# **NY-Sun** Solar For Communities & Local Governments





SUPPORT new job creation

**CREATE** a cleaner future

MANAGE solar energy development

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## Strengthen your local economy with solar

Ready to join the growing number of cities and towns powering their communities with solar energy? NYSERDA offers communities with resources and guidance on encouraging, implementing, and managing solar development—making it easier for your businesses and residents to access the many benefits of clean energy. Our tools and resources help local governments navigate local permitting, property taxes, and more.

### Why solar makes sense

Solar development offers several benefits, such as:

- Expanding access to clean energy for your residents
- Lowering the cost of energy
- Increasing local spending in communities
- Contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment

### **NYSERDA** resources

#### New York State Solar Guidebook

NYSERDA's New York State Solar Guidebook helps local officials prepare for solar energy development, reduce administrative burdens, attract outside investment, and lower the cost of electricity for residents. The Guidebook contains information, tools, and step-by-step instructions on several topics including, the solar permitting process, property taxes, model solar energy law, and more.

#### **Technical Assistance**

NYSERDA offers local governments one-on-one help to meet their clean energy goals. Free technical assistance is available to local governments on clean energy zoning, permitting, property taxes, procurement, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), or other questions your municipality may have.



#### Workshops

NYSERDA offers complimentary workshops on several topics including zoning and planning, property tax, and code enforcement. Our team will work with your community to set up workshops and provide instruction on how our resources can help manage responsible clean energy development. Some workshops count for continuing education credits.

#### Solarize Campaigns

Solarize is a grassroots marketing and outreach campaign that provides education and awareness to residents. NYSERDA works with community leaders, local governments, and organizations to rollout Solarize campaigns, where members can negotiate rates collectively, select an installer competitively, and decrease up-front costs associated with going solar. Solarize campaigns have helped thousands of households and businesses access clean, locally produced power throughout the State.

# **Ready to go solar?**

Learn more about what solar can do for your community at nyserda.ny.gov/solarcommunities or call 1-866-NYSERDA



NY-Sun, a dynamic public-private partnership, will drive growth in the solar industry and make solar technology more affordable for all New Yorkers. NY-Sun brings together and expands existing programs administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), PSEG Long Island, and the New York Power Authority (NYPA), to ensure a coordinated, well-supported solar energy expansion plan and a transition to a sustainable, self-sufficient solar industry.

NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and support to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA professionals work to protect the environment and create clean energy jobs. NYSERDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York State since 1975. To learn more about NYSERDA's programs, visit nyserda.ny.gov or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, or Instagram.

