

# ReForge Nexus: Scaling Down for Smaller Cities and Hobbyists

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## Making ReForge Nexus Accessible for All

ReForge Nexus is a 5-in-1 system designed to transform pollution into profit, power, and products—but its \$7.5 million build cost and large-scale operations might be out of reach for smaller cities or individual hobbyists. This bonus guide shows how to adapt the concept for lower budgets and smaller scales, from a small-town facility to a backyard project. We'll keep the steps general, focusing on the core ideas—makers will need to research materials, processes, and local regulations to bring their version to life. Whether you're a small city mayor or a DIY enthusiast, ReForge Nexus can work for you!



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## ReForge Nexus for Small Cities

Smaller cities with limited budgets can still benefit from ReForge Nexus by scaling down its operations while keeping the 5-in-1 functionality. Here's how to adapt the system:

- **Step 1: Reduce Scale of Inputs**

- **Trash:** Process 1-2 tons of trash daily instead of 10 tons. Source waste from local households or small businesses.
- **Air:** Clean 5,000-10,000 cubic feet of air per day, focusing on high-pollution areas like near a local factory or busy road.
- **Water:** Purify 1,000-2,000 gallons of water daily, using a nearby stream or rainwater collection.

- **Step 2: Simplify Energy Conversion**

- Use a smaller waste-to-energy system (e.g., a compact incinerator or biomass burner) to generate heat and power. This can drive basic machinery or provide electricity for a few hundred homes (e.g., 200-500 homes instead of 2,000).
- Capture mechanical energy from water flow with a small turbine or similar device, powering limited operations.

- **Step 3: Streamline Cleaning and Manufacturing**

- Combine polluted air and water in a smaller chamber, using heat from the waste-to-energy process to clean them. Focus on basic filtration methods to keep costs low.
- Manufacture 100-200 units daily (e.g., simple tools or household items) using a single robotic arm or manual assembly line.

- **Step 4: Focus on Local Impact**

- Sell clean water and manufactured goods to the local community, generating smaller but sustainable revenue (e.g., \$200,000/year).
- Use excess power to support local schools, clinics, or small businesses, building community goodwill.

**Estimated Cost:** \$500,000–\$1 million, depending on local labor and material costs.

**Impact:** Cleaner air and water for a small town, power for 200-500 homes, 10-20 direct jobs, and a model for sustainable growth.

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## **ReForge Nexus for Hobbyists**

Hobbyists can build a micro-scale ReForge Nexus in their backyard or garage, focusing on the core concepts of waste-to-resource conversion. This version is more experimental but can still make a difference!

- **Step 1: Start with Small Inputs**

- **Trash:** Process 5-10 pounds of household waste daily (e.g., food scraps, non-recyclable plastics).
- **Air:** Clean 100-500 cubic feet of air per day, targeting indoor air or a small outdoor area.
- **Water:** Purify 10-50 gallons of water daily, using rainwater or a local source.

- **Step 2: Use DIY Energy Conversion**

- Build a small waste-to-energy setup, such as a DIY biomass burner or a solar-powered heater, to generate heat. Use this to power a small fan or pump.
- Capture mechanical energy from water flow with a simple waterwheel or hand-built turbine, driving a small generator for basic electricity (e.g., to charge a battery).

- **Step 3: Basic Cleaning and Production**

- Combine polluted air and water in a small container, using heat to evaporate and condense the water for purification. Filter the air with a DIY filter (e.g., activated charcoal).

- Produce 1-5 small items daily (e.g., 3D-printed parts, handmade tools) using a desktop 3D printer or basic tools.
- **Step 4: Personal and Community Benefits**
  - Use the clean water for gardening or household needs, and share excess with neighbors.
  - Use the small amount of power generated to run low-energy devices (e.g., LED lights, a phone charger).
  - Share your project online to inspire others, keeping the CC0 spirit alive.

**Estimated Cost:** \$1,000–\$5,000, depending on DIY materials and tools.

**Impact:** A personal sustainability project that reduces waste, cleans air and water on a small scale, and inspires others to experiment with green tech.

**Call to Action:**

Whether you're a small city or a hobbyist, ReForge Nexus can be adapted to fit your needs. Start small, experiment, and share your results—together, we can build a network of sustainable solutions worldwide!



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