

"This is the best money this town has ever spent!"

— Building Committee member,
Franklin, New York

Find the best solution

Green Community Technologies will help you find environmentally friendly solutions to address inadequate or aging infrastructure such as:



water • wastewater •
stormwater



buildings • schools



roads • vehicles • bridges



energy • heat • power



recreation • parks • trails



open land • forest •
cemeteries



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Yellow Wood Associates, Inc. (Yellow Wood) is a consulting firm providing specialized services in rural community economic development since 1985. Yellow Wood's services include economic research, market analysis, strategic planning, facilitation, program development and evaluation. Yellow Wood provides training programs in community capacity building and how to develop and measure appropriate indicators of community progress. Yellow Wood's clients include towns, non-profit organizations, federal, state and local governments, citizens' groups, and foundations.

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Engaging Communities in Sustainable Solutions



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An opportunity

There are many energy efficient and environmentally friendly technologies that will help communities save money and improve quality of life. Yellow Wood provides an assessment approach tailored to your community.

Consulting services are available to help communities make informed infrastructure choices that will save money; improve municipal service delivery; improve human health and quality of life; protect the environment and engage the community.

"Every construction or rehabilitation project, no matter what size, should be evaluated for long-term cost benefits, even if more effort and funding must be expended in the selection process. The benefits of a thorough technology assessment are significant when the right technology is chosen for public investments."

— Ron Rodjenski,
Town Administrator,
Richmond, Vermont



Meeting the challenge

Green Community Technologies is a process for helping communities inventory their assets and evaluate the potential for applying sound alternative technologies to those assets.

Yellow Wood's Green Community Technologies process uses a systems approach to assess a community's infrastructure assets and helps decision-makers find sustainable solutions. Yellow Wood does not design, sell, or install technologies and can therefore provide an objective assessment of alternative solutions.

Getting started

The Green Community Technologies process has several steps. Communities can start at the step that best meets their immediate needs.

Inventory and Assessment: Yellow Wood provides your community with a process to inventory and assess physical assets in a format compatible with GASB 34 requirements. This will help your community comply with federal accounting requirements while providing you with an invaluable asset management tool.

GASB 34 requires state and local governments to include an inventory of long lived infrastructure assets in their annual financial statements — a perfect opportunity to think strategically about planning for expansions, repairs and upgrades.

Investigate Alternatives: Yellow Wood works with community decision-makers to identify and prioritize those assets most in need of repair, improvement or replacement. We can identify which assets hold the most potential for cost savings and environmental benefit. Yellow Wood draws from its library of technologies and technologists to present your community with alternatives that allow the community to make the wisest and most affordable decisions.

Implement Alternatives: Yellow Wood can help you build bid lifts of qualified professionals and find grants and incentive monies from the many state and federal agencies that want to encourage infrastructure improvements and the adoption of alternative technologies.

Your next step:

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We can provide your community with a narrated PowerPoint presentation and additional brochures to share with decision-makers. We are happy to discuss your needs over the phone or by email. When you are ready to move forward, we will work with you to define a scope of work and provide a cost estimate for our services.