



Forest Economy Program Award History

Forest Economy Program 2024

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- **University of Maine (ME)** - \$1,000,000: create capabilities for pilot-scale biochar production, pretreatment, and testing within UMaine's Forest Bioproducts Research Institute (FBRI) to support the growing biochar production industry in the Northern Border Region.

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- **Maine TREE Foundation (ME)** - \$ 998,925.77: Maine Timber Research and Environmental Education (TREE) Foundation will utilize funding to scale the Forestry Immersion Program (FIP).
- **Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VT)** - \$ 993,642.00: VYCC is will expand its forest initiative to address Vermont's forest economy workforce needs, and to increase the viability of long-term quality harvest in VT's forests.

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- **St. John Valley Technology Center (ME)** - \$946,140: The award will support Forest Technology Programming at the SJVTC by ensuring students have access to the most up to date equipment utilized in the forest industry.
- **University of New Hampshire (NH)** - \$998,648: "From Stump to Structure: Accelerating Adoption of CLT Made from Local Species" will support the northern border region's forest industry log and lumber [suppliers] by accelerating the adoption of CLT [demand] made from local New England tree species.
- **Jesup Library (ME)** - \$600,000: The Jesup Library's Mass Timber Expansion Project will build an 11,400 square foot addition to the existing building in Bar Harbor, Maine, using locally sourced eastern hemlock CLT.

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- **Vermont State University and Smokey House Center (VT)** - \$995,146: Vermont State University (VTSU) and the Smokey House Center are collaborating to submit a joint application, along with several regional partners, that will both support commercialization and innovation in the northern forest region and launch a pilot project at the Smokey House Center. Together, partners will assist in the forest industry's evolution to bring to fruition new technologies and develop viable business models.
- **University of Maine (ME)** - \$999,998: Rapid Prototyping and Pilot Scale Production of high-value Molded Pulp Products to Accelerate the Transition from Plastics to Forest-based Packaging
- **Paul Smith's College (NY)** - \$1,000,000: Paul Smith's College will make essential wastewater infrastructure improvements on its rural campus in Franklin County, New

York. This critical investment will help strengthen the institution that houses one of the country's premier forestry programs.

- **Our Katahdin (ME)** - \$1,000,000 Our Katahdin is proposing to use this funding to support the water infrastructure needs of HCS and Ensyn - a scope that was removed from the EDA funded project because of budget constraints.
- **The Research Foundation for SUNY (NY)** - \$185,049: This project will complete Whole Building Lifecycle Analysis (WBLCA) assessments for six or more mass timber buildings in the NBRC territory and the Northeast. The result will be to provide forest industry businesses with a clear evaluation of their forest products in the carbon economy.
- **VT Dept of Forests, Parks and Recreation (VT)** - \$565,641: The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR), in partnership with key collaborators, will implement Phase One of the Vermont Forest Future Strategic Roadmap.

Forest Economy Program 2021

- **University of Maine System (ME)** - \$361,651: Launch of a knowledge center at the University of Maine and to purchase equipment to support fiber thermoforming with wood fiber.
- **Lincoln, Town of (ME)** - \$638,349: Construction of the Lincoln Lakes Innovation Center, a workforce development center which aims to produce a skilled and versatile workforce for the forest industry innovation park in Lincoln, Maine.

Forest Economy Program 2020

- **Vermont Department of Public Service (VT)** - \$1,000,000: Model funding program for community-driven broadband expansion to expand broadband across the State of VT.
- **Northern Forest Center (ME, NH, NY, VT)** - \$1,000,000: Launch and capitalize Phase One of the four-state Northern Forest Fund to address the availability of quality workforce housing in four communities, one in each state of the NBRC territory.
- **Town of Madison (ME)** - \$1,000,000: Infrastructure improvements at the former UPM Paper Mill to create a state-of-the-art Forest Products Hub.
- **Northern Vermont University (NH, VT)** - \$986,252: Establish the NVU Forestry Accelerator & Workforce Development program to address the economic shift produced by the chronic and consistent decline of the forest products industry across the tri-county region of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and Coös County, New Hampshire.
- **Town of Hardwick (VT)** - \$1,000,000: These funds will support the Hardwick Yellow Barn Business Accelerator. The project consists of the adaptive reuse of historic property to create a business accelerator that will lead to significant job growth and market expansion in the farm and food-based sector.

Forest Economy Program 2019

- **University of Maine (ME)**- \$1,000,000: To build a demonstration facility cellulose

nanofiber (CNF) plant to speed the commercialization of a new forest product.

- **Town of East Millinocket (ME)** - \$450,000: To redevelop the East Millinocket paper mill site into a multi-industrial complex.
- **Vermont Technical College (VT)** - \$1,000,000: Workforce development and training in the forestry and wood products industry
- **Workforce Development Institute (NY)** - \$571,267: Workforce development training; program development
- **New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NH)** - \$1,000,000: Development of an interstate shared Northeast Heritage Economy Program that subgrants to community-driven projects in downtowns and historic places.
- **Northern Forest Center (ME, NH, NY, VT)** - \$908,277: Technical assistance to promote recreation in the region; hold destination development workshops; subgrant \$700K to entities
- **Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VT)** - \$624,059: Technical assistance to farm and food businesses; provide programs and services
- **Maine Development Foundation (ME)** - \$646,396: A partnership model building on stakeholder-driven work to focus on the development of community revitalization projects in communities most impacted by mill closures.

