

PROJECT PROFILE

Ridge View Solar Project is a 350 MW ground mounted solar project proposed by EDF Renewables (EDFR) and located in the Town of Hartland, Niagara County. Ridge View Solar is proud to make a significant contribution toward meeting the state mandates set forth for renewable energy generation in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. In addition, Ridge View Solar will make important contributions toward developing a clean energy workforce and stabilizing the local economy for decades to come.

The project will be sited on about 2,000 acres of land. EDFR is a responsible developer and we always strive to minimize adverse impacts, by avoiding wetlands and the clearing of trees where possible. Extensive field studies are conducted for environmental, cultural and noise. The results of these studies help make project decisions to further minimize impacts and protect community characteristics. Fencing and buffering designs are also considered to preserve local character.

Construction is scheduled to begin as early as 2025 with project operation aimed to begin by 2026. Throughout the construction phase we will be communicating with the local community to explore utilizing local resources such as hospitality, raw materials, and labor whenever possible.

EDF Renewables values our relationships with project communities. We will continue to work with the town, landowners, neighbors and the community for the life of the project. We appreciate your feedback and welcome any input you may have.

Local Benefits

EDF Renewables recognizes the need to provide benefits to all members of the communities and below are some of our community initiatives:

- \$40,000 annual Sharing the Sun donation program during construction and the first 10 years of operation given to community groups and initiatives, chosen by a local selection committee.
- \$2,000 annual scholarship awarded annually until the 10th year of operation to a Roy-Hart and Barker school district students interested in the trades or renewable energy.
- Facilitating integration of local workforce opportunities with training and employment centers, BOCES, community colleges and union institutions, to educate and integrate the local workforce into local solar project opportunities.

Potential Benefits of Ridge View Solar

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300+ prevailing wage positions at the peak of construction, including partnerships with state union groups

> \$ \$1M+

in new revenues to the town, county and school districts annually over the life of the project



annual rebate towards household electricity bills for the first 10 years of operation as mandated by the Public Service Commission Host Community Benefit Program

Sharing the Sun Opportunities for Agrivoltaics

Using the same parcel of land for traditional farming practices and solar pv arrays can create additional economic opportunities, additional environmental benefits and preserve the local character. At EDF Renewables' Arnprior site, we have successfully integrated bee foraging and monarch butterfly habitats, and sheep grazing under the panels for five years.

Not only are there opportunities for sheep grazing and bee foraging, but other potential opportunities could include growing potatoes, berries, pumpkins, and herbs near solar modules. Through this integrative land use, additional environmental benefits are possible, such as carbon sequestration and added biodiversity.

We welcome any additional ideas the community may have for further opportunities to combine agriculture and solar production. As a matter of fact, we've already started the conversation with some of your neighbors!









Contact our Project Team

Please be free to reach out to our project team at any time.

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Let's talk energy.

