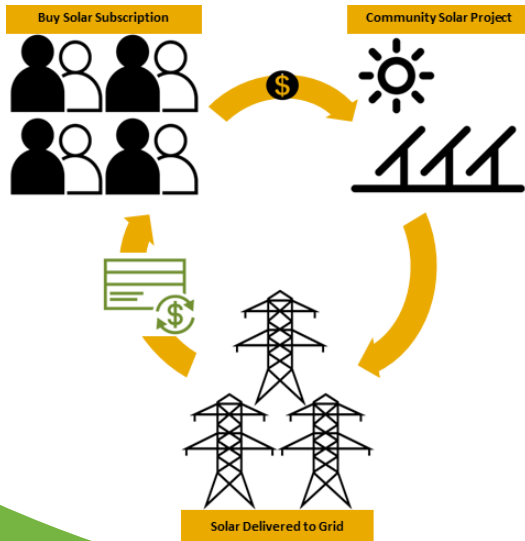


# WHY COMMUNITY SOLAR?

Community solar projects enable greater access to solar energy. Electric utility customers who have previously been unable to go solar, due to a variety of factors including cost, unsuitable roof, or lack of roof control, can now access this renewable energy.

It enables low- & moderate- income households and the environmental justice community greater access to clean energy and savings on their electricity bills.

Community solar encourages local clean energy development without compromising the preservation of open space or protected lands in New Jersey.



# QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Program representatives are available to assist you in exploring or implementing any aspect of the Community Solar Energy Program.

Please call or send us an e-mail if you have any questions.

Complete program details and guidelines are available on our website. You can stay up-to-date on program developments by signing up for our email listserv.

## For additional information:

**Visit:** [NJCleanEnergy.com/COMMUNITYSOLAR](https://www.njcleanenergy.com/COMMUNITYSOLAR)

**E-mail:** [CommunitySolar@NJCleanEnergy.com](mailto:CommunitySolar@NJCleanEnergy.com)

**Call:** 866-NJSMART (866-657- 6278)

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program is a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities that promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy for all New Jersey ratepayers, including residences, businesses, schools, and municipalities. For more information on incentives for clean energy and energy-efficient technologies for your home or business, please visit [NJCleanEnergy.com](https://www.njcleanenergy.com).



# COMMUNITY SOLAR





## What is community solar?

A community solar project is a solar array whose output is virtually divided among multiple participants, known as subscribers. Subscribers receive a bill credit on their utility bill for their participation in a community solar project.

Subscribers are not directly connected to the solar array. They can be down the road, across town or even all the way across the state. All subscribers must be located in the same utility service area as the project to which they have subscribed. Community solar projects typically offer their subscribers a 15-25% discount on their electricity bills.

## How big is a community solar project?

A project cannot be larger than 5MW. This could power up to 1,250 houses and an array could cover approximately 15-20 acres. There is no minimum size.

Each project must have at least 10 subscribers.

## How many community solar projects are there?

As part of the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, the Board approved 150 projects across New Jersey. Many of these are already producing clean energy for subscribers and others are under construction. The permanent community solar program will likely see over 100 new projects built every year.

## Where can these community solar arrays go?

Rooftops, parking lots, brownfields, landfills and impervious surfaces are all great options for siting community solar.

Not all sites are suitable for solar due to shading, interconnecton and other factors.

## Can anyone participate?

Yes! Anyone who is an electric utility customer in New Jersey can participate.

## How do I sign up?

Check out the Community Solar Project Finder at [www.sustainablejersey.com/communitysolar](http://www.sustainablejersey.com/communitysolar)



to search by zip code for projects serving your area. It includes links to project websites to sign up and other resources.



## Who is involved in a project?

There are three primary roles for any community solar project:

- Site Host
- Developer
- Subscriber

### Site Host

A site host has available space, such as a warehouse rooftop or a landfill site, that is well positioned to capture solar energy. The site may never have had a solar array or it may have additional area available adjacent to an existing array. A site host can partner with a developer and rent or sell the site used for the solar project.

### Developer

The solar developer will be responsible for the application, building, and maintenance of the solar array. The developer may partner with a registered subscriber organization to sign up subscribers.

### Subscriber

A subscriber can be a home or business that wants to use renewable energy but does not have an array on site. This may be because they are a renter or because their site is not optimal for an on-site solar system.

A subscriber pays a monthly subscription for a share of the project's solar power generation. Every project will have its own fees and contract. Be sure you read the contract and understand its terms and conditions before signing up.

### Benefits to Subscribing

- Access to local clean energy
- Savings on electric bill
- Local jobs & economic development