



# COMMUNITY-LED CLEAN ENERGY

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***Where I Live***

# OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- ❖ State energy policy supports local actions
  - ❖ Renewables taking over
  - ❖ Local action v. utility actions
- ❖ Local initiatives
  - Madison
  - Dane County, Middleton, Fitchburg
  - Chequamegon Bay area
- ❖ Solar group purchase programs
- ❖ Innovative arrangements – forward purchase of RE credits (MSN)

# WIS. STATS. 1.12 - STATE ENERGY POLICY


## (5) MEETING ENERGY DEMANDS.

- (a) In designing all new and replacement energy projects, a state agency or local governmental unit shall rely to the greatest extent feasible on energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy resources, if the energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy resources are cost-effective and technically feasible and do not have unacceptable environmental impacts.

## WIS. STATS. 1.12 - STATE ENERGY POLICY

(b) To the greatest extent cost-effective and technically feasible, a state agency or local governmental unit **shall design** all new and replacement energy projects following the priorities listed in sub. (4).

- ❖ *(a) Energy conservation and efficiency*
- ❖ *(b) Noncombustible renewable energy resources.*
- ❖ *(c) Combustible renewable energy resources.*
- ❖ *(cm) Advanced nuclear energy ....*
- ❖ *(d) Nonrenewable combustible energy resources ....*



The conclusion is clear: There are no external barriers to local pursuit of clean energy actions, so long as:

- ❖ The actions undertaken can be justified on the basis of cost and feasibility; and
- ❖ The actions are consistent with Wisconsin public utility law.

# SET CLEAN ENERGY GOALS FOR GOVT. BODY

X% RE by 20\_\_\_\_, or zero net energy by 20\_\_\_\_

## Issues:

- City operations, communitywide or both?
- Electric only or electric + transportation + heating?

# IMPORTANT STEPS

- **Determine City/County's Resource Baseline**
- **Determine Utility's Resource Baseline and Trend Line**





Solar accounts for 30% of  
all new electric generating  
capacity brought online in 2017



[seia.org/smi](http://seia.org/smi)





## American Wind Energy Association

### U.S. Wind Industry Fourth Quarter 2017 Market Report

A product of AWEA Data Services

Released January 25, 2017

The U.S. wind industry installed 4,125 megawatts (MW) of new wind capacity during the fourth quarter, bringing year-to-date installations to 7,017 MW. There are now 89,077 MW of cumulative installed capacity in the United States.

In addition to new installed wind capacity, 2,136 MW of partial repowerings were completed during 2017.

The U.S. wind industry reported 28,668 MW of wind capacity under construction or in advanced development, a 34% year-over-year increase. This includes 5,393 MW in new announcements made during the fourth quarter.

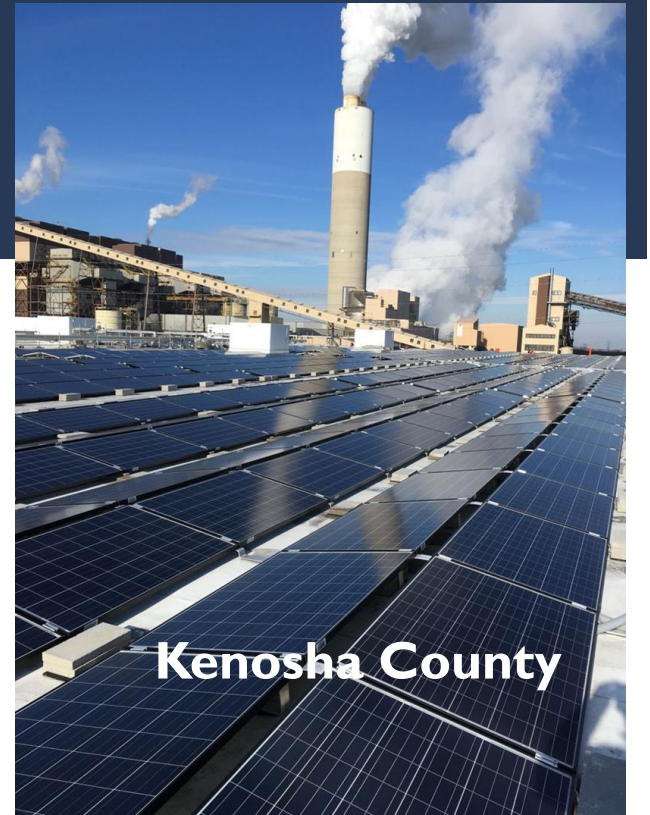
Nearly 5,500 MW of PPAs were signed during 2017, a 29% year-over-year increase. Corporate and other non-utility customers signed all 710 MW of PPAs announced during the fourth quarter.

# 7,000 MW installed in 2017





# WIND AND SOLAR ARE BOOMING



# WIND & SOLAR ARE ON THE HORIZON IN WISCONSIN

*Wisconsin Solar & Wind in  
April 2018 MISO Queue:*

*3,460 MW Solar*

*1,300 MW Wind*

*170 MW Battery*

*Numbers in map denote  
project size in megawatts*

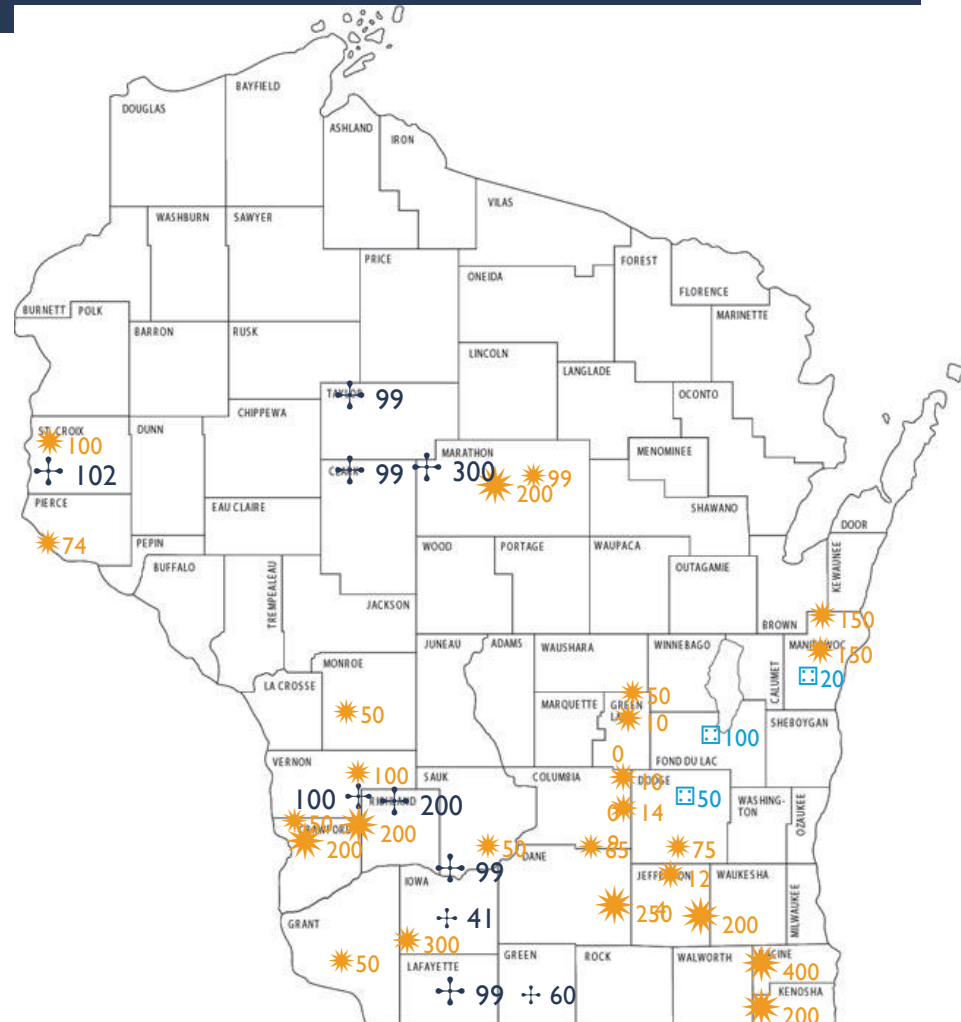
*If all this were built:*

*7.6% Solar*

*+6.7% Wind*

*23% Total Renewables*

*\$19 million to local governments and ~\$25  
million to landowners annually*



# Business

DOW 24,415.84 ▼ 251.94

S&P 500 2,705.27 ▼ 18.74

NASDAQ 7,442.12 ▼ 20.34

10-YEAR T-NOTE 2.86 ▲ 0.01

CRUDE OIL \$67.04 ▼ \$1.17

GOLD \$1,300.10 ▼ \$1.40

## Utilities to invest in solar power

### \$390 million project would provide enough electricity for 70,000 customers

**Guy Boulton** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

Two of the state's largest utilities plan to invest a total of \$390 million in two solar power projects that would be the first of their size in the state.

Wisconsin Public Service, a subsidiary of Milwaukee-based WEC Energy Group, and Madison Gas and Electric, as well as the developers of the projects,

filed applications for approval with state regulators Thursday.

The two solar projects would generate a total of 300 megawatts — enough electricity for more than 70,000 residential customers — and indicate the changing economics of large-scale solar projects.

As recently as the end of 2015, the state generated a total of 25 megawatts from solar power.

"Alternative energy is not really alternative anymore," said Dan Litchfield, a director of project development for Invenergy, the developer of one of the two projects.

The projects would be built in Iowa County, near the villages of Montfort and Cobb, about 12 miles west of Dodgeville, in southwestern Wisconsin, and in the Town of Two Creeks and the city of Two Rivers, near the Point Beach nuclear

power plant in northeastern Wisconsin, WPS and MGE said in a news release.

The project in Iowa County is being developed by Invenergy, a Chicago firm that develops wind and solar projects.

The project in Manitowoc and Kewaunee counties would be developed by NextEra Energy, based in Juno

**See SOLAR, Page 11A**



# MGE will add to solar projects

'Badger Hollow' would  
be largest solar farm  
in entire Midwest

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Madison Gas & Electric and Wisconsin Public Service, of Green Bay, say they will be partners in purchasing two solar energy projects that would be the biggest solar installations not only in Wisconsin, but throughout the Midwest.

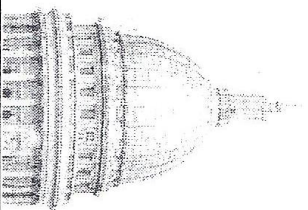
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LeBron James pours in 51 to  
lead Cavaliers into overtime, but  
Warriors pull away 124-114 in Game 1

## DRAMA KING

# WISCONSIN STATE



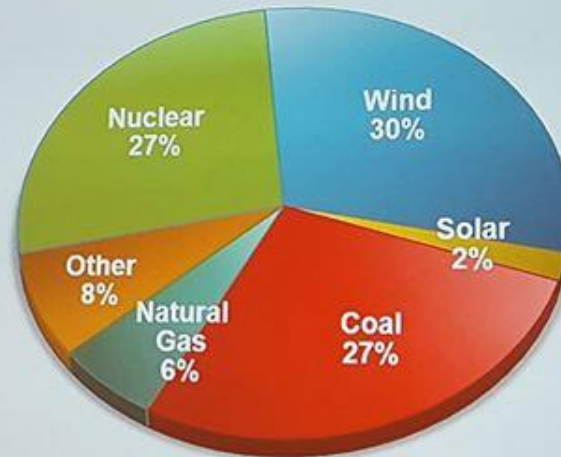
## Reducing Carbon Affordably Upper Midwest Energy Mix

### Now


- 25% renewable
- 55% carbon-free

### 2021

- 40% renewable
- 67% carbon-free



2021

 Xcel Energy®

**Now = 2016**

*Xcel has set its own timetable for expanding its reliance on renewables and decarbonizing its generation portfolio.*

# MidAmerican Energy Aims for 100 Percent Renewable Generation

May 1, 2017 <https://www.power-eng.com/articles/2017/05/midamerican-energy-aims-for-100-percent-renewable-generation.html>







# City of Madison's Story

June 2014	MGE proposes radical rate restructuring; municipalities (e.g., Madison) intervene in rate case; Repower Madison forms
April 2015	Sustainable Madison Committee (SMC) forms working group to craft energy plan for City
June 2016	Common Council adopts SMC-developed energy workplan; SMC initiates review of City's energy goals
Dec. 2016	SMC advances revised energy goals; alders sponsor 100% RE/net zero carbon resolution for City operations + MSN community
March 2017	City adopts 100% RE/net zero carbon resolution; allocates \$250K to hire consultant (SEG) to recommend timetables for City operations + MSN community; authorizes MOU between City + MGE
Sept. 2017	City approves Memorandum of Understanding with MGE
July 2018	City approves timetable for reaching 100% RE/net zero carbon

# MIDWEST ENERGY NEWS

<http://midwestenergynews.com/2017/03/24/wisconsins-capital-city-sets-a-high-bar-with-ambitious-renewable-energy-goal/>



## Wisconsin's capital city sets a high bar with ambitious renewable energy goal

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# Solar Powering Municipal Operations, City of Madison

Police Training



Community Center



Golf Course



68 kW installed  
in 2016

Traffic Engineering



Municipal Well



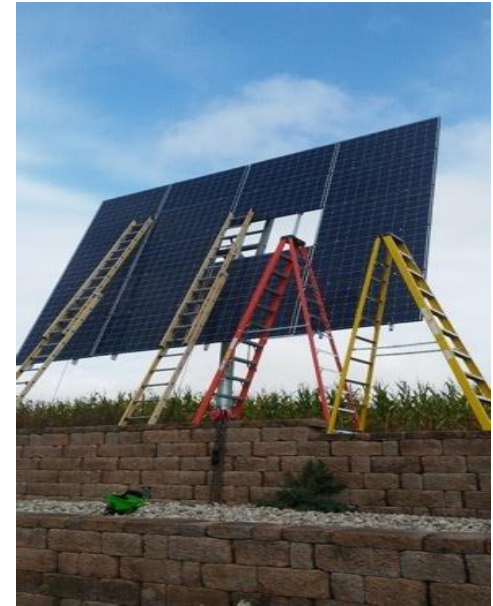




Well 26



## City of Madison Solar Training 2017



Location	Capacity (in kilowatts)
Streets West	99
Well #26	21.6
Fire Station #12	18.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>139.5</b>



Fire Station #12

Self-supply: City owns 332 kW of PV today



MADISON'S GREEN POWER APPRENTICES – 2018  
180 KW OF NEW PV CAPACITY PLANNED

## **BUT MADISON CAN'T GET TO 100% RE STRICTLY THROUGH SELF-GENERATION**

**Clearly, Madison will need to scale up solar going forward.**

**The City's consultant, Sustainable Engineering Group, is examining multiple solar financing/ownership pathways for achieving its goal of 100% renewable energy/net zero carbon for its operations.**

# PATHWAYS FOR 100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

- Self-supply (behind the meter)
- Purchase output from an off-site renewable project through a utility tariff (e.g. MGE's Renewable Energy Rider)
- Purchase green power provided by the local utility (e.g. MGE's Middleton shared solar project)
- Purchase RECs - renewable energy certificates (a form of project financing (from RE project owners))





**Dedication ceremony,  
Vernon Electric Cooperative  
community solar array  
June 26, 2014**



***First WI utility foray into solar energy***





**MGE Shared Solar  
Project  
Middleton Operations  
Center  
552 kW DC**

**Energized January 2017**



**Middleton Police  
Dept.  
97 kW DC**





# WHAT OTHER DANE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES ARE DOING



## **Middleton**

Use TIF financing to advance solar



## **Fitchburg**

Solarizing municipal operations

# Dane County eyes solar expansion

Thirty acres of panels could be installed at Dane County Regional Airport

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Dane County will explore the possibility of installing 30 acres of panels at the Dane County Regional Airport.

The airport will partner with to look into a project that could create more than 6 megawatts of electricity. After exploring the potential for the project, the firm would ask solar developers to submit proposals. The project would add to Dane County's growing profile of renewable energy sources.

"The future is now when it comes generating clean, renewable, home-grown energy, and I'm committed to Dane County leading the way," County Executive Joe Parisi said in a statement Thursday. "A project of this scale will take partners, and we think along the

Center and the Dane County Job Center.

Even without the planned additions, the county produced almost as much power from its existing solar operations and bio-gas generators from two landfills last year as it did



# DANE COUNTY COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

## Participants include

Municipalities

MMSD (Sewage)

Electric utilities

UW Health

Enviro. groups

MSN Chamber

UW-Madison

Clean Energy Co.'s



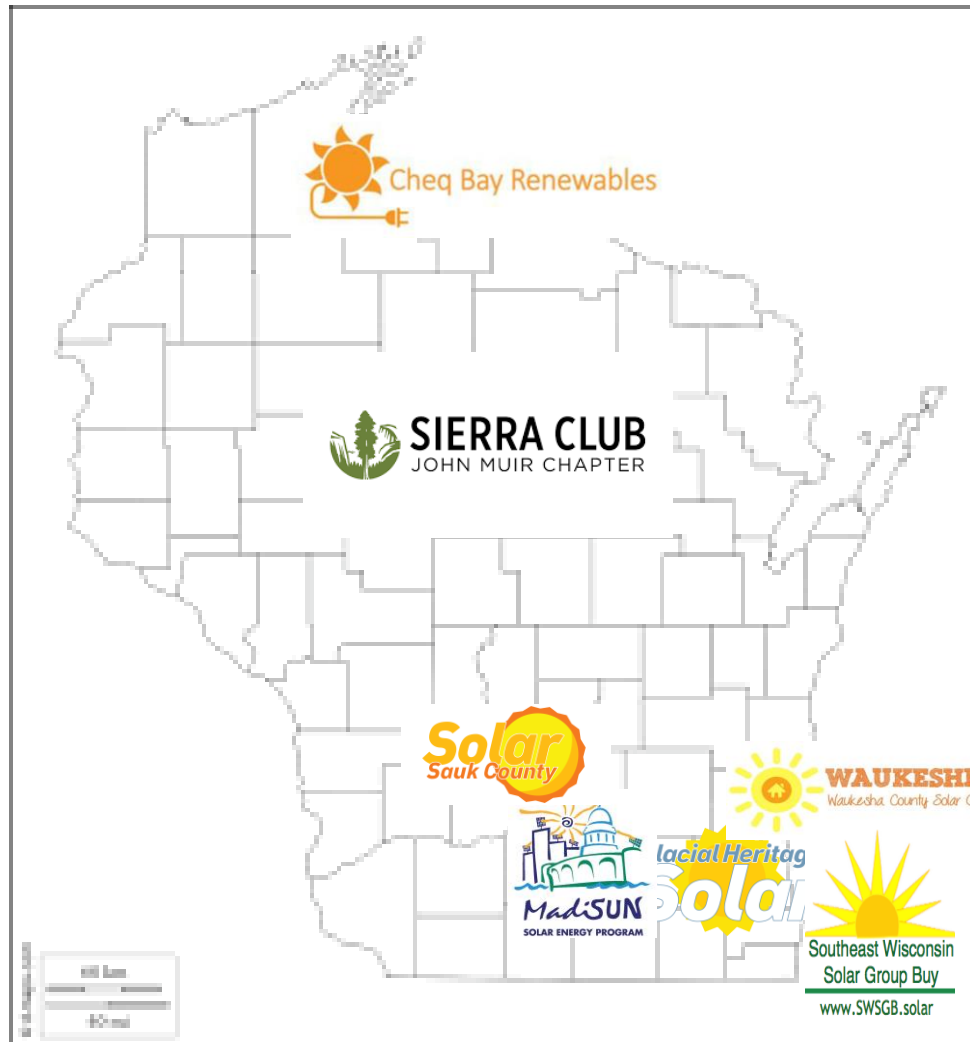
# COMMUNITY - MADISON'S SOLAR GROUP BUY PROGRAM



# WISCONSIN SOLAR GROUP BUYS – 2017

Program	Participants	Signed contracts	Aggregate capacity (in kW)
Solar Milwaukee/ Solar Tosa	Cities of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa/ SunVest Solar/MREA	24	121
<b>MadiSUN</b>	<b>Cities of Madison and Middleton/ Full Spectrum Solar/ Midwest Solar Power/RENEW Wisconsin</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>208</b>
Solar Central Wisconsin	Cities of Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids; Mid-State Tech College; North Wind Renewable Energy	46	335
Solar Iowa County	Driftless Area Land Conservancy; Solar Iowa County; UW-Extension; Eagle Point Solar	32	240
Solar Southeastern Wisconsin	Greening Greater Racine; Arch Electric	24	147
<b>Total</b>		<b>164</b>	<b>1,051</b>

# 2018 Wisconsin Solar Group Buys



# CITY OF MILWAUKEE ISSUES SOLAR RFP

- In May MKE issued RFP for 1.1 megawatts of solar generation on six municipal rooftops by end of 2018
- Developer would own project – initial investment of \$1.2 million. City share would be \$100,000 + \$211,882 in incentives from Focus on Energy
- Milwaukee has an option to buy the system in seven years
- MKE's sustainability plan: (1) 20% reduction in energy use by 2020: (2) increase in renewable energy from 8% to 25% in 2025
- The city's annual electric bill (including MKE Water Works) is ~\$13 million



# CHEQUAMEGON BAY RENEWABLES

**Washburn Solar Project**  
**[www.cheqbayrenewables.org](http://www.cheqbayrenewables.org)**



## Bayfield Solar Garden – 300 kW

Iron River, WI  
Energized  
10/2016

***CBR was the lead  
organizer of this project!***



# PLANNING AND FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

## MUNICIPAL SOLAR PROJECTS

- Initial participants (2017): City of Washburn, Bayfield County, City of Washburn, Washburn School District, and Bayfield County Housing Authority
- New participants, (Jan. 2018)): City of Bayfield, Bayfield School District, and the Greater Bayfield Waste Water Treatment Plant. Preliminary feasibility studies were also undertaken for the tribes of Red Cliff and Bad River in separate projects.
- ***This project will demonstrate how local investors can cost-effectively finance solar energy so there is no upfront cost to these government entities.*** The model developed from this pilot project will inform other municipalities, schools, or tribes looking to go solar. Bayfield Housing Authority, and the Washburn School District to **incorporate solar PV for approximately 18 municipal sites.**
- Construction to begin summer 2019.






**ORGANIC VALLEY: WISCONSIN'S NO. 1 PURCHASER OF  
RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES – 12 MW**

**Organic Valley distribution center, Cashton, WI**

# ORGANIC VALLEY – UMMEG PARTNERSHIP

- Organic Valley had a desire to achieve 100% renewable electricity
- UMMEG utilities were interested in low-cost, local solar that would help to stabilize rates and hedge against electricity price increases
- OneEnergy had a conviction that they could achieve both goals by aggregating smaller 1-6MW projects into a larger portfolio to achieve economies of scale
- 10 projects in WI, SE MN and IA with total capacity of ~30MWdc
  - UMMEG utilities to buy energy and capacity for 25 years
  - OV to buy RECs for ~13MW for 25 years, which will bring them to 100% renewable
  - Remaining 17MW of RECs still available





**What: A proposal to the  
City of Madison to finance  
the construction of 14 MW  
of solar generation in  
western Wisconsin.**

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# The Participants

Developer/Owner: OneEnergy Renewables

Financing Entity #1: Five WI municipal utilities

Financing Entity #2: City of Madison

# The Arrangement

- OneEnergy Renewables has contracts with five municipal electric utilities to supply them with electricity from new solar arrays w/in their service boundaries
- Agreed-upon price is ~90% of what's needed to fully finance the projects and start construction
- The remainder of the financing can be supplied through a forward purchase of unbundled renewable energy credits (REC's)
- Under this arrangement, the first project financing entity receives 100% of the physical product and the second project financing entity receives 100% of the unbundled REC's



# Project Performance

Aggregate capacity: 14 MWdc  
Estimated output (Year 1) 20,910 MWH  
Estimated output (Year 25) 18,540 MWH<sup>1</sup>  
Total output after 25 years 493,450 MWH

Percentage on average of  
City's annual use: 37.2%

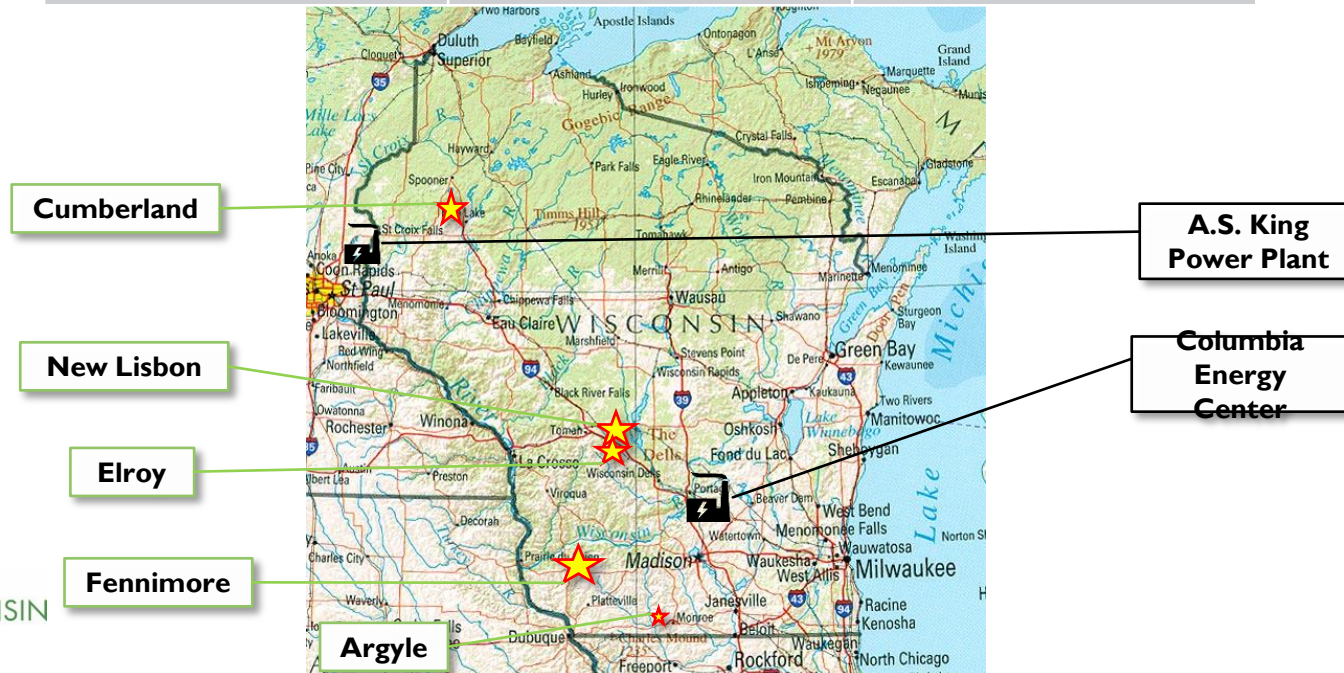
<sup>1</sup>Assumes a degradation rate of 0.5%/year



Solar Project Financing Proposal - Sustainable  
Madison Committee

# ARRAY LOCATIONS

Municipality	Capacity	Nearest Coal Plant
Argyle	1.1 MW	Columbia
Cumberland	3.4 MW	A.S. King
Elroy	2.0 MW	Columbia
Fennimore	4.1 MW	Columbia
New Lisbon	3.4 MW	Columbia



# CONTRACT TERMS AND PRICING

Five arrays → five up-front purchases for 25 years of RECs

Contracts staggered → one per year starting in 2019

Total cost of contracts with OneEnergy → \$1,396,000

Nominal cost of RECs → \$4.75/MWH (0.47 cents/kWh)

Levelized cost of RECs<sup>1</sup> → \$2.83/MWH (0.28 cents/kWh)

<sup>1</sup>Assumes a 6% discount rate

# VALUE TO CITY

- **QUICKEST** way to acquire new renewable sources of renewable electricity
- Supports rural WI communities
- Very cost-effective arrangement for large-scale commitments to renewables



# Other Notable Facts

- Increases in-state solar capacity today by 15%
- 40,000 solar panels will produce enough power for 2,500 WI households
- Catalyzes nearly \$20 million in clean energy investment for rural Wisconsin
- Establishes 70 acres of pollinator-friendly habitat beneath the solar arrays
- Only solar project in the pipeline right now



# Other Municipalities Purchasing REC's

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percent of RE Use from REC's</u>
Montgomery County (MD)	100%
Portland (OR)	92%
Forest County Potawatomi (WI)	99%
Columbus (OH)	77%
Boston (MA)	100%

# Questions?

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