



Lewisboro Sustainability Advisory Committee

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The Town of Lewisboro Enrolls in Community Solar!

In another demonstration of environmental leadership, the Town of Lewisboro has enrolled its eligible electricity accounts in community solar through nonprofit, Sustainable Westchester. This makes Lewisboro the second municipality in Westchester, and among the vanguard in the state, to participate in this clean energy opportunity. Community solar will save the Town up to 10% on its smaller electricity bills eligible for the program while spurring development of new solar farms located offsite.

Residents Can Join the Community Solar Initiative

The Lewisboro Sustainability Advisory Committee has hosted two events for interested community members to learn about community solar. These workshops have featured a brief introduction to solar energy from Committee member and Climate Reality Leader Jack Kozuchowski as well as an overview of the benefits and mechanics of community solar. The first event at Lewisboro Library on February 22nd drew well over 30 residents with an equal number of registrants for the following Zoom event on April 10th.

Residents, faith organizations and businesses with eligible electricity accounts in the Town can join and take advantage of Community Solar for guaranteed savings on their electricity bills while promoting renewable energy. Subscribers can enroll on the same terms as the Town, enjoying savings up to 10% on electricity bills for up to twenty years, with no penalty to cancel. To increase environmental and community benefits through this collaboration, Sustainable Westchester is contributing funds to support Lewisboro's own sustainability priorities for each town resident who enrolls.

How Does Community Solar Work?

Energy produced by the solar farm, located in Tioga, is sent to the NYSEG electric grid and subscribers receive a credit on their electricity bill, representing the value of their share of the energy produced. Subscribers then pay the owner of the solar farm a discounted amount for that solar credit. Enrolling is easy and quick and requires utility information as well as information to set up automated payment for the discounted solar credits. Visit www.sustainablewestchester.org/solar to learn more and enroll. You can also reach out to Sustainable Westchester with any questions at communitysolar@sustainablewestchester.org.

The Town's history of clean energy leadership includes participating in Sustainable Westchester's Westchester Power program that makes renewable energy the default for many town residents, and partnering on community campaigns including Solarize for rooftop solar, Energize for energy efficiency and HeatSmart for clean heating and cooling technologies. Participating in community solar is consistent with this track record of environmental leadership.