A Study of WASTE WATER ENERGY RECOVERY Climate change, a problem partially due to greenhouse gases in our atmosphere, has severe consequences for our environment. The use of renewable energy sources can reduce these emissions. Erica Parker, Aimee St. Germain, Elise St. Laurent The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources is looking for more renewable energy sources.

Waste Water Energy Recovery is a technology needing further study and promotion.

## **Project Goal**

Increase the availability of green energy technologies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the promotion of waste water energy recovery technology.



## **Project Objectives**

1. Develop criteria for identifying and selecting high potential sites of implementation of WWER.

2. Propose a process for the selection and installation of pilot sites for WWER within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

3. Identify strategies for the future installation of WWER technology within the Commonwealth.

## Methodology



#### <u>Vendors</u> International Waste Water Systems (1)

#### HUBER (3)

#### NovaThermal (1)

Hidden Fuels (1)

#### **Previous Sites**

Correspondence with Philadelphia (1)

Kent County (1)

**WWTP Representatives** 

MWRA (5)

Interviews

## Results and Conclusions



## **Criteria Flow Chart** *Objective 1*

- Project Deliverable
- Developed as a result of compilation of research
- Used to evaluate site potential







#### Implementation Process Flow Chart Objectives 2 & 3



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# Recommendations

**Objective 3** 

## Education

 Use pilot site to encourage growth of technology

Regulatory Modify regulation to allow WWER to qualify for state funding Future Site Selection

Encourage sites to initiate installation process

## Conclusion

### Further knowledge, development, implementation of WWER

Additional renewable technology

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# QUESTIONS?

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