



A Review of the Mount Laurel Township Community Solar Project Benefits

Prepared for: Mount Laurel Residents

About Solar Landscape:



Solar Landscape is the leading NJ-based solar energy developer, installer, and owner/operator of commercial and community solar projects. The company has more solar projects with a majority of low- and moderate-income subscribers than any developer in the country.



What Matters to Us?



Clean Energy
Equity



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What is Community Solar?

https://nj.pseg.com/saveenergyandmoney/solarandrenewableenergy/community_solar

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Community Solar

The Community Solar Energy Pilot Program enables utility customers to participate in a solar energy project that is remotely located from their property.

See our [community solar brochure](#) to get started.

Learn About Community Solar

The Board is pleased to announce that it has launched the [Community Solar Project Finder](#) to connect interested customers with community solar projects that serve their area. Developed in partnership with Sustainable Jersey, the Project Finder allows residents to search by ZIP code to view projects that are currently seeking subscribers.

How community solar works for subscribers:



Program Updates

- [Solar Scam Warning](#)
 - [Successor Solar Incentive Program Order](#)
 - [CEA Solar Transition Proceeding](#)
- Other updates posted.

NJ Solar Installations

Solar Installations

172,791

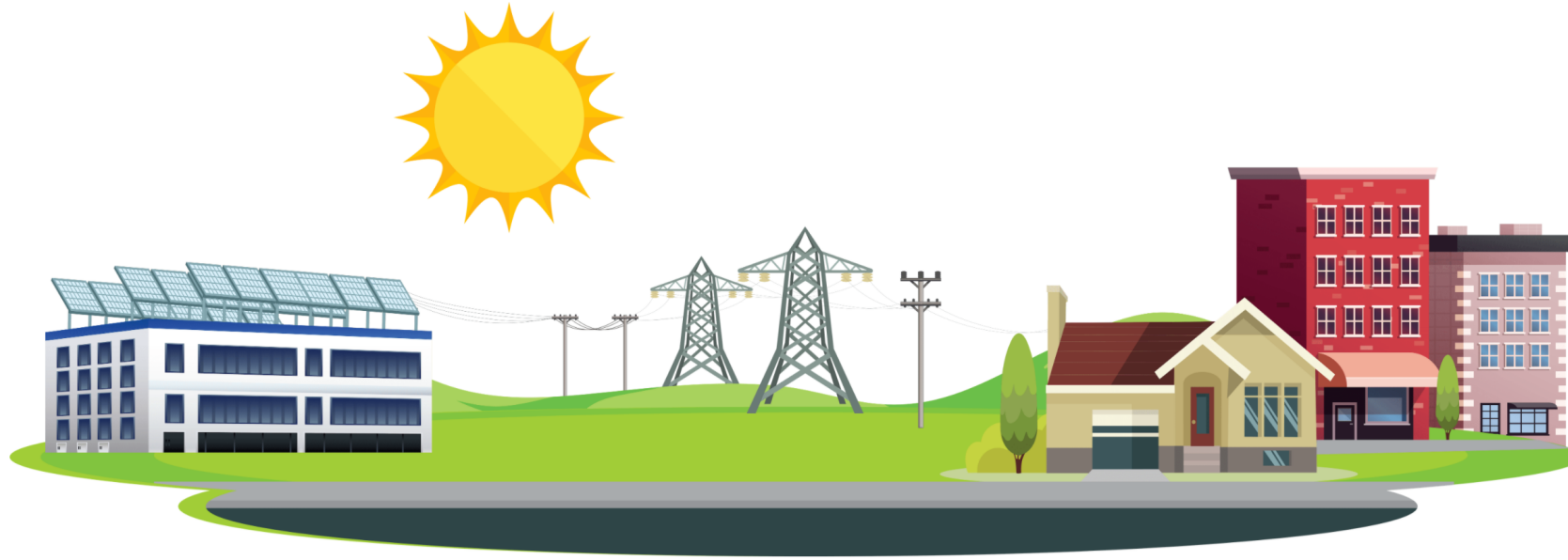
As of February 2023 over
172,791 New Jersey homes &
businesses have installed a
solar electric system.

Find a Trade Ally





How Community Solar Works



1

A solar developer applies to build a project on a commercial rooftop, landfill, or brownfield. Once it is awarded by the BPU the developer has a year to build the project.

2

The energy is put into the local utility grid to service adjacent municipalities or counties depending on the application.

3

An interested community member accesses the project through the project's subscription website to receive discounted solar energy.

Benefits of Community Solar



ENERGY GENERATION

Each project generates kWh of clean electricity to be sold to NJ residents.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Community Solar projects are already preventing millions of tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere every year.



ENERGY EQUITY

Expanding environmental justice by ensuring solar access for all – especially underserved communities.



COST SAVINGS

Subscribers receive a 25% cost savings on the portion of solar credited to their bill



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Distribution _____
Resolution No. 21-R-46

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2021

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY
SOLAR PROJECT IN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, Solar Landscape presented to the Township Manager and Solicitor regarding its community solar project located on East Gate Drive and Gaither Drive including fielding questions and suggestions from the Manager and Solicitor regarding how this project can best serve Township's residents; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the State of New Jersey has promoted energy policies that have created a vibrant solar energy market; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey adopted the 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan, *Pathway to 2050*; and the legislature passed the Clean Energy Act of 2018

WHEREAS, Strategy 6 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the State to:

Support community energy planning and action with an emphasis on encouraging and supporting participation by low- and moderate-income and environmental justice communities; and

WHEREAS, Goal 6.2.1 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the support of community-led development of community solar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Township Council is knowledgeable about the direct benefits of community solar projects as approved by the Board of Public Utilities, including the following:

Local, clean power generation
Support for active participation in the program by low- and moderate-income families
Reduction of energy bills for all participants
Job training, certification support, and job placement in the solar industry

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is estimate to assist approximately 340 homes with reduced rate energy purchasing (a 20% reduction); will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis but geared so at least 51% of the homes benefiting and classified as deed restricted low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, the Township acceptance of the program does not alleviate or minimize in anyway the vendor's need to seek and gain approvals before the appropriate land development board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel supports the Solar Landscape community solar project located at, 116 Gaither Drive and 820 East Gate Drive in Mount Laurel and authorizes the vendor to use a copy of this resolution as proof of the Township's support of its application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township will continue to collaborate with Solar Landscape in furtherance of bringing the financial and environmental benefits of this project to our residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township supports green energy alternatives within our municipality and will help make subscriber information available to our constituents for all community solar projects that meet the criteria for our residents' participation.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on January 25, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY

MOUNT LAUREL
SAVE  WATER
Where the People Shine

The Township of Mount Laurel
passed a municipal resolution
supporting the benefits of your
local Solar Landscape
Community Solar Projects

Your Mount Laurel Projects



820 East Gate Drive



116 Gaither Drive



ENERGIZED

This project will be energized in July 2023 and will provide residents energy cost savings.



HOUSEHOLDS POWERED

This projects will power more than 340 Mount Laurel homes, condos and apartments.



AVAILABILITY

250 households can still enroll. You can reserve your spot on a community solar project today!

NJ Community Solar Impact

150

Approved Projects

The total number of community solar projects approved in the first two years of the NJ Community Solar Energy Pilot Program .

+35,000

NJ Residents

The number of NJ residences powered by clean solar energy without the need for panels on residential rooftops

+200,000

Metric Tons

Carbon dioxide that will be prevented from entering the NJ atmosphere each year by projects built through the first two years of New Jersey's Community Solar program



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“Everybody should be able to take advantage of the opportunities that solar provides, regardless of where they live and regardless of their income level.”

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

New Jersey Community Solar & Mount Laurel



Statewide initiative to bring environmental justice, lower costs and cleaner air to communities



Access for All
apartments, condos, high rises,
with no solar panels needed



51% of the electricity generated
must be sold to low to
moderate income households



Guaranteed Discount
at least 25% every year
on electricity cost



Enroll on-line.
No long-term contracts.
No fees to enroll or cancel.

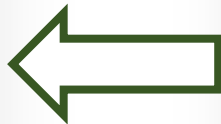


We partner with local non-profits
to help with their fundraising
efforts through our project

Arcadia CS Bill Management System

In addressing community feedback in Community Solar Round 1 projects, we have partnered with Arcadia:

- ✓ **Simple Website**
- ✓ **Subscriber Enrollment**
- ✓ **Summary Billing**

The Arcadia logo is displayed on a dark green rectangular background. The word "Arcadia" is written in a white, sans-serif font. There are two small green star-like symbols: one above the 'i' and one to the left of the 'A'. The background has thin green horizontal lines at the top and bottom.

Arcadia

Enrolling in the Mount Laurel Community Solar Project

Step 1 : www.solarlandscape.com/25

Arcadia



START SAVING WITH SOLAR

Whether you rent an apartment or own a home, you can save on energy costs by joining a local solar farm. Arcadia and Solar Landscape have teamed up to make it easy for you to enroll and get solar savings.

Plus, save 25% on your power bill.



Enrolling in the Mount Laurel Community Solar Project

Step 2 : Arcadia Account Set Up

Electric utility

PSE&G

First name

John

Last name

Doe

Email

Johndoe@email.com

Password

Must contain 8 characters and a number.

Did you get an invite code? If so, add it here.

MTLaurel

By continuing you agree to Arcadia's [Privacy Policy](#) and [General Terms of Service](#).

Continue

Step 3 : Connect your PSE&G Account to a Community Solar Project

Community solar


Next, sync your utility account to our secure platform.

We need your utility information to understand your energy usage and maximize your savings. We're not replacing PSE&G. Nothing changes about how you get or use energy. And don't worry, we use industry-standard encryption to keep your data safe and secure.

[? Why do we need to sync with your utility?](#)

Sync utility

Connect utility account

 **PSEG**

Please enter your PSE&G login credentials. We always keep your data safe and secure.

Username for PSE&G

Password for PSE&G

Submit


I need help with this

Enrolling in the Mount Laurel Community Solar Project

Step 4 : Enter your payment information

Now, choose a way to pay your utility bill.


With Arcadia, you'll never be charged extra to participate in community solar. But we do need you to set up auto-payment for your PSE&G bills through our secure platform so we can directly apply your monthly savings. [Learn more.](#)







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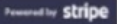
☒ Credit card ☐ Checking account

Card details

 Card number

MM / YY CVC





Add payment method

Step 5 : Confirm your information and LMI Eligibility

Do you qualify as low or moderate income (LMI)?

Households that qualify as low to moderate income are prioritized for placement on solar farms in order to receive their savings faster.

☐ Yes, I self-attest that I am LMI.

If you choose this option after clicking "Looks good to me" below, you will see a form to self-attest your income status.

☒ I don't know if I qualify for LMI.

If you aren't sure, that's ok. After clicking "Looks good to me" below, you will see a form to self-attest your income status. Go ahead and sign it, your status is subject to approval.

☐ No, I do not qualify

☒ I have read the [Community Solar Subscription Agreement](#) and the [Community Solar Disclosure Form](#). By proceeding, I will be submitting my e-signature.

Looks good to me!

Community Solar Low to Moderate Income Thresholds

Number of People in Household	Maximum Income to Qualify as LMI
1	\$62,600
2	\$71,500
3	\$80,450
4	\$89,400
5	\$96,550
6	\$103,700
7	\$110,850
8	\$118,000



Arcadia

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Community Solar Arcadia Billing

Billing period	Payment date	Payment method	Energy usage
May 23 – Jun 23	June 28, 2022	visa	322 kWh

Product	Amount
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Public Service Electric and Gas	\$117.36
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* PSE&G Bill: \$17.36

* Portion of electricity supplied by the standard grid

* Community Solar Farm: \$100.00

* Portion of electricity supplied by the community solar project

Solar Farm Savings	- \$25.00
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25% Savings from Community Solar Farm: \$25.00

Total	\$92.36
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1

Utility total before the community solar credit discount is applied

2

Community Solar discount is applied

3

Total amount you pay to Arcadia. Arcadia will pay your utility and Solar Landscape accounts

What to Expect After Subscribing



You save your spot on a Community Solar Project



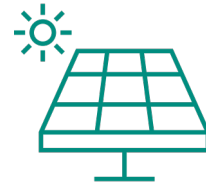
Arcadia will coordinate payments to PSE&G through autopay



Consolidated electric bills will now be sent to you by Arcadia



Community solar savings every month when the project is turned on



You are now part of a local, clean, and lower cost energy project!

NOTE: If you currently pay your PSE&G bill through automatic payments this will have to be turned off first

Note: You are still a PSE&G customer and may check your bill on-line at any time as you have always done




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