

Bioeconomy Development Opportunity Zone Ratings:

Accelerating the development of biobased projects and access to capital in Illinois

- A **BDO Zone rating** is a standards-based assessment of biomass feedstock and infrastructure attributes of a region with respect to development potential of new bioenergy manufacturing plants.
- A BDO Zone Rating in Breese, IL would provide the region with an powerful economic development tool to attract a biobased facility and access capital.

As of April 2023, there are 22 BDO Zone Ratings in North America issued or in process.



Success stories

The 'AA' BDO Zone Rating in **Bon Wier, TX** supports the siting decision and the current \$1B capital raise by Citibank for USA BioEnergy's development of a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) project.

Libby, MT issued 'A' rating for woody biomass in Oct 2022. The BDO Zone rating is directly linked in a new waste-to-energy project in Libby that broke ground in May 2023.

"There are several symbiotic links that this plant will bring to the community from air quality, to economics, to forest health. It's a gift for the forest service and the federal government for sure" **said Mark Peck, Shared Stewardship Coordinator** from Libby, MT.

"[The project] was looking for a spot in Montana when they first started talking about [wood fibre supply] for their plants. Somehow, they got a hold of me, and I offered to send the Libby BDO Zone report...well, when [they] saw that, that's when he was on a plane to Libby in a week."