

Community Solar

An Opportunity to Rebuild a Bright Economy for Pennsylvania

With 235 projects planned across 48 counties, community solar is poised to provide a major \$1.8 billion economic stimulus to Pennsylvania. Members of the General Assembly are already working to revitalize our economy and should pass community solar legislation to make it part of the economic recovery plan. Revenue from community solar projects can help fill a looming state budget gap, inject investment into communities across the commonwealth and save consumers money on their energy bills.

What is Community Solar?

Community solar projects are small, local solar facilities shared by multiple community subscribers who receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced. The voluntary projects are developed at no cost to taxpayers.

Community Solar will Produce Major Economic Impact in Pennsylvania

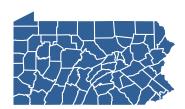
According to Penn State University, <u>community solar projects would generate \$1.8 billion in economic impact</u> for Pennsylvania right away if community solar legislation were passed.



\$1.8 BILLION
IN SHORT-TERM
ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$574,260 IN ANNUAL REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES



48 OF PA'S 67COUNTIES HAVE
PLANNED FACILITIES



\$83 MILLIONIN LOCAL REVENUE

Community Solar will Generate Revenue for Pennsylvania Farmers

Passing community solar legislation will allow farmers to generate much-needed income by leasing small, unused or underutilized portions of their land to community solar gardens.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau supports community solar and urges the legislature to take action, saying: <u>"The time is now to move ahead and take action on community solar to support our farms and add power to our economy."</u>



Community Solar will Create Thousands of Local Jobs Across Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's construction and building trades would be heavily involved in the development of community solar projects.





<u>"Pennsylvania is a state with diverse energy resources, and community solar provides an important opportunity to foster good-paying renewable energy jobs,"</u> said Anthony Seiwell, Business Manager for the Laborers' District Council of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Community Solar Enjoys Overwhelming, Bipartisan Support from Pennsylvania Voters

<u>Polling shows Pennsylvania voters overwhelming support community solar and want the opportunity to participate</u>. In fact, 77 percent of voters support community solar and over 60 percent say they would consider subscribing to a project if they had the option.

