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Investing in a Bright Future...

WMECo's Pittsfield Solar Project

This summer marks the beginning of construction on WMECo's first solar facility in the William Stanley Business Park on Silver Lake Boulevard in Pittsfield. Accommodating 6,500 solar panels and producing up to 1.8 megawatts of electricity – enough to power over 300 homes – the site will bring clean, renewable power to the energy mix in western Massachusetts.

The site is located on eight acres of land owned by WMECo and the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority (PEDA) and will bring approximately \$150,000 in property tax revenues to the City of Pittsfield each year. The facility will be operational this fall.

To learn more about this exciting project visit wmeco.com.





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History of WMECo's Large Scale Solar Program:

In August 2009, WMECo made history as the first utility in New England to receive approval from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to build large scale solar energy facilities in its service territory.

WMECo has been authorized to build up to 6 megawatts (MW) of solar facilities by the end of 2012. The program focuses on developing large-scale solar facilities on sites that offer economies of scale and cost-effective energy production. Of particular interest are capped landfills and environmentally challenged sites that have few or very restricted alternative uses.

Under the 2008 Green Communities Act proposed by the Patrick Administration and passed by the Massachusetts legislature, electric distribution companies like WMECo are authorized to play a critical role in meeting the state's solar energy goal of developing 250 megawatts (MW) of installed solar by 2017.



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