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**Energy Group Ideas**

- Maximize clean sustainable renewable energy. Does not include natural gas.
- Solar, new technologies bring down costs, can be installed in homes and big box stores and farms devoted to these purposes such as solar and wind.
- Geothermal
- Wind
- Biomass, sustainable, not food based e.g. switch gas, methane gas generators from manure.
- Energy efficiency e.g. Passive House Super Duper Insulation (can be heated with a hair dryer).
- Hemp for diverse uses e.g. Board of Supervisors Chenango County passed such a resolution.
- Maximize above thru feed-in tariffs subsidized to incentivize renewable energy production.
- Towns and nonprofit ventures such as co-ops to fund local production such as municipal utilities.
- Cannot coexist with transformation into an energy zone (gas fields).
- Public school education on renewable energy potential on ever expanding consumption.
- Jobs are created through all above activities.
- Farms can be leased to install renewable energy production facilities.
- Low interest or no interest loans to encourage above activities.
- IDAs could be used for these small business activities as originally intended.