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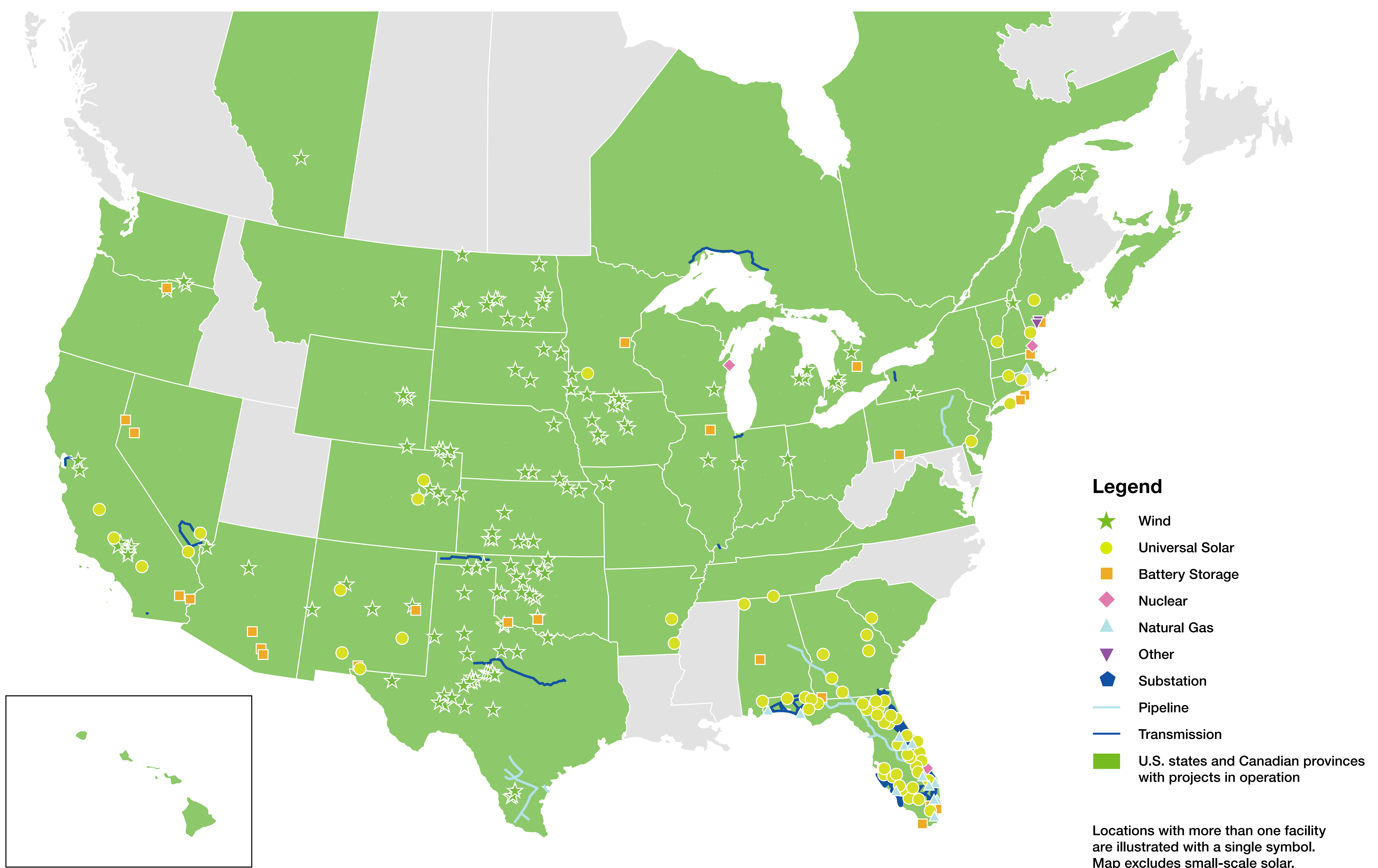
## We are here to:

- » Provide an overview of NextEra Energy Resources
- » Present an update to you about the proposed solar project
- » Receive your comments
- » Answer your questions

# NextEra Energy Resources Overview

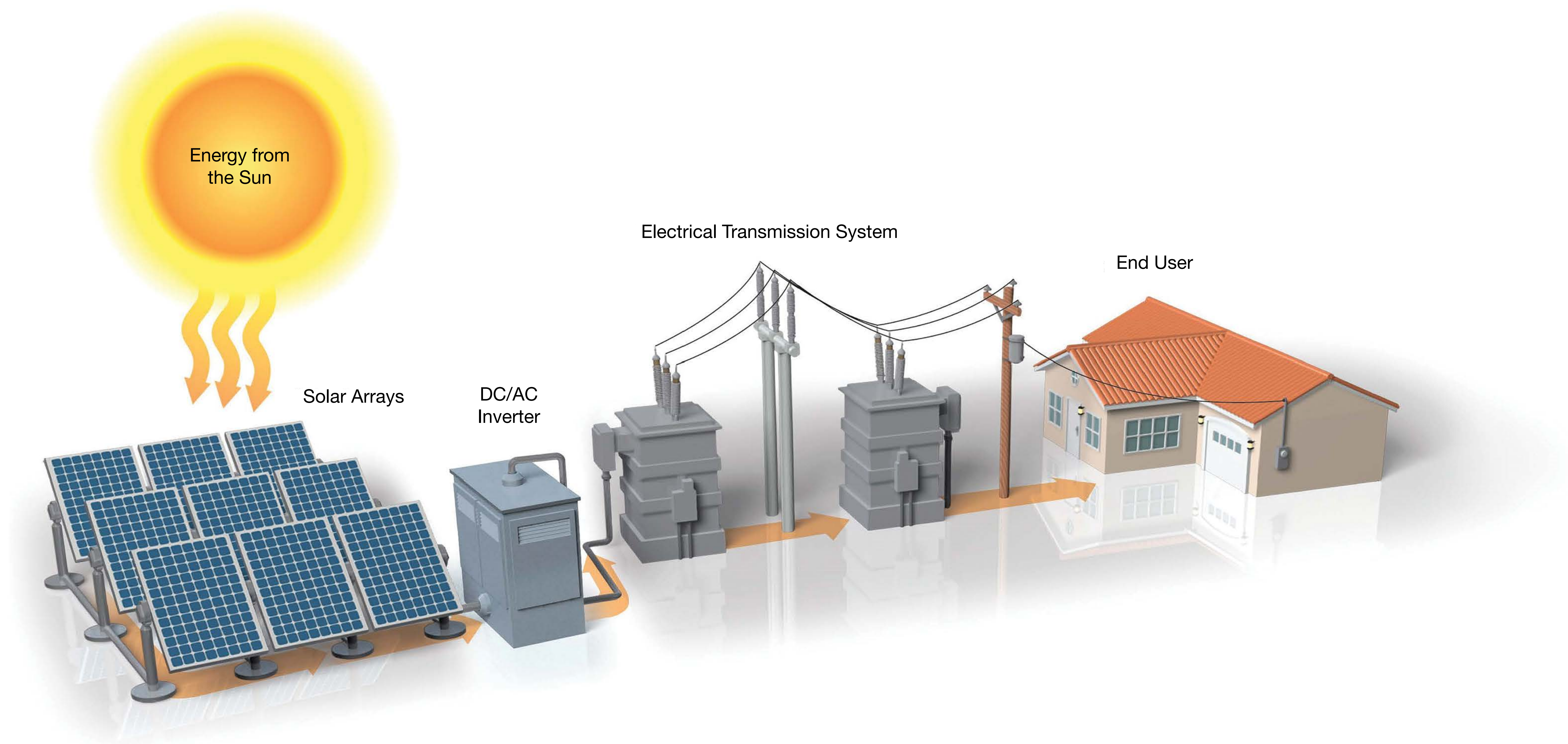
## A Leader in Clean Energy

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (together with its affiliated entities, “NextEra Energy Resources”) is a clean energy leader and is one of the largest wholesale generators of electric power in the U.S., with approximately 30,600 megawatts of total net generating capacity, primarily in 41 states and Canada as of year-end 2023.



# How Photovoltaic Solar Energy Works

As sunlight hits the solar panels, the solar energy is converted into direct current electricity (DC). The direct current flows into power inverters, where it is converted into alternating current electricity (AC). The alternating current travels through transformers as its voltage is boosted for delivery onto the transmission grid for electric utilities to distribute to homes and businesses.



# Gateway Solar Energy Center

## Overview

- » Located in the Towns of Brasher, Massena, and Norfolk in St. Lawrence County
- » Owned and operated by Gateway Solar Energy Center, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC
- » Proposed 180-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy generating capacity
- » Designed to interconnect with the existing electrical transmission system

## Economic Benefits

- » The Gateway Solar Energy Center is expected to deliver new jobs, taxes and economic development to St. Lawrence County
- » The project is expected to provide millions of dollars in new revenue to the county, towns and school districts to reduce the local tax burden or to be invested in infrastructure and additional services and resources for residents
- » The project is expected to create hundreds of jobs during construction, as well as full-time positions and opportunities for contractor work such as landscaping and snow plowing jobs throughout the life of the project
- » The project will support the local economy through the purchase of regional goods and services



# Benefits of Solar Energy

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Solar energy is good for our environment and community

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## Environmental Compatibility

- » Creates no greenhouse gases or other air pollutants
- » Uses no water resources to generate electricity
- » Panels are made up of solid materials that create no hazardous runoff
- » Creates no waste by-products when generating electricity
- » Creates no hazardous material clean-up concerns at the end of a project's productive life
- » Delivers safe, clean renewable energy

## Support for Local Landowners

- » Through land agreements, Gateway Solar Energy Center will support the local economy by infusing revenue into local landowners and diversifying their income

# Article VIII Permitting

Gateway Solar Energy Center, LLC plans to submit an application to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) for a Major Renewable Energy Facility pursuant to Article VIII of the New York State Public Service Law in 2024.

The Article VIII permit application consists of 25 exhibits. Each of the exhibits and a description of what is to be included can be found on the ORES website: [ORES.ny.gov](https://ores.ny.gov). Once the application is filed, exhibits will be accessible both through the ORES website and the Gateway Solar Energy Center website: [GatewaySolarEnergyCenter.com](https://GatewaySolarEnergyCenter.com).

While all information pertaining to the project will be updated via the project website, once the application is filed, it may be examined in-person during normal business hours at the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, as well as at a library serving the district of each member of the state legislature in whose district any portion of the proposed facility is to be located or could be impacted by the proposed facility. Those libraries are:

- » Massena Public Library Central Library, 41 Glenn St, Massena, NY 13662
- » Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St, Norfolk, NY 13667
- » Badenhausen Branch Library, 4 Main Street, Brasher Falls NY 13613

## Current Estimated Project Schedule\*

- » Community Meeting (June 2024)
- » Submit Permit Application (August 2024)
- » Receive ORES Completeness Determination (December 2024)
- » Siting Permit Issued (December 2025)
- » Commencement of Construction (Early 2026)
- » Commercial Operations Date (End of 2027)

*\*Subject to change*

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# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What is the Gateway Energy Center?**

**A:** Gateway Solar Energy Center, LLC has developed a proposal to establish a large-scale solar energy facility located in St. Lawrence County, New York. The Gateway Solar Energy Center would significantly contribute to New York's efforts to meet its renewable energy goals.

**Q: How will the local community benefit from this project?**

**A:** The Gateway Solar Energy Center will deliver local economic development and is expected to position St. Lawrence County as a leader in renewable energy while helping New York meet its renewable energy goals.

**Q: Are there other benefits that the project will bring?**

**A:** New York has set a goal of producing half of its total power from renewable sources by 2030 and projects like this will help meet that need.

This new source of clean, renewable power produces no air or water pollution and is aligned with the state's Clean Energy Standard and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act which is fostering new opportunities for renewable power that will help New York transform its energy generation system.

**Q: Can the equipment be damaged by wind?**

**A:** The support systems for the solar arrays will be designed to withstand the typical wind loading present in this area.

**Q: How is the project being approved?**

**A:** Permitting is through New York State's Article VIII process which is overseen and approved by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). Local communities can provide feedback to ORES throughout the process and can reach project representatives at any time through the project website.

**Q: What is Article VIII?**

**A:** Article VIII establishes a thorough review process for the siting of renewable energy projects with uniform conditions for New York State projects in place of the procedures set forth in the previous energy facility siting process known as Article 10 of the Public Service Law ("Article 10").

# Intervenor Funds

Upon submission of the application for a siting permit, Gateway Solar Energy Center, LLC will submit \$180,000 to be deposited in a local agency account. Local agency account means an account established by ORES and maintained by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority pursuant to Article VIII of the New York Public Service Law that eligible local agencies and potential community intervenors can request funding from in order to participate in public comment periods or hearings. Any local agency or potential community intervenor seeking funds must submit a request for initial funding within 30 days of application filing to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting at:

Address for Local Agency Account Fund requests to be delivered via USPS First Class Mail Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES)

Attn: Local Agency Account Funding Request  
Permit Application No. 23-00067  
c/o: OGS Mailroom Empire State Plaza  
240 State Street  
P-1 South, J Dock  
Albany, NY 12242

Send requests via email: [hearings@ores.ny.gov](mailto:hearings@ores.ny.gov)



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