

PRESS RELEASE:

WYOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ISSUED BDO ZONE 'A' RATING FOR WOODY BIOMASS

– 'A' Rating to enhance local economy with woody biomass initiatives –

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The BDO Zone Initiative has issued a BDO Zone 'A' rating for Wyoming County, Pennsylvania for 662,000 bone dry tons per year of woody biomass.

The [Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Ecostrat](#) are pleased to announce the issue of an investment grade BDO Zone 'A' Rating for Woody Biomass. The Wyoming County BDO Zone is the first 'A' rating in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extending a 75-mile drive from Tunkhannock, PA.

Wyoming County's BDO Zone 'A' rating denotes high prospective viability of feedstock supply chain and infrastructure, and low expectations of default risk in the Zone. The region features strong capabilities to accommodate new biobased plant operations, supported by a highly productive forest products industry, ensuring a stable feedstock supply and limited competition for pulpwood due to the absence of pulp and paper facilities in the area. The zone includes a prime M1 manufacturing site spanning 104 acres, located near companies offering complementary services essential for biofuels projects.

"The 'A' rating for Wyoming County highlights our community's remarkable potential to lead the way in the bioeconomy," stated **Gina Suydam, President of the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce**. "We look forward to partnering with bioenergy, biochemical, and bioproduct companies to enhance and diversify our forestry resources, positioning Wyoming County as a leader in bio-based industrial manufacturing."

Jordan Solomon, Chairman of the BDO Zone Initiative added, "As Pennsylvania's first 'A' rating, Wyoming County is poised to transform underutilized forest resources into a significant expansion of the value-added wood products industry. The BDO Zone is ideally positioned to support biobased companies seeking top locations for large-scale biomass projects."

To see the full BDO Zone Rating for Wyoming County, Pennsylvania please click [here](#), or visit www.bdozone.org.

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About *The BDO Zone Initiative*

The BDO Zone Initiative certifies regional readiness for bio-based manufacturing, creates global connections with project developers, and ignites an influx of clean energy opportunities.

A BDO Zone rating is an internationally recognized standards-based technical risk assessment of biomass feedstock, supply chain, and infrastructure risk with respect to the development potential of new biofuel, renewable chemical, biogas, and bioproduct plants. Investment grade ratings attract new bio-based manufacturing plants to the areas where they are most likely to succeed-- and create jobs.

For more information on the BDO Zone Initiative, contact info@bdozone.org. To view all BDO Zone ratings, visit www.bdozone.org. Check out the BDO Zone [LinkedIn](#) page for news and updates.

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