

SCHEDULE OF TASKS IN MONTHS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<b>Preliminary Information Gathering</b>																									
Conduct basic screening for suitability																									
Identify usable equipment & materials on the farm																									
Investigate ranges of system installation & operating costs																									
Tour other projects, talk to digester operators																									
<b>Technical &amp; Feasibility</b>																									
Utility issues + interconnection																									
Technical feasibility issues																									
Business structure																									
Research financing																									
Research zoning + permitting requirements																									
<b>Planning Permits &amp; Contracting</b>																									
Talk to neighbors about project																									
Talk to contractors, get pre-bid proposals																									
Project engineering																									
Interconnection application																									
Zoning and building permits																									
Environmental review (for USDA funding)																									
Prepare general contract bid documents (if required)																									
Power purchase agreement with utility																									
Secure financing + grants																									
Contracting																									
<b>Construction &amp; Installation</b>																									
Insurance																									
Any modifications to engineering designs																									
Construction and installation																									
Startup + shakeout																									
Final commissioning + inspections																									
Interconnection testing + agreement signed																									
<b>O &amp; M</b>																									
Digester & generator operation training																									
Maintenance record keeping, other parameters (ongoing)																									
Generator lubricant testing (periodic)																									
Optional - mass balance tests to optimize system																									

# Plan Your Digester Project Schedule

