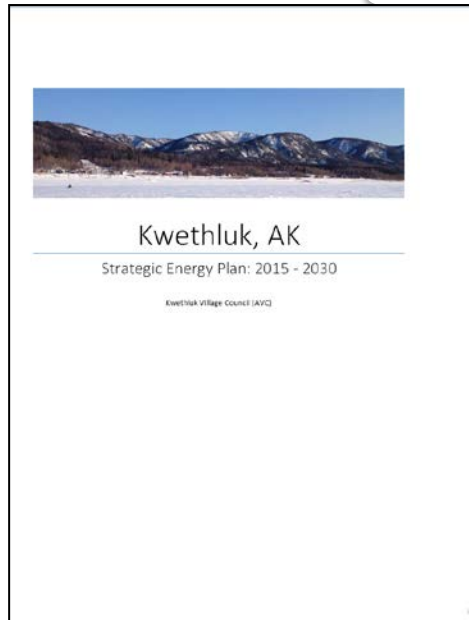
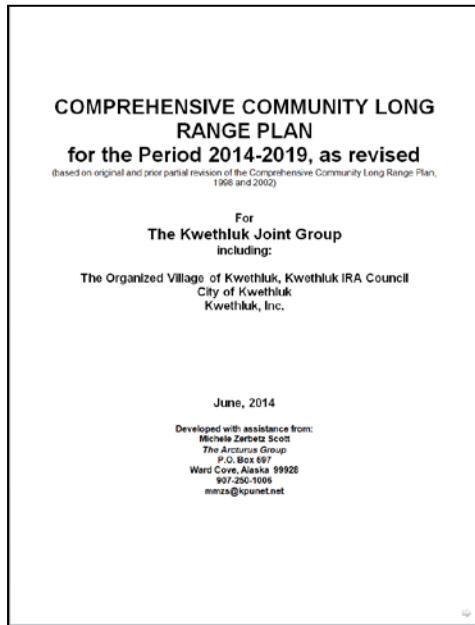


The Rampart electricity grid is currently very outdated. The powerhouse consists of three generators: one 120kW generator, one 90 kW generator and one 45 kW generator. The 45 kW generator has been out-of-service for over 10 years. The other two generators are operational, but are both very old, and based on the village baseline electricity consumption, oversized for the community.

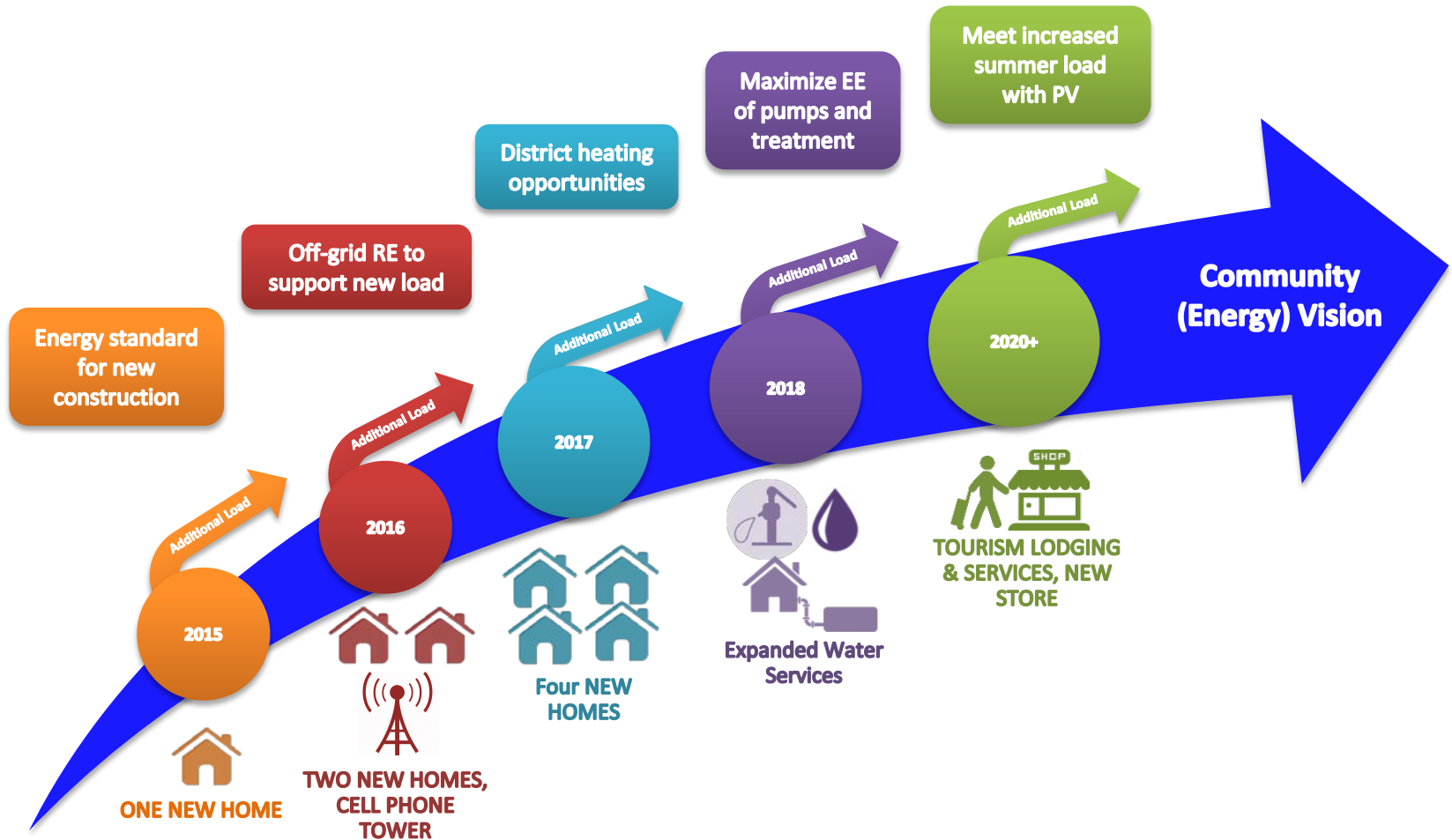
Source: <http://energy.gov/indianenergy/articles/forest-county-potawatomi-recognized-renewable-energy-achievements>

Step 5: Develop Specific Goals/Projects

Energy Goals Should be Integrated with Community Development Goals!

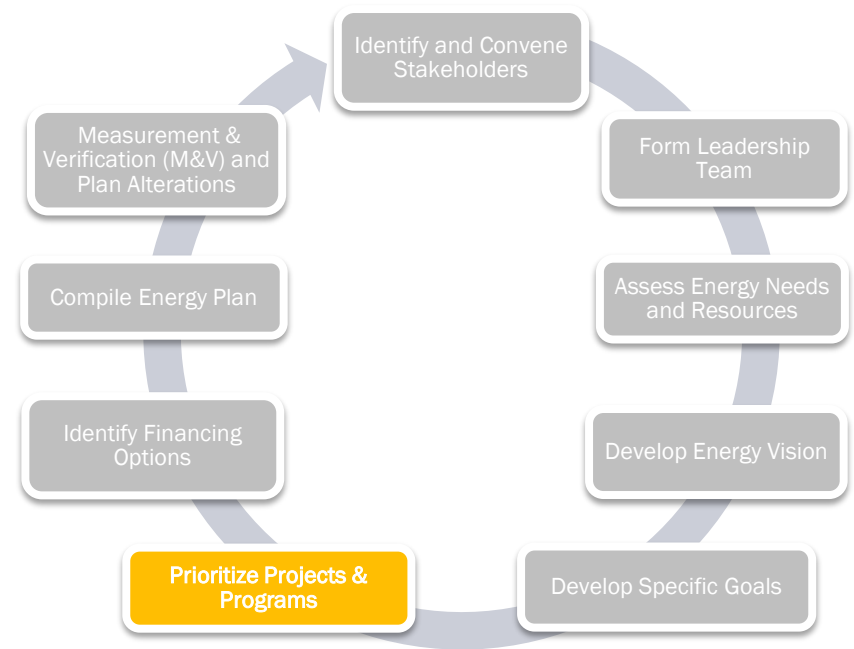


Energy Projects Reflect Community Development Projects



Step 6: Prioritize Projects & Programs

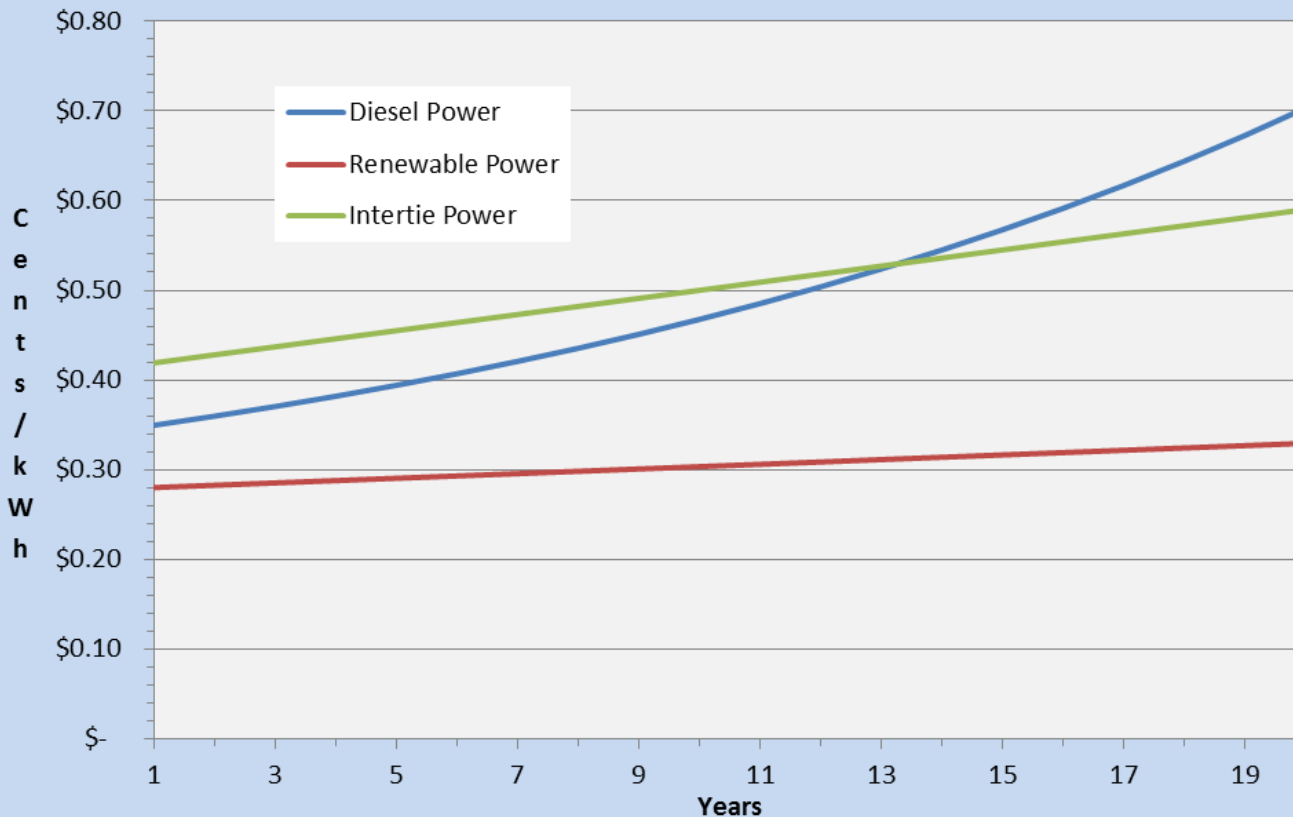
- Develop a ranking system to understand cost-effectiveness of different projects
- Best practice models:
 - Total Resource Cost
 - Model considers life-cycle benefits for projects
 - Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE)
 - Allows comparison across different technologies
 - Net Present Value (NPV)
 - Considers the profitability of an investment versus the opportunity costs



Program/Project Selection Based on Economics

A remote village in Alaska is currently using diesel fuel to power their generators 24/7 at 35 cents/kWh. They have two options: (1) intertie with a neighboring village, or (2) install wind turbines. Which option is the most economically viable?

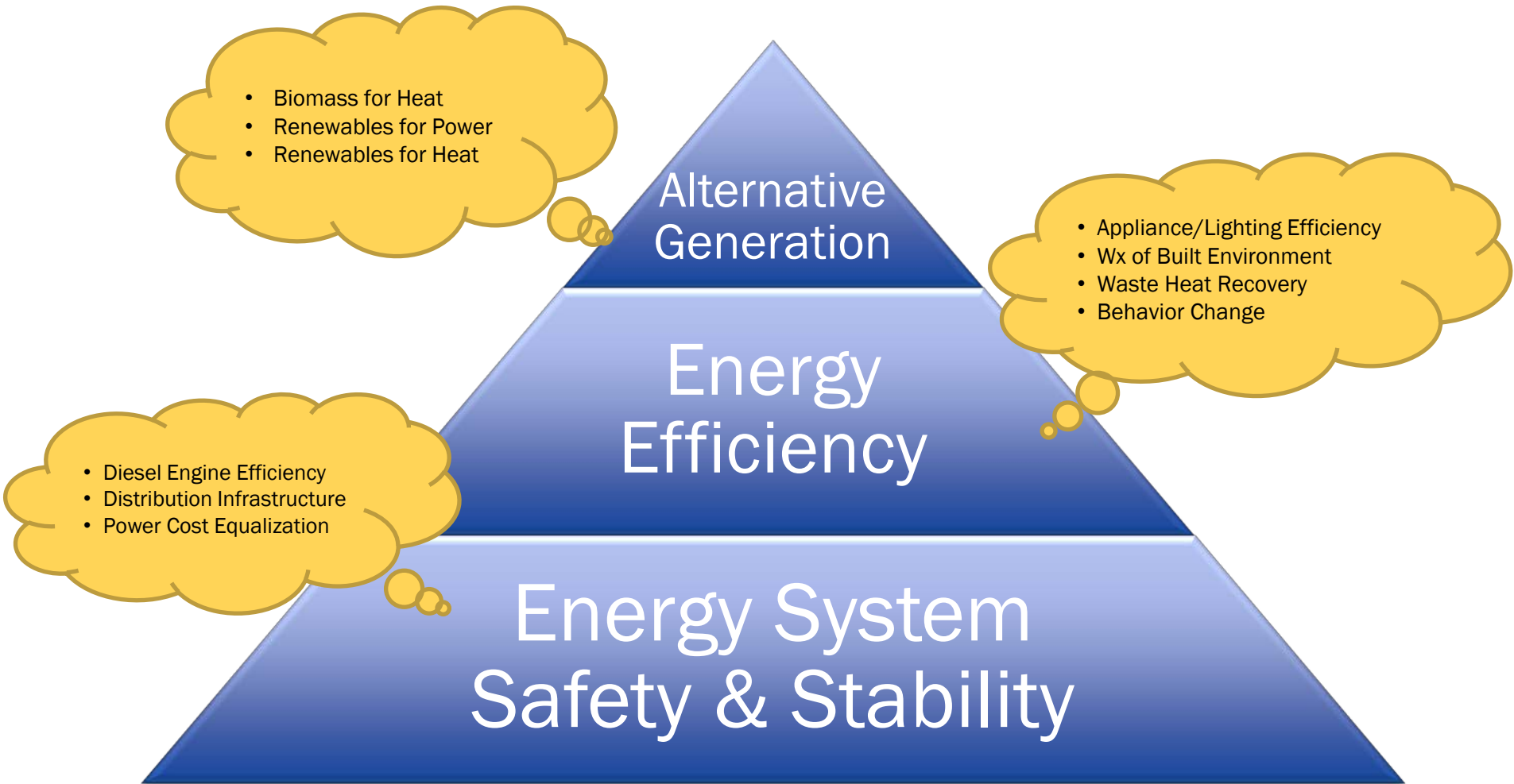
Energy Comparison Cost Sample
(constant demand)



1. Currently, inter-tie appears more expensive than diesel generators.
2. Consider the fact your village would need to build the lines to the neighboring village.
3. Immediate savings are realized from new wind generation, including infrastructure.
4. If diesel power continues to rise, eventually, intertie power should be an important consideration.



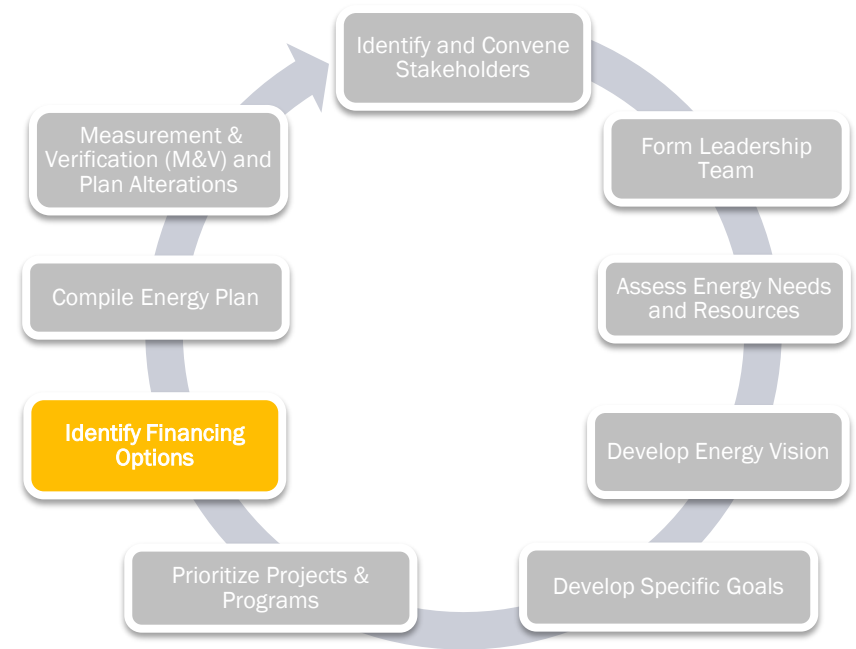
Hierarchy of Needs



Step 7: Identify Financing Options

Techniques:

- Consider various financial approaches
 1. Cost avoidance (have to do no matter what: aggravate fuel purchases, GSA purchases)
 2. Efficiency (weatherization and optimization), power plant tune-up
 3. Public Money:
 4. Private Funding (RurAL CAP, Aid Foundations, Native Corps)
- Integrate grant writing capability and project team technical knowledge during project identification to support this step
- Research intent of grant programs and attributes of successful awards
- Align grant award timetable and project development process



State Funding

- AEA
- AFHC

Non Profit

- Rasmussen Foundation
- Rockefeller
- Etc.

Federal Funding

- Denali Commission
- DOE
- EPA
- IHS
- USDA
- HUD
- NGOs / Non-Profits

Step 8: Compile Energy Plan

Include:

Vision

Objectives

Goals

Baseline

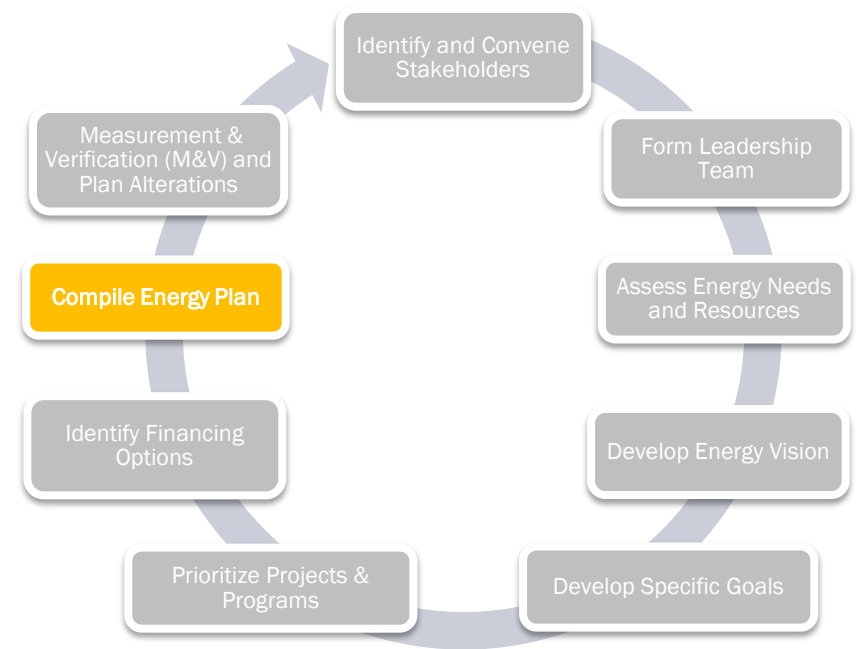
Barriers

Prioritized projects (sequenced)

Demand side

Generation

Adoption by Tribal Council

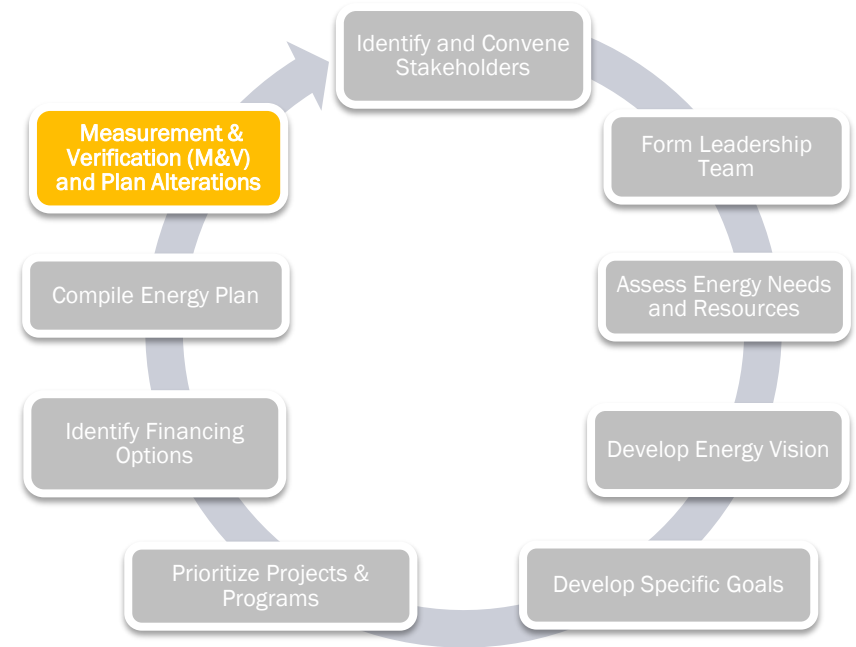


Step 9: Measurement & Verification

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Evaluate

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