



Thermal Efficiency Eastport

This project is focused on Eastport, ME and is one year old. Our team supports a non-profit initiative, and we try to identify resources.

Our topic is affordable heating. Our question is: Why is it so hard to find?

We observe that many property owners in Eastport pay too much to stay warm in the wintertime. In order to do this, they go into debt, or skip visits to the doctor, or eat less, or put their mortgage at risk, etc. Others do not stay warm enough, with many undesirable consequences.

A working assumption is that collaboration at a small community scale will bring more options than wrestling with the same challenges individually. If one small community can do this and realize large savings, we also assume that other similar communities may follow suit.

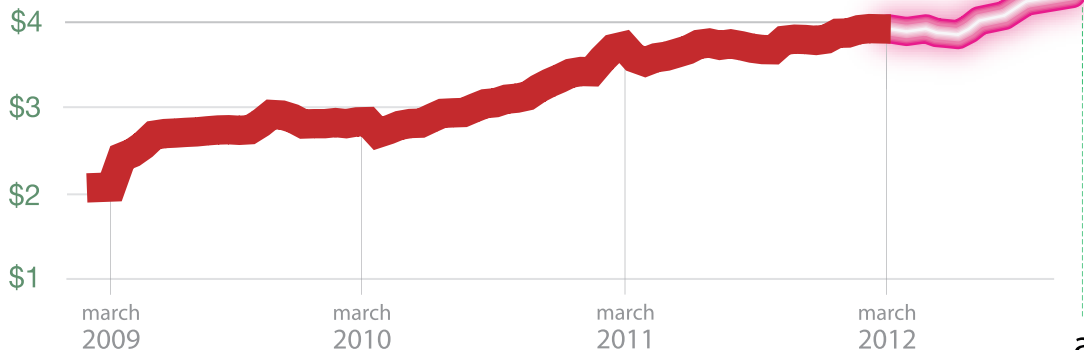
It is easy to talk about better ways to warm a building, but it is not easy to say how to pay for them. Much of our work in this early stage is exploring tunnels through the upfront costs of heating system retrofit. We advocate fuels and systems that are renewable and affordable over the long term. We support regional retention of wealth, jobs, and production capacity.

We need to contribute to a broader discussion, and learn from it, in order to succeed. In the end, Washington County should be a place where others come to find solutions, examples, and inspiration. We hope our work in Eastport and beyond is ultimately part of this future.

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price per gallon for #2 heating oil in Maine

weekly estimates from the Energy Information Administration, updated 3/12



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would like to
know how you
manage the
winter months...

...and how it will look when #2
oil reaches \$4.50 per gallon.

MUCH
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There are better ways for Eastport to stay warm.
There are better ways for Eastport to spend the money.

{ Maine's average
homeowner burns 775 gallons
of #2 oil each winter, so that's
\$3,487 per year, and rising.



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- ... likes lower heating bills.
- ... is a non-profit effort.
- ... promotes better heating.
- ... dislikes oil dependency.
- ... seeks local collaborators.

If you are interested in these issues, we would like to talk with you about better, more affordable heat in your home, workplace or business.