Elk Creek Solar is a solar photovoltaic (PV) project proposed for Dunn County, Wisconsin. It will generate clean, emissions-free energy and substantial local revenues for decades to come. Elk Creek Solar looks forward to working with the local community in the planning and development of this important project.

**TOGETHER WE SHINE BRIGHTER**

Elk Creek Solar offers a new resource of economic development for the community, with new revenue for schools and government services. The project will generate economic opportunities by creating both short-term (construction) and long-term (maintenance and operational) jobs in the local area, as well as other job opportunities supported through spending and purchases by these workers at local businesses, shops, restaurants, and hotels.

In addition, solar power is one of the most cost-effective sources of electricity today, and its ability to generate power during high-demand times reduces the cost of electricity for all consumers.

**LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

- When completed and operational, Elk Creek Solar will generate annual tax payments to local government. In addition, a separate community fund will be established to provide additional revenue to school districts in the project area.

- The Project will create 250-300 jobs during the construction phase; 3-4 highly skilled long-term jobs for Project operations; and is projected to result in more than 20 total new jobs throughout Wisconsin.

- The Project is estimated to bring more than $20.5 million of new earnings into Dunn County during the construction phase alone.

- Helps local farmers and landowners diversify their income through solar lease payments that can be reinvested in their farms and communities.

- At the end of its operational life, the equipment will be recycled or reused, and the land restored to its original condition. The soil will be improved substantially due to the long resting period and the use of deep-rooted plants.

- Taxpayers and landowners are protected against decommissioning costs by Elk Creek Solar’s binding commitment to decommission the Project.
ABOUT THE PROJECT

• Will generate enough clean energy to power 60,000 homes.
• Expected to be operational in 2025.
• Panel height and vegetative screening will limit project visibility to neighbors and nearby roads.
• Landowner retains ownership of land during and after lease; landowners may choose to resume farming after lease expires.
• Over $292 million estimated total Project investment with more than $40 million in state revenue reinvested into local and state communities.
• Helps meet the growing demand for clean renewable energy sources in Wisconsin and the state’s commitment to be carbon-neutral by 2050.
• Life cycle: 35 years from date of commercial operation.
• Up to 300 megawatts (MW) with a potential Battery Energy Storage System (B.E.S.S.) to be included.
• Proposed within 2,500 acres of privately-owned land, with estimated Project size of 1,600 acres once operational.

TIMELINE

APPLY FOR STATE PERMITS: Q4 2022
RECEIVE STATE PERMIT APPROVALS: Q4 2023
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION: Q4 2024
SITE OPERATIONAL: Q4 2025

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