

April 2018, Energy Working Group Report

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In March 2018, the working group learned of a small grant from the NY Power Authority (NYPA) that would be awarded to the first 75 applicants.

Grant invitation: <https://www.nypa.gov/about/geothermalchallenge>
*"Through the Geothermal Clean Energy Challenge, NYPA and NYSERDA will identify the best candidates for large, multi-building GSHP systems and provide them with **free technical assistance and financial support** to install this cost-effective, comfortable, and clean technology."*

A requirement of the application is it must come from the Town of Woodstock. This grant was pointed out to David Gross, Chair of Woodstock's Environmental Commission, and he agreed to support WNYT's EWG and said he would bring the NYPA's grant to the town's attention, which he did.

The application was submitted and NYPA accepted it. The sole focus of the application is the Western Hamlet (Bearsville Flats) renewable heat concept/proposal (see the WNYT's Energy WG February 2018 report for more details).

In early April, Dermot spoke with Scott Smith, of NYSERDA, who indicated that under its existing ground source ('geothermal') heat pump program, NYSERDA will consider an application for funding remedial work on one or both of the Town of Woodstock's geothermal heat pump installations. The application will come from an engineering company pre-approved by NYSERDA and selected by the town.