

# Solar Development: Community Solar Gardens

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#### NH Towns & Municipalities can lock-in power at TODAY's low rates!



### State of Solar in NH:

- SB 98 law passed in July 2014
- RSA 362-A:9 Net Energy Metering law allows energy to be shared within the same utility company's service territory
- ~36 MWs of available net metering projects allowed in NH
- 1 MW per legal parcel of land is allowed to be built in NH
- Central, south facing, Solar Garden host locations are identified
- Connection to 3 phase power lines at street for a 1 MW array
- Power is moved to other locations thru "The Grid"
- Long term energy solutions for nonprofits, Municipalities & Schools
- Energy rates include the value of leasing land & kWhs sold to offtaker thru a PPA agreement

# Key Terms:

- <u>**kW</u>**: equals 1000 watts</u>
- MW: equals 1000 kilowatts (kWs)
- kWh: unit of energy consumed
- **PPA**: Power Purchase Agreement or the long term energy contract
- 1 MW uses ~ 5 acres of land
- 1MW produces ~1,200,000 kWhs
- **<u>3 Phase power</u>**: 3 lines at the highest point on a telephone pole



### 94.5% of schools in NH could save money by going Solar!\*

#### **Benefits to New Hampshire Communities**

#### Option 1:

- Lease town owned land for solar gardens Long term stable income to community

#### Option 2:

- Create a new tax basis
- \$3,000-\$4,000 per year, per project

#### Option 3:

- Purchase clean energy from solar gardens Fix your energy budget with 5 pricing options Saves a town over \$1,000,000 over 20 years





- NH is ranked 31<sup>st</sup> in solar installations at 7 MWs
- NH has the 8<sup>th</sup> most expensive electric rates in the US
- Power rates have escalated 7.6% annually over the last 12 years
- The ISO-NE forward capacity market rates will increase rates 2-3 cents per kWhs on ALL energy users in 2017



#### Towns are seeing effective kWh rates as low as 6 Cents!

#### **Example Municipal Projects:**

Franklin Solar Capital of NH – 10 MW solar garden. Over \$100,000 a year in land leases & over \$6,000,000 in energy savings Milton Landfill – 848 kW solar garden. \$13,000 a year land lease & over \$800,000 in energy savings

Antrim WWTP – 368 kW solar garden. \$7,500 a year land lease & over \$250,000 in energy savings Hillsboro Landfill – 848 kW solar garden. \$13,000 a year land lease & over \$1,200,000 in energy savings











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