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## **Green County Community Conversations on Large-Scale Solar**

Extension Green County, as part of the RESET (Renewable Energy Siting and Engagement for Tomorrow) program, is hosting two community discussions on large-scale solar projects in Green County.

RESET works with communities to identify their perspectives and priorities on large-scale renewables so they are prepared if a project comes into their community. Scott Tim, a member of the Green County RESET Advisory Team representing both the Green County Farm Bureau and the Green County Clean Waters Farmerled Watershed Group, says "I think the community meetings are important because it's a great way to proactively have conversations about the future of Green County and how we will best manage its resources so we can leave it better for the next generation."

Additionally, Olivia Otte with Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), shared "Green County has always been rooted in the strength of its communities and the stewardship of its land. As new energy technologies like large-scale solar become more present in our rural landscape, it's important that we have honest, open conversations about what this means for our residents, our farms, and our future. These community sessions are a chance for folks to learn more, ask questions, and most importantly, share what matters to them. I encourage everyone to come, listen, and speak up."

Matt Schaefer, with Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), adds "People should come to the community conversations because Green County wants to get it right. We have a unique opportunity to take advantage of the economic and ecological benefits of solar development and ecological benefits of solar development. The fact that we're having these conversations proactively, means that all voices will be heard."



Join us on June 24th or June 26th to share your questions, experiences, and thoughts on solar energy in your community. These conversations will inform local officials of community perspectives and priorities regarding large-scale solar to help prepare Green County for potential future development.

Dates & Locations:

June 24: 5-8 PM at Turner Hall, Monroe

June 26: 5–8 PM at New Glarus High School Commons

Choose the date that works best for you! Enjoy free food, beverages, and a children's corner while engaging in meaningful conversations about solar energy in Green County's future. Register here: <a href="https://go.wisc.edu/qngl9h">https://go.wisc.edu/qngl9h</a>.

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