

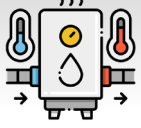
# Community Geothermal Heating & Cooling Initiative

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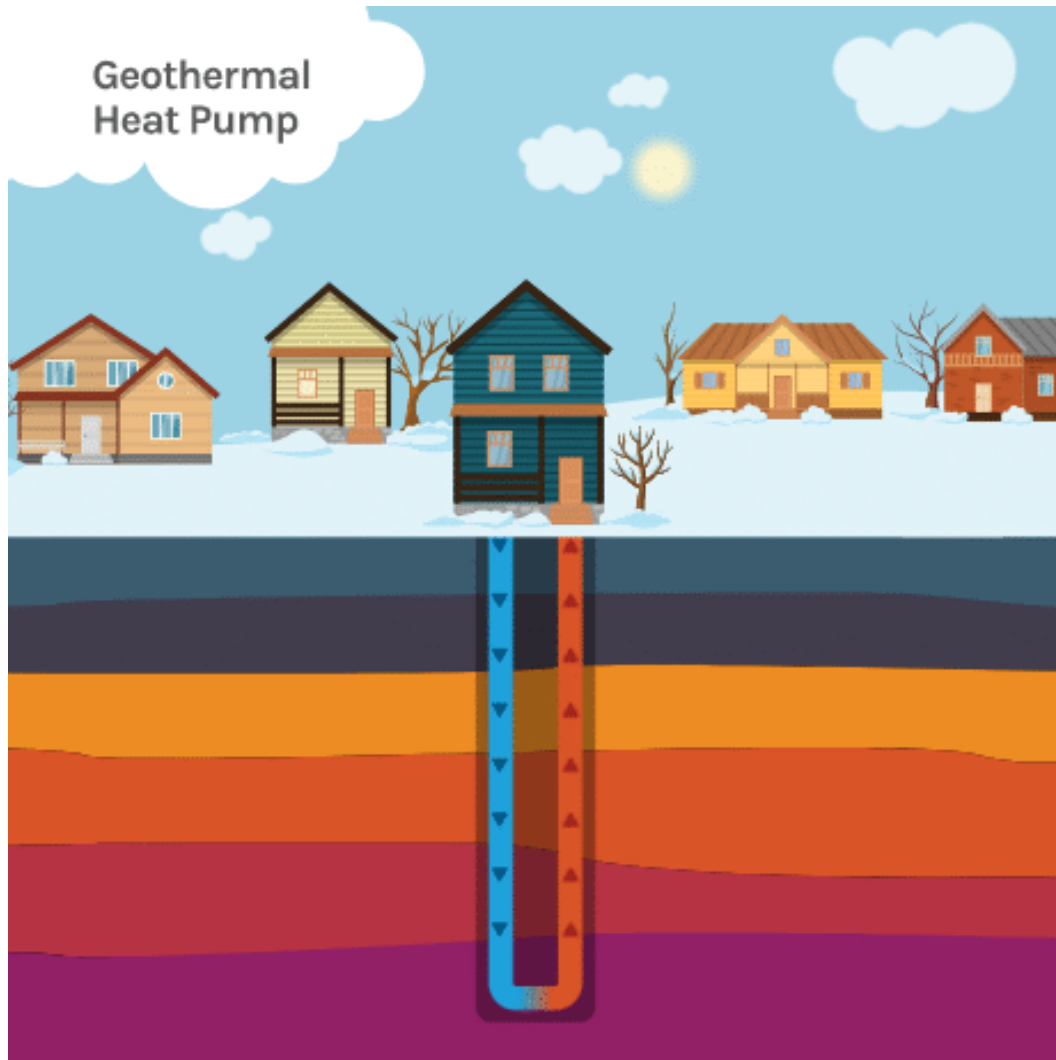
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# Ground-Source Heat Pumps / Geothermal Heat Pumps



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- Take advantage of constant underground temperatures to efficiently exchange temperatures
- Three key elements in a GHP system:
  - An underground heat collector
  - A heat pump
  - A heat distribution subsystem (e.g., ductwork)



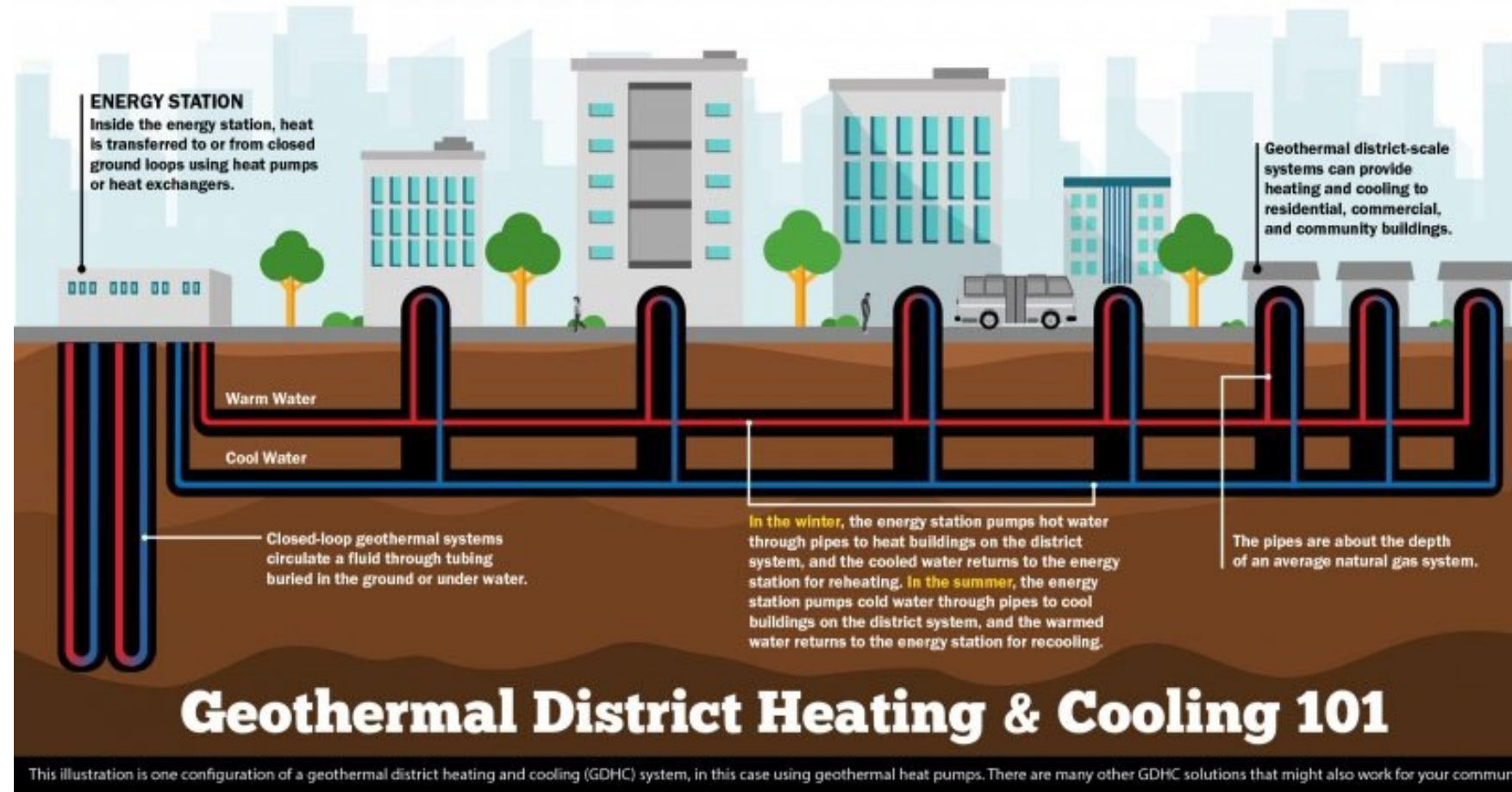
Heat exchangers and circulation pumps for the geothermal district heating system in Klamath Falls, OR. Photo by Geo-Heat Center (NREL Pix 03694)





# Geothermal District Heating and Cooling Systems

- Low-temperature, shallow systems
- Hundreds to thousands of boreholes connected to district energy stations
- Central loops distribute hot and cold water to buildings
- Major trends:
  - Replace existing district systems
  - Often hybrid systems
  - Buildings slowly retrofitted and added to system





# Community Geothermal Initiative

Funds projects that will help communities **design and deploy geothermal district heating and cooling systems**, create related **workforce training**, and identify and **address environmental justice** concerns.

Widespread adoption of geothermal heating and cooling systems will help **decarbonize the building and electricity sectors**, **reduce energy costs for families**, and **boost resilience**.

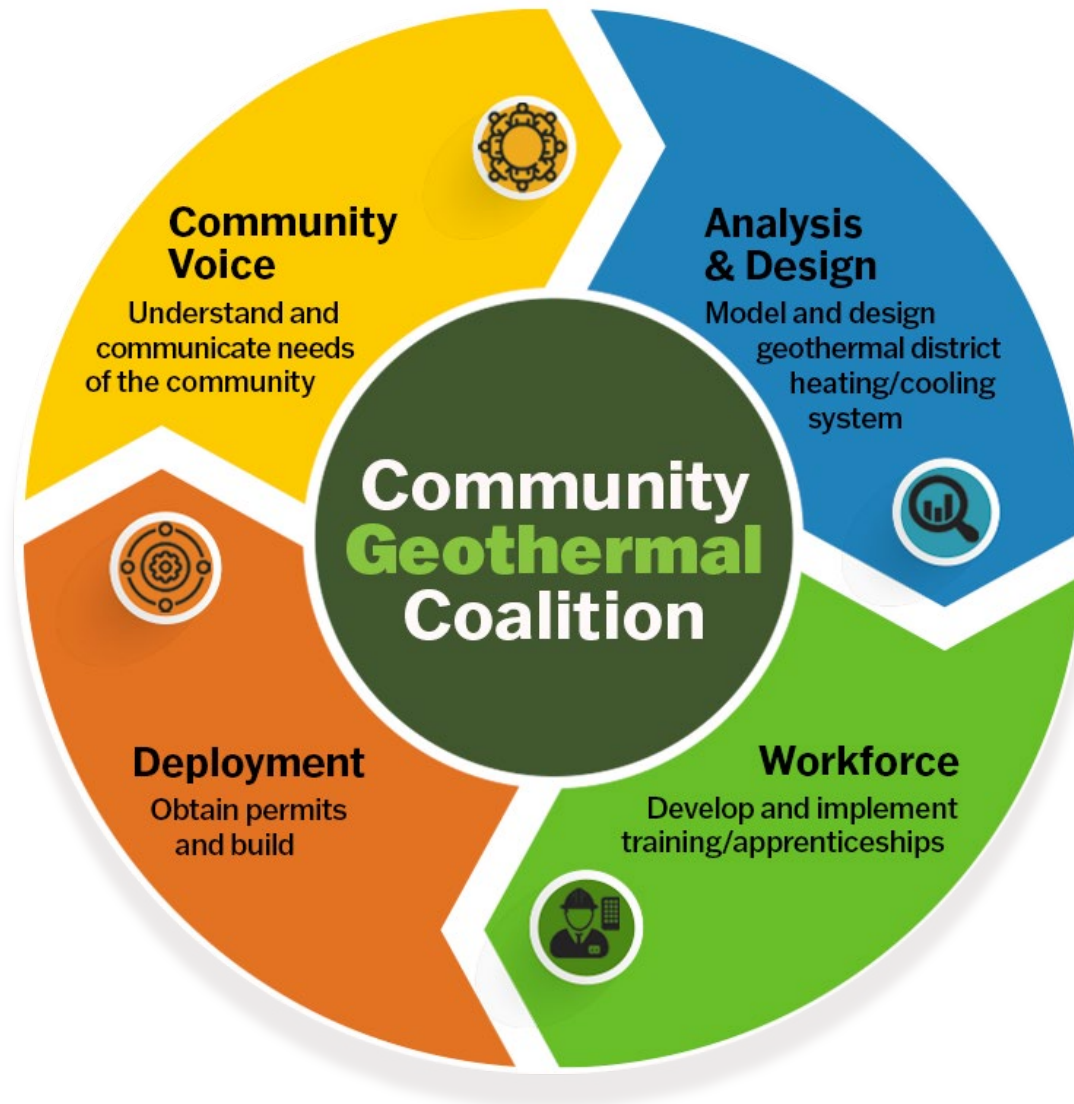


- Help expand community-scale geothermal by supporting new systems and developing case studies to be replicated throughout the country
- Support the formation of U.S.-based community coalitions that will develop, design, and install community geothermal heating and cooling systems that supply at least 25% of the heating and cooling load in communities
- Advance the objectives of GTO to realize the potential of community-scale geothermal heating and cooling nationwide.

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# Community-Focused Teams



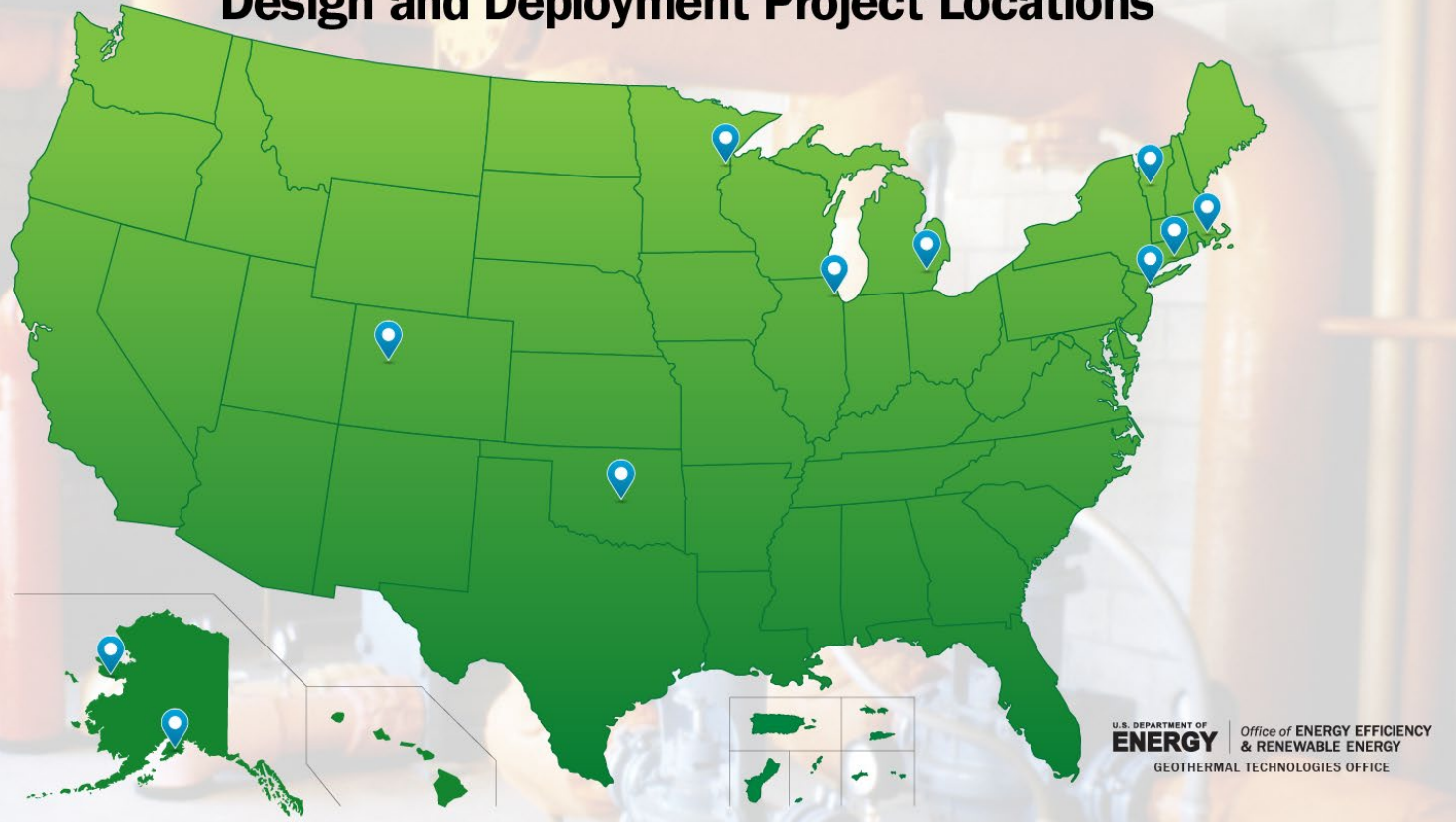
Community Geothermal Heating and Cooling initiative will help communities:

- Reduce energy burden and fossil fuel dependence
- Increase grid resilience and stability
- Improve environmental quality
- Support jobs



# Community Geothermal Projects

## Community Geothermal Heating and Cooling Design and Deployment Project Locations



Selected 11 communities in 10 states to assess and design community-scale geothermal heating and cooling systems

### Urban

- Ann Arbor, MI
- Chicago, IL
- Duluth, MN
- Framingham, MA
- New York City, NY
- Wallingford, CT

### Rural

- Carbondale, CO
- Hinesburg, VT
- Seward, AK
- Shawnee, OK

### Remote

- Nome, AK

Community Geothermal projects kicked off October 1st, and teams have participated in kick-off calls with the GTO team. In early FY25, GTO will select 2-4 projects to deploy their geothermal system designs in their community.

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# Thank You!



Klamath Falls, OR, where a geothermal system heats 23 downtown buildings and melts snow from sidewalks and bridges.

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[energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geovision](https://energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geovision)

Read GTO's **Multi-Year Program Plan**:  
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# Resources

GTO Website	<a href="https://geothermal.energy.gov">geothermal.energy.gov</a>
GTO Heat Pumps Page	<a href="https://energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geothermal-heat-pumps">energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geothermal-heat-pumps</a>
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GTO Funding Opportunities	<a href="https://energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geothermal-technologies-office-open-funding-opportunities">energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geothermal-technologies-office-open-funding-opportunities</a>
DOE Office of State and Community Energy Programs	<a href="https://energy.gov/scep/office-state-and-community-energy-programs">energy.gov/scep/office-state-and-community-energy-programs</a>
White House Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook	<a href="https://whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/">whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/</a>
EPA's ENERGY STAR Program	<a href="https://energystar.gov/">energystar.gov/</a>