



ELK CREEK SOLAR



PROJECT LOCATION: Dunn County, WI



SIZE: 300 megawatts (MW)



LIFE CYCLE: 35 years



PROJECT AREA: 2,000 acres



ESTIMATED TAX REVENUES:
\$1.6 million annually

Elk Creek Solar is a 300-Megawatt solar photovoltaic (PV) Project proposed to generate clean, emission-free energy and substantial local revenues for Dunn County, Wisconsin. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approved the Project in October 2023, and Elk Creek Solar is anticipated to begin construction in 2024.

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.

LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

- Elk Creek Solar established a Community Fund for the Elk Mound School District in the Spring of 2023. Once operational, Elk Mound School District will receive \$1.2 million over the first 20-years of Project operations.
- The Town of Spring Brook and Dunn County will receive more than \$1.6 Million in combined annual utility aid payments during the Project's operating life.
- The Project will create 250-300 jobs during the construction phase; 3-4 highly skilled long-term jobs for Project operations.
- This project 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 vegetation.
- Taxpayers and landowners are protected against decommissioning costs by Elk Creek Solar's binding commitment to decommission the Project.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

- 300-megawatt solar PV capacity with 76 megawatt of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- Will generate enough clean energy to power more than 60,000 Wisconsin homes.
- Panel height and vegetative screening will limit project visibility to neighbors and nearby roads.
- Expected to generate more than \$57 million in new revenues to local town, county and schools with an estimated \$292 million total Project investment.
- Expected to be constructed by 2026 with a 35-year operating lifecycle.
- Project size of 2,000 acres once operational.
- Landowners retain ownership of land during and after lease; landowners may choose to resume farming after lease expires.
- Helps meet the growing demand for clean renewable energy sources in Wisconsin and the state's commitment to be carbon-neutral by 2050.

TIMELINE



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