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## State's Largest Anaerobic Digester to Be Celebrated

Wisconsin's Clean Energy Manufacturing Loan Program Helps GreenWhey Energy
Turn Dairy Wastewater into Energy

The state's largest anaerobic digester will be unveiled in Turtle Lake on Thursday, September 26 at GreenWhey Energy. GreenWhey will host a free public open house 2:00 to 7:00 pm with tours and information about its 3.2 megawatt anaerobic digester. The new plant will treat wastewater from dairy plants, extract methane from the wastewater, and burn it to produce heat and electricity.

"In energy, we need to play to our strengths. Dairy and food processing are very large industries in Wisconsin, and this project will create jobs, solve a wastewater problem for the dairy industry, and produce 3.2 megawatts of renewable energy," said Chris Schoenherr, Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

"This project will have significant multiplier effects, from creating and maintaining jobs in local food processing, reducing fossil-fuel consumption, introducing new technology to Northwestern Wisconsin and becoming an anchor for the villages future bio-industrial park," said Reed Hall, Secretary and CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

The State's Clean Energy Manufacturing Loan Program provided \$3.4 million in debt financing to the \$20 million project. The loan program is coordinated by the Department of Administration and WEDC.

## **GreenWhey Energy Open House**

2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Turtle Lake Facility 465 Western Boulevard – Turtle Lake

For more information about the Wisconsin State Energy Office, visit <a href="www.stateenergyoffice.wi.gov/">www.stateenergyoffice.wi.gov/</a>.

For more information about the Turtle Lake project, visit greenwheyenergy.com