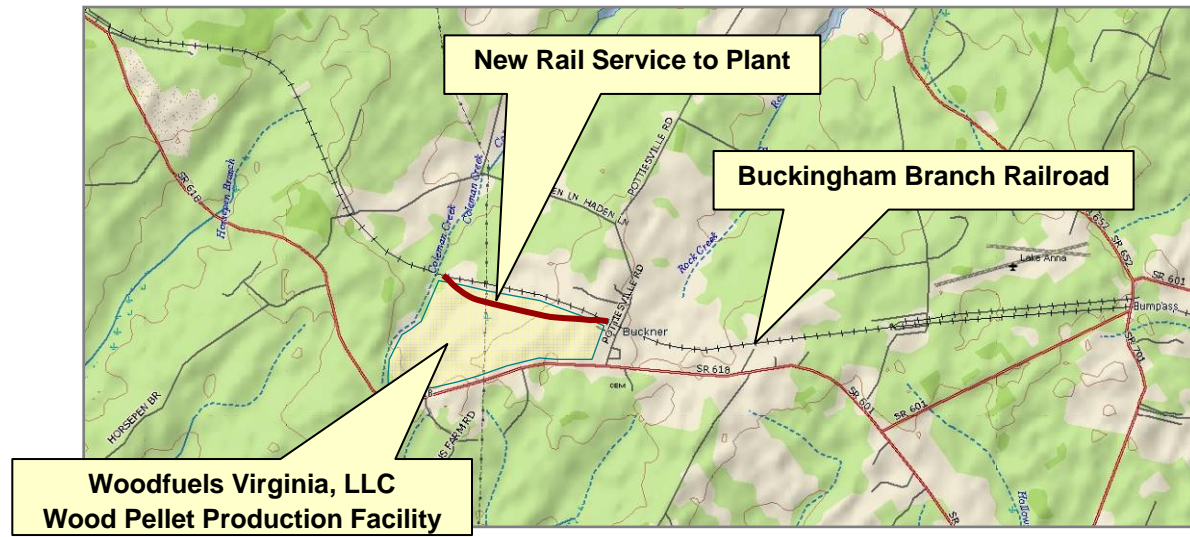
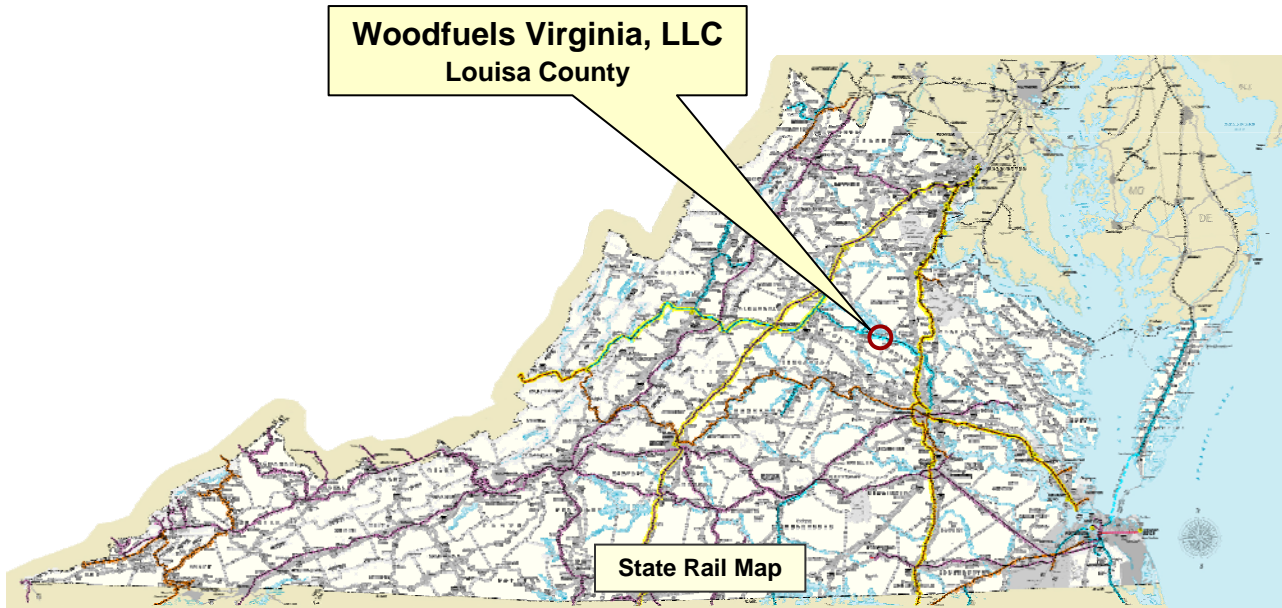


Rail Industrial Access Program Application Briefing

Woodfuels Virginia, LLC Louisa County

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Project Location



May 20, 2009

Project Description

- ❑ Woodfuels Virginia, LLC manufactures wood pellets for use as fuel and for use in paper mills. Wood pellets are an environmentally-friendly renewable resource and will help reduce Virginia's dependence on imported fuels
- ❑ Construction of approximately 1,900 feet of new rail for a rail yard and connecting track
- ❑ Project Cost: \$1,000,000
- ❑ Project has the support of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
- ❑ Project requires de-allocation of funds previously allocated to Argonaut Biofuels, LLC by CTB action on March 20, 2008
 - Woodfuels Virginia, LLC has purchased the facility site from Argonaut Biofuels

Project Benefits

- ❑ Woodfuels Virginia, LLC is investing \$20 million in the facility expansion. The expansion will create 35 new jobs.

- ❑ Rail access will enable approximately 520 railcar shipments per year upon completion
 - Approximately 1,560 trucks per year off Virginia highways

Project Scoring

- ❑ Projects are scored based the following criteria:
 - Number of annual carloads
 - Added employment
 - Commonwealth’s portion of track construction per initial capital investment cost
 - Jurisdictional unemployment rate as compared to statewide
 - Project endorsement by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership or Department of Business Assistance to bring or expand industry in Virginia
 - Non-state contributions to track construction
 - Contribution to the long term viability of a rail line
- ❑ This project scored “Excellent” at 82 out of 100 points.

Recommended Project Funding

Applicant	Total Project Cost	Recommended CTB Allocation	Matching Funds from Woodfuels Virginia, LLC
Woodfuels Virginia, LLC	\$1,000,000	\$450,000	\$150,000

The Rail Industrial Access program specifies that no more than \$300,000 of unmatched funds may be allocated to any one project in any fiscal year. Rail Industrial Access funds in excess of \$300,000 are matched dollar-for-dollar by the grantee or from other non-program sources.

DRPT will present this project for action at the June 2009 CTB meeting.



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