

Stevens Point Wastewater Utility

Stevens Point, WI

Customers Served:	27,500
Type of Treatment:	Activated Sludge (EBPR)
Treatment Capacity:	4.6 MGD
Average Flow:	3.0 MGD



What is Anaerobic Digestion?

- Process by which microorganisms break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen.
- Used in the wastewater industry to stabilize biosolids
- Byproduct of anaerobic digestion is biogas (60% CH₄)
 - Natural gas (80-90% CH₄)



Plant Operations Prior to 2012

- Energy Audit by Focus on Energy 2003
- Started Tracking and Understanding Energy consumption
- Set realistic goals for lowering energy consumption
- Operational changes to conserve energy
- Plant equipment upgrades for energy conservation



Which Path to Follow?

- Stay on current path
 - Continue to meet WPDES
 - Continue to operate in as energy efficiently as possible
 - Utilize digester gas and plant capacity when possible



Which Path to Follow?

- Become energy neutral
 - Continue to meet WPDES
 - Continue to operate as energy efficiently as possible
 - Maximize biogas utilization and unused plant capacity



Biogas Utilization 2012-2014

- Biogas Conditioning
 - Unison gas conditioning system
 - Hydrogen Sulfide Removal
 - Siloxane Removal
 - Moisture Removal
- Biogas Generator vs Microturbines
 - MANN Engine supplied by Kraft Power Systems
 - 180 KW (4320 KWh/day)
 - Heat recovery for digester heating and building heating



High Strength Waste Program

- Currently bring in over 2,000,000 gallons of HSW Annually
 - Dairy waste
 - F.O.G
 - Food Waste
 - Beer Waste
- Utilize two 6,000 gallon retrofitted tanks as HSW receiving tanks
- Currently generates over \$30,000 annually in tipping fees



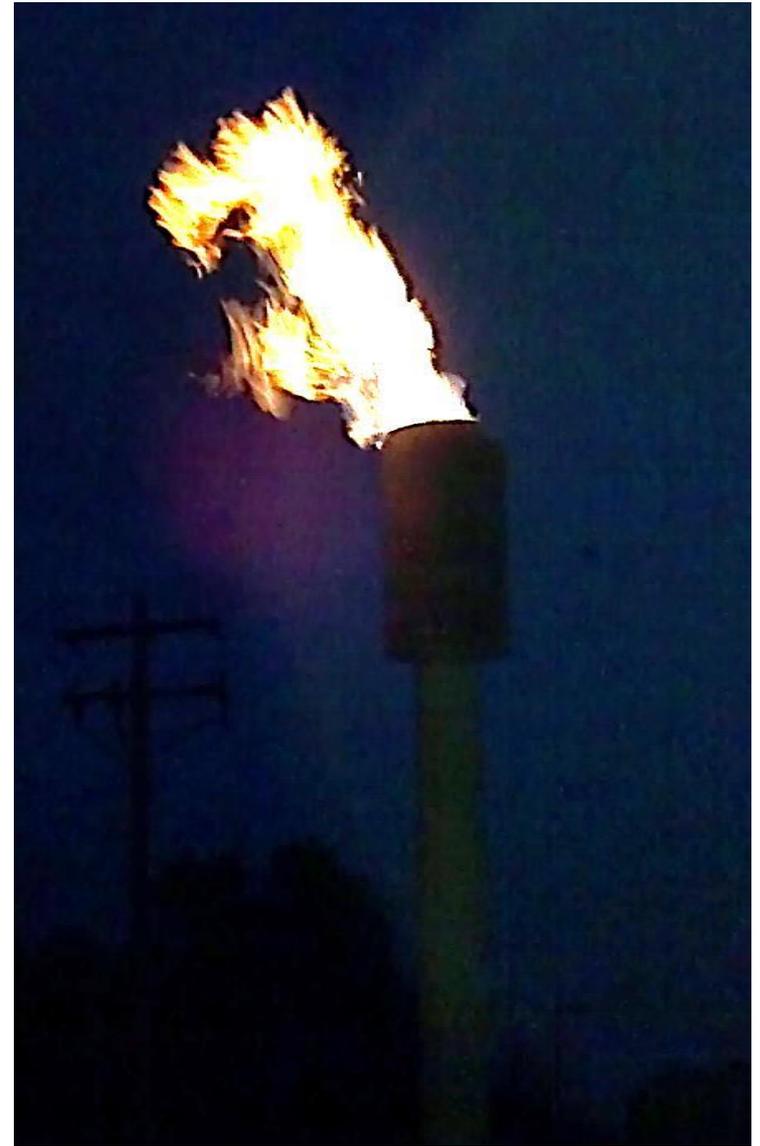
2015 Improvements

- Partnership with the Stevens Point Brewery to remove waste stream from our influent flow and direct it to the digesters.
- Install a 40,000 gallon in-ground High Strength Waste receiving tank
- High Strength Waste lift station and forcemain



2016 and Beyond

- Become an Energy Producer
- Class A Biosolid
- Add Digestion Capacity
- Become a Regional Biosolids Facility



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- Data Collection and Analysis
 - Quantity of Biogas
 - Quality of Biogas
- Trial and Error
 - How much Biogas can we produce?
 - New substrates
- Prove a payback on investment
 - Unforeseen costs?
 - Biogas Utilization system maintenance costs \$19,500/yr plus labor
 - Available Grants?
 - Biogas project received a Focus on Energy Grant for \$225,640
 - Brewery HSW project received a Focus on Energy Grant for \$114,000

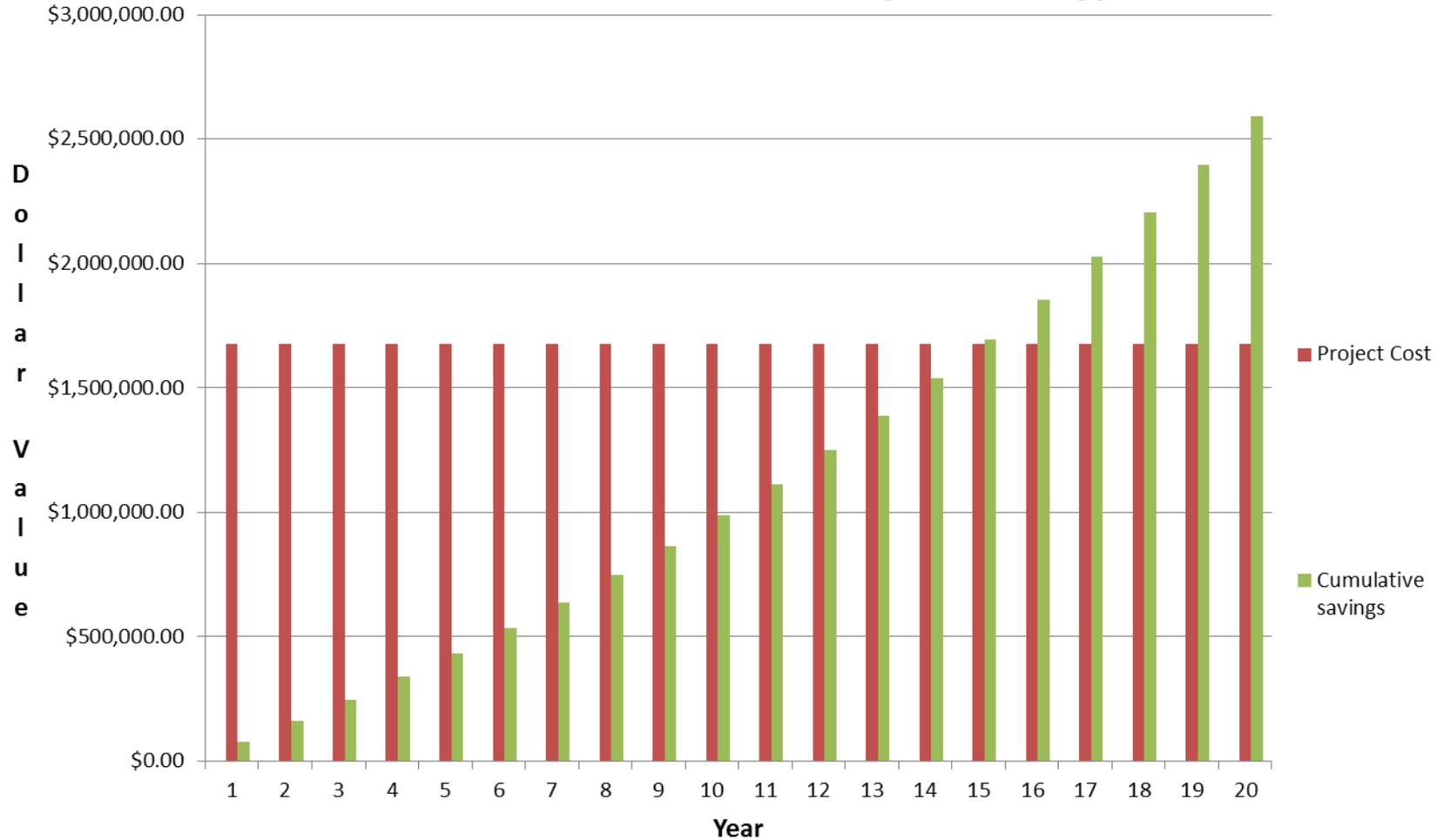


Utilizing Biogas = More Work

- Increases responsibilities
 - Wastewater Treatment Plants are designed to treat wastewater
 - Biosolids
 - Biogas
- Change in Priorities
 - WWTF to RRF
- Coordination
 - High Strength Waste Receiving
- Air Permitting
 - Tracking Data



Stevens Point Wastewater Plant Biogas to Energy



Payback graph assumes a final project cost with Principal and Interest to be

\$1,677,406

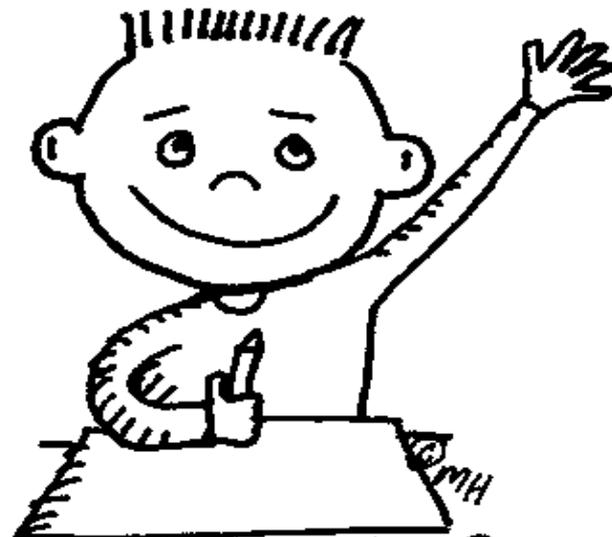
Cost without Focus Grant \$2,005,567



The Future of Biogas Utilization

- Most Cost Effective Approach
 - Centralized locations
- Competition
 - Private vs Municipal





QUESTIONS

