

**The NY-Sun Initiative**

Solar Powering New York

# NY-Sun PV Trainers Network

## Intro to Solar Policy (Abridged Version)

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# NY-Sun Initiative

Statewide Goal of 3 GW

**\$961 Million Total Budget**



Stimulate the  
Market Place



Reduce Soft  
Costs

- Significantly expand installed solar capacity
- Attract private investment
- Enable sustainable development of a robust industry
- Create well-paying skilled jobs
- Improve the reliability of the electric grid
- Reduce air pollution
- Make solar available to all New Yorkers that want it

# About the PV Trainers Network

The NY-Sun PV Trainers Network aims to **lower the installation cost and expand adoption** of solar PV systems throughout the state.

[training.ny-sun.ny.gov](http://training.ny-sun.ny.gov)

# Agenda

- 1. Introduction to Solar PV & an Intro to Solar Soft Costs**
2. Federal, State, and Utility Policy Drivers
3. Making your Community Solar Ready
4. Developing Solar Policy For Your Community

# Introduction to Solar: Technology



## **Solar Photovoltaic (PV)**

Electricity

Residential  
Commercial



## **Solar Hot Water**

Hot Water  
Space Heating

Residential  
Commercial

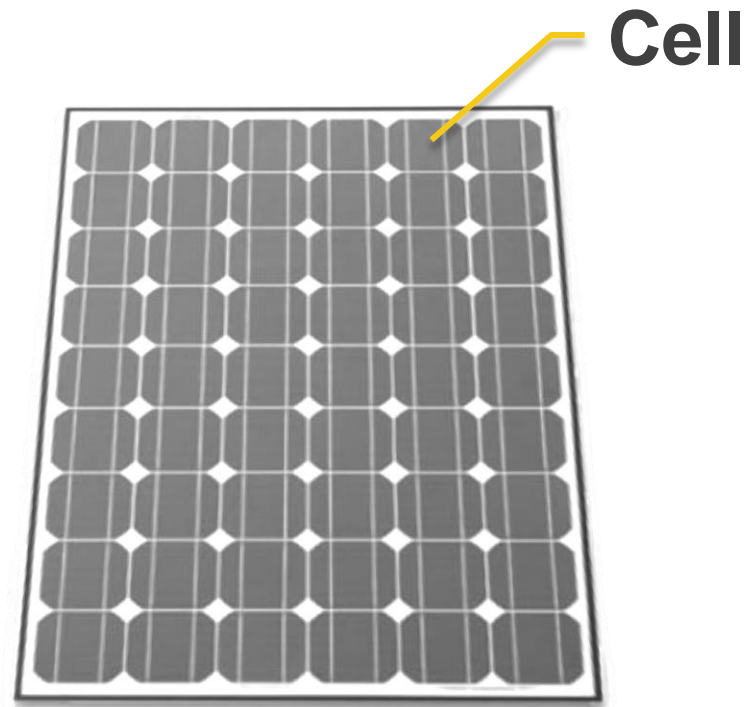


## **Concentrated Solar Power**

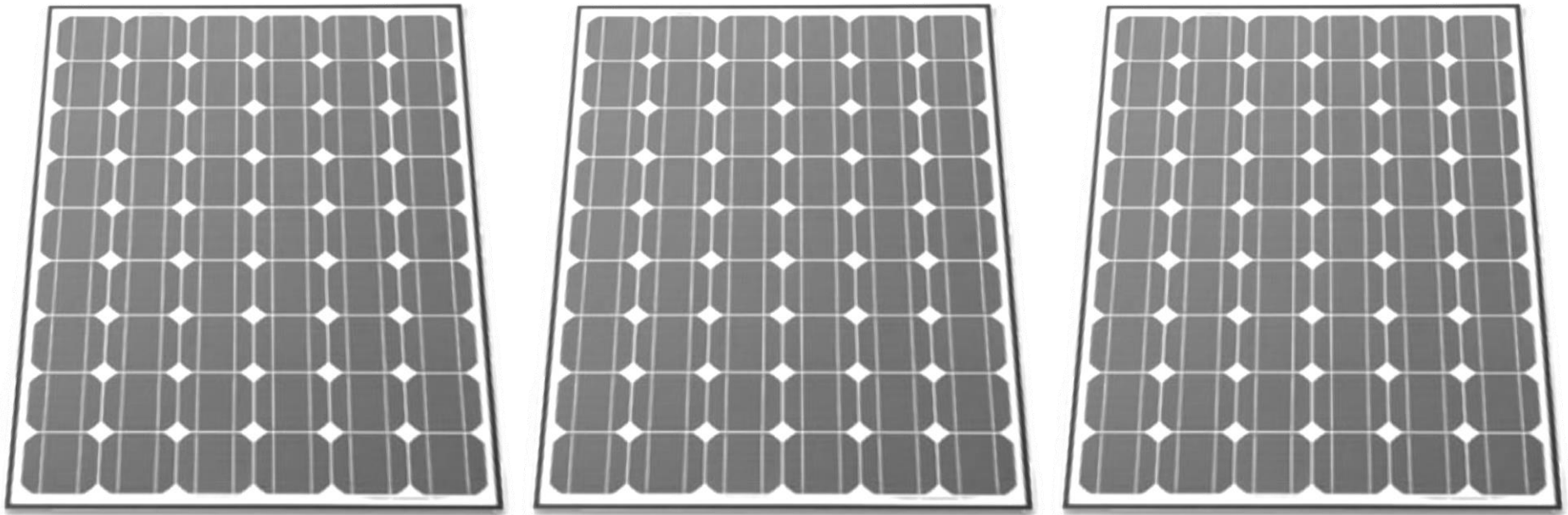
Electricity

Commercial

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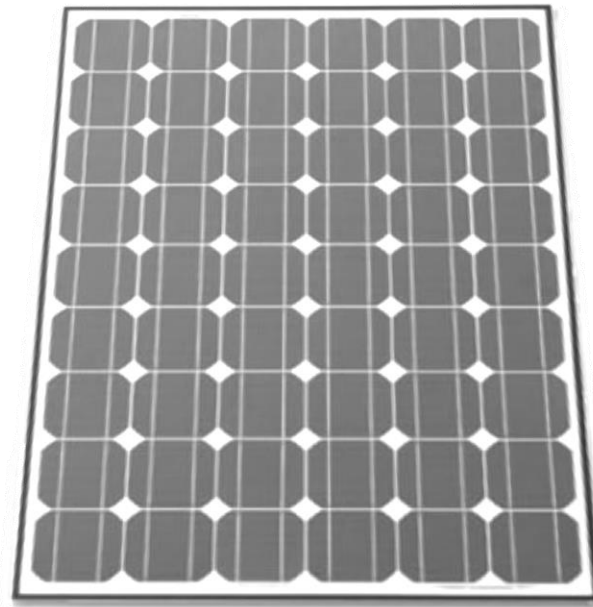
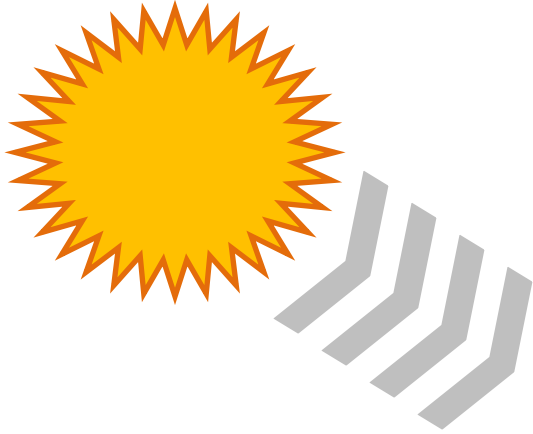


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**Array**

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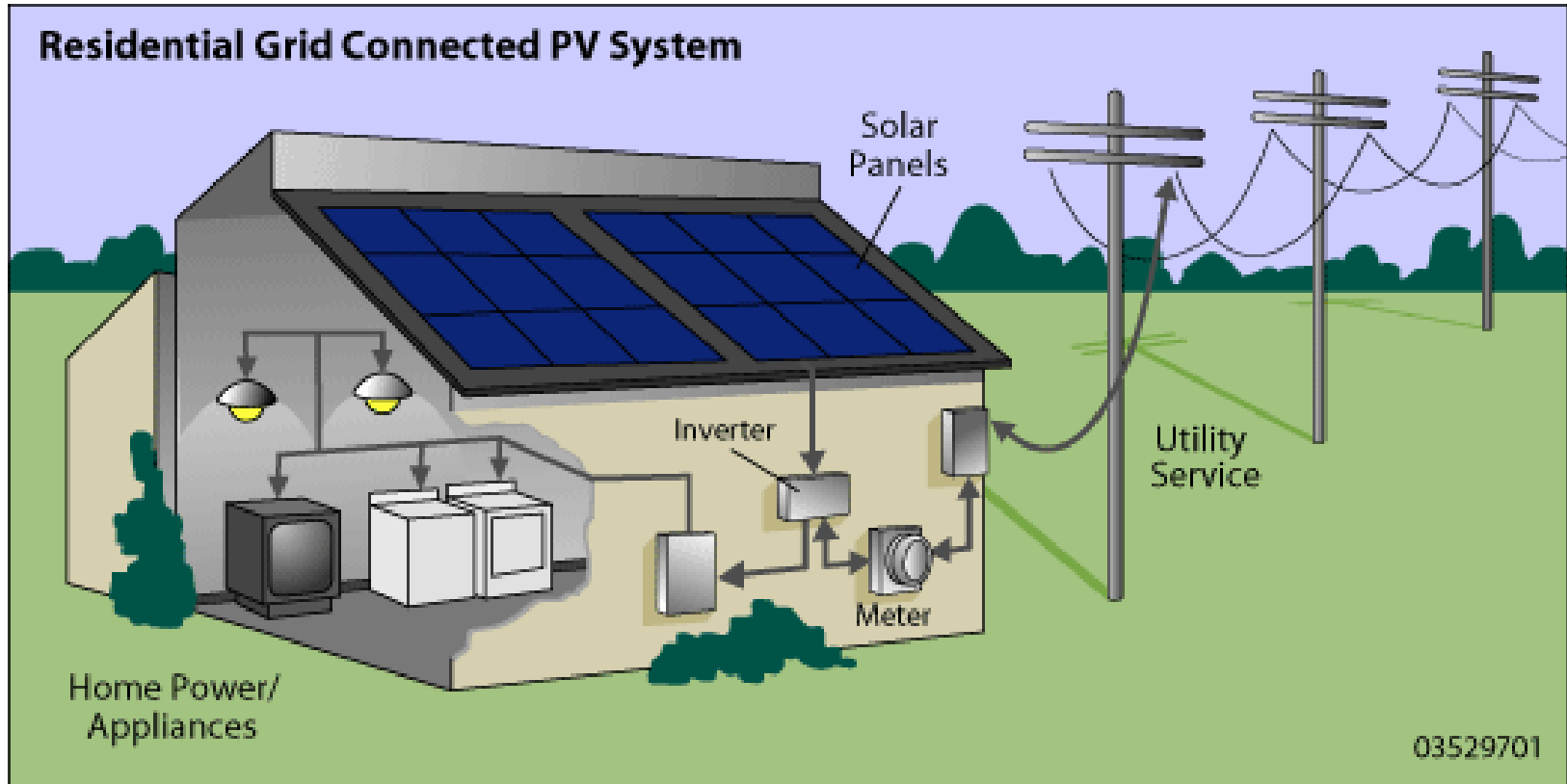


**Capacity / Power**  
*kilowatt (kW)*

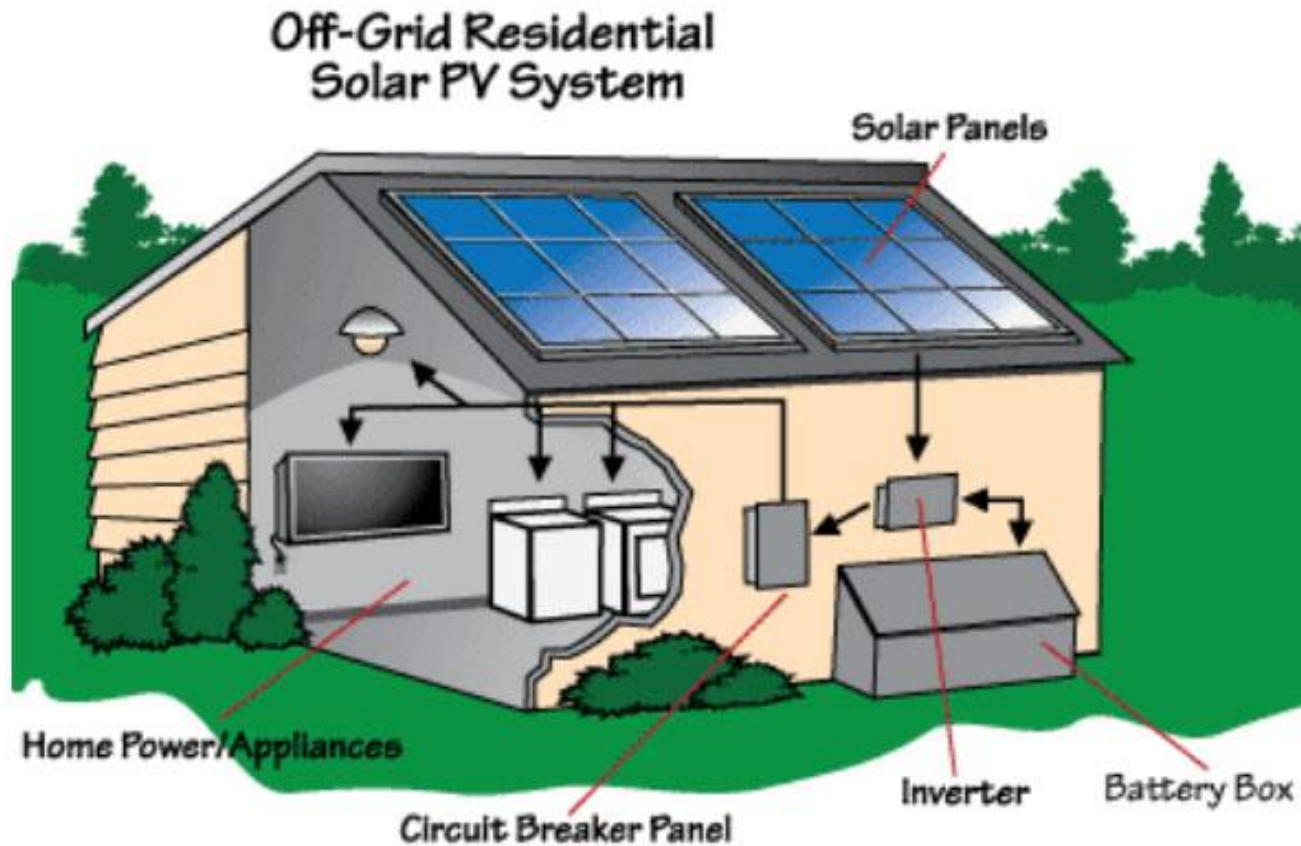
**Production**  
*Kilowatt-hour (kWh)*



# System Components



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# Scale



**Residence**  
5-10 kW



**Factory**  
1 MW+



**Office**  
50 – 500 kW



**Utility**  
2 MW+

# System Types

## Roof Mount



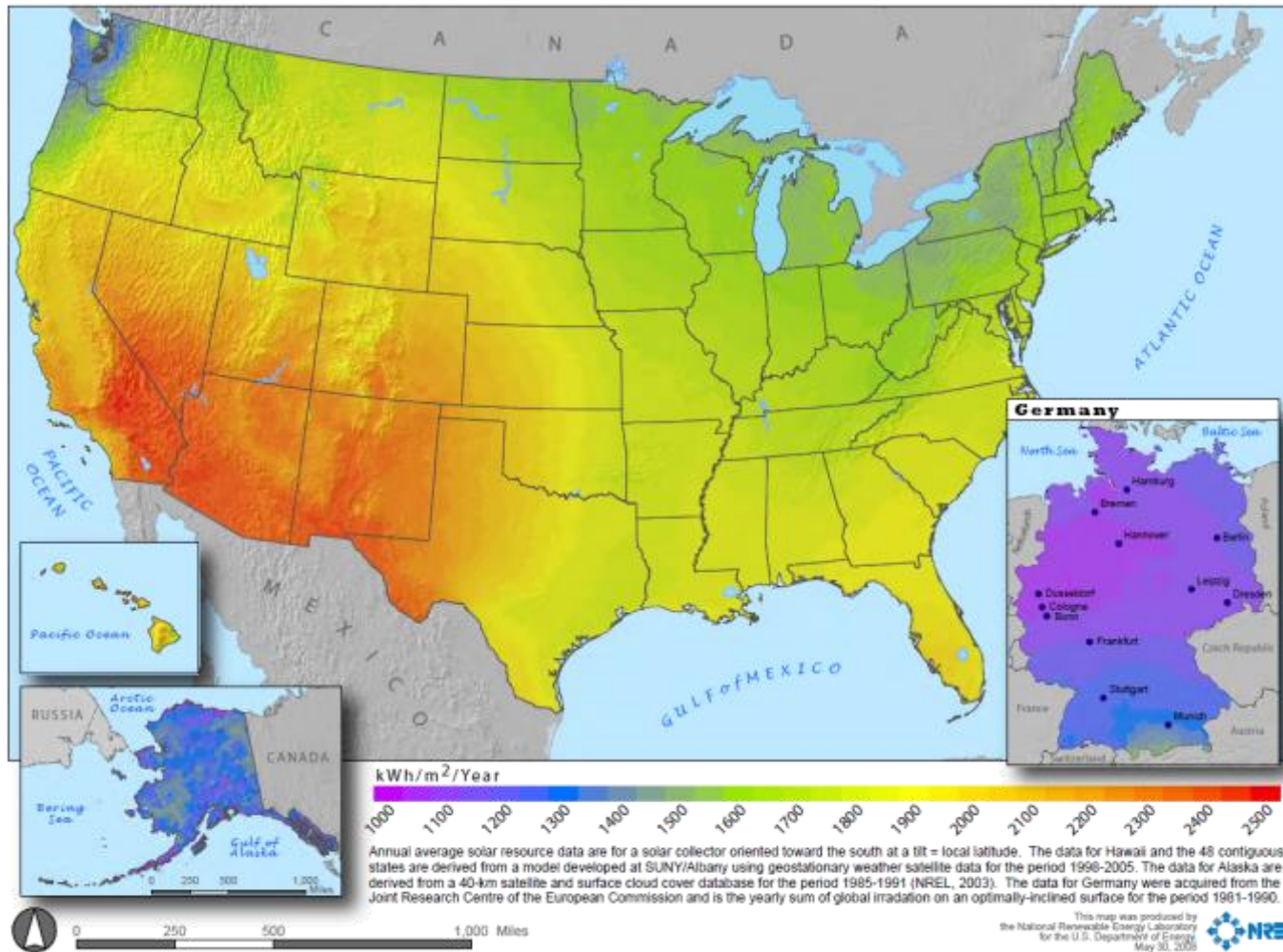
## Ground Mount



## Parking Canopy



# Not Enough Sun in NY?



Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory

# Ownership Options for Solar

Direct  
Ownership

Third-Party  
Ownership

# Direct Ownership

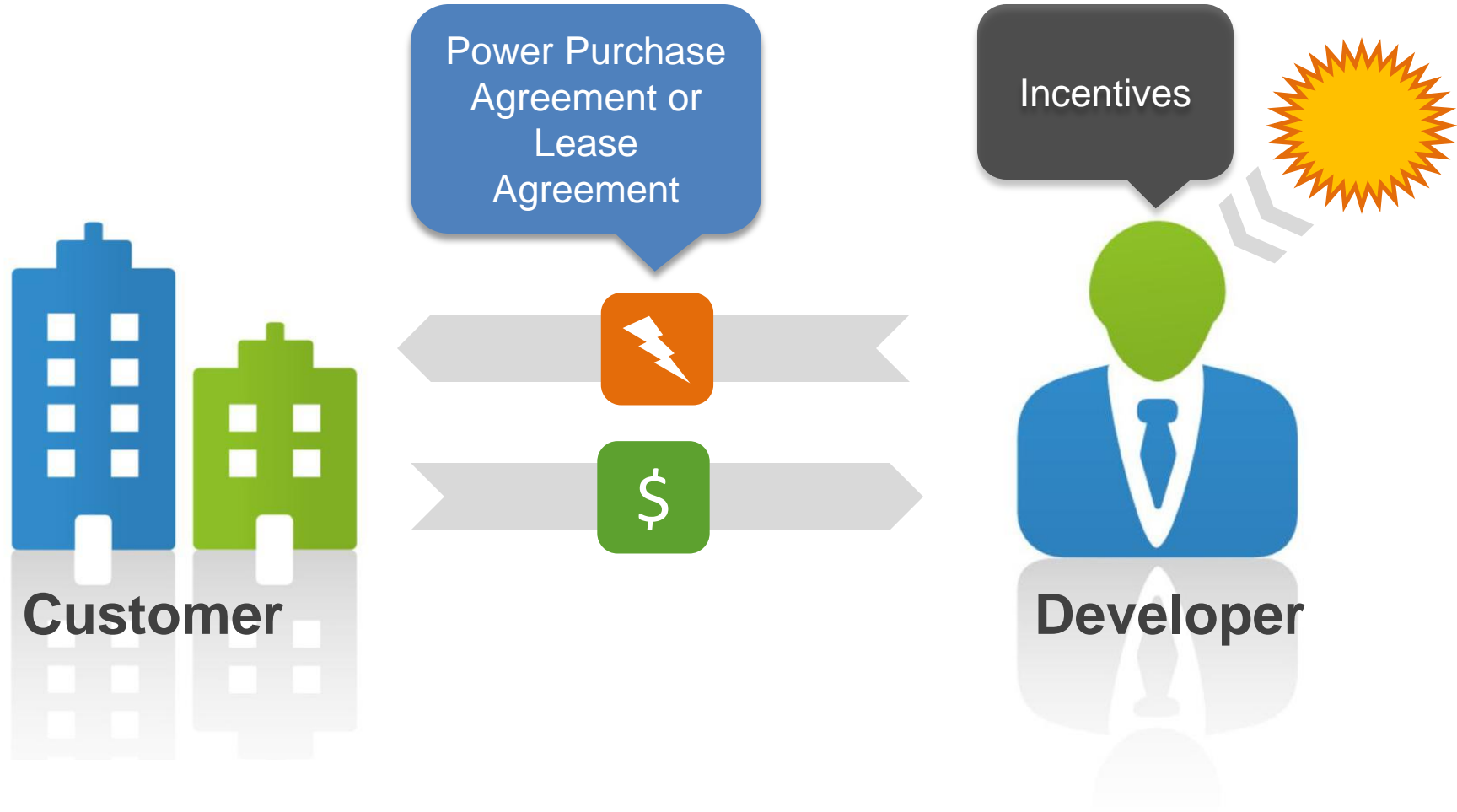
## Cost

- Installed cost
- Maintenance
- Customer bears risk

## Benefit

- + Avoided energy cost
- + Excess generation
- + Direct incentive

# Third Party Ownership





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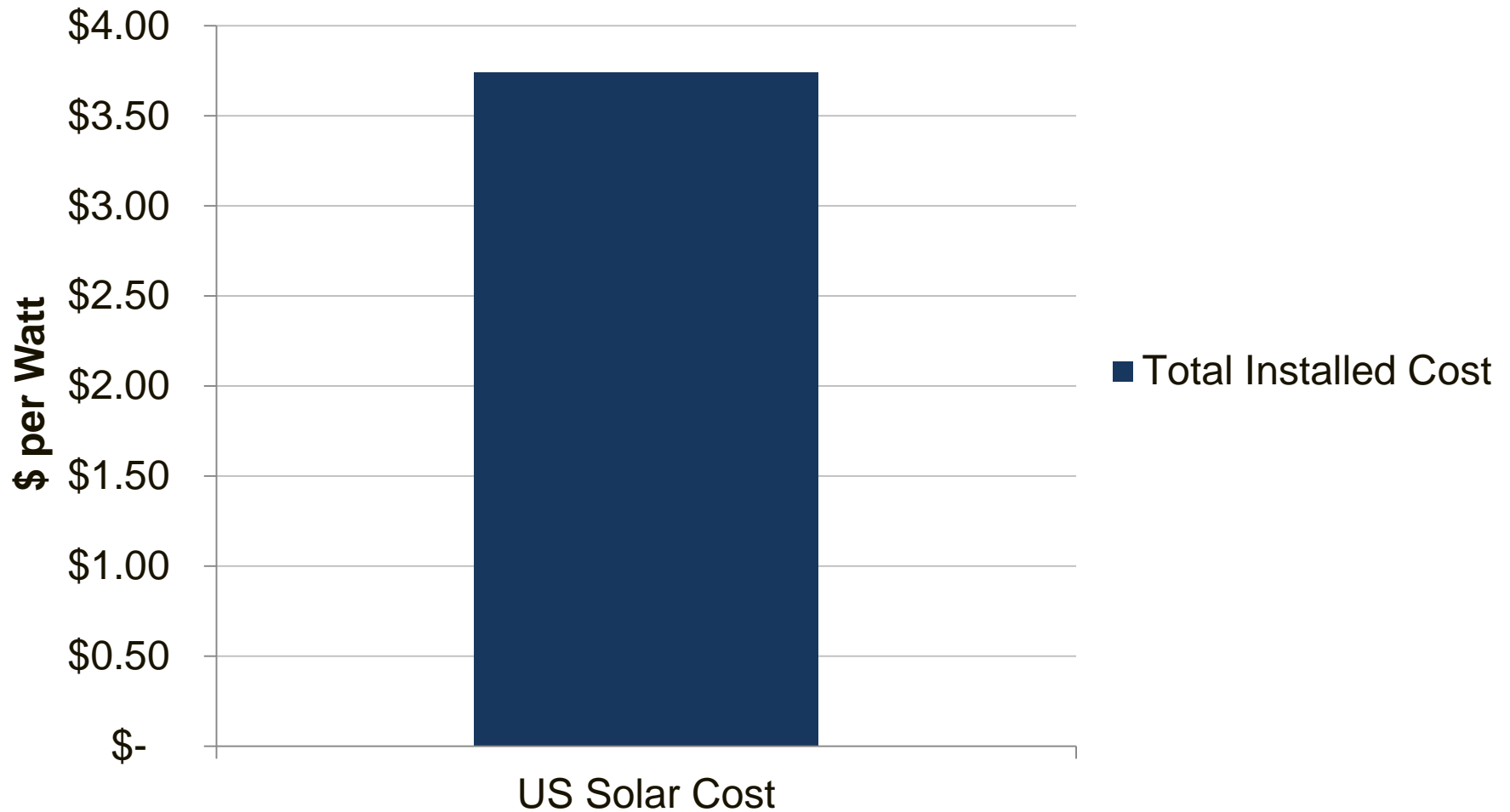
## Cost

- Investor needs higher ROI
- Must be addressed when selling home

## Benefit

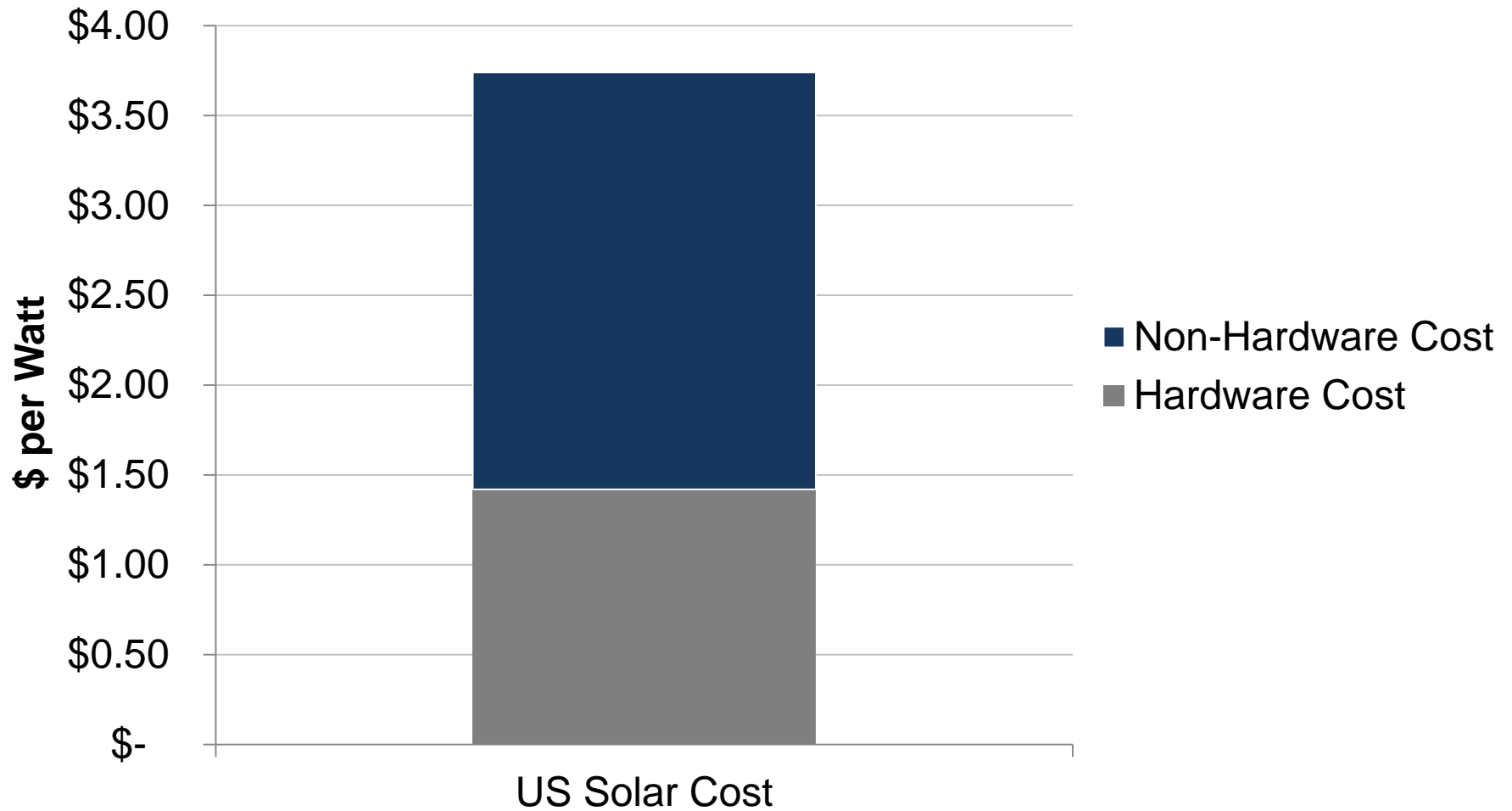
- + No upfront cost
- + No O&M costs
- + Low risk
- + Predictable payments

# US Solar Costs



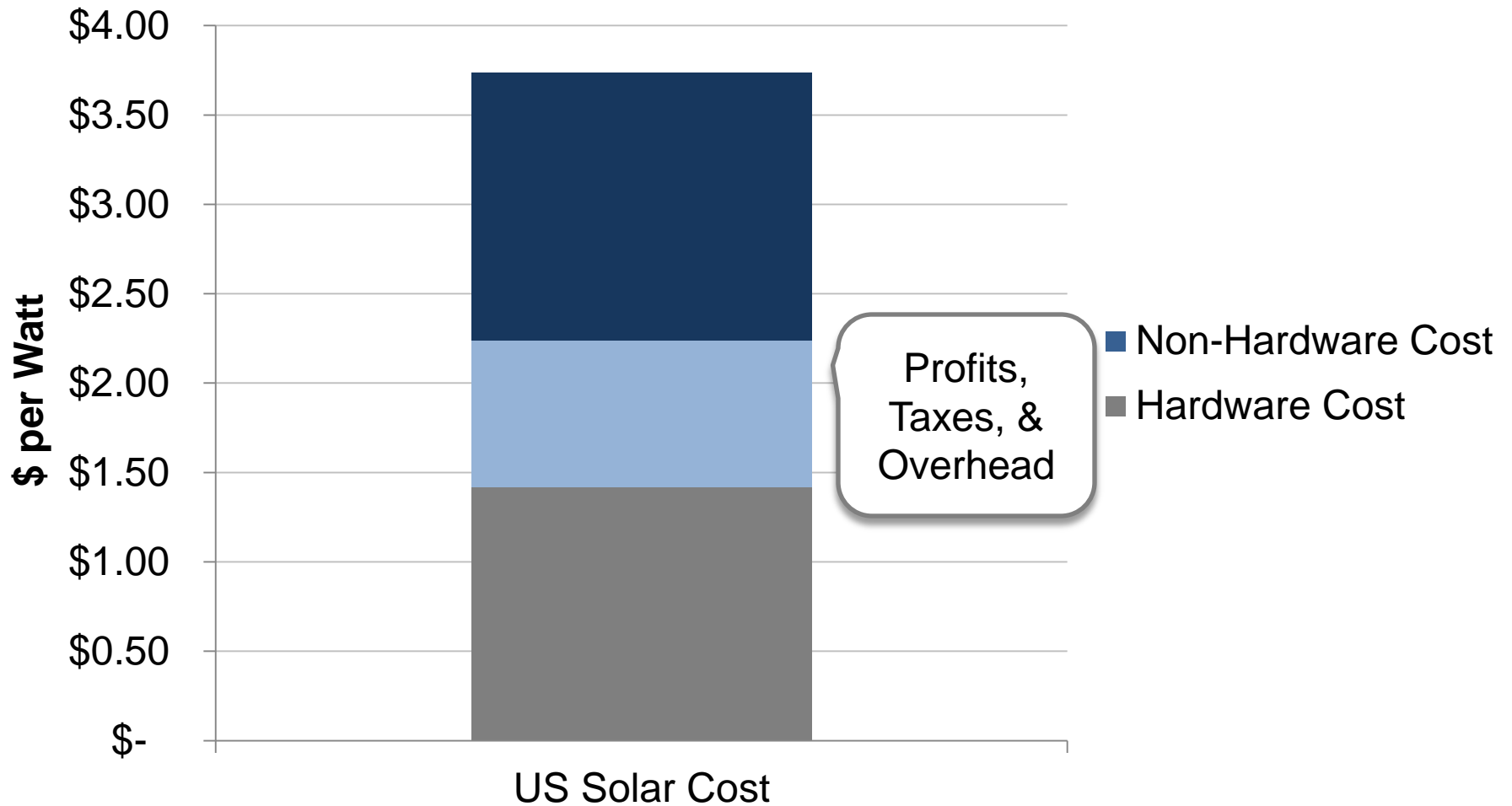
Source: Solar Market Insight Report 2014 Q3, Average of Q1, Q2 and Q3 Residential PV System Pricing (\$/W)

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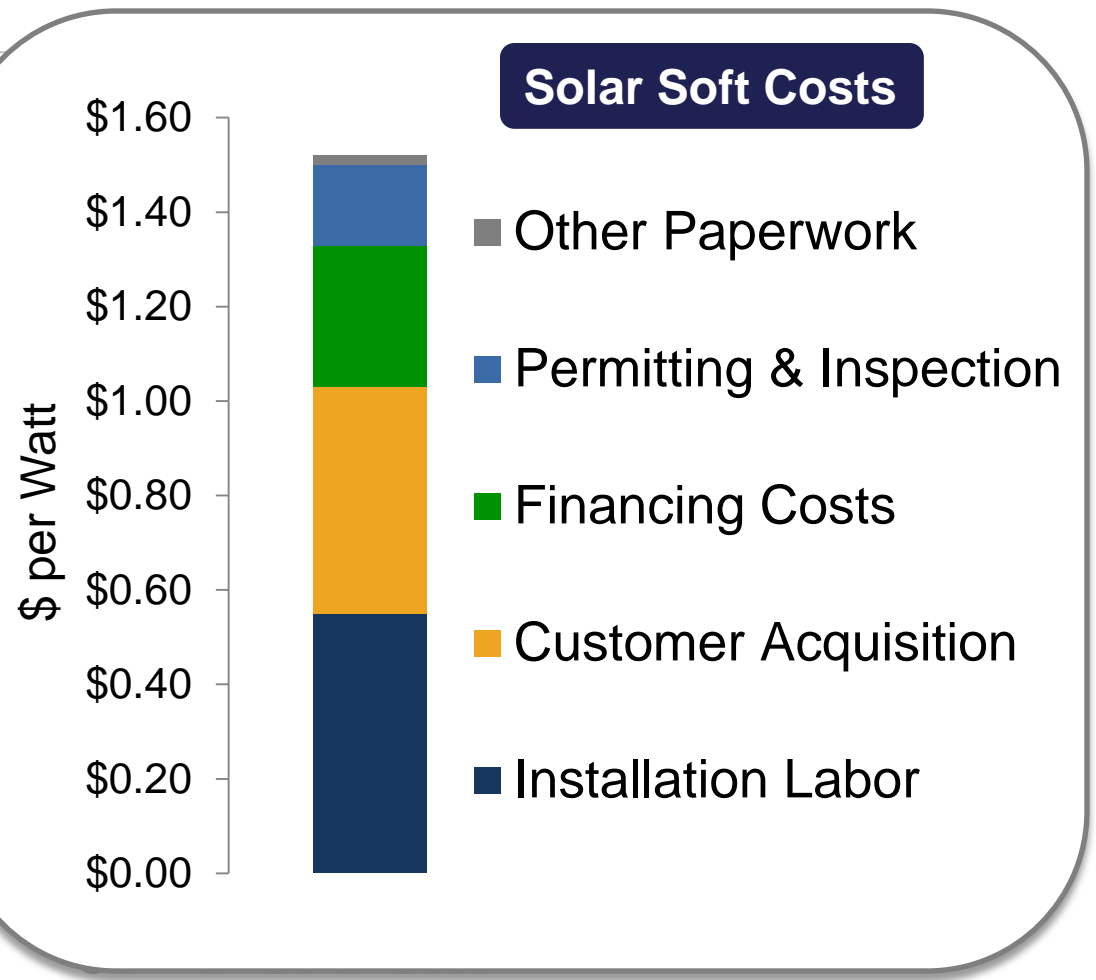
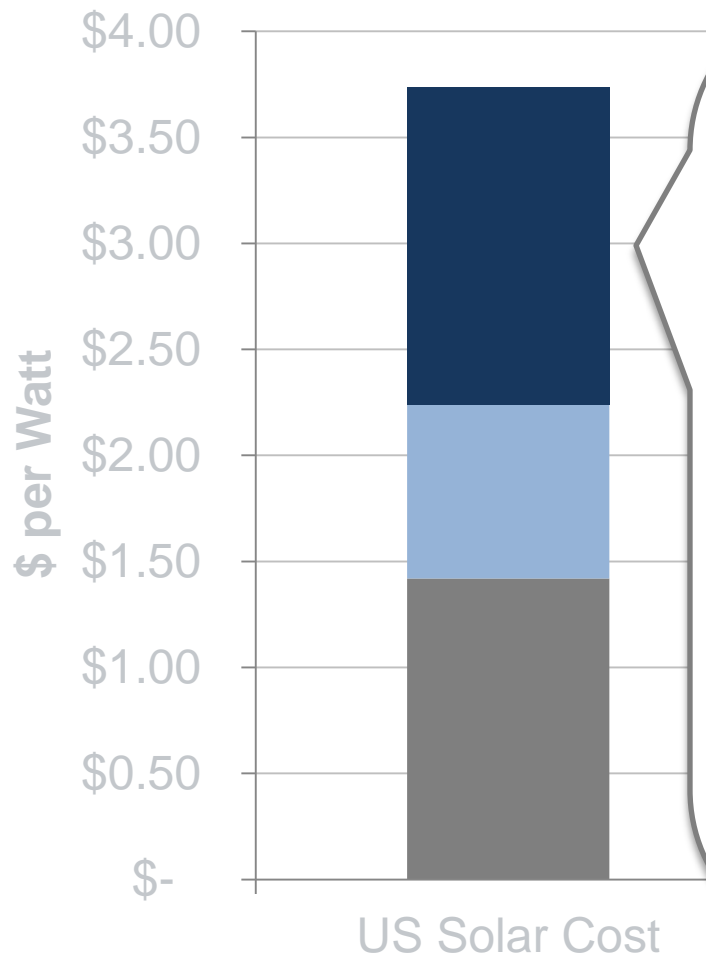
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# Policies & Incentives

## Federal

Investment Tax  
Credit

## State & Utility

Solar Tax Credit

NY-Sun  
Incentive  
Program

Net Metering

## Local

Planning &  
Zoning

Permitting

Market  
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# Investment Tax Credit

**Type:** Tax Credit

**Eligibility:** For-Profit Organization, Homeowner

**Value:** 30% of the installation

**Term:** Expires Dec. 31 2016 (for commercial it drops to 10%)

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# Residential Solar Tax Credit

**Type:** Tax Credit

**Eligibility:**

- Homeowner: 25kW
- Condo association or cooperatives: 50 kW

**Value:** 25% of the system cost or \$5,000

# NY-Sun Incentive Program: MW Block

**Type:** Cash incentive

## Structure & Eligibility

Three Regions:

- Con Edison (New York City and South Westchester)
- Long Island
- Upstate (the rest of New York State)

Three Sectors:

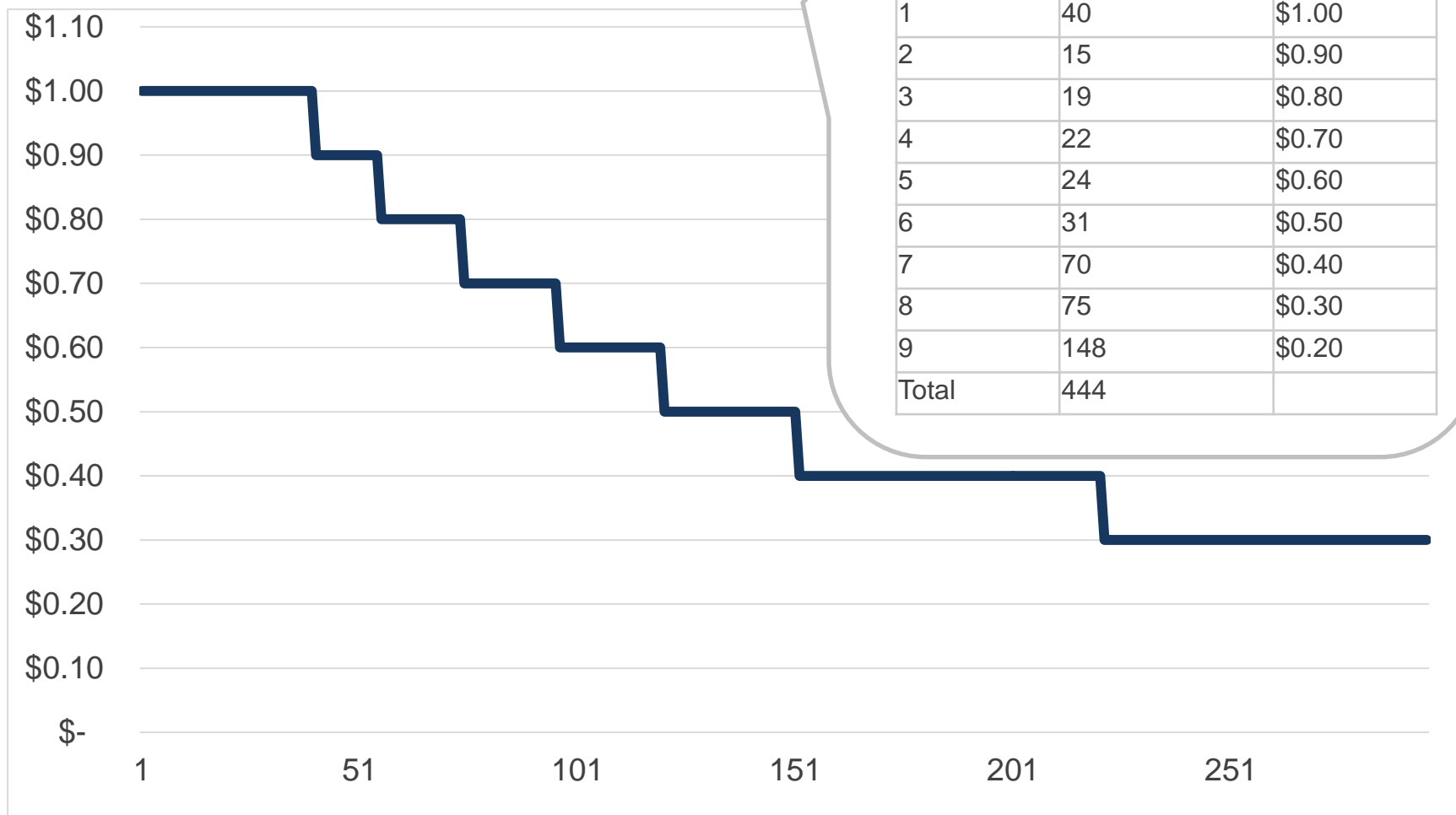
- Residential: up to 25 kW
- Small Non-residential: up to 200 kW
- Large Non-residential: > 200 kW (available 2015)

**Value:** Determined by declining megawatt blocks

**Availability:** Dec 29, 2023 or until funds run out

# NY-Sun Incentive Program: MW Block

## Upstate Residential MW Block Incentive



# NY-Sun Incentive Program

Series of low-interest loan options

Green Jobs, Green New York -  
NYSERDA:

- On-bill recovery loans
- Residential smart energy loan
- Small commercial participation loan

For more information:

[www.nyserda.ny.gov](http://www.nyserda.ny.gov)

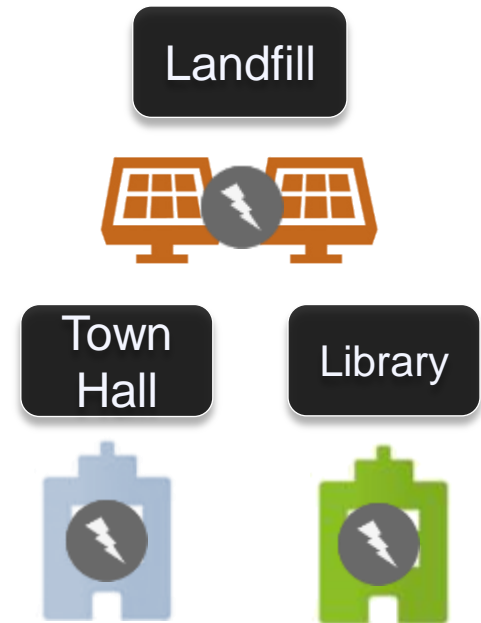
# Net Metering

- Allows customers generating electricity from Solar PV to send extra electricity not being used onsite back into the electric grid in exchange for net metering credits on their utility bill.
- These net metering credits can be used to offset future electricity use.



# Remote Net Metering

- Allows eligible non-residential customers to apply their net metering credits to offset the electricity usage of other properties they own or lease thereby reducing electricity costs
- Eligible properties must be:
  - Under the same customer account name
  - Within the same utility
  - Within the same NYISO zone





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# Policies & Incentives

## 3 Steps to prepare for solar development:

1. Establish solar **goals** in planning process
2. Adopt solar **code** language
3. Define a clear & simple **permitting** process by adopting NYS Unified Solar Permit

Local

Planning &  
Zoning

Permitting

Market  
Development

Financing

Program

Net Metering

Interconnection  
Standards

Feed-in Tariff

## Goal Setting

How does a local government define what types of solar installations are right for their community?

- How closely does solar help meet existing community goals?
- What scales and contexts are appropriate?
- How much development is possible within the appropriate scales and contexts?

## Communitywide Comprehensive Plan

Neighborhood  
Plans

Corridor Plans

Special  
District Plans

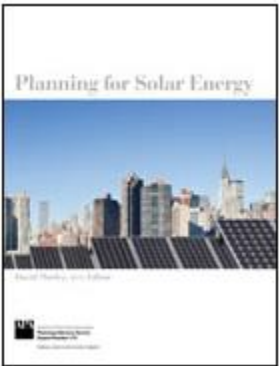
Green  
Infrastructure  
Plans

Energy Plan

Climate Action  
Plan

# Where to Start

**Resource**



## Planning for Solar Energy

Solar planning fundamentals for public officials and engaged citizens

[www.planning.org/research/solar](http://www.planning.org/research/solar)

**In-Depth Workshop**

Land Use Planning for Solar Energy

**One-on-One Assistance**

- ✓ Facilitate visioning process
- ✓ Integrate goals into plans
- ✓ Review options for public investment

# Update Code 2 Zoning Code Framework

Section	Topics to Address	
<b>Definitions</b>	Define technologies	
<b>Applicability</b>	Principal vs. accessory use/structure	
<b>Dimensional Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Height</li> <li>• Size</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setbacks</li> <li>• Lot coverage</li> </ul>
<b>Design Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Disconnect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening</li> <li>• Fencing</li> </ul>

## Small Solar:

- Permitted as accessory use
- Minimize visibility if feasible
- Requirements:
  - District height
  - Lot coverage
  - Setback





## Large Solar:

- Allowed for primary use in limited locations
- Requirements:
  - Height limits
  - Lot coverage
  - Setback
  - Fencing and Enclosure



Prevent permanent loss of “character defining” features

Possible design requirements

- Ground mounted
- Flat roof with setback
- Panels flush with roof
- Blend color
- Building Integrated PV (BiPV)



Source: SolarCentury

## **Solar Ready Construction:**

Preparing a building for solar at the outset can help make future solar installations easier and more cost effective.

## Encourage builders to:

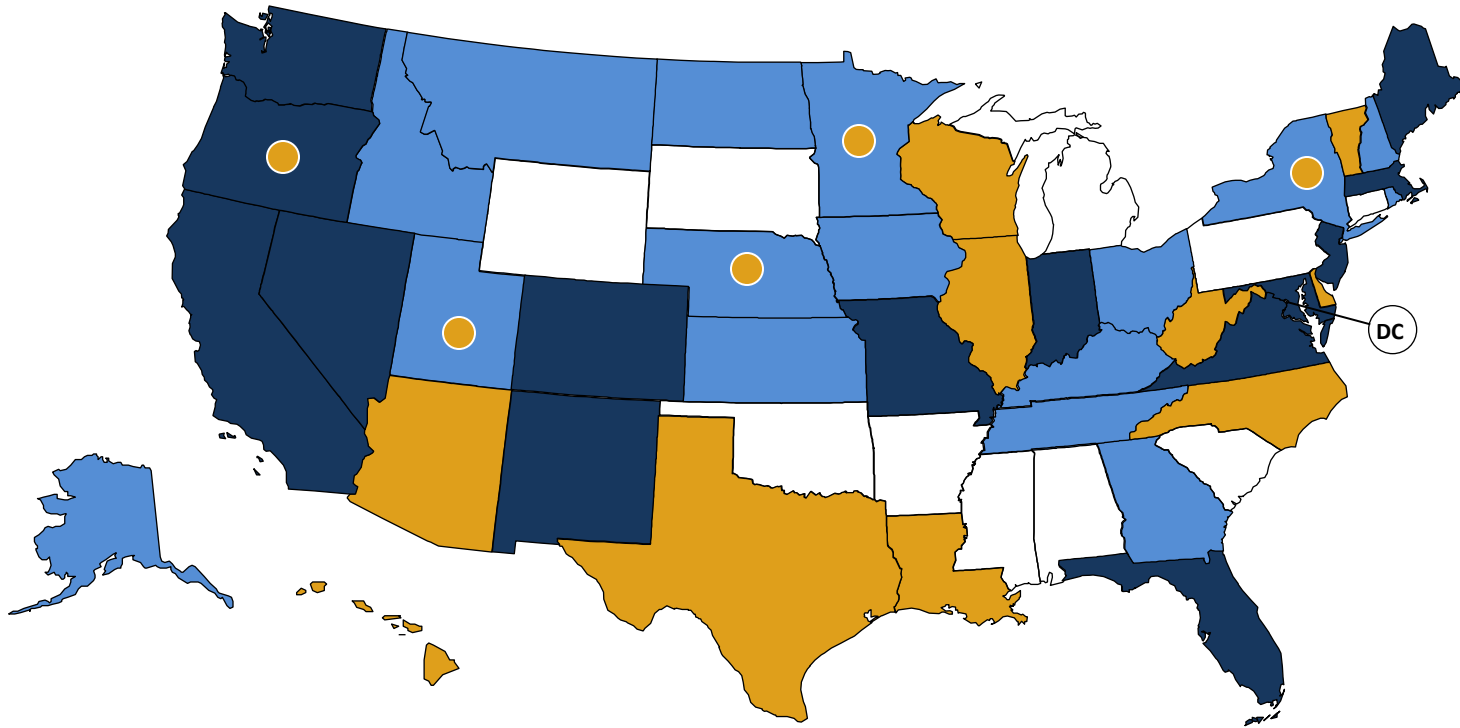
- ✓ Minimize rooftop equipment
- ✓ Plan for structure orientation to avoid shading
- ✓ Install a roof that will support the load of a solar array
- ✓ Record roof specifications on drawings
- ✓ Plan for wiring and inverter placement

**NREL: Solar Ready Buildings Guide- Contains a checklist for municipalities**

## Solar Access Laws:

1. Increase the likelihood that properties will receive sunlight
2. Protect the rights of property owners to install solar
3. Reduce the risk that systems will be shaded after installation

# Solar Access Laws



Light Blue Solar Easements Provision

Orange Solar Rights Provision

Dark Blue Solar Easements and Solar Rights Provisions

Yellow Circle Local option to create solar rights provision

Source: DSIRE

## Model Small-Scale Solar Siting Ordinance

Columbia Law School  
[web.law.columbia.edu](http://web.law.columbia.edu)

Department of Energy  
Rooftop Solar Challenge II  
NYS Model Solar Zoning Ordinance  
NYSolar Smart  
Release- 2015 TBD

Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School  
Model Small-Scale Solar Siting Ordinance  
Last updated Summer 2012  
Please send comments to Shelley Welton, [swelto@law.columbia.edu](mailto:swelto@law.columbia.edu)

**Model Small-Scale Solar Siting Ordinance**  
*By Danielle Sugarman*  
Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School

### 1. Purpose & Intent

- A. Solar energy is a renewable and non-polluting energy resource that can prevent fossil fuel emissions and reduce a municipality's energy load. Energy generated from solar energy systems can be used to offset energy demand on the grid where excess solar power is generated.
- B. The use of solar energy equipment for the purpose of providing electricity and energy for heating and/or cooling is a priority and is a necessary component of the [Town/City/Village's] current and long-term sustainability agenda.<sup>1</sup>
- C. The ordinance aims to promote the accommodation of solar energy systems and equipment and the provision for adequate sunlight and convenience of access necessary therefor.<sup>2</sup>

### 2. Definitions

#### ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

A structure, the use of which is customarily incidental and subordinate to that of the principal building and is attached thereto, and is located on the same lot or premises as the principal building.<sup>3</sup>

#### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Structures, equipment, devices or construction techniques used for the production of heat, light, cooling, electricity or other forms of energy on site and may be attached to or separate from the principal structure.<sup>4</sup>

#### BUILDING-INTEGRATED PHOTOVOLTAIC (BIPV) SYSTEMS

A solar energy system that consists of integrating photovoltaic modules into the building structure, such as the roof or the façade and which does not alter the relief of the roof.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Albany City

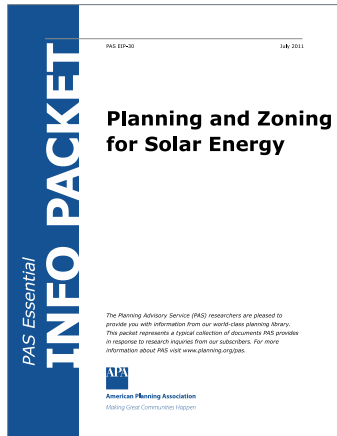
<sup>2</sup> Amenia Town, Auburn City, Bedford Town, Bethlehem Town, Canandaigua Town, Glennville Town, Haverstraw Town, Hewlett Neck Village, Horseheads Town, Kent Town, Kingston City, Southold Town, Southport Town

<sup>3</sup> Clinton Town, Kingston Town.

<sup>4</sup> Albion Town, Barre Town, Lackawanna City, Medina Village

<sup>5</sup> Albany City

## Resource



## Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy

This Essential Info Packet provides guides and model code language to help planners design a regulatory framework for solar in their communities.

[www.planning.org/research/solar](http://www.planning.org/research/solar)

## In-Depth Workshop

**Zoning for Solar (Available 2015)**

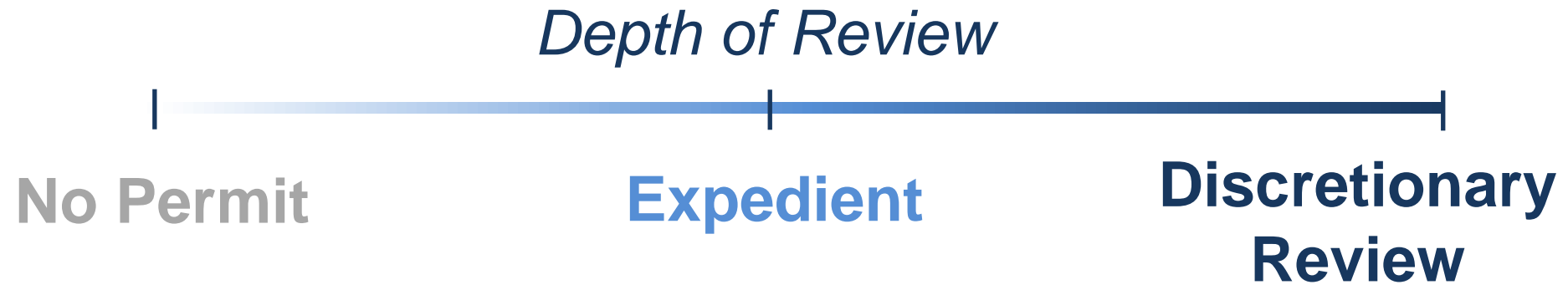
## One-on-One Assistance

- ✓ Define solar goals
- ✓ Analyze existing code
- ✓ Updating code or creating ordinance



**1,550+** local jurisdictions in NY  
with unique permitting requirements

Source: [NREL](#)



## *Depth of Review*



### **Expedient**

Within established design parameters

Impacts are well understood

Quick, Easy, Inexpensive

### **Discretionary Review**



Outside of established design parameters

Review necessary to understand impacts

Flexible

- For simple small-scale installations
- Based on industry standards
- Defined review timeline
- Defined permit fee
- Use of same plans for utility and NYSERDA applications
- Developed by CUNY, NYSERDA, NYPA
- NYSERDA incentive of \$2,500-5,000 for permit adoption

(Incentives extended until September 30th of 2015)



### New York State Unified Solar Permit

Expedited Solar Permit Process for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems

#### Requirements for Application Submittal - STEP 1

*For use in all New York State counties with the exception of Nassau County and Suffolk County.*

The expedited solar permitting process uses a unified permit across municipalities in New York State.

A combined building and electrical permit for a grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) system will be issued pending proper completion of forms, submission of approved plans and approval by municipality. All applicants must submit:

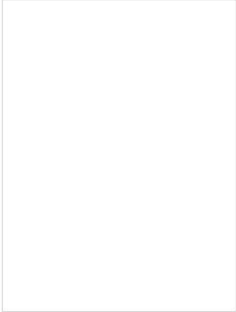
- 1. Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems Eligibility Checklist - STEP 2**
- 2. One (1) set of plans (number may vary by municipality) that include:**
  - Site Plan showing location of major components of solar system and other equipment on roof or legal accessory structure. This plan should represent relative location of components at site, including, but not limited to, location of array, existing electrical service location, utility meter, inverter location, system orientation and tilt angle. This plan should show access and pathways that are compliant with New York State Fire Code, if applicable.
  - One-Line or 3-Line Electrical Diagram. The electrical diagram required by NYSERDA for an incentive application and/or utility for an interconnection agreement can be used here.
  - Specification Sheets for all manufactured components. If these sheets are available electronically, a web address will be accepted in place of an attachment, at the discretion of the municipality.
  - All diagrams and plans must include the following: (a) Project address, section, block and lot number of the property; (b) Owner's name, address and phone number; (c) Name, address and phone number of the person preparing the plans; and (d) System capacity in kW-DC.
- 3. Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems Application - STEP 3**
- 4. Permit Fee Amount**

**Permit Review and Inspection Timeline**

Permit determinations will be issued within 14 days upon receipt of complete and accurate applications. The municipality will provide feedback within 7 days of receiving incomplete or inaccurate applications. If an inspection is required, a single inspection should be sufficient and will be provided within 7 days of inspection request.

The NY-Sun Initiative, a dynamic public-private partnership, will drive growth of the solar industry and make solar technology more affordable for all New Yorkers.

**Visit [ny-sun.ny.gov](http://ny-sun.ny.gov) for more information on the NY-Sun Initiative.**



# Where to Start

## Resource

### NY-SUN Unified Solar Permit



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## In-Depth Workshop

### Adopting the NY Unified Solar Permit

## One-on-One Assistance

- ✓ Review existing permit process
- ✓ Adopt the NY Unified Solar Permit
- ✓ Determining fair permit fees

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4. **Programs to Grow Your Solar Market**

# What is Solarize?

- Group purchasing for residential Solar PV
- Program normally run by community organization or local govt agency
- Addresses:
  - High upfront cost     ➡ Group Purchase
  - Complexity            ➡ Community Education
  - Customer Inertia     ➡ Limited-time offer
- Low implementation cost: \$5,000 - \$10,000
- Quick turn-around: 9 Months
- Long-term impact: Sustainable ecosystem

Create Team &  
Establish Goals

Issue RFP &  
Select Installer

Marketing and Workshops

Enrollment

Site Assessments

Decision & Installations

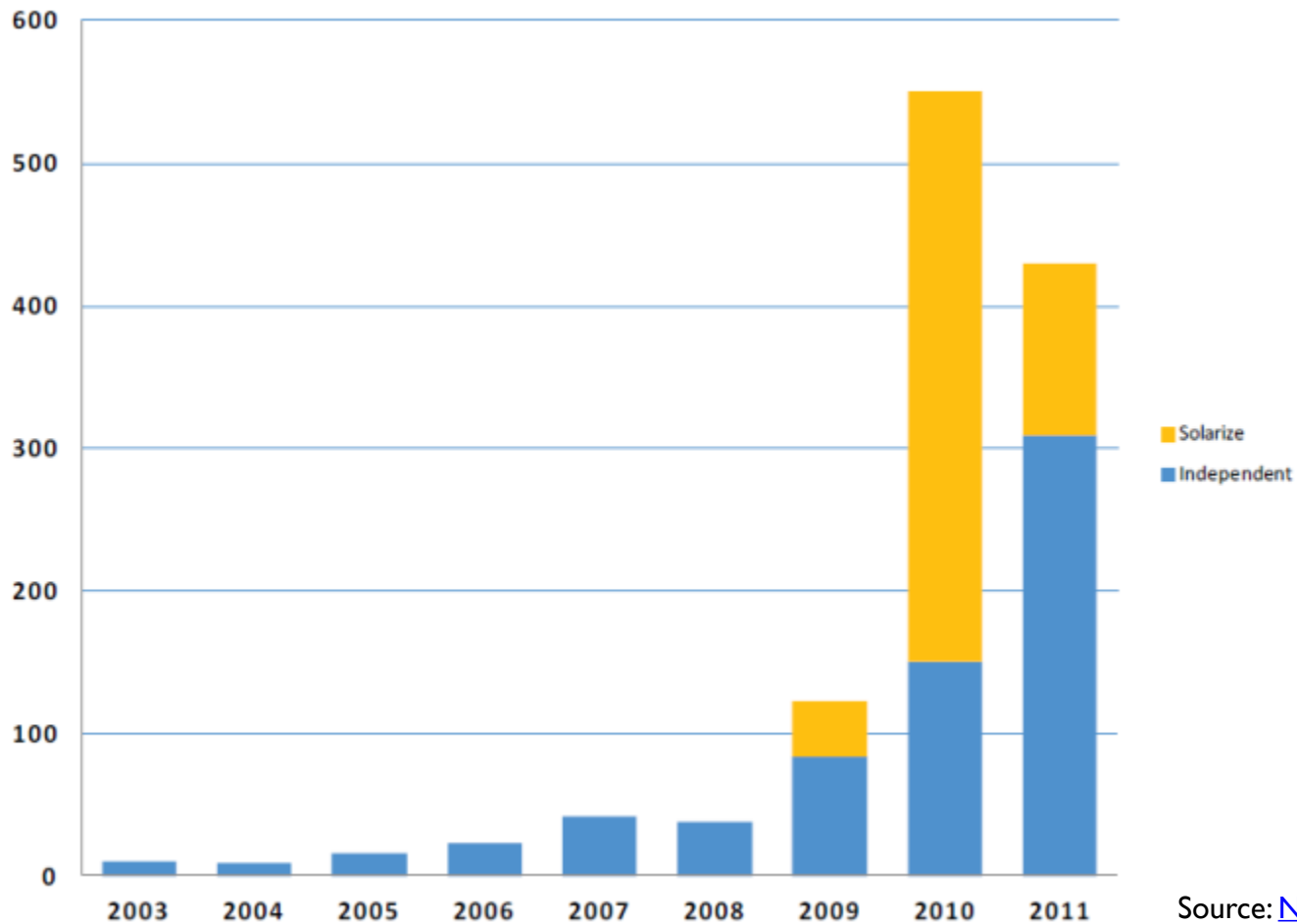
6-12 Months

## Solarize Timeline





### Annual Portland Residential PV Installations



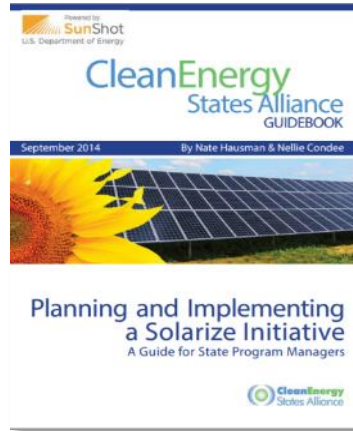
Source: [NREL Solarize Guidebook](#)

# 1 Run Solarize Where to Start

## Resource

Planning & Implementing a Solarize Initiative: A Guide for State Program Managers

<http://www.cesa.org>



The Solarize Guidebook

[www.nrel.gov](http://www.nrel.gov)



## NY-Sun Services

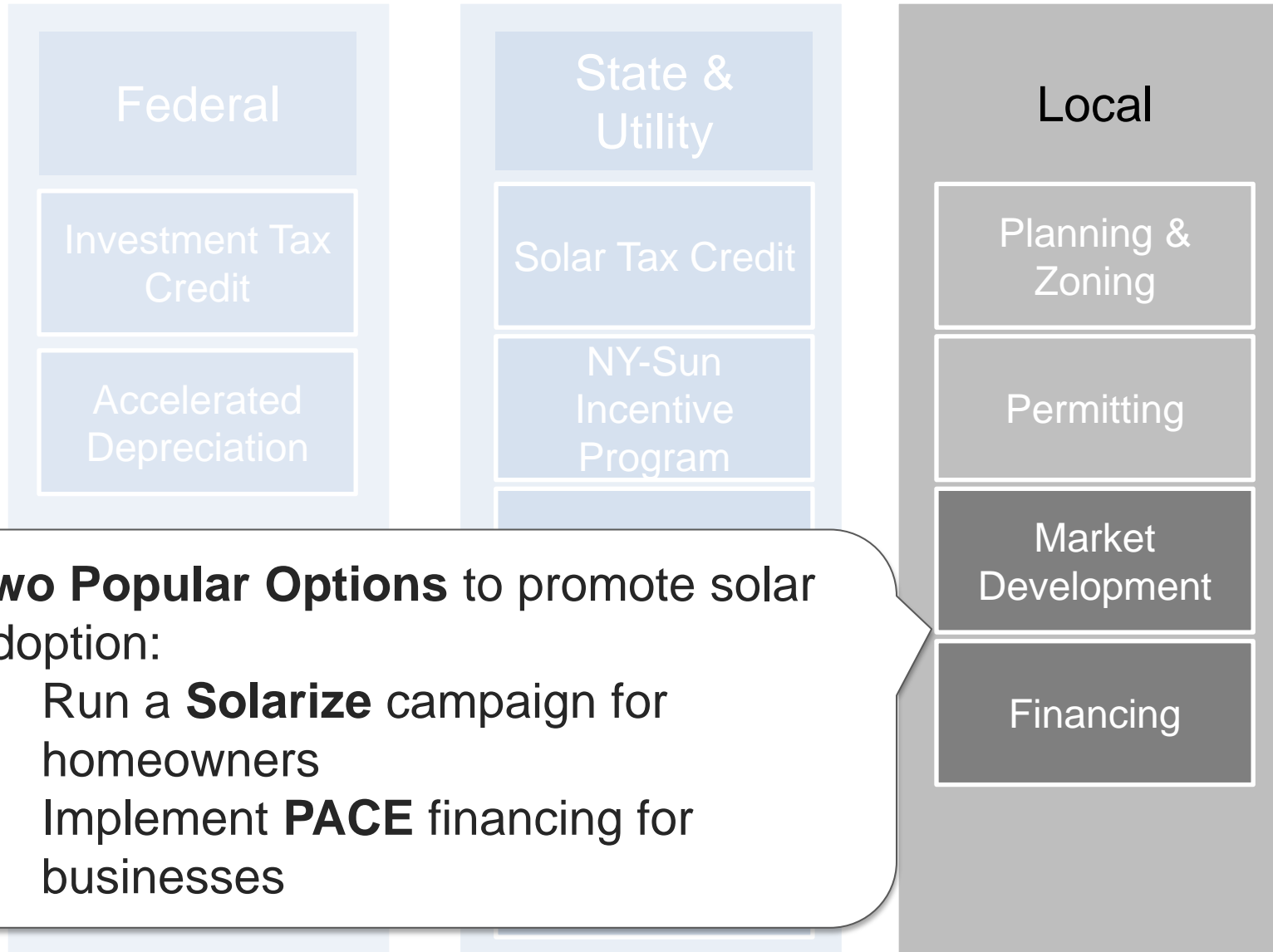
### PV Trainers Network

- Workshop: Introduction to Solarize
- <https://training.ny-sun.ny.gov/courses-workshops>

### Community Solar NY

- Funding and support to assist communities with rolling out solarize campaigns
- Visit: <http://ny-sun.ny.gov/Get-Solar/Community-Solar>

# Policies & Incentives



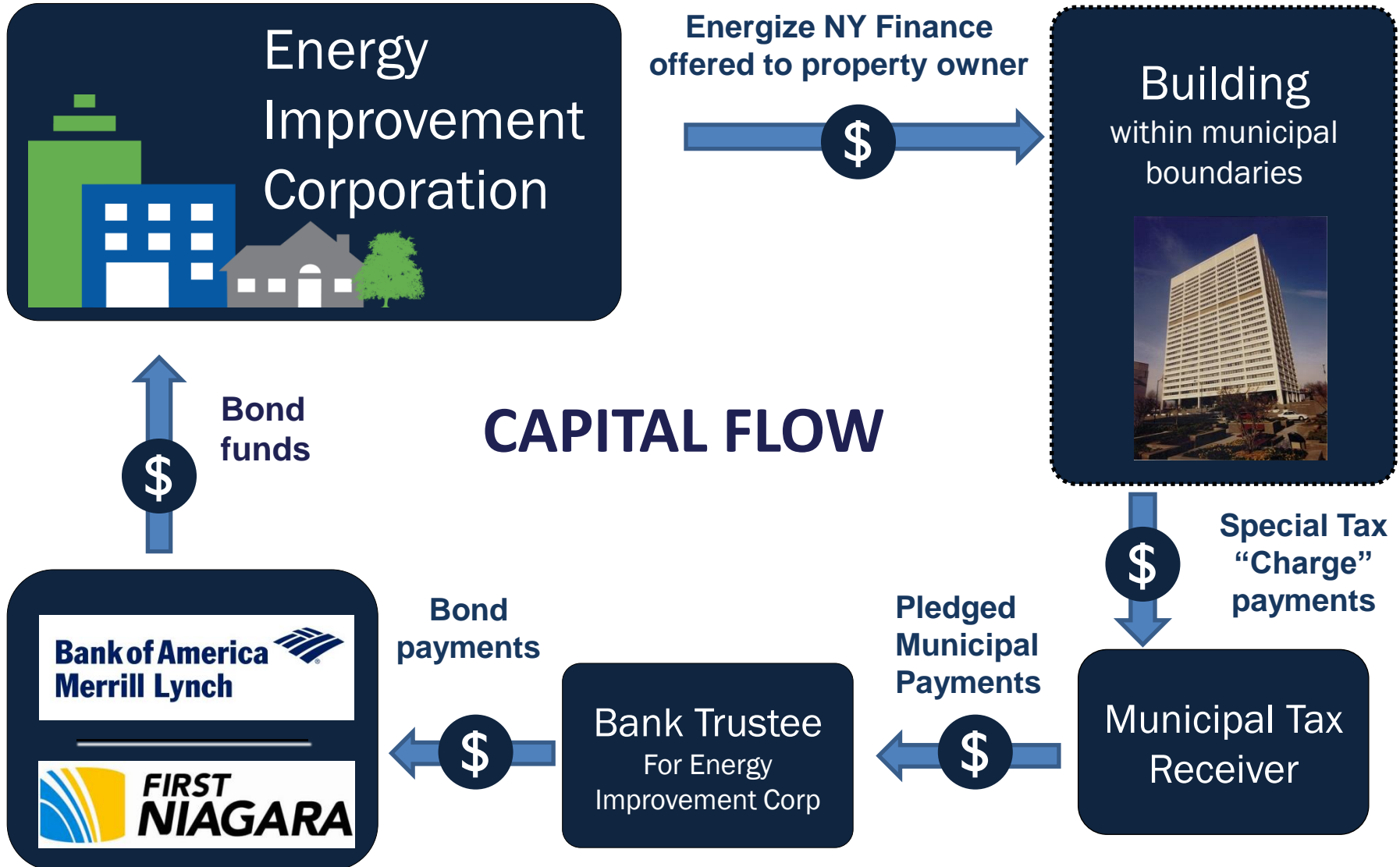
## **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**

Local governments finance the up-front costs of energy improvements to properties, which are repaid through a special assessment on the property owner's tax bill.

## Energize NY Commercial Program:

- NY passed enabling legislation in 2009
- Managed by the Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC)
- Offered to commercial properties **in participating municipalities**
- Repayments collected by municipalities via property tax charge
- PACE granted senior lien status
- 14 municipalities have signed on
- Improvements must have savings to investment ratio >1
- To participate:
  - Pass the Local Law
  - Sign the Municipal Agreement (IMA)
  - Formally request membership from EIC

# Energize NY Finance Model



Allows for lower cost of capital

## Resource



## Energize NY

Energize NY Finance leverages PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing to help commercial and non-profit property owners undertake deep energy improvements.

[energizeny.org](http://energizeny.org)

## NY-Sun PV Trainers Network Services

- Workshop: Expanding Commercial Solar Financing Options with a PACE Program
- <https://training.ny-sun.ny.gov/courses-workshops>

- One-on-One Assistance
  - ✓ Establish a PACE district
  - ✓ Design a cost-effective program
  - ✓ Support program administration

# Want to Learn More?

Target Audience	PV Trainers Network Workshop
Code Officials & Inspectors	Solar PV Permitting and Inspection Methods
First Responders	Safety and Fire Considerations for Solar PV
Plan Examiners, Engineers & Architects	Solar PV for Engineers and Architects
Administrators	Introduction to Solarize: Stimulating Local Solar Market Growth
	Expanding Commercial Solar with a PACE Program
Code Officials & Plan Examiners	Streamlining Solar Permitting
Planners	Land Use Permitting for Solar
	Zoning for Solar Energy



# Next Steps: What else can communities do?

- Attend a training
- Host an event
- Request one-on-one assistance

Visit: <https://training.ny-sun.ny.gov>  
Contact us: [info@training.ny-sun.ny.gov](mailto:info@training.ny-sun.ny.gov)



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# Pricing Tiers

PV Panel	Efficiency	Warranty	Inverter	Pricing Tiers		
				< 50 kW	50-100 kW	101+ kW
Trina 255	15.9%	10-yr product, 25-yr performance	Solar Edge	<b>\$3.55</b> per watt	<b>\$3.40</b> per watt	<b>\$3.25</b> per watt
SolarWorld 280	16.7%	10-yr product, 25-yr performance	Solar Edge	<b>\$3.60</b>	<b>\$3.45</b>	<b>\$3.30</b>
Ben-Q (AC module)	18.1%	10-yr product, 25-yr performance	Built-in micro-inverter	<b>\$3.70</b>	<b>\$3.55</b>	<b>\$3.40</b>

Base Price:  
16% discount

Lowest Tier:  
24% discount

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Over 650 people attended nine community workshops and a Solar Open House event.



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More than 1,100 people viewed the workshop presentation materials online.

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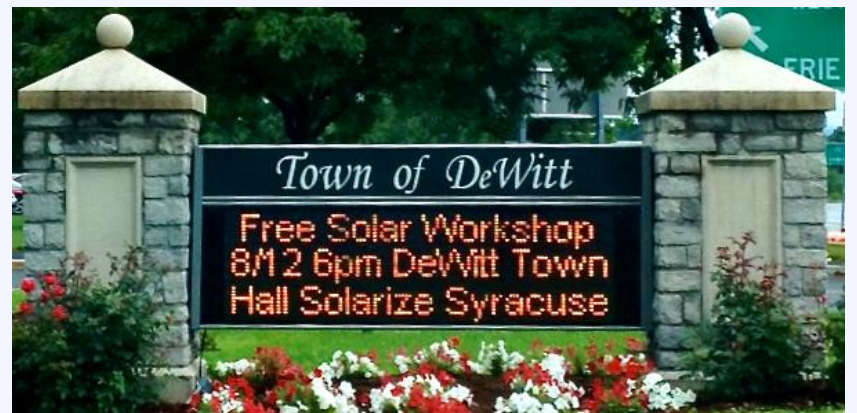


Social media and local networks help spread the word.

440+ followers on Facebook – and counting.

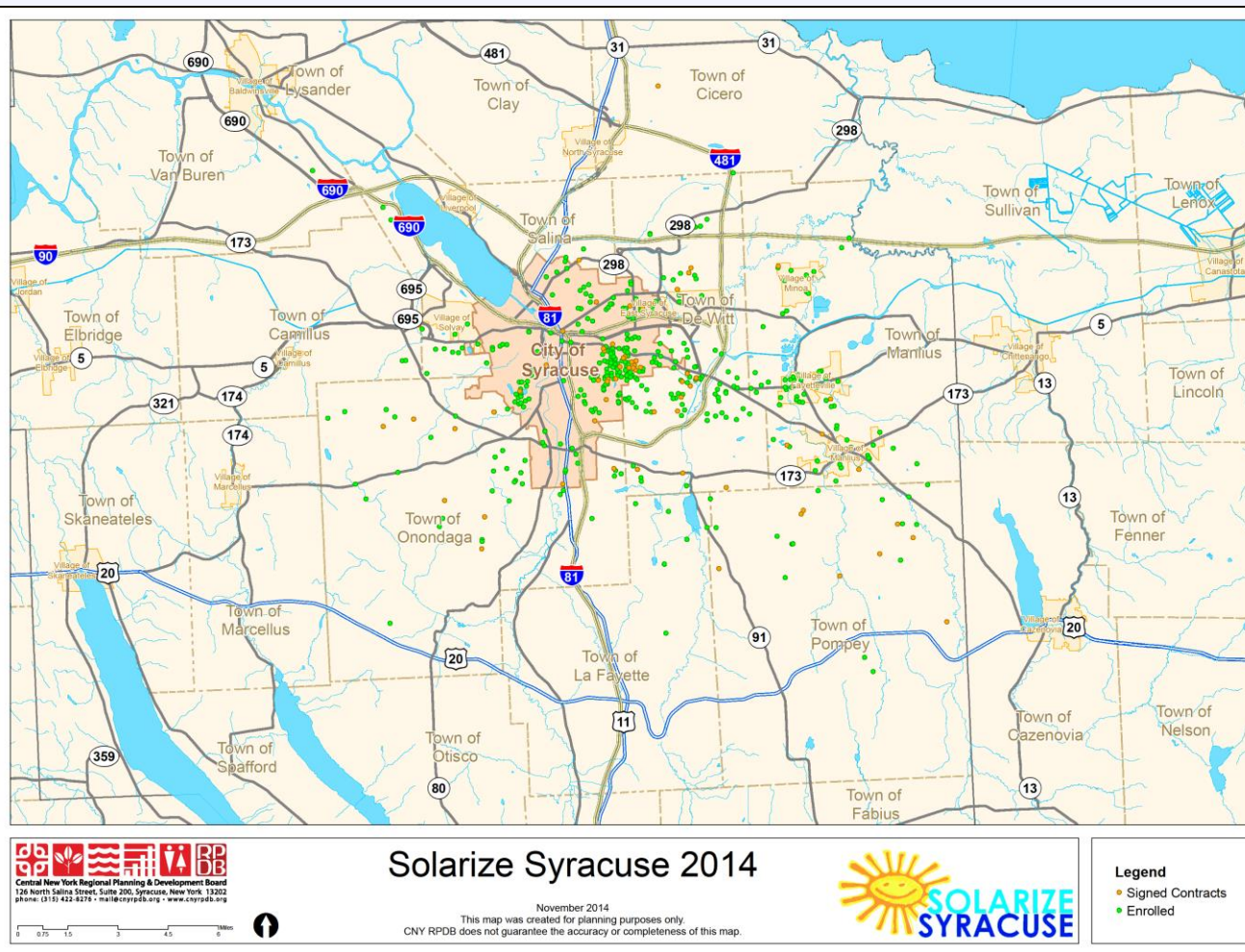
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Media coverage and municipal support are critical success factors.



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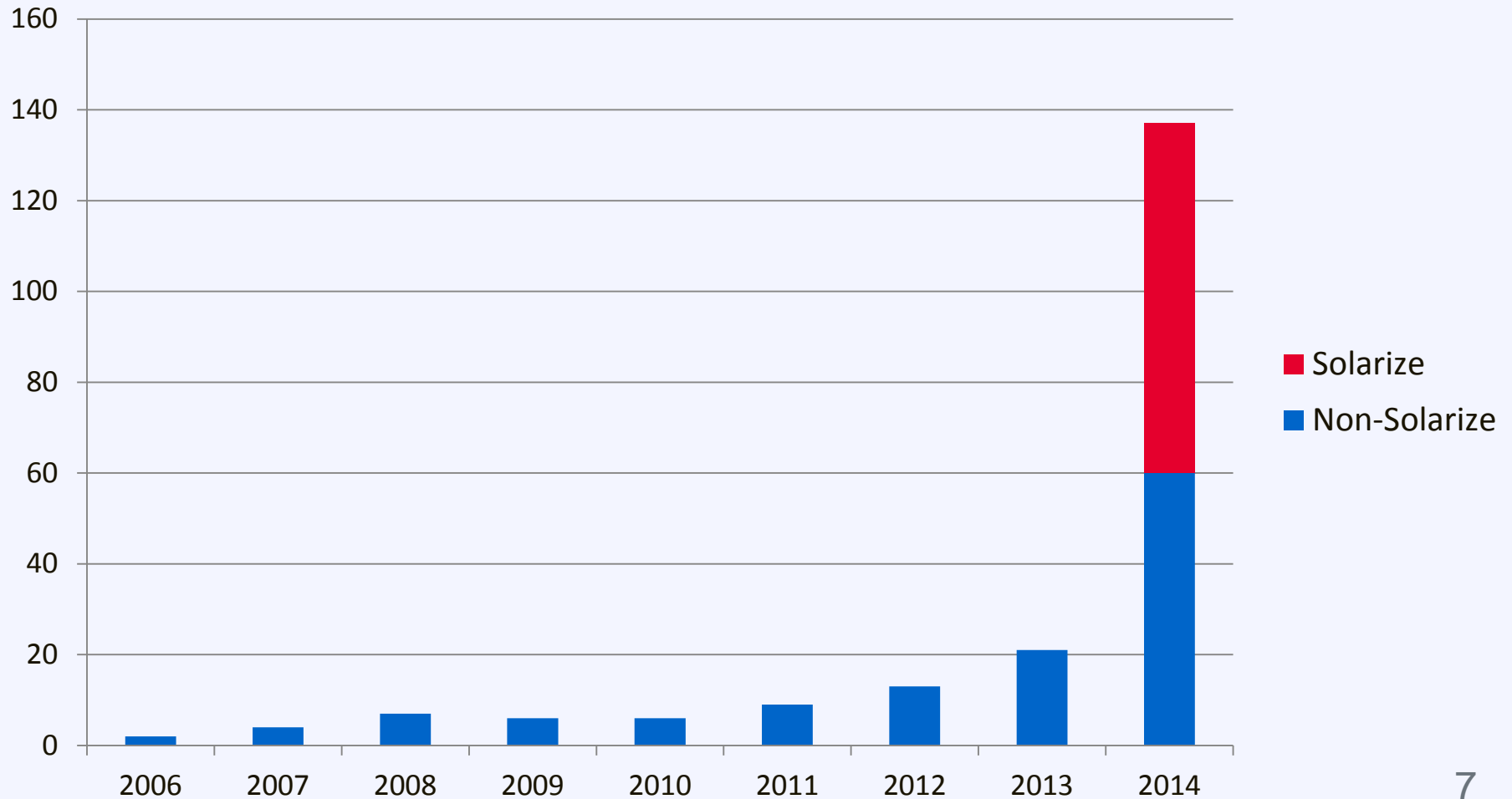
- Solarize Syracuse target area included 8 municipalities
- 500 enrolled for free site assessment (green dots)
- 77 signed contracts to install solar PV (orange dots)
- 530 kW of new solar capacity
- More than doubled the amount of residential solar in the target area














# Solarize Syracuse

## Residential Solar Projects by Year in Solarize Target Area



# Solarize Syracuse

## Solar Market Impact

Market Area/Time Period	# of Projects	kW	\$/W
Solarize Syracuse/June-Nov 2014	77	530	\$3.25
Onondaga County/June-Nov 2014	45 	419 	\$4.05 
Onondaga County/Jan-May 2014	15	128	\$4.45
Oswego County/June-Nov 2014	29 	250 	\$4.16 
Oswego County/Jan-May 2014	4	40	\$4.41
Madison County/June-Nov 2014	16 	185 	\$4.05 
Madison County/Jan-May 2014	4	34	\$4.12

# Solarize Syracuse



## Economic Development Impact

3 new jobs and  
\$1.7+ million new investment  
in local communities.



# Solarize CNY: Regional Approach

## Solarize Syracuse 2014:

- 6 partners
- 8 municipalities covered
- 242,000 population
- 10 community events
- 650 attendees (65 per event)
- 500 enrollees
- 77 projects (15% of enrollees)
- 530 kW (7 kW avg. size)

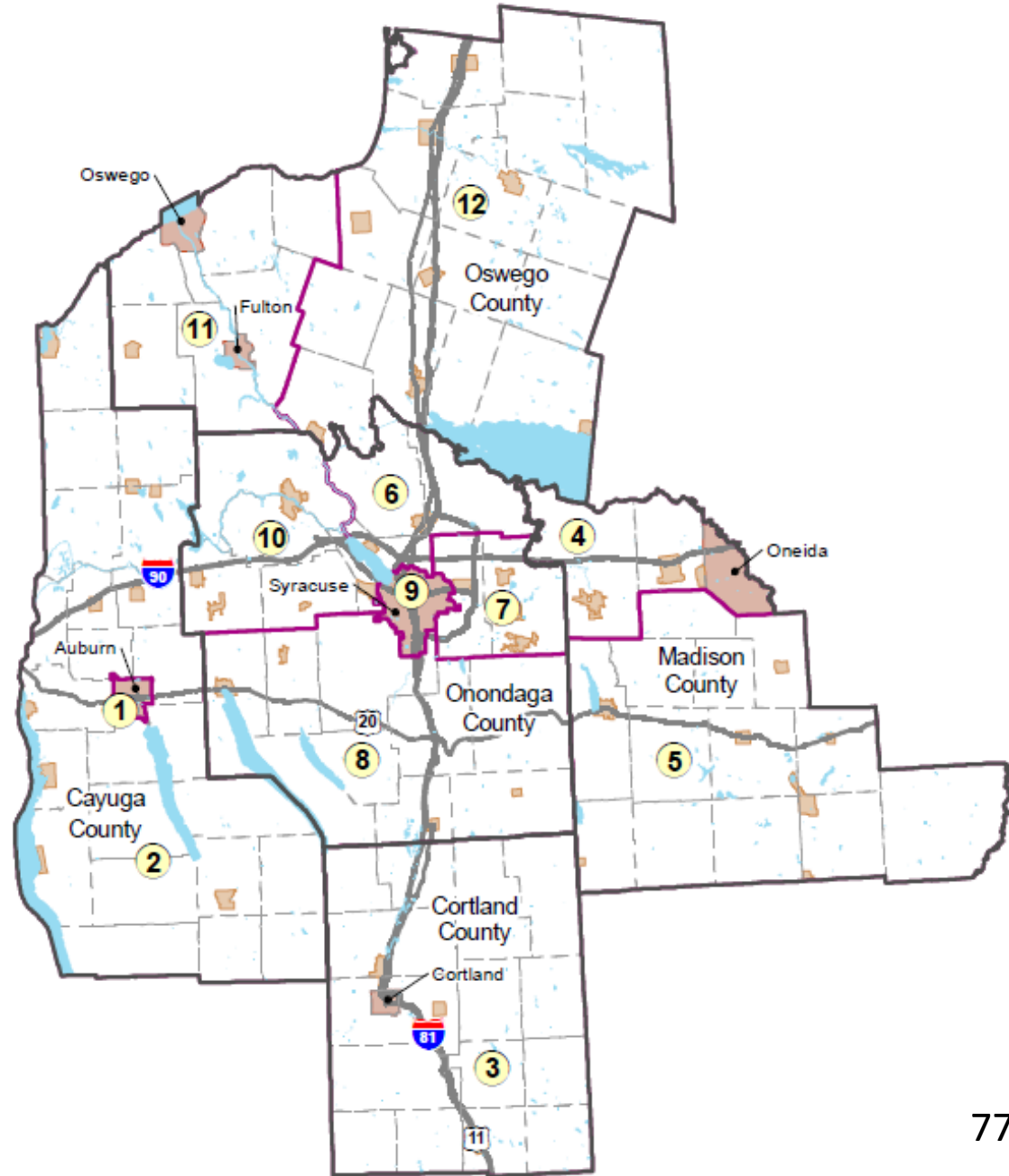
## Solarize Central NY 2015:

- 20+ local partners
- 150 municipalities covered
- 795,000 population
- 40 - 60 community events
- 2,500 attendees (~50 per event)
- 2,000 enrollees
- 400 projects (20% of enrollees)
- 4,000 kW (10 kW avg. size)

# Solarize CNY Coverage

## Campaign Territories and Local Partners:

- Central New York's five counties divided into 12 "campaign territories"
- Each territory will have one or more "local partners"
- CNY RPDB will be the regional project manager
- Program will be open to homeowners and businesses in all five counties



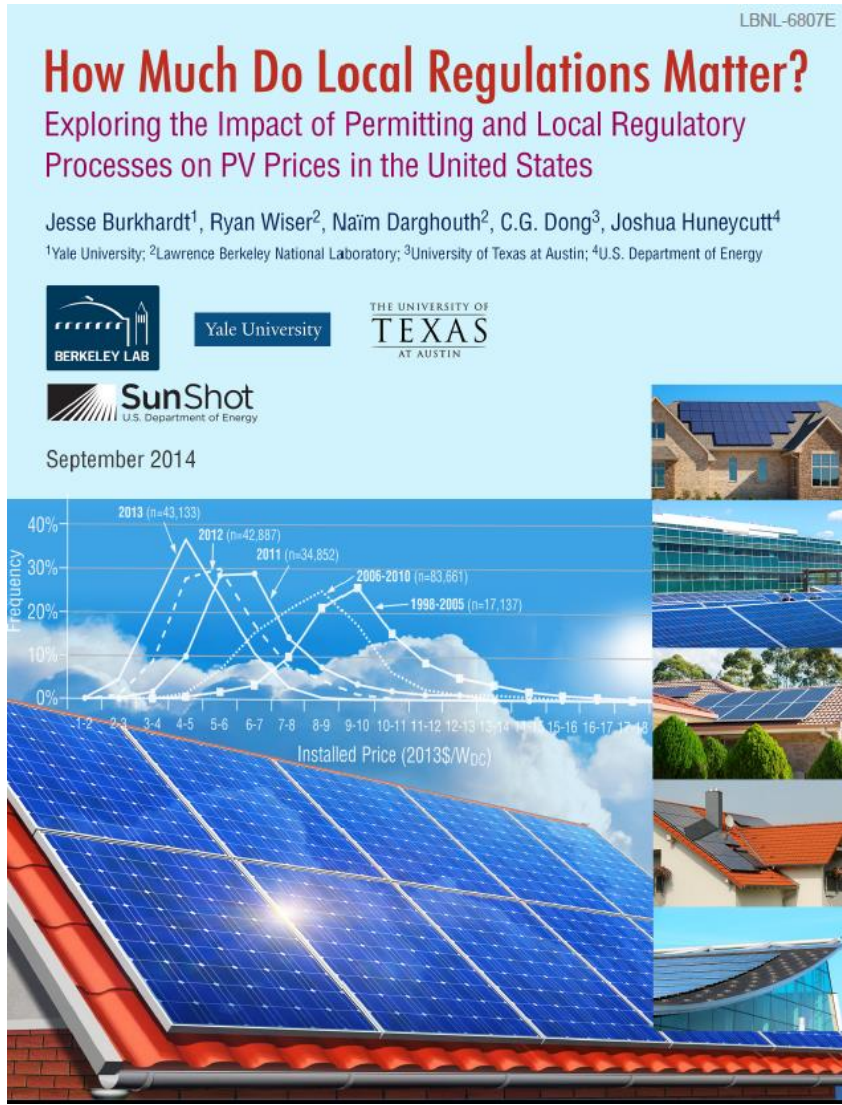
# New Program Elements/Focus

1. More **small commercial** customers including farms, not-for-profit organizations and multi-family properties
2. Automated **customer outreach** tools
3. Streamlined **data management** to keep track of customers through the process
4. Greater customer choice – **more installers** (teams of installers?)

# What's Next?

1. Submit Community Solar NY applications (one per “campaign territory”): ~~January 30, 2015~~ **DONE**
2. NYSERDA awards announced: ~~mid-February 2015~~ **DONE**
3. Identify additional local partners: **Now**
4. Begin organizational planning: **Now**
5. Installer selection: **March 2015**
6. Launch campaign: **April 2015**
7. Outreach meetings: **Spring/Summer 2015**
8. Customer enrollment deadline: **September 2015**

# Streamlined Solar Permitting




So far, the CNY RPDB has assisted **21 Central NY municipalities** to adopt NYSERDA's streamlined permit:

1. Baldwinsville V.
2. Dewitt T.
3. Hamilton V.
4. Lafayette T.
5. Lebanon T.
6. Lenox T.
7. Lincoln T.
8. Liverpool V.
9. Marcellus T.
10. Minetto T.
11. Minoa V.
12. Montezuma T.
13. Morrisville V.
14. Oswego C.
15. Owasco T.
16. Parish T.
17. Parish V.
18. Pompey T.
19. Sennett T.
20. Skaneateles T.
21. Tully V.



# Permitting and Solarize



**New York State Unified Solar Permit**  
Expedited Solar Permit Process for Small-Scale Solar Electric Systems

**Requirements for Application Submittal - STEP 1**

*For use in all New York State counties with the exception of Nassau County and Suffolk County.*

The expedited solar permitting process uses a unified permit across municipalities in New York State.


A combined building and electrical permit for a grid-tied solar electric system will be issued pending proper completion of forms, submission of approved plans and approval by municipality. All applicants must submit:

- 1. Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Solar Electric Systems Eligibility Checklist - STEP 2**
- 2. One (1) set of plans (number may vary by municipality) that include:**
  - Site Plan showing location of major components of solar system and other equipment on roof or legal accessory structure. This plan should represent relative location of components at site, including, but not limited to, location of array, existing electrical service location, utility meter, inverter location, system orientation and tilt angle. This plan should show access and pathways that are compliant with New York State Fire Code, if applicable.
  - One-Line or 3-Line Electrical Diagram. The electrical diagram required by NYSERDA for an incentive application and/or utility for an interconnection agreement can be used here.
  - Specification Sheets for all manufactured components. If these sheets are available electronically, a web address will be accepted in place of an attachment, at the discretion of the municipality.
  - All diagrams and plans must include the following: (a) Project address, section, block and lot number of the property; (b) Owner's name, address and phone number; (c) Name, address and phone number of the person preparing the plans; and (d) System capacity in kW-DC.
- 3. Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Solar Electric Systems Application - STEP 3**
- 4. Permit Fee Amount**

**Permit Review and Inspection Timeline**

Permit determinations will be issued within 14 days upon receipt of complete and accurate applications. The municipality will provide feedback within 7 days of receiving incomplete or inaccurate applications. If an inspection is required, a single inspection should be sufficient and will be provided within 7 days of inspection request.

The NY-Sun Initiative, a dynamic public-private partnership, will drive growth of the solar industry and make solar technology more affordable for all New Yorkers.  
**Visit [ny-sun.ny.gov](http://ny-sun.ny.gov) for more information on the NY-Sun Initiative.**



- Communities that adopt the **NYS Unified Solar Permit** are eligible to receive \$2,500 grant
- The CNY RPDB taking the lead to assist municipalities, and can submit the application paperwork to NYSERDA
- Grant can be used for any purpose, including the installation of solar on municipal property or as incentives given to homeowners or businesses to install solar on their property



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Thank You!

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