

CRITERIA	Very imp.	Less imp.	WHY	Rural / Non-Ag
Food Security	7		No Food = Death	
Production of Rural Energy	7		Need to quickly transform our use of energy to small & large sources. Municipal & Biomass are base load sources–runs all the time unlike solar and wind	
Minimize & reduce Greenhouse Gas	7		Biggest overarching challenge to humanity–affecting most other criteria	
Builds Local Economies	5	2	Stimulates local economy = lowering carbon footprint & increases local buying if basic needs met	
Meets Attainable Goals	3	4	Will result in wide spread implementation	
Social Equity Distrib. Cost & Benefit	4	3	Benefit should be societal & not limited to those w/resources No uneven distribution of risks from facility & siting	
Widespread Participation	7		To keep & maintain efficiency of system Helps to increase awareness of other environmental challenges & impact of behavior	
Protects Water Quality	5	2	Water is life Wildlife–self evident Habitat, public health protection	
Protects Food Quality & Safety	6	0		
Community Education	6	1	Can't reach goal without community understanding, leads to environmental literacy	
Supports Sustainable Forestry & Agriculture	5	2		
Environmental Health	7		Self-evident	
Wellbeing of Community/ Public Health	5	2		
Worker Health & Safety	6	1	Maintain long term employees & keeps costs down	