



Project Updates

The Ridge View Solar project team continues to conduct studies in support of our application to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting. Our team of consultants includes the New York-based EDR and Fisher Associates, who are performing wetland delineations, archeological surveys, and property surveys. These studies, along with your feedback, will help to inform the project design

and minimize impacts to important resources.

A public meeting will be held in 2023 to share the results of the studies and our preliminary design. Construction is expected to begin in 2025, with operation by late 2026.

See below for exciting information about opportunities to participate in our host community benefit program called 'Sharing the Sun'!

Help us Share the Sun!

EDF Renewables is in the process of establishing a **Sharing the Sun** fund that will award funding to local projects and initiatives. We will make annual contributions of \$15,000 to this fund before construction begins and \$40,000 annually during construction and operation.

We are forming a local Sharing the Sun committee to oversee the application process and select awardees. Committee members will work hand-in-hand with the Ridge View project team and spend about five hours per year for a two-year term.

To participate as a Sharing the Sun committee member, please contact us at newyorksolar@edf-re.com or 1-833-333-7369 **by November 30th, 2022.**

Stay tuned for more information on how to apply for funds! Visit us at www.ridgeviewsolar.com for updates.

Agrivoltaics: Solar + Farming, a Winning Combination

EDF Renewables collaborates with landowners and farmers to integrate agriculture and energy production, which is known as agrivoltaics. Through agrivoltaics, farmers have enhanced their practices to include livestock grazing, crop production, and pollinators, resulting in greater economic growth. Other benefits of agrivoltaics include improving soil quality, conserving water, and promoting healthy ecosystems.

The Ridge View Solar project team formed an agrivoltaics committee earlier this year to discuss the potential for agrivoltaics in Hartland. The group has learned about the benefits of agrivoltaics, heard from experienced guest speakers, and discussed grazing of miniature breeds and growing crops under solar panels. We've met twice and plan to meet again before the year's end. Please contact us if you'd like to join the committee!



PROJECT SCHEDULE

- 2022 - 2023**
Complete Field Studies, Prepare 94-c Permit Application
- EARLY/MID 2023**
Public Meeting to Update Community
- MID 2023**
Submit Section 94-c Permit Application
- 2024**
94-c Permit Approval
- 2025 - 2026**
Project Construction
- 2026**
Operation Begins

Supporting the Community

The Ridge View Solar project will bring significant new benefits to the local community, including an estimated \$1.5 million annually in taxes, a host community agreement, and payments in lieu of taxes. For the approximately 2,000-acre project area, this translates to \$750 per acre for each year of operation, or \$3,000 per acre in total local revenues when factoring in landowner payments, locally sourced services and on-site labor.

Other community benefits include:

- **\$100/yr household electricity bill rebate** for the first 10 years of operation for all households in the Town of Hartland;
- **Over 350 jobs created** for about two years during construction and four full-time jobs during operation; and
- **Community support** through our Sharing the Sun fund, scholarships to high school students, and other programs as identified in conjunction with local stakeholders.



Solar Fun Fact

Did you know jobs in the renewable energy field are increasing in demand due to New York State's commitment to have 70% of its electricity generated by renewable energy by 2030? This is a great time to pursue a related trade or educational program such as construction and maintenance, environmental engineering, environmental and conservation science, renewable energy, and sustainable management and policy.

Follow these links to explore programs at SUNY schools and trade schools:

<https://bit.ly/3gpir2a>

<https://bit.ly/3F3aOIO>

Follow this link to explore current job openings:

<https://bit.ly/3CSApla>

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