# District Energy Systems

### Canada and Ontario's Missing Infrastructure



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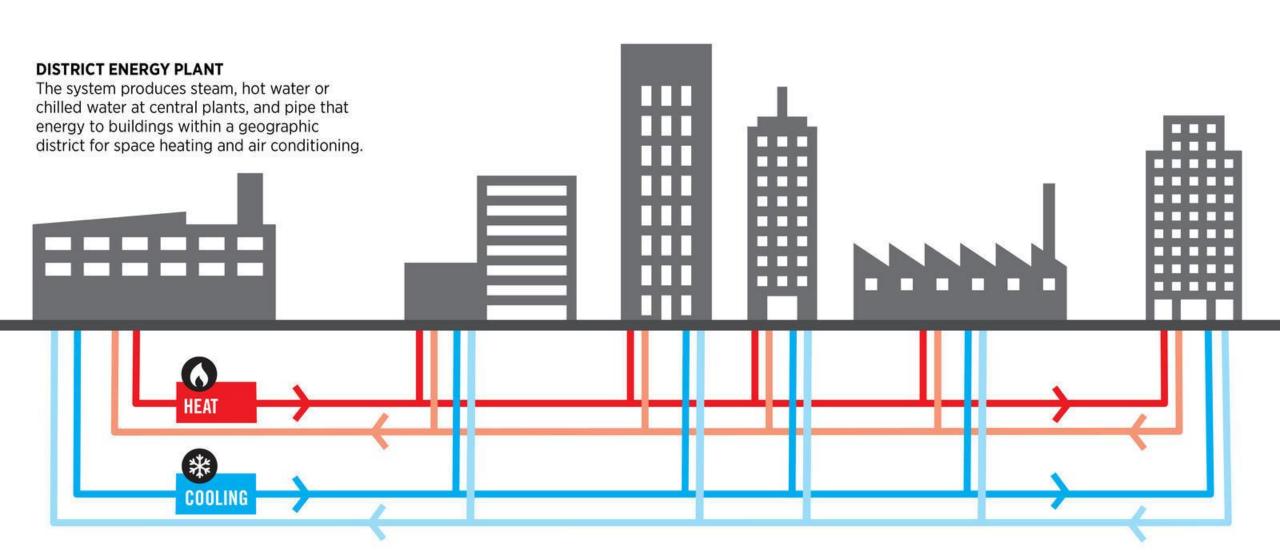




- 1. What is a District Energy System?
- 2. Why is DES infrastructure important?
- 3. How does Canada compare?
- 4. Successful examples
- 5. How can Ontario's communities benefit from DES development?



# District Energy System

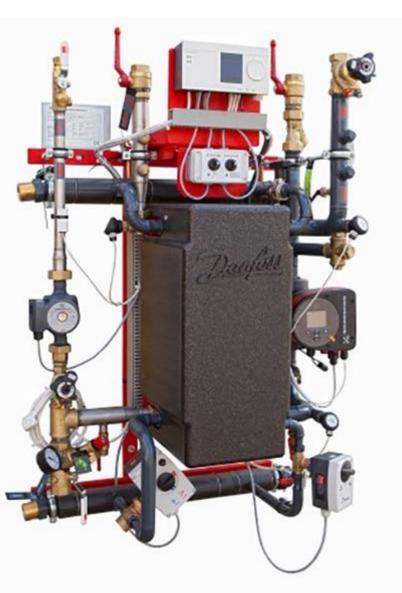




- Central energy plant producing heat, cooling, and/or electricity
- Fuelled by biomass/wood, natural gas, municipal waste, waste heat
- Connect buildings large and small using hot/cold water pipes
- Energy transferred to buildings using heat exchangers
- Buildings do not have separate furnaces/boilers
- Larger buildings, older buildings, closer together = more economical
- Municipally-owned, P3, private, co-operate ownership models
- Canada examples: Toronto (Enwave), Ottawa (PSPC), Vancouver (Creative), London, Guelph, Sudbury, Markham, universities, DND bases, hospitals (~160 DES in Canada)



# District Energy System





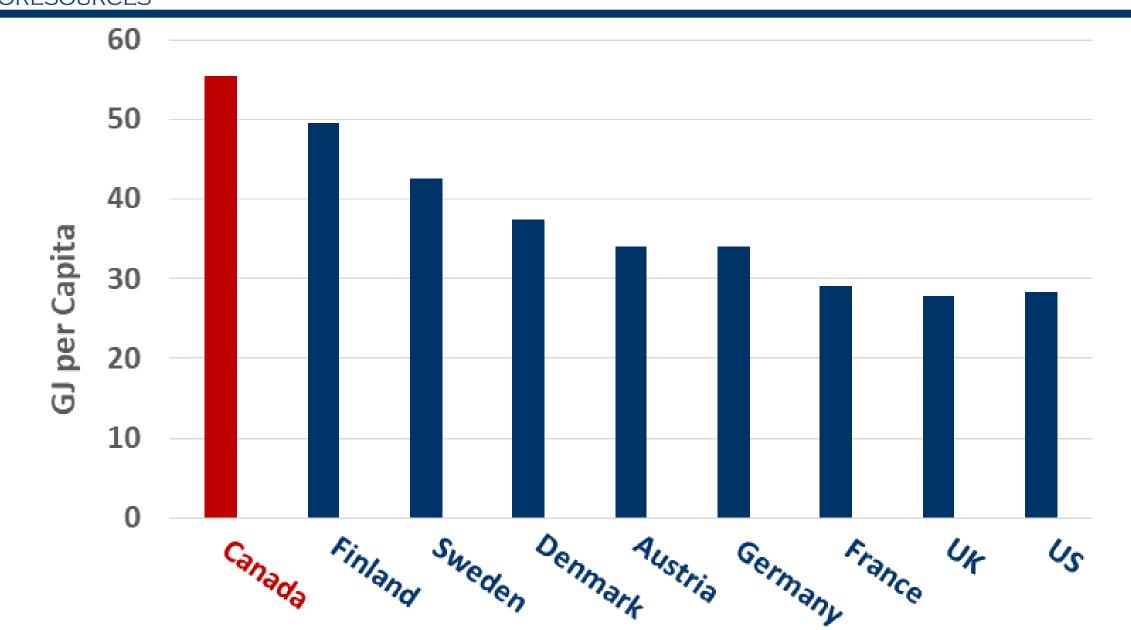




## **DES Benefits**

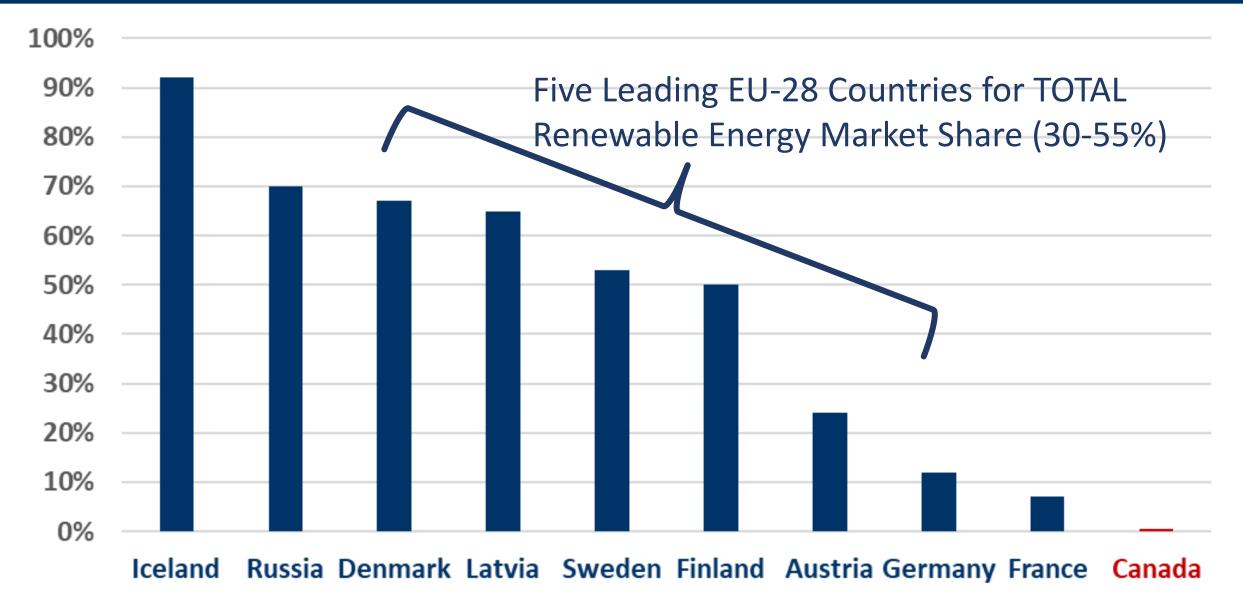
- Utilize local, Ontario fuels (biomass, waste heat)
- Fuel flexibility
- Increased fuel efficiency
- Reduce air pollution, even if switching to solid fuels
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Co-generate electricity near demand (resilience)
- Utility structure, even if no natural gas
- Extra space in buildings, lower energy operating costs
- Income for municipalities

# **ORCHLIGHT** Space and Hot Water Demand





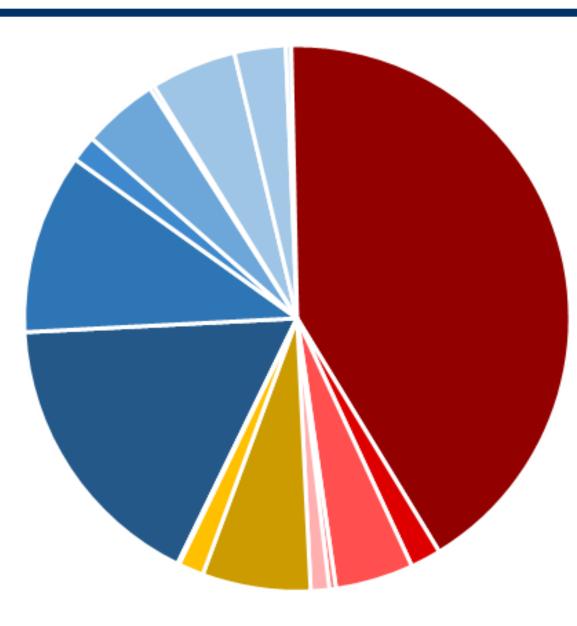
# Population Served by DES





# Renewable Energy in the EU

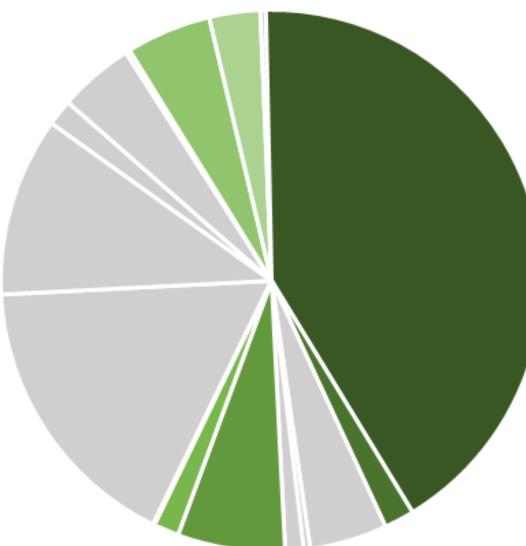
#### Total: 8.5 EJ



- Hydropower
- Onshore Wind
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- Solar PV
- Concentrated Solar
- Solid Biomass
- Biogas & Liquids
- Geothermal & Other
- Solid Biomass
- Biogas & Liquids
- Heat Pumps
- Geothermal
- Solar Thermal
- Biodiesels
- Biogasolines
- Other Biofuels
- Electricity Road



# Bioenergy in the EU



Bioenergy in 2017: 211 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e reductions Solar PV Concentrated Solar Solid Biomass Biogas & Liquids Geothermal & Other Solid Biomass Biogas & Liquids Heat Pumps Geothermal Solar Thermal Biodiesels

Hydropower

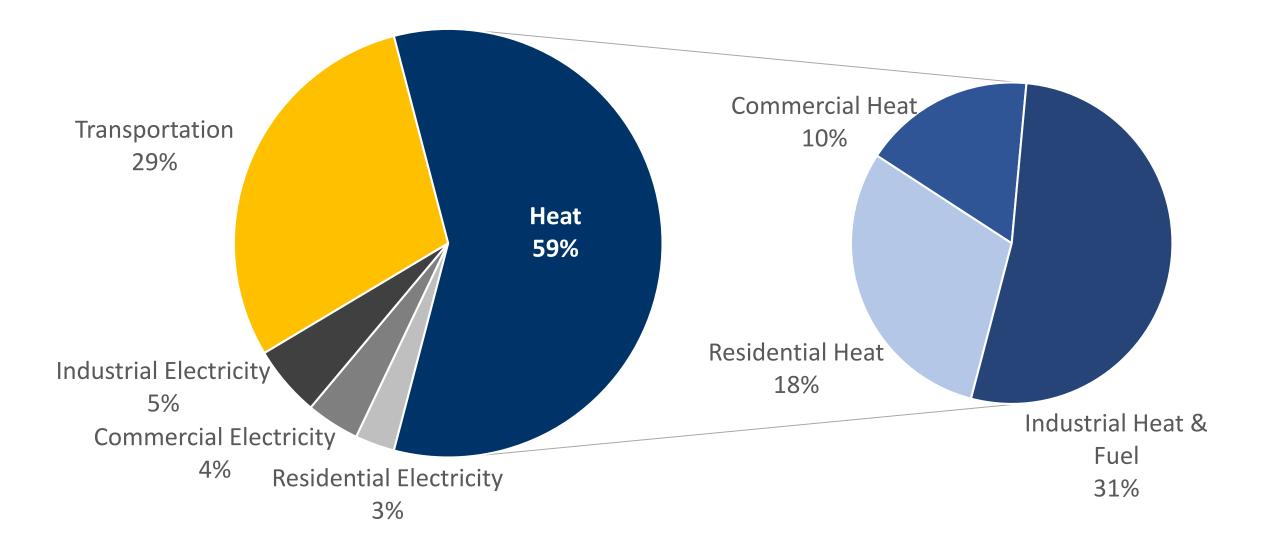
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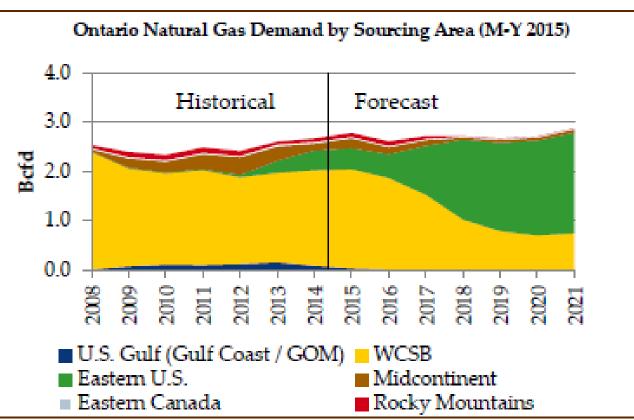


# Energy Demand in Ontario





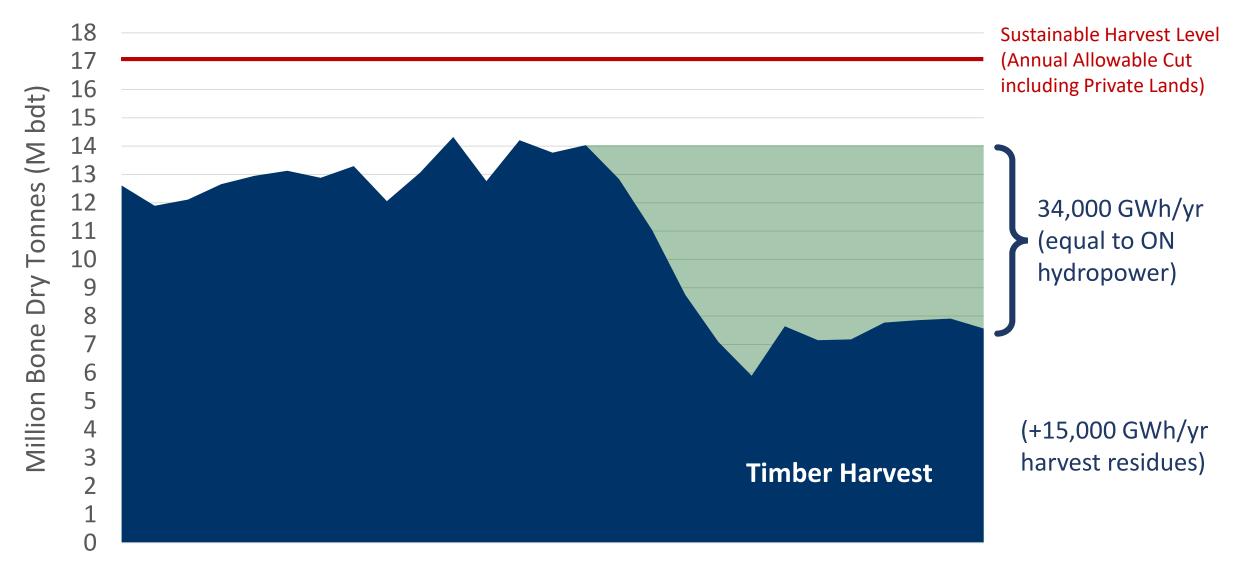
- ~99% of Ontario's fossil fuels imported
- 75% of natural gas will be from U.S. by 2021 – no benefit to W. Canada
- 90% of expenditures on fossil fuels leave the province
- 80% of expenditures on Ontario wood fuels stay in the province
- DES is REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTRE for Ontario renewable fuels
- \$4 B/yr stays IN ONTARIO (0.5% GDP)



\*Navigant Consulting Inc., 2015 for Ontario Energy Board

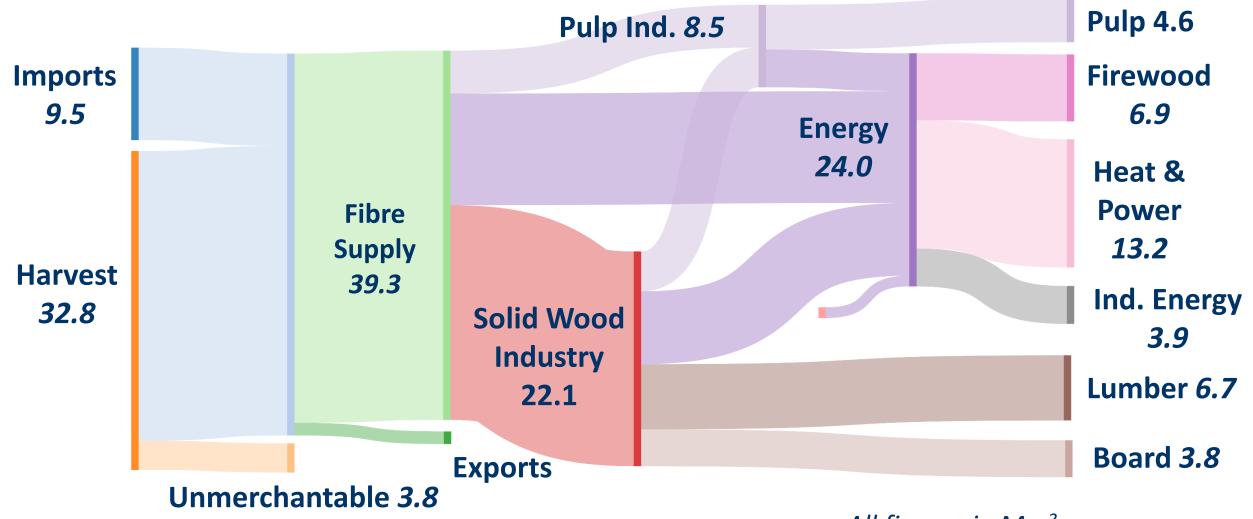


### Timber Harvest in Ontario



1990 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016

# **CRCHLIGHT** Example: Austrian Forest Sector



Highly profitable mass timber industry supported by heat market

All figures in Mm<sup>3</sup> Total Fibre Supply in ON ~34 M m<sup>3</sup>



Example: Stockholm

#### **Stockholm DES**

- 7,350 GWh/yr; 4,000 MW\* (580 MWe) peak capacity
- 350 km of transmission pipes; 2,800 km of distribution pipes
- 90% of buildings in Stockholm
- 80% renewable (100% by 2030); wood chip combined heat & power, waste-to-energy
- Will spend C\$2.4 B by 2023 to add renewables (largely biomass) capacity

	Canada	Sweden
GDP Per Capita (USD)	48,100	51,300
GHG Emissions Per Capita (t CO <sub>2</sub> e)	19.4	5.4
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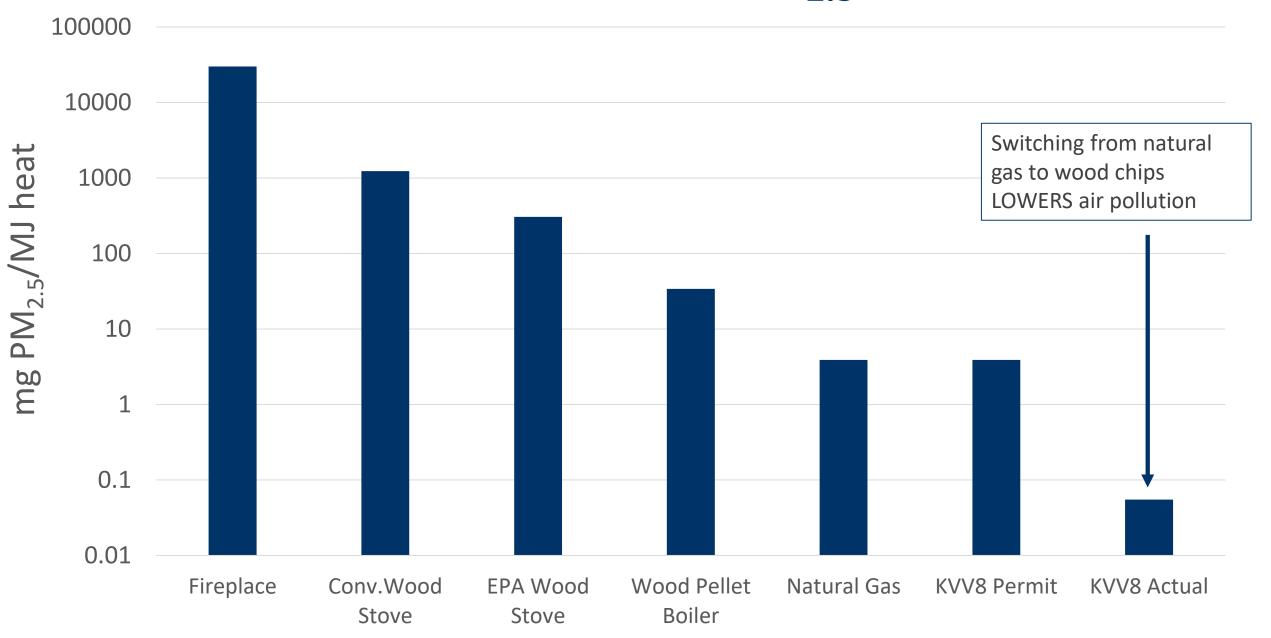
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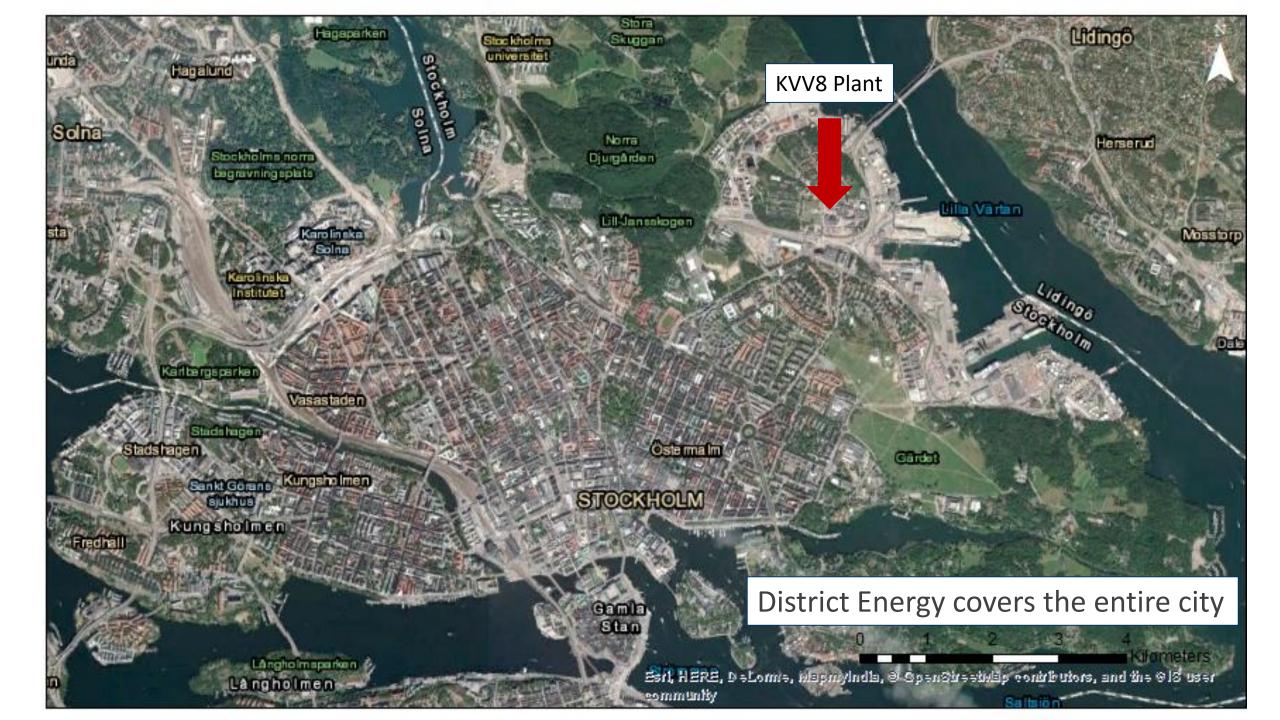
# Stockholm Värtaverket KVV8 Biomass CHP Plant

- 400  $MW_{th}$
- Heats 190,000 homes via DES
- 100% wood chips (3,500 t/day)
- Commissioned in 2016
- CapEx: C\$750 M
- 1,700 GWh heat (>2x Enwave)
- 750 GWh electricity
- 60% marine/40% rail
- Reduce: 650,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr
- Footprint: 6,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- PM emissions < natural gas
- Requires DES for operation

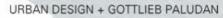


## Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Emissions

























#### Copenhagen DES (Zero Carbon by 2025)

- 8,350 GWh; 4,000 MW peak capacity
- 180 km of transmission pipes to 21 distribution systems (1,500 km)
- 99% of buildings in Copenhagen; >800 M sq ft
- 3 large biomass CHP; 3 large WtE; 2 sludge incinerators; 50 gas peakers
- 74,000 m<sup>3</sup> buffer storage
- Denmark has ~300 DES most municipality-owned or co-operatives

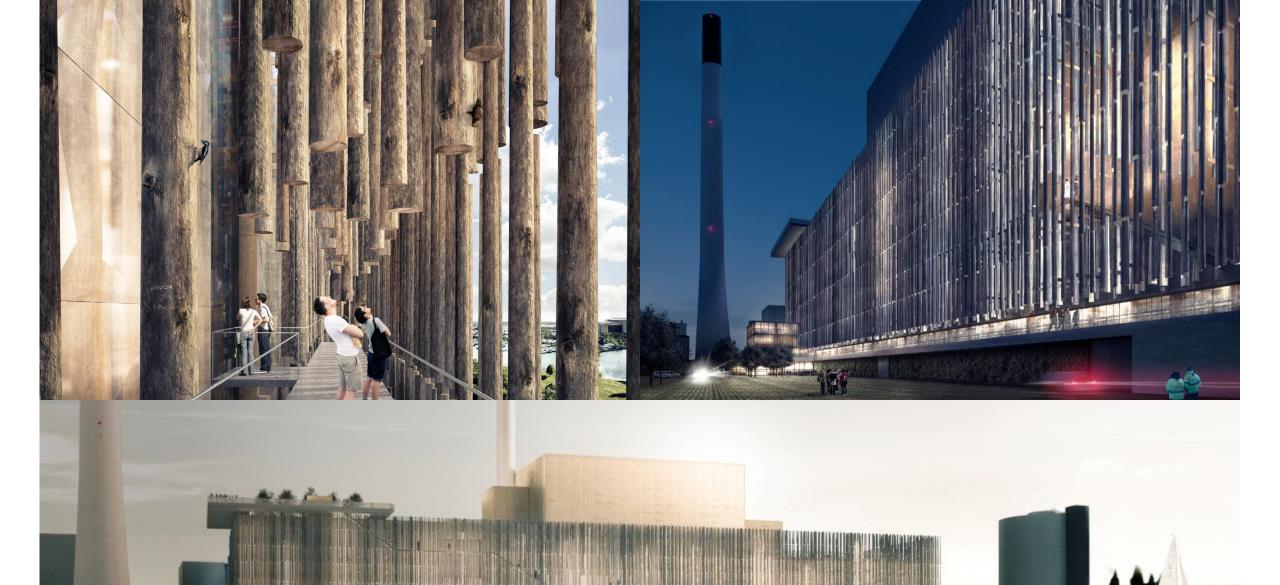
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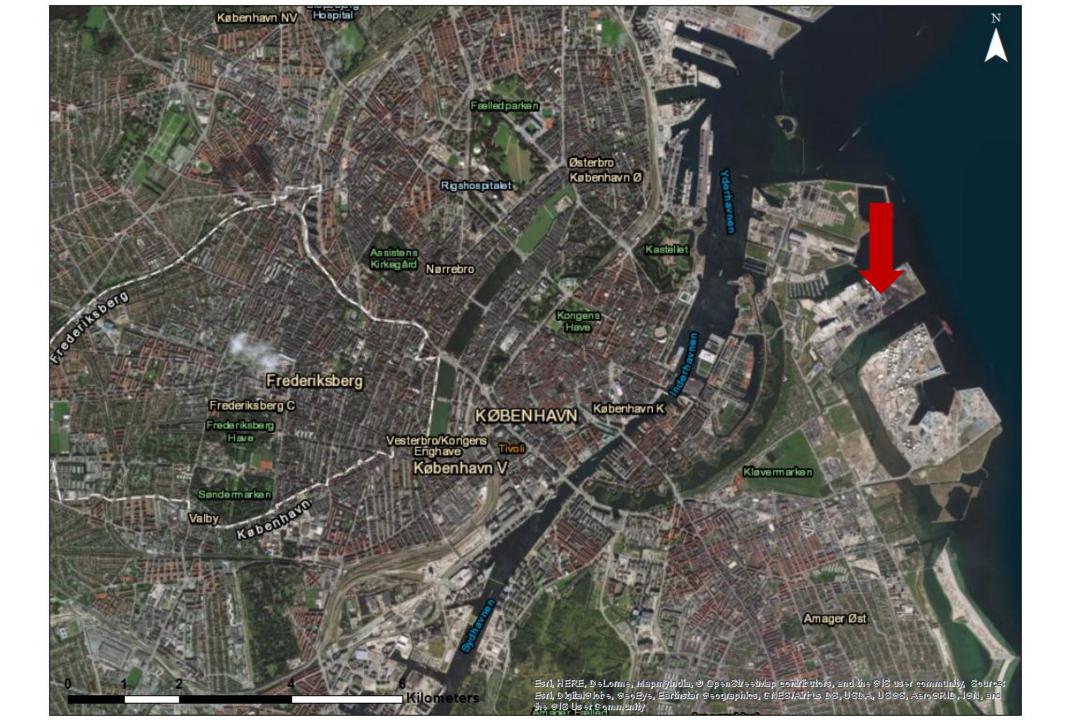
Bioenergy consumption in Denmark 3x greater than wind

# Copenhagen Amagerværket Biomass CHP Plant

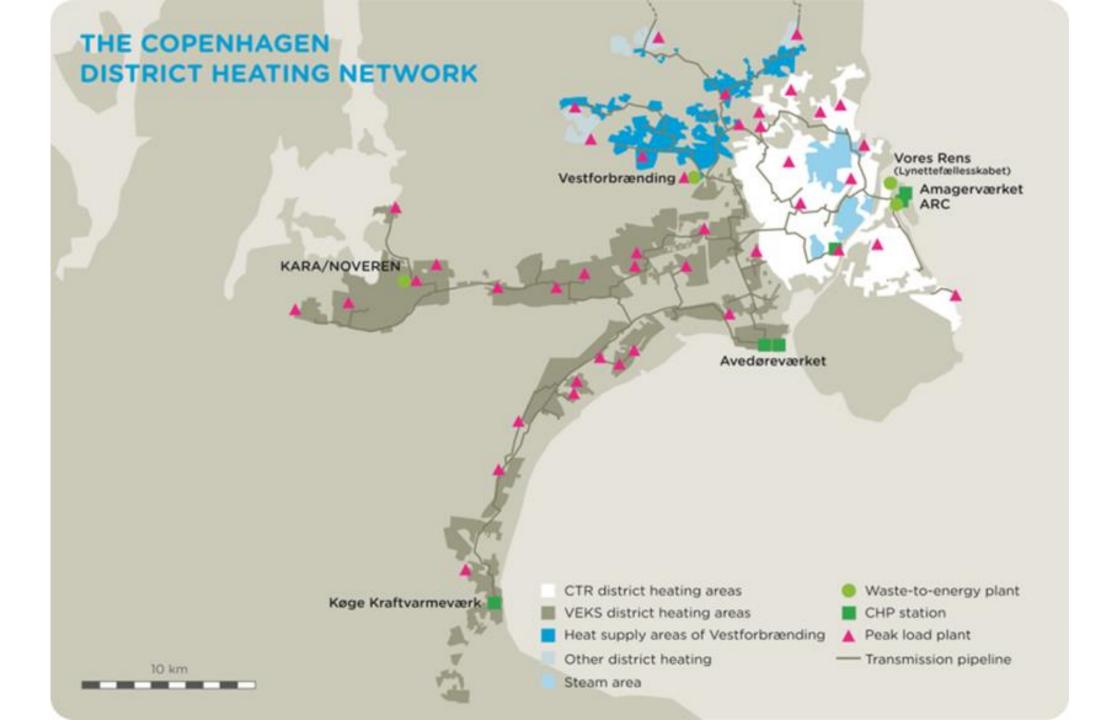
- 500 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Heats 210,000 homes
- 100% wood chips (4400 t/day)
- Commissioning (start-up: 2020)
- CapEx: C\$1 B
- 2700 GWh heat (>3.5x Enwave)
- 1000 GWh electricity
- 100% marine
- Reduce: 1,200,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr
- 25% of city heat demand
- PM emissions < natural gas
- Requires DES for operation













## Benefits for Ontario

- Ontario fuels create Ontario jobs
  - Re-create 30,000 lost forestry jobs (& support existing)
- Keep fuel expenditures in Ontario
  - Up \$4 B/yr boost to provincial economy
- Lower ongoing fuel costs
  - Stable fuel pricing and fuel savings once investment made
- Insulate Ontarians from federal climate policy
  - Higher & uncertain energy prices due to carbon pricing, Clean Fuel Standard



# Benefits for Ontario

- Income for Municipalities
  - Energy expenditures benefit community, not natural gas producers & utilities
- Attract \$5-7 B institutional capital investment to Ontario using P3s
  - Typical DES investors are pension funds and sovereign wealth funds
- Reduce air pollution and wildfires
  - Create a market for low grade wood allows for fire reduction programs
  - Avoid catastrophic fire loss
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

• Ontario leading on electricity, transportation (biofuel) decarbonization but lags on heat



- Federal infrastructure dollars flow to Municipalities
  - Essential that municipalities participate in development but have limited fund access
  - Federal funds used to 'buy equity' in system to make economics viable
- P3s established between Municipalities and Investors
  - Operations initially managed by private sector, but could be transferred
  - Systems could be build, own, operate, transfer to public (after debt repaid)

#### Proven Models

- 400 community district energy systems in Denmark from villages to cities
- Stockholm system is P3; most systems public or P3