

Solar “Farming”

Resources for landowners researching commercial contracting for purposes of generating solar energy

August 1, 2016 7 pm * Emergency Services Center, 22 Wells Farm Rd., Goshen, NY

- 7:00** Welcoming remarks - David Church, Commissioner, Orange County Department of Planning
- 7:05** Overview of terms, acronyms, community solar, Distributed Renewable Generation (DRG), and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) - Betta Broad, New Yorkers for Clean Power
- 7:15** NYSERDA and NY Sun programs - Max Joel, NYSERDA
- 7:25** Is it ‘farming’? - Robert Somers, Manager, NYS Agriculture & Markets
- 7:45** Solar Leases: Tips and Cautions for Property Owners – Attorney Steven N. Mogel, Esq.
- 8:10** How your assessment is affected? - Dennis Ketcham, Assessor, Mount Hope and Montgomery
- 8:20** Questions for the panel (above speakers and Energize NY, Farm Credit East, and NYS Assessors’ Assn)
- 8:40** Meet-n-Greet: time for individual discussions

Resources

NYSERDA - Landowner Considerations for Solar Leases <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/NYSun/files/landowner-considerations-for-solar-leases.pdf>

Capital District CCE: <http://blogs.cornell.edu/capitalareaagandhortprogram/home/solar-farms-on-rural-land-in-nys-resources/>

Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)

- SEIA Consumer Protection Portal – www.seia.org/consumers
- Guide to Land Leases for Solar, July 2016 – <http://www.seia.org/research-resources/seia-guide-land-leases-solar>
- Official SEIA State Chapters – www.seia.org/about/seia/official-state-chapters
- Understanding the Property Tax Exemption for Solar in NY - www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3Ull1-T0k
- Email SEIA with any questions at consumer@seia.org

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

- Citizens for Local Power - www.citizensforlocalpower.com/community-choice--cca-.html
- Good Energy - www.goodenergy.com/Community-Energy-Aggregation/new-york
- Sustainable Westchester - www.goodenergy.com/Community-Energy-Aggregation/new-york
- Lean Energy - <http://www.leanenergyus.org/>
- NYS Agriculture & Markets - <http://agriculture.ny.gov/ap/agservices/agdistricts.html>
- NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance - <https://www.tax.ny.gov/research/property/assess/valuation/agindex.htm>
- North Carolina Solar Center - <https://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Solar-Land-Lease-Issues-1.pdf>
- Energize NY - <http://energizeny.org/>
- Better Business Bureau (BBB) – www.bbb.org
- Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE) – www.dsireusa.org
- State and Local Bar Associations - <http://shop.americanbar.org/ebus/ABAGroups/DivisionforBarServices/BarAssociationDirectories/StateLocalBarAssociations.aspx#>
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council – www.irecusa.org
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) – www.nrel.gov & www.nrel.gov/docs/fy11osti/49930.pdf
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) – www.energy.gov
- Your state or local consumer agency– www.usa.gov/directory/stateconsumer/