

### **Community-Based LFG & Biogas Development To Address** Social Needs Presented By Stan Steury **Research Scientist – Landfill Gas Appalachian Energy Center At Appalachian State University** Ph: 828-262-7515 steurysw@appstate.edu







- Define and Report On "Community-based" LFG Projects
- Describe How Social Needs Which Can Be Met With Community-based LFG Projects
- Identify Keys To Project Success
- Show How To Link "Community-Based" Benefits With Commercial LFG Projects
- Encourage Incorporation of "Communitybased" Principals In LFG Development





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- Expand Landfill Gas Benefits
- Community "Buy-In"
- Expand Project Funding
- Add Project Partners Government Agencies, NGOs, Universities, Communities





# Appalachian State University

- Boone, NC
- 17,000 Students
- Leader In
  - o Business & Economics
  - o Technology
  - Public Administration
  - o Geography & Planning
  - International Studies
  - o Sustainable Development
  - Education









- International Studies in 35 Countries on all Continents
- Exchange Study Programs in 4 Focus Countries
  - India
  - China
  - Brazil
  - South Africa







Appalachian State University Energy Center (Est. 2001)

- Mission Committed to research, development, policy analysis and demonstrations in all areas of energy, including...
  - Energy efficiency
  - Wind
  - Small hydro
  - Bio-fuels
  - Solar
  - Biogas and landfill gas







# **Community-based LFG Models**



North Carolina Models Of Community-based LFG Projects

- EnergyXchange
- Catawba Eco-Complex
- Jackson County Green Energy Park







- 34 Landfills Small to Medium Sized
- Rural, Economically Challenged Communities
- LFG uses recommended by local task forces





### LFG Heated Greenhouses



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# SECC Micro-Propagation









## Highly Technical Work



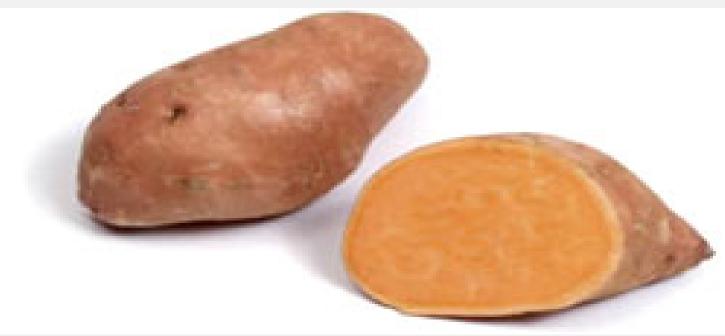






# Sweet Potato Processing

- Dehydration Dietary Supplements, Pet Food
- Sweet Potato Fries









### **Chargy** Landfill Gas Fueled Glass Furnace



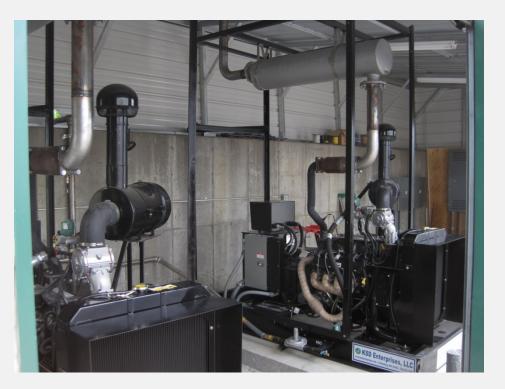


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#### Watauga County LFG Combined Heat & Power

- Affordable
- Simple Technology
- Ease of Maintenance
- ASU/Watauga Small Generator Testing Center









- ASU Encouragement Internally, externally
- From India To Brazil
- ASU Contacts In Ceará
- Brazil Demand For Renewable Energy
- Community-Based Planning A Good Fit
- Global Methane Initiative Grant
- Will Work Anywhere There Are Waste Pickers On Landfills







- Visited 7 Landfills, 8 State & Local Government Offices, 3 University Offices
- State Congressman
- Excellent Guide
- Portuguese Speakers
- Previous University Contacts
- Coordinated w/ US EPA









# State of Ceará, Brazil

- 8.5 M People
- 3.2 M Fortaleza
- Poor & Rural
- Semi-arid
- Solid Waste Industry Transition
- No LFG Projects





# Universal Community Needs

 Sources of energy, jobs, a rallying point, jobs for unemployed/underemployed, business incubation, improved quality of life, protection for the environment.





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# Universal Resources -Garbage & Waste Pickers



• Opened 1999

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- 1.7 million metric tons waste in place.
- Political Support
- Well Qualified Engineer & Good Management
- Industrial Center







# Waste Pickers

Waste Pickers

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- o 62 million worldwide
- $_{\odot}$  300,000 to 1 M Brazil
- o 10,000 in Cearáo 250 in Maracanaú
- Recycling System
- Government Rules
- Associations



Compatibility w/Commercial LFG Projects







# Community Social Needs

- Safety & Health
- Income
- Ladder to Success
- Standard of Living
- Education
- Crime







## Ceará LFG Task Force Visits North Carolina

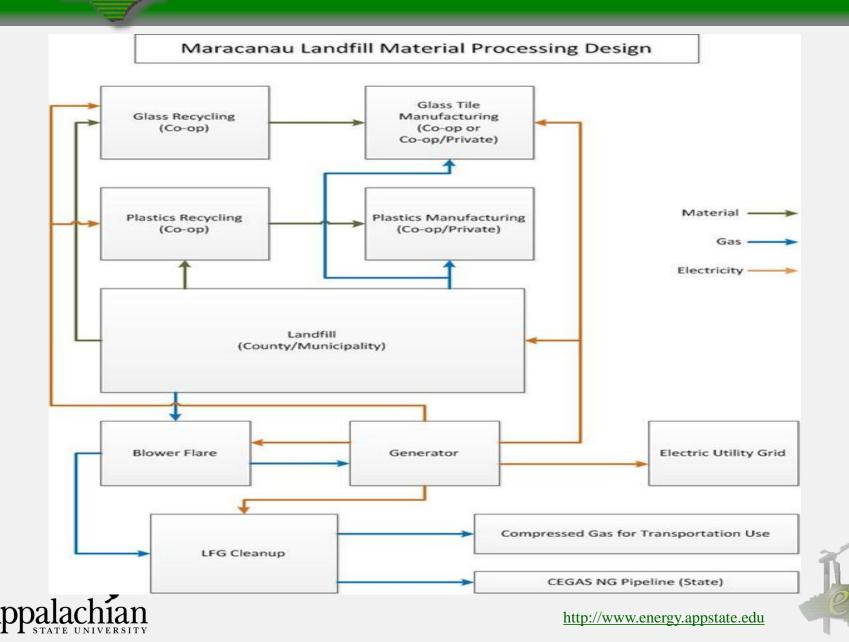




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### Conceptual Plan for Maracanaú





### Maracanaú Commercial Use

- LFG to Electricity May Be Commercial Use
  - Reciprocating engines
  - Gas turbine
  - Microturbine
  - Other



Solar 3 MW Gas Turbine Milwaukee, WI

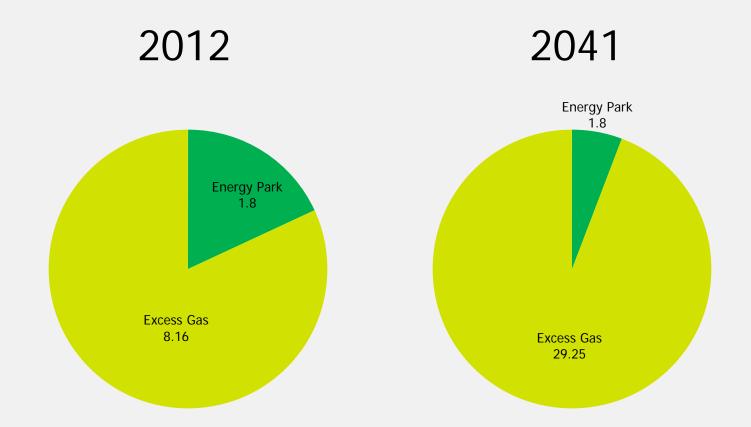


Caterpillar 3516 800 kW Genset Short Mountain LF Eugene, OR

HIGH VOLTAGE



# Gas Needed for Value-added Process



Gas Values in Million BTUs





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# **Recyclable Sorting Facility**





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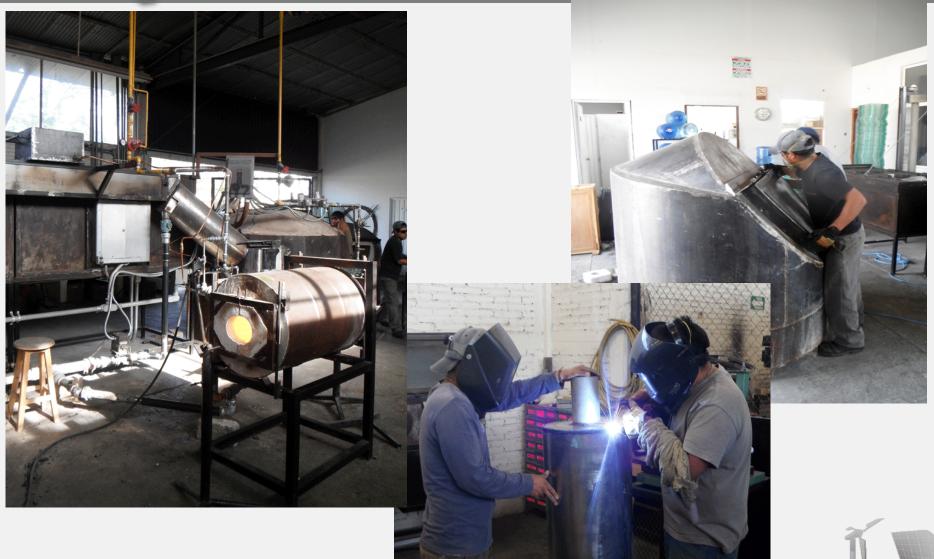
## Value-added Glass Model



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# **Chargy** Trainee Build Own Equipment









### Injection Mold Process



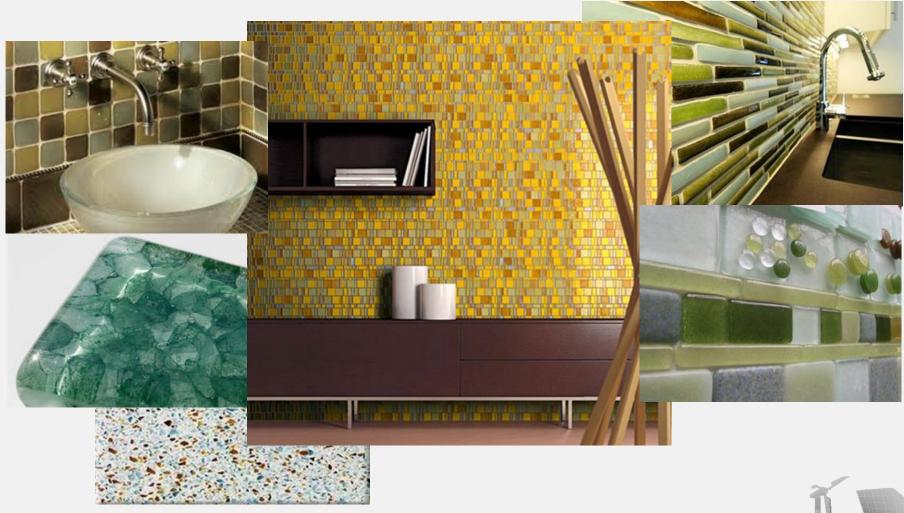
### Glass Arts By Community



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# Mayor's Vision – Glass Tile









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## Plastic Value-added Model

**TECPLAST** Vertically integrated plastic recycling of low density polyethylene to trash bags, concrete forms, wall/floor/ceiling sections, tables, chairs.

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# Plastic Recycling



Plastic recycling is energy intensive roughly 30% of costs according to Marlito.





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# Plastic Building Panels



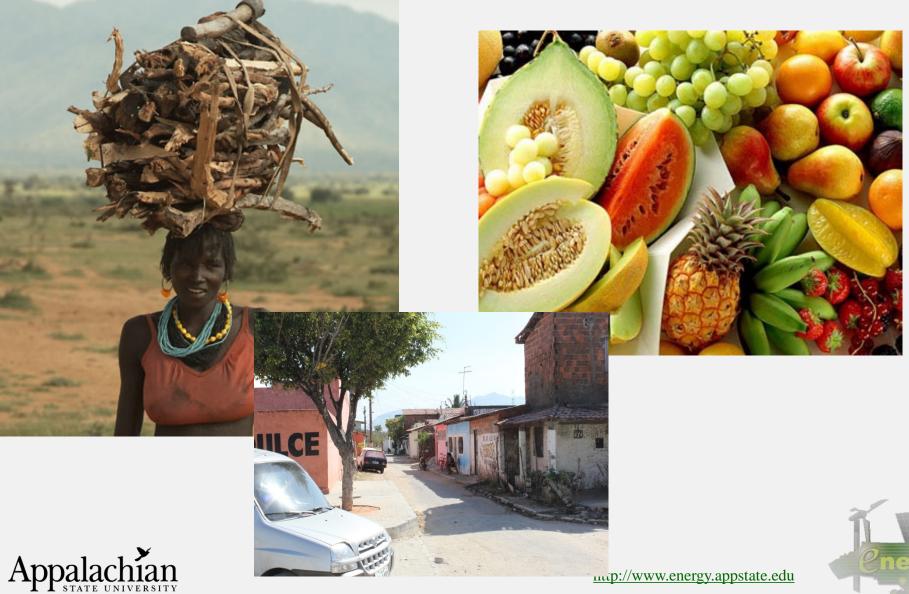








# Other Potential Gas Uses



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## **Chergy** Maracanaú Industrial District

- 200 Industries, Many Energy Intensive
- Interest In Gas From Several Industries
- 12 km Probably Too Far To Pipe Gas
- Source Of Project Support







# **Community-based Project Needs**

- Medium-sized LFG Or Biogas Project Or Add-On To Commercial Scale
- Team Members Understand Culture
- Overcome Pre-Conceived Notions
- Community Support
- Commercial Scale Helpful





## **Community-based Project Needs**

- Funding

   Corporate
   Foundations
   Government
   International programs
   Carbon
- Identified partners & local task force
- Dedicated local project manager







- Document Problem Of "Waste Pickers" Worldwide
- Identify Countries With Needs and Potential
- Network With NGOs, Industry, International Programs, Foreign National/State Agencies







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