

# BIOMASS SOLUTIONS FOR DE-CARBONIZING YOUR CAMPUS WITH DISTRICT HEATING

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# THE PROBLEM

**Climate changes are affecting our way of life, and we all need to reduce our carbon footprint to stop this.**

Many North American campuses are looking to implement new energy systems, but face challenges when choosing the right energy source.

**It's a jungle out there... How does one decide?**

There are many solutions, all with their own benefits and disadvantages.

Investing in renewable energy systems is too expensive, too unreliable or just too impractical - **or is it?**



# SOLUTION

**Biomass provides more cost-efficient and sustainable energy than any other renewable energy source.**

- + Already here and available
  - regardless of how we use it
- + Reduces the amount of waste in our society
  - the entire crop is used
- + Local supply = stronger local economy
  - can sustain or even create new jobs

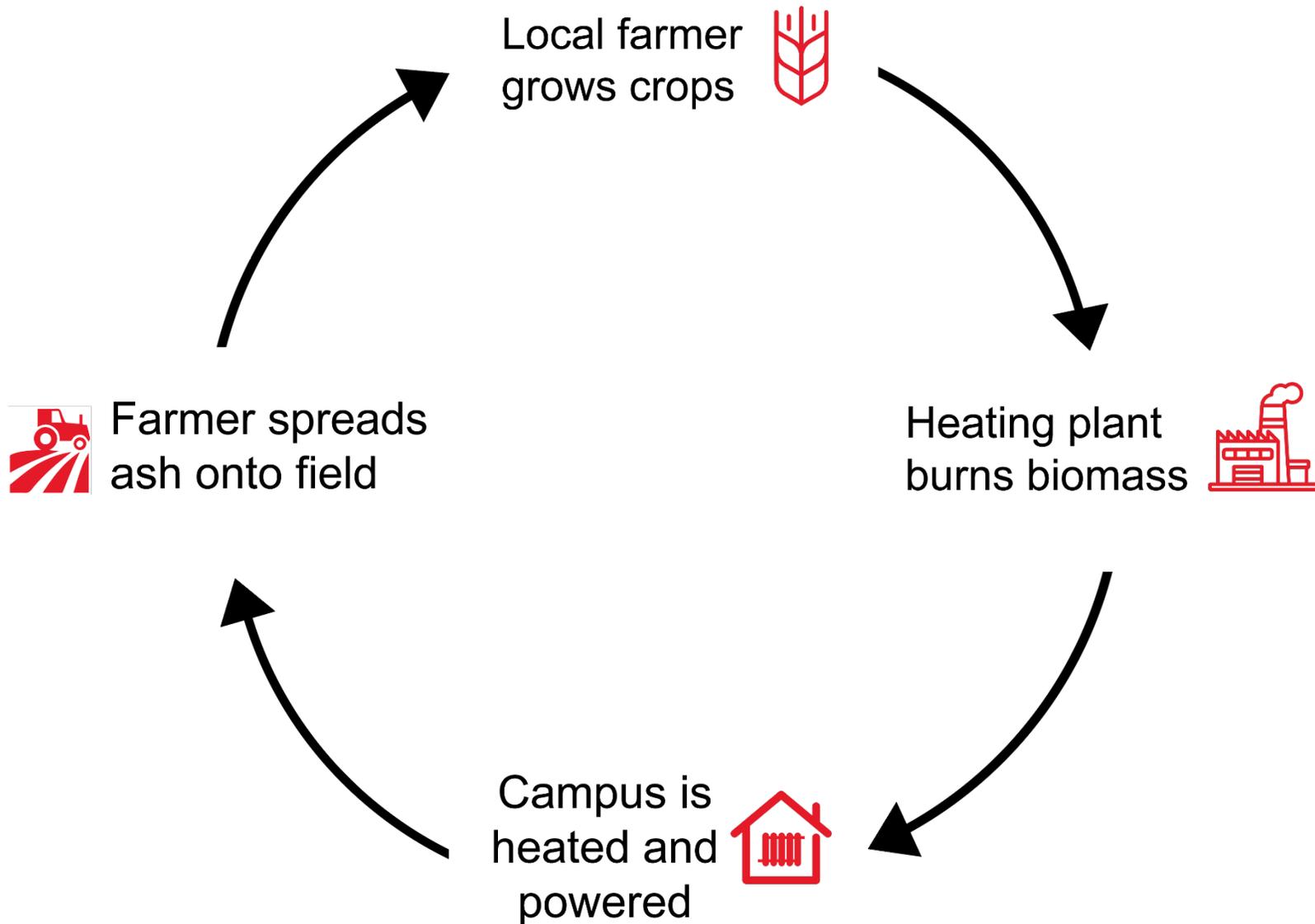


# SOLUTION

- + Can often be installed in existing boiler room
  - no changes to the infrastructure or surrounding environment
- + None, or very little, nuisance to the local community
  - other energy sources can cause noise interference or visual nuisance
- + Higher flexibility
  - combination of different biofuels, e.g. combined straw and pellet combustion, with easy switch depending on price and availability
- + Can be combined with other energy sources
  - such as solar panels and heating pumps



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Ash from the combustion acts as a natural fertilizer for the new growth



Farmer spreads ash onto field

Local farmer grows crops



Residue products from harvesting would otherwise emit CO<sub>2</sub> while rotting in the field

Heating plant burns biomass



Heat and power is provided even if the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow

Campus is heated and powered



The CO<sub>2</sub> emitted during combustion is absorbed by the new biomass growth



# CASE STUDY: CAMP RUSTA-HEGGELIA

## Camp Rusta-Heggelia (military base) Bardufoss, Norway

The wood chip plant supplies heating for barracks and office buildings, all dependent on heat, as temperatures in the area can drop below  $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

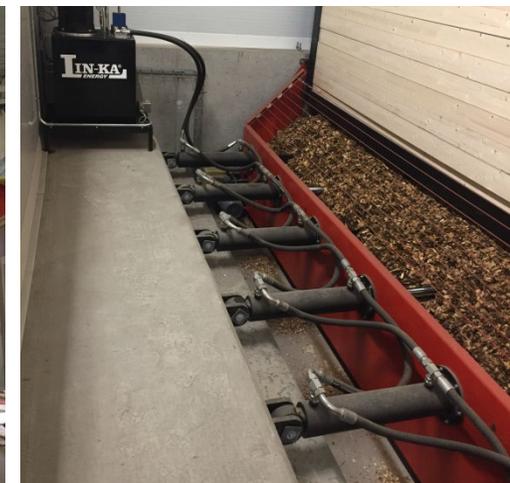
### Plant specifications:

Installation year: 2017

Fuel: Wood chips

Energy: Heating

Boiler size: 14.7 Mbtu





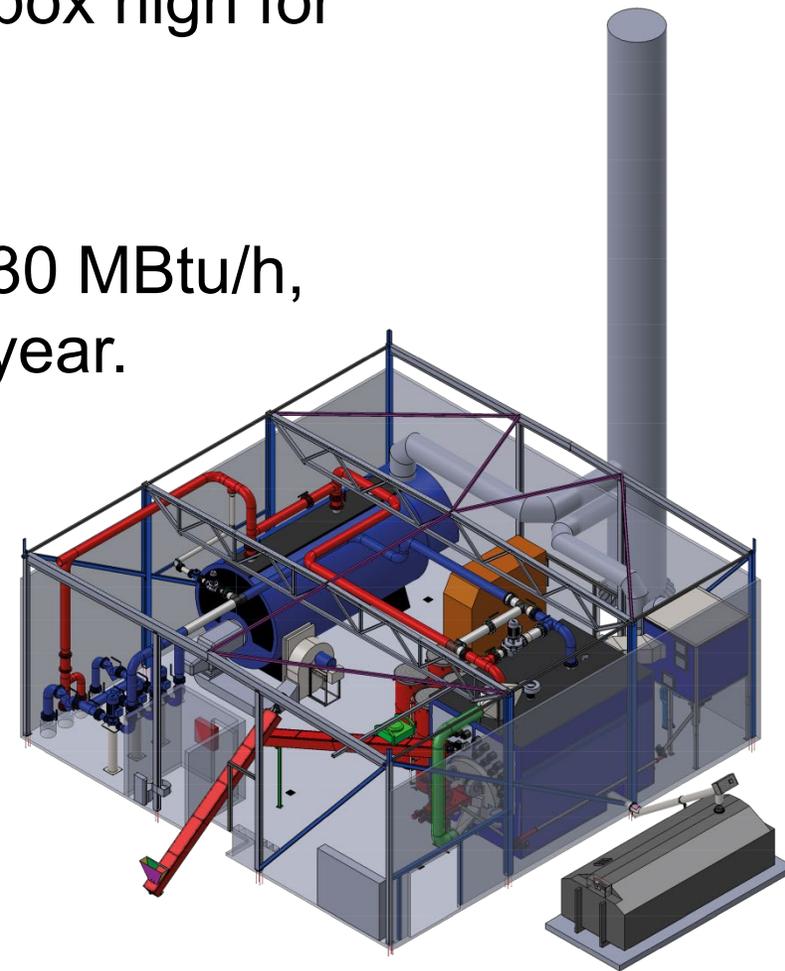
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**Designed for burning wood chips with up to 40 % water**

→ Tiles are mounted inside to keep temperature in firebox high for evaporation of water in fuel

The camp has an annual heating consumption of 64,830 MBtu/h, and the plant will burn 21.860 m<sup>3</sup> of wood chips every year.

Storage with a scraper unit is built next to the boiler room. The automatic feeding system ensures a constant, steady fuel feed.





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## Before

- Electric boiler
- Oil boiler

## CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

- About 4.400 ton

## Financial savings for the customer

- About 30 %





# Q&A SESSION

Questions for the speaker?



# THANK YOU!

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