

## Supporting Economic Growth

### Partnerships

The Economic Development Committee has developed public-private partnerships to support industrial park efforts and leverage resources and innovation. An excellent opportunity exists for new entities to co-locate with an energy platform that could be converted for combined heat and power.

### Timber Resource Availability

Ashland Area (50 M Radius) Estimated Excess Net Growth in Green Tons /Year

- Hardwood: 216,000 gts
- Softwood: 910,000 gts
- Source: MAINE Forest Service

Full Report Available

### Industrial Park Area Attributes

- 8M Contiguous acres with off-road access to the park
- 100+ Acres available for Park expansion
- 11 wood processing mills within 10 miles
- Sawdust and fines residue produced by mills in excess of 150,000 green tons/yr
- Softwood chips produced by mills in excess of 300,000 green tons/yr
- Excess net timber growth of low density softwood and hardwood species is in excess of 1,250,000 green tons/yr
- Access to area rail yards
- Strategic planning initiatives underway

### Workforce Development

- Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Workforce Development Office- Funds up to \$9K per new hire for first three months of hire (based on availability)
- WorkReady Credential Training- (Maine DOE course) through Ashland Adult Education (free to attendees) anticipated for Fall 2017
- Seeking grant funds for long term workforce program and education initiatives

## Area Community Attributes



### The Ashland Area

- Gateway to outdoor recreation with the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and St. John River as prime destinations
- Wild brook trout dominate area waters including Aroostook River & Fish River Chain of Lakes
- Interconnecting with trail systems throughout Aroostook County for snowmobiles and ATVs
- Prime destination for bear, moose and partridge hunting, hiking, canoeing, kayaking
- Nearby to a nine hole golf course
- Ample family housing inventory



### Local K-12 District School

- Excellent Academics
- Clubs, Arts, Music
- Sports (Girls Soccer State Champs)
- Adult/Student Music Groups
- Internships, Career-Technical Education Opportunities
- Convenient Commute to Area Colleges

## Machias River Industrial Park

Realty Road  
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### Economic Development Team

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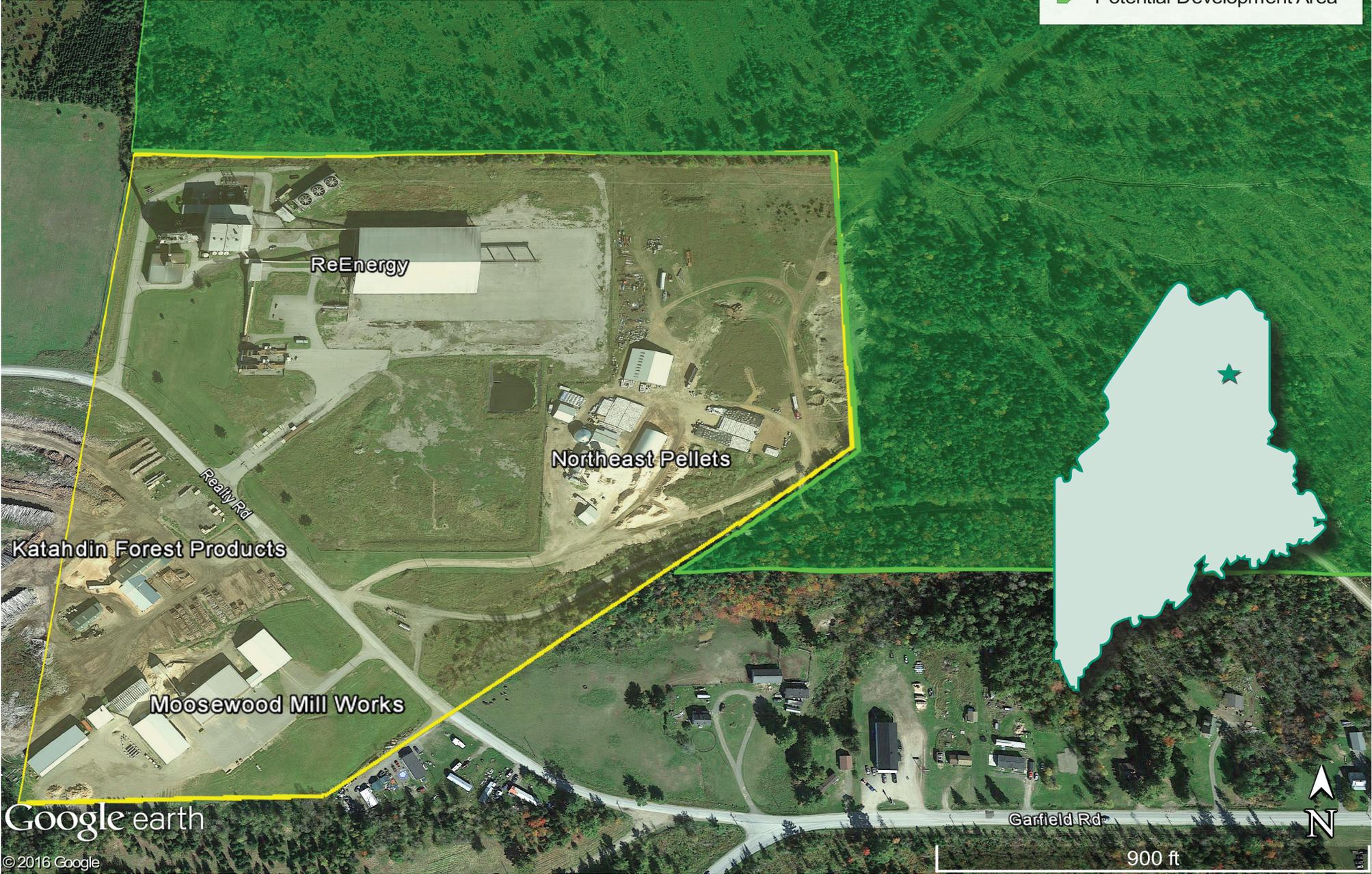
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# Machias River Microgrid Development Area

**Legend**

- MR Ind Park
- Potential Development Area



Google earth

Garfield Rd

900 ft

