

# **High Strength Waste Project Muscatine Water ~~Pollution Control~~ Plant & Resource Recovery Facility**

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*MARRVE puts Muscatine on the path to sustainability*























# Organics Recovery Is Possible!

- 40% of food produced is not eaten
- 20% of landfill waste is organic and can be recycled
- Resource recovery is needed for landfill sustainability
- Revenue, natural fertilizer and clean renewable energy from waste is the end product



# Idea Formulation

Local Organic Wastes + Anaerobic Digestion=  
RENEWABLE FUEL FOR VEHICLES

FOG Program + Spare Unused Tanks + Lightly  
Loaded Digesters + Continuously flaring unused  
Digester Gas = OPPORTUNITY



# Current Digesters-2010



- ~900,000 gallon capacity
- Floating covers
- Draft tube mixing
- Parallel or series operation

# Old Digesters-Retrofit from A Basins





# Muscatine Biogas Current Use





# Waste to Fuel Benefits

- Landfill diversion (up to 20%) saving expensive landfill space
- Lower air emissions with clean CNG fuel
- Provides a needed service to the community/industry (good for industry and the environment)
- Long term potential for recouping capital and developing a sustainable revenue source for wastewater

# Waste Types (Feedstocks)

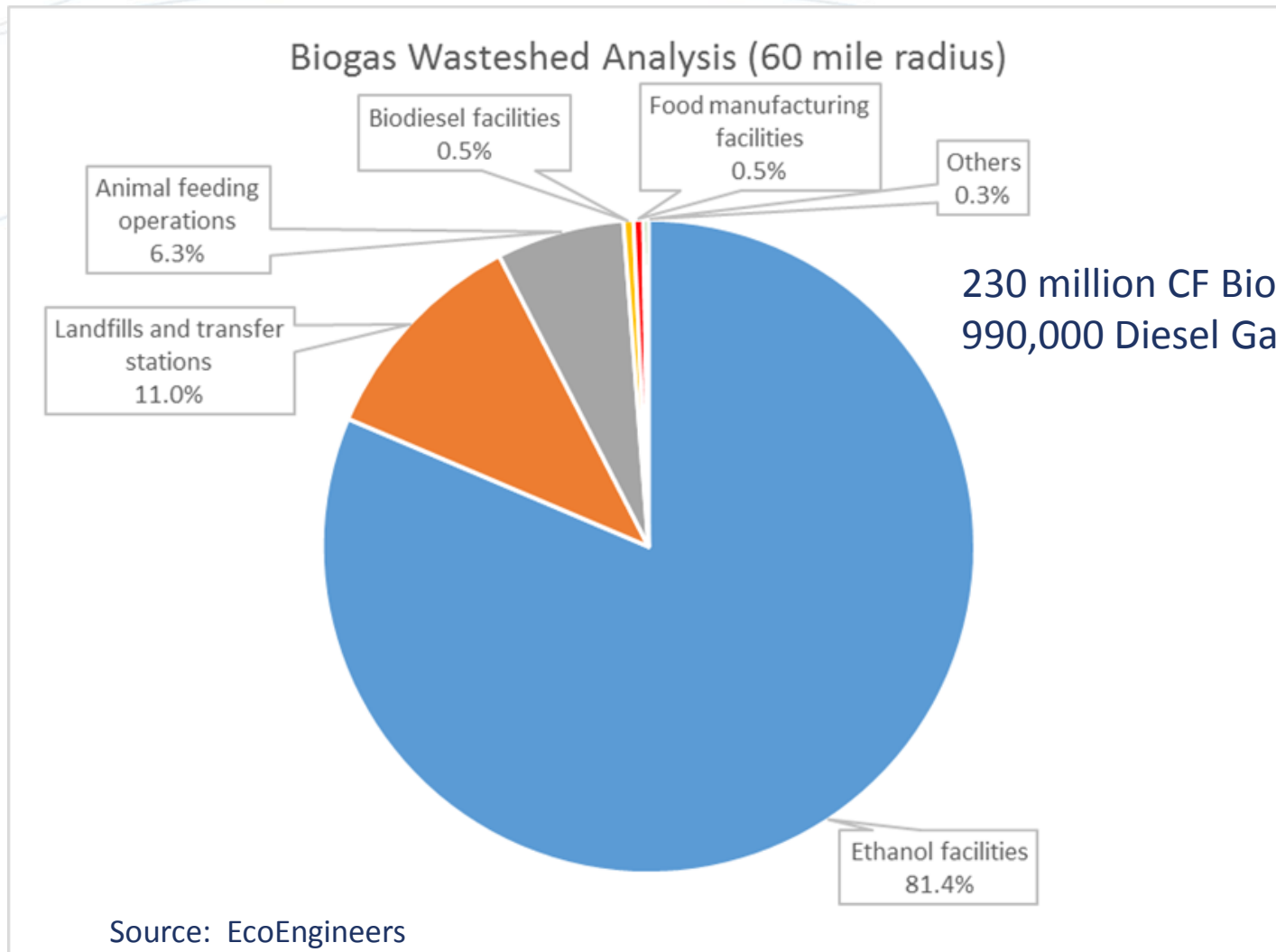
FOG = Fats, Oils, Greases – Restaurants

Liquid Organic Waste = high strength waste – liquid wastes with high organic content – often from food processors

Solid Organic Waste

- ❖ packaged materials – ex. bottled ketchup
- ❖ past prime vegetables from grocer
- ❖ cafeteria waste from schools

# Local Potential

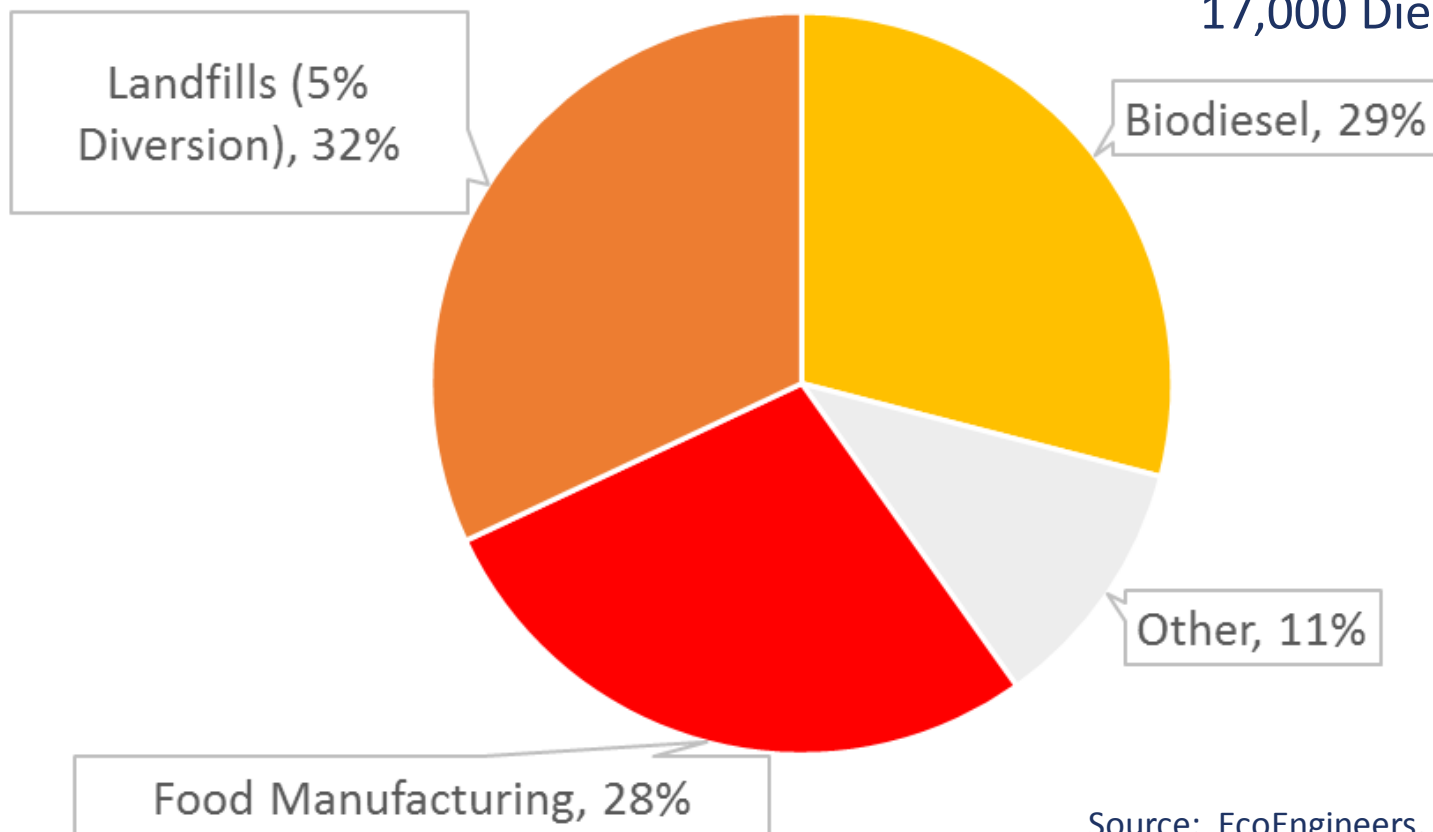




# Local Potential

## Biogas Wasteshed Subset(60 Mile Radius)

4 million CF Biogas/day  
17,000 Diesel Gallons/Day

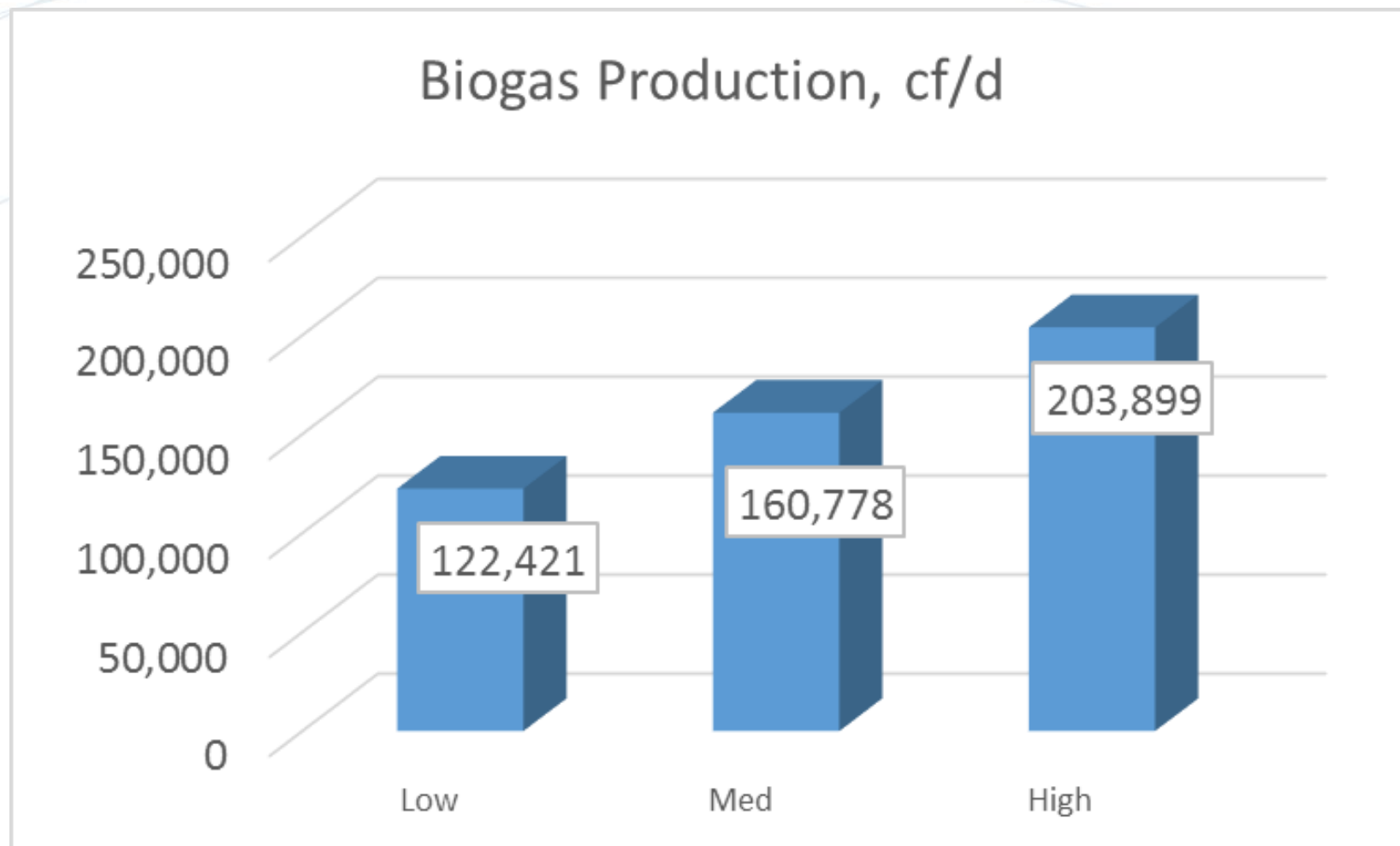


Source: EcoEngineers, Stanley Consultants

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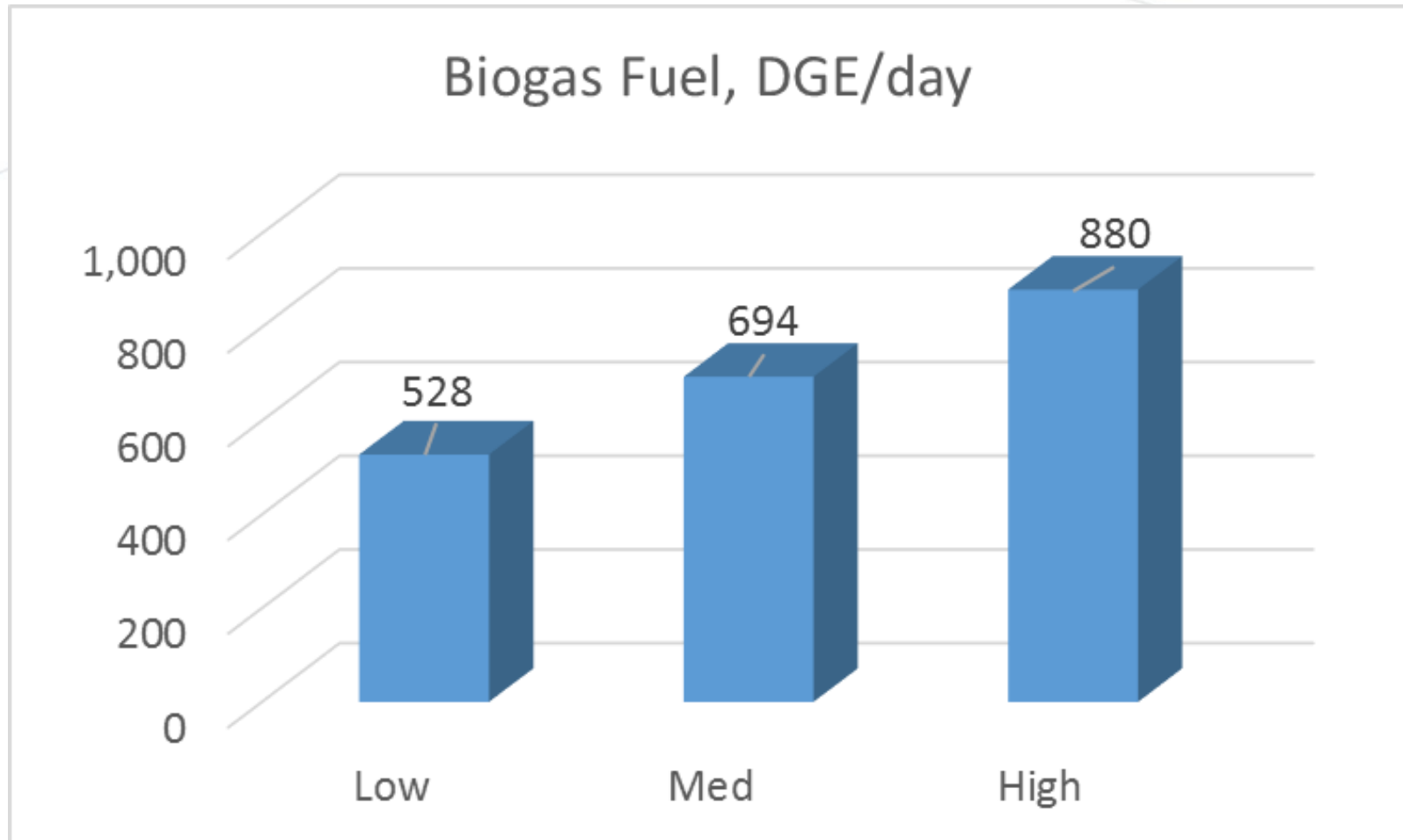
- FOG Haulers
- Local Industries such as Kraft-Heinz
- Local Businesses such as Hy-Vee
- Schools
- Restaurants
- Regional Industry Agreements: Nestle-Purina
- Possible Fuel Purchase Partner (Ruan)

# Biogas Production

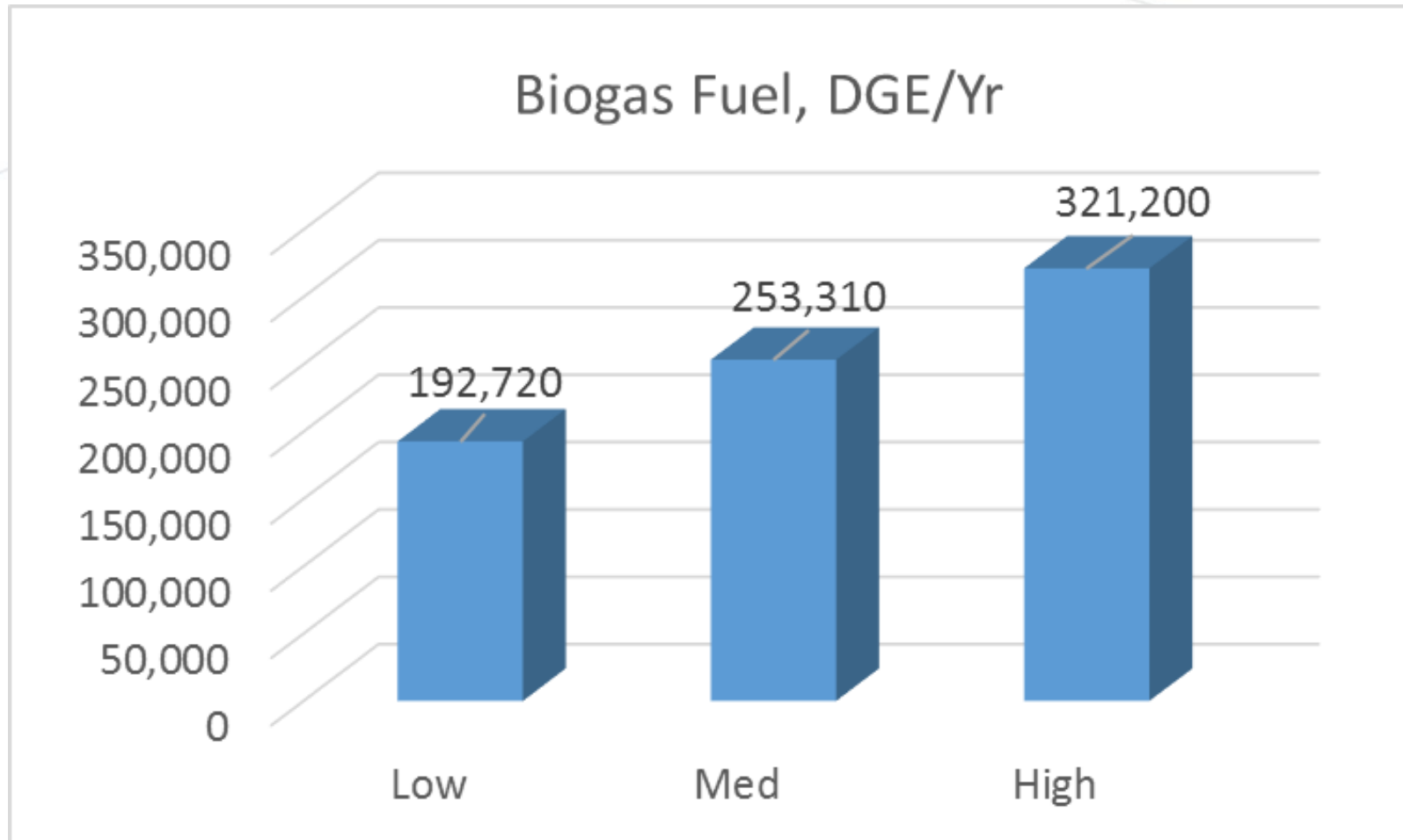




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# The Overall Long-Term Project

Receiving Facility – Phase 1

Feeding Facility – Phase 1

Abandoned Digester Recommission-Phase 1-2?

Biogas Treatment Facilities-Phase 2

Biogas Usage Facilities-Phase 2



# The Project-Phase 1

## Receiving Facility

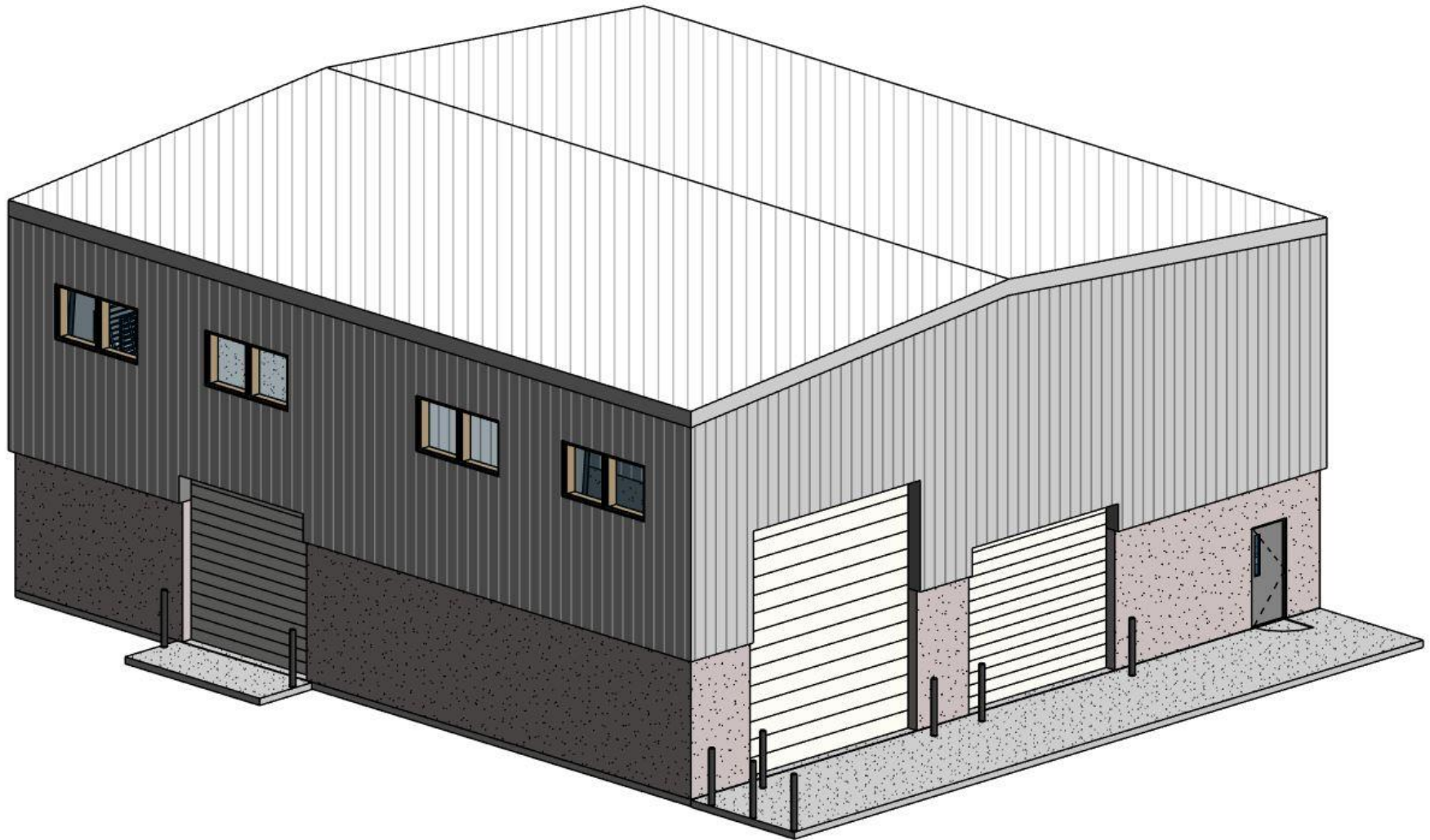
Receive & Preliminary Treatment:

FOG – remove rocks, cutlery, debris

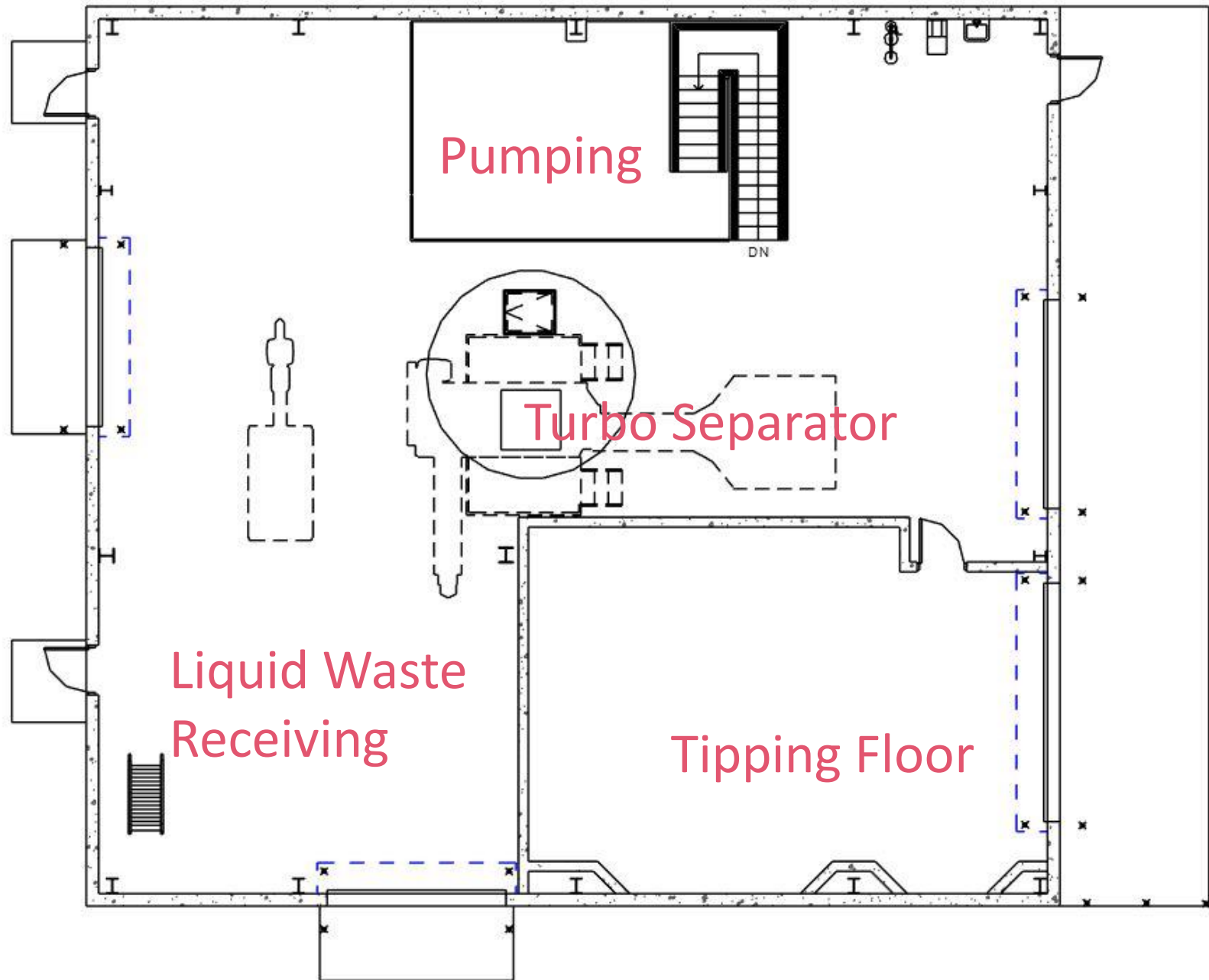
Organic Liquid Waste - remove debris,  
retain organics

Organic Solid Waste – depackage and slurry,  
recover package materials

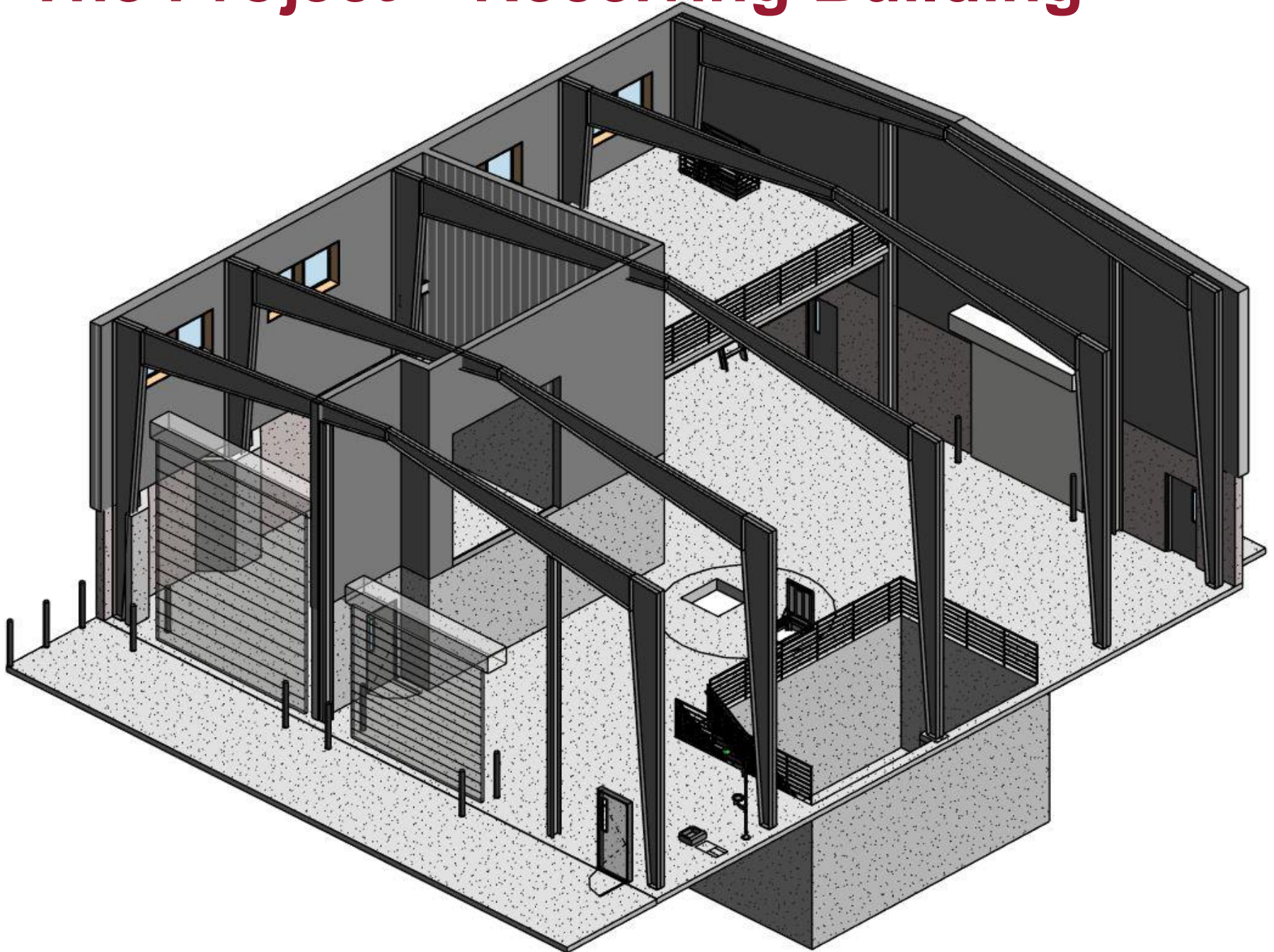
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# Depackaging Machine Proposed



**T 42 Turbo Separator  
Scott Equipment Co.**

# Estimated Project Cost

- Phase 1 Receiving/Feed Facilities
  - \$2.8 to \$3.3 million
  - Includes Organic Solid Waste Separation and Odor Control ~\$0.5 million
- Phase 2 Gas Treatment and BioCNG Vehicle Fueling Facility
  - \$2.5 to \$3 million
  - Fill rates, configuration, and CNG storage capacity alter cost

# Potential Revenues

- Potential Revenue Sources
  - Waste tipping fees
  - Fuel Value
  - Renewable Energy Credits
    - Petroleum Producer \$ paid to obtain offsetting renewable energy credits
    - Federal credits + for transportation related credits states such as CA, OR
    - Can be substantial revenue stream that can offset the capital investment



# Risks

- Lower organic waste volumes
- Lower fuel usage/sales
- Lower tipping fee rates
- Lower RIN values or program phase out-secure to 2022
- Higher operating costs

# Timeline

## Phase 1

- Design Completion September 2017
- Phase Permitting/Bidding October 2017
- Construction November 2017-April 2018
- Commissioning/Start Up May 2018

## Phase 2

- Design 2017
- Construction 2018

# Some Waste to Fuel Basics

1 gallon of digested food waste produces 20 cubic feet (CF) of digester gas

1 gallon of digested FOG produces 2 CF of digester gas (due to water)

1000 CF of digester gas = 0.6 mmbtu

In terms of vehicle fuel

1000 CF of digester gas = 4 gallons of diesel fuel  
or 5 gallons of gasoline

= 150 miles car or 20 miles semi-truck

# Some Waste to Fuel Basics

1 Ton (~200 gallons) of food waste yields ~17 gallons of diesel