



# City of Corvallis Community Solar Project

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## Description

A three megawatt (3 MW) solar farm, to be located on the field at the city water treatment plant, and subscribed by Corvallis residents, businesses and organizations under SB 1547, Oregon's new Community Solar program. The project will be considered successful if we are able to complete an operating and fully subscribed solar farm by mid-next year.

## Timeframe

New initiative. Beginning now, with feasibility / planning. There is a window of a couple of months to launch the project, after which it will likely be too late to use the Community Solar program. The solar farm is projected to go live in 2Q2019.

## Funding

There are two stages of funding: development and construction. We are talking to early-stage investors about funding development. With development successfully completed, we do not expect any problem obtaining construction financing.

## Equity and Accessibility

Any Pacific Power customer can subscribe to a Community Solar project, including renters and people of any income level. In addition, SB 1520 Community Solar projects are required to have 5% low-income subscribers.

## Approvals

Various agreements are required, beginning with a letter of intent or MOU with the City. Various permits are required for construction, including city building permits and state environmental permits.

## Community Action Plan (CAP) Objectives

SS1: Sustainable City

## Partners

City of Corvallis  
Corvallis Sustainability Coalition  
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**Date Accepted:** 10/03/2018

**Which sections of the Climate Action Plan does your Initiative address?**  
Buildings and Energy

**Action Type:** Mitigation

**What direct impact will your project have on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or preparing community members to adapt to the impacts of climate change (drought, wildfires, flooding, etc.)?**

A significant increase in the amount of renewable energy powering the electrical grid in Corvallis, and accompanying reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

**Does your project have any co-benefits (e.g. healthy local economy and local self-reliance, energy efficiency and greater energy independence from fossil fuels, sound economic investments, community livability, environmental quality and ecosystem resiliency, public health and well-being, equity and accessibility for low income/disadvantaged community members)?**

The project provides an opportunity for residents who are renters and homeowners whose properties are not suitable for solar to subscribe to solar energy. Through Community Solar, these subscribers will receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced.

**What type of help, if any, do you need from the members of the Climate Action Advisory Board?**

Contacts with City of Corvallis staff

Other: Possibly referrals to early-stage investors