



Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center

Virtual Public Information Meeting

December 14, 2020

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Invenenergy Introduction

Team Introduction

- **Development**

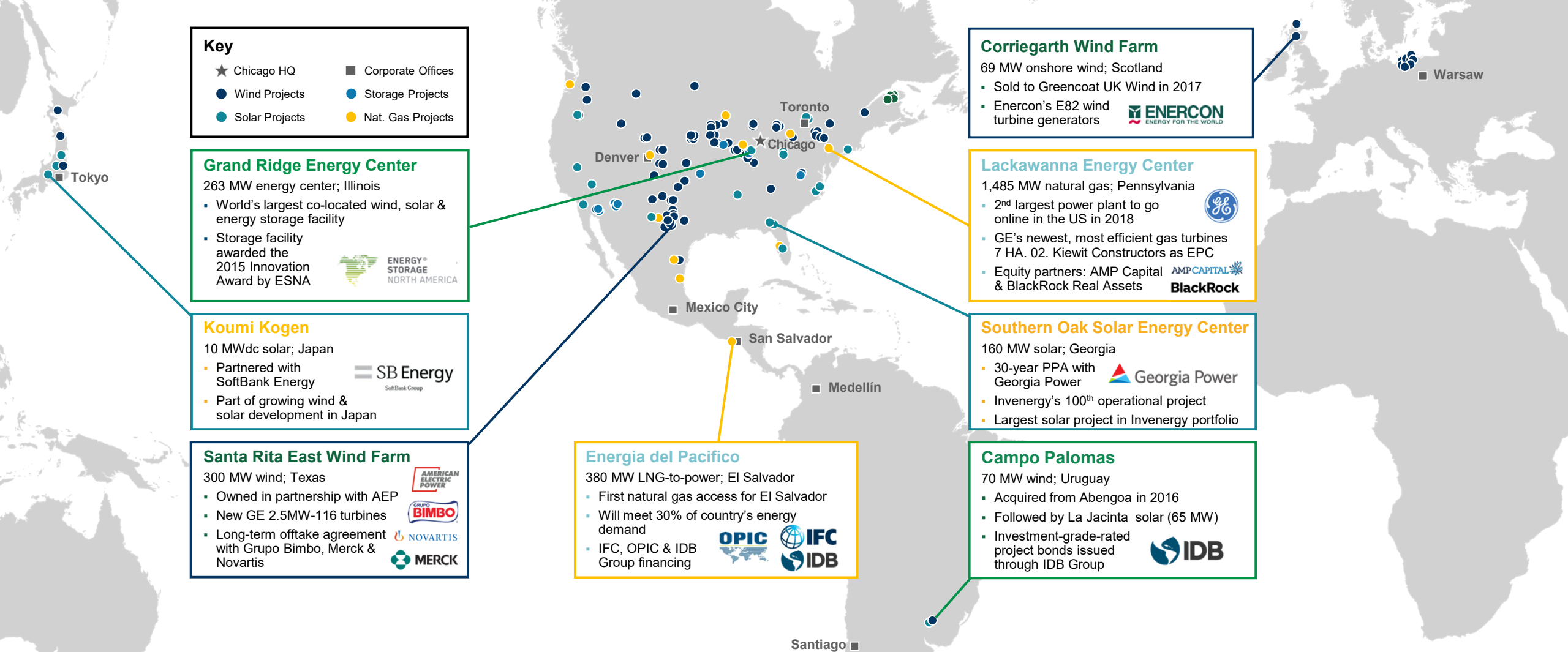
- Michael Kaplan – Vice President; Renewable Development
- Ryan Van Portfliet - Renewable Development Manager; Ohio Lead
- Josh Hreha – Renewable Development Manager; Project Lead

- **Environmental Compliance and Strategy**

- Brad Romano – Senior Manager; Environmental Compliance and Strategy
- John Wojcikiewicz – Senior Associate; Environmental Compliance and Strategy

- **Engineering**

- Emily Paice – Senior Manager; Renewable Engineering
- Lesley Fisher – Senior Staff Engineer; Renewable Engineering



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165
Projects Developed

25GW
Capacity Developed

\$37Bil+
Completed Transactions

7.8Mil
Homes Powered

8.2Mil
Cars off the Road Equivalent

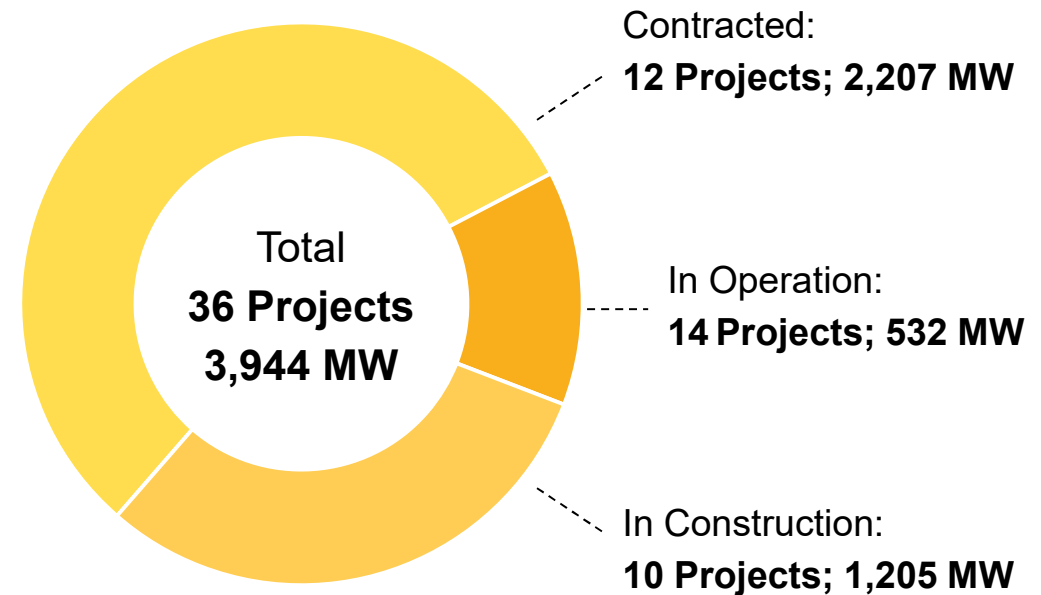
Invenergy Solar Experience

- **Harnessing the sun since 2012 to deliver low-cost renewable energy**
- **Experience including**
 - Serving utility, public power, and corporate customers
 - Structures including PPAs and build/development-transfer
- **Meeting growing demand for solar with:**
 - Technology innovation
 - Relationships with Tier 1 suppliers
 - Unparallel project execution
 - Safe & reliable operations

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Invenergy Solar Portfolio



Invenergy's Experience In Ohio

11+ Years of Experience Developing Renewable Energy Projects in the Buckeye State

- **Hardin Solar I**
 - 150 MW Project located in Hardin County, OH
 - [Approved OPSB Certificate](#) - February 15, 2018
 - Nearing completion of construction
 - Logged 3,000,000+ Construction Manhours from Ohio residents
 - Commercial Operations by no later than 12/31/2020
- **Hardin Solar II**
 - Proposed 170 MW Project located in Hardin County, OH
 - [Approved OPSB Certificate](#) - May 16, 2019
- **Vinton Solar**
 - Proposed 125 MW Project located in Vinton County, OH
 - [Approved OPSB Certificate](#) - September 20, 2018

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"State approves projects that will create Ohio's two largest solar farms" - Columbus Business First, February 15, 2018

"Vinton County optimistic about proposed solar-energy project" - Columbus Dispatch, September 11, 2017



CORONAVIRUS IN OHIO 5:58 AM Central Ohio already preparing COVID-19 vaccine plans

Vinton County optimistic about proposed solar-energy project

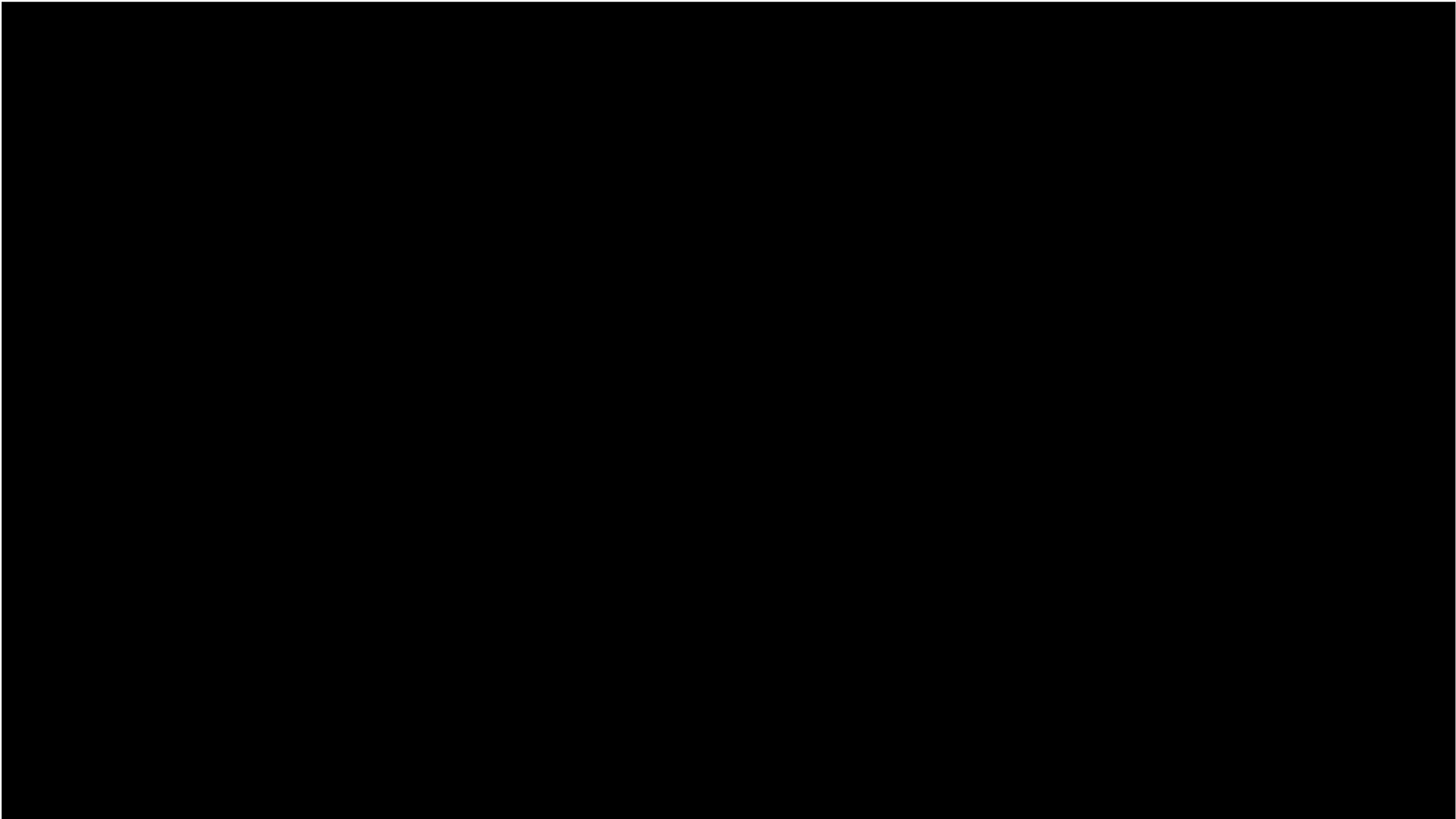
MOST POPULAR

- 1 Before mostly mask-less Ohio crowds, Trump asserts COVID-19 affects virtually nobody
Sep 22 at 8:21 AM
- 2 Downtown Columbus bar cited for COVID violation
Sep 21 at 1:44 PM
- 3 Ohio's positive COVID-19 test rate drops to lowest level of pandemic
Sep 21 at 2:40 PM
- 4 Unlike 2019, Ohio's Rob Portman now backs Senate vote on Supreme Court nominees
Sep 21 at 4:55 AM



BUY PHOTO HIDE CAPTION
Chicago-based Invenergy proposes to build a solar energy farm in Vinton County on 2,200 leased acres of reclaimed strip-mined land currently used as a cattle pasture. [Dispatch photo]

Sponsorship at the Vinton County Fair, July 2017

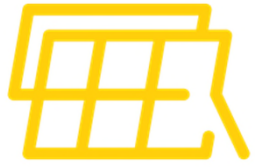


Beginnings - Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC

- **Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Invenergy Solar Development North America LLC (Invenergy).**
- **Began preliminary due diligence: February 2019**
 - Available Transmission Capacity and robustness of certain components of the transmission grid
 - Targeted large agricultural tracts of land with minimal topography
- **Actively began negotiating land agreements: April 2019**
- **Entered into PJM Queue: March 2019**



Description of Project

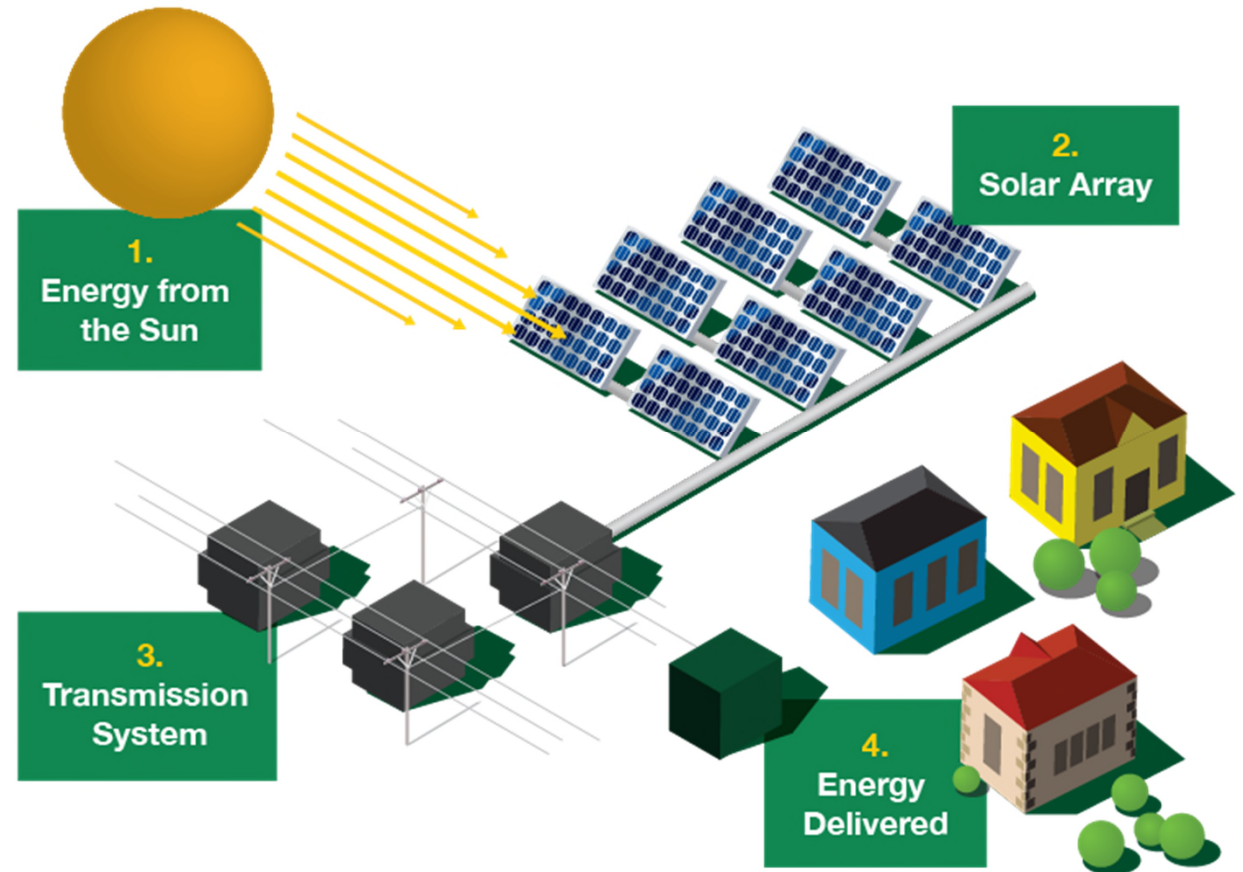


Pleasant Prairie Solar

Proven
Technology

Innovative
Design

Year-Round
Sunlight



Invenergy uses **state-of-the-art photovoltaic (PV) panels** to harness the sun's energy. Nearby transmission infrastructure will deliver energy to the grid.

Description of Project

- **The Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center (Project) is a 250 MW solar-powered electric generation facility located in Pleasant and Prairie Townships, Franklin County, OH.**
 - The Project is sited about 10 miles West of downtown Columbus, with a Northern portion along West Broad Street.
- **The Project will be connecting into the ‘Cole Rd’ AEP Substation at 345kV via the AE2-214 PJM queue position.**
- **The Project represents Invenergy’s commitment to continued investment in Ohio utility scale solar generation projects.**



Why Ohio?

Smart Columbus Introduces Renewable Energy Procurement for Large Columbus Region Energy Buyers

Cardinal Health, Huntington and AEP sign on as first customers to buy Ohio-based clean energy from Smart Columbus Energy, powered by AEP Energy



- **Cost Competitive Technology**

- Solar technology is simple and scalable; its flexible and reliable. With costs that have decreased by nearly 90% in less than a decade, solar is now one of the least expensive and fastest growing sources of new energy generation in the world.

- **Commercial and Municipal Demand**

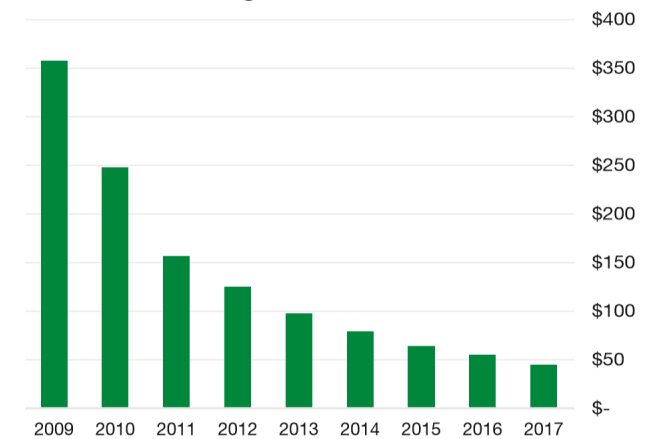
- City of Columbus – Proposed Electric Service Aggregation Program (Ballot Issue 1)
- Smart Columbus Energy- Aggregation for local large corporate and industrial organizations that consume approximately 5,000MWh or more per year.
- Nationwide Commercial & Industrial Users

- **Decarbonization goals from utilities like American Electric Power (AEP)**

- Renewable projects and relationship to carbon emission free energy generation. Cleaner air/water.

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Declining Cost of Solar PV



Source: Lazard Report, 2017

GOVERNMENT

Columbus voters approve green-energy aggregation plan

Bill Bush

Published 10:48 p.m. ET Nov. 3, 2020 | Updated 11:28 a.m. ET Nov. 4, 2020

The Columbus Dispatch

AEP's Carbon Emission Reduction Goals

70% by 2030

80% by 2050

(both from a 2000 baseline)

Project Schedule

Schedule



Development Timeline

2020 - 2022

Development

Activities include permitting, environmental and interconnection studies, and public feedback

2022 / 2023

Construction

Groundbreaking, construction, inspections and QAQC,
Final commissioning and certification

Q4 2023

Operations

Operations and continuous
Maintenance of equipment
and the land.

Operations / Decommissioning

- **From current land agreements, the project can operate for approximately 45 years.**
 - Landscape and vegetative management, equipment monitoring and inspections, project area security.
- **The owner of the facility will be responsible for removing the facility at the end of its useful life, as required by the operational conditions put forth by the Ohio Power Siting Board.**
 - This decommissioning process is secured and protected via bonds or other financial security obligations as required by Ohio Power and Siting Board prior to commencement of construction.
 - Project components will be removed and recycled from the project area and the land will be returned to its current use and functionality.



Project Components and Facilities

Bi-facial Solar Modules

- Innovative design of proven technology
- Solar panels are made of glass, aluminum, copper and other common materials.
- Solar panels are safe to touch, attach to your home or install in your neighborhood. Solar panels have been attached to houses, hospitals and airports for decades.
- While there are different kinds of solar panels, the most common are made of silica – the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen. The faces of silica panels are similar in substance to standard household glass.
- Committed to utilizing panels that will pass the EPA's Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) testing



Single-axis Tracking Systems

- Follows the sun throughout the day to harness energy at the optimal angle
- The Project will likely utilize a '2 in portrait' configuration
- Accommodates variation in ground cover planting species and allows for additional agricultural features
- Up to approximately 15' total height profile at times of most extreme tracking positions.



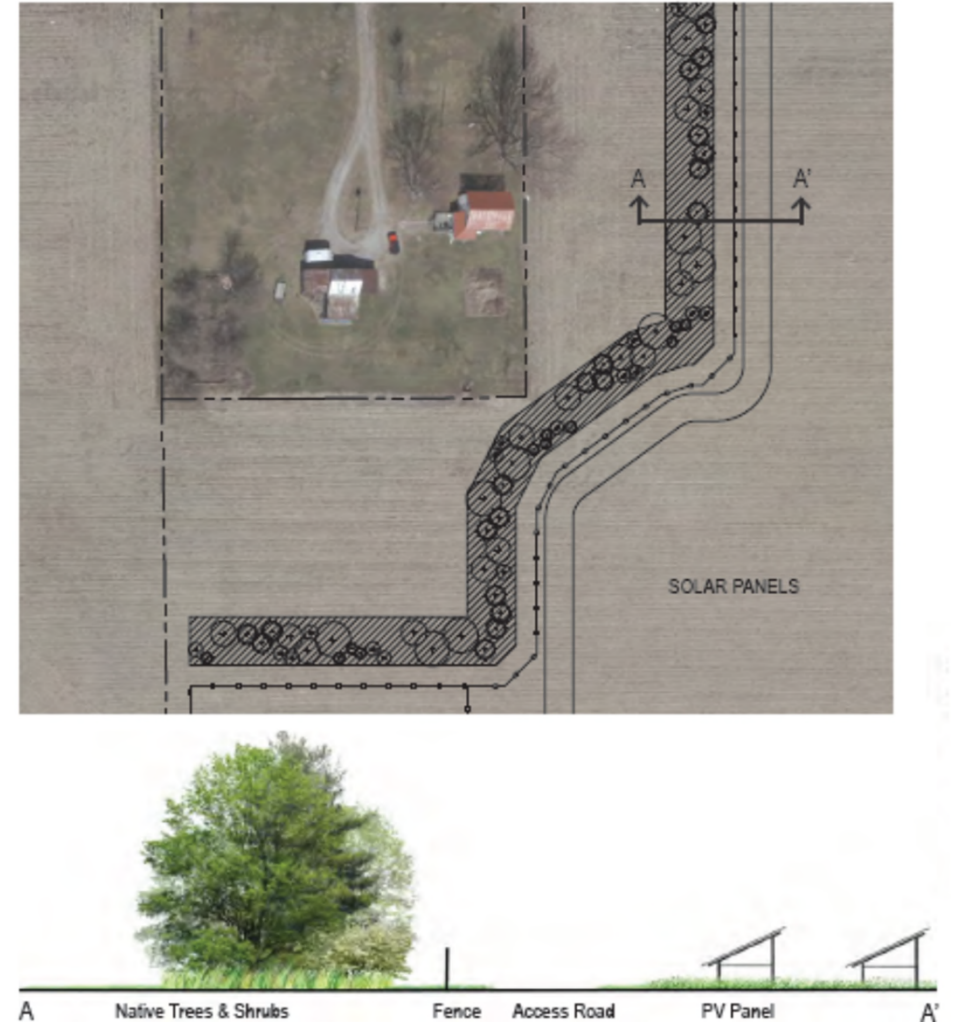
Other Components & Design

- **The Project will also include associated support facilities such as access roads, meteorological stations, buried electrical collection lines, inverters, and a collection substation.**
 - These support facilities serve the project through monitoring and maintenance means as well as allowing for the collection of electricity, the conversion of the electricity to a useful form, and transportation of that electricity to the grid to be put to work at a load.
- **Conceptual engineering designs are underway and more detailed designs will be developed by professional engineers prior to construction.**



Project Components and Facilities

- The project is undergoing local analysis, review, and design of both a landscape plan along with a vegetative management plan.
 - The landscape plan dictates how/where/what aesthetic plantings will be placed near and around the project area. There are typically multiple configurations of planting 'treatments' that can be utilized to achieve appropriate viewsheds of the project and project area.
 - The Project vegetative management plan will dictate how/where/what plantings will be placed under the solar panels, as well as how those plantings are to be monitored and maintained to ensure there are no project issues with drainage, invasive species, and mowings or clearings.



Current Project Conceptual Map

Legend

Transmission Line

— 345 - 500 kV

Conceptual Layout

— O&M Building

— Laydown Yard

— Inverter

—— Solar PV Racking

— Project Substation

— Project Transmission Line


Road Classification

— US/State Route

— County Road

— Local Road

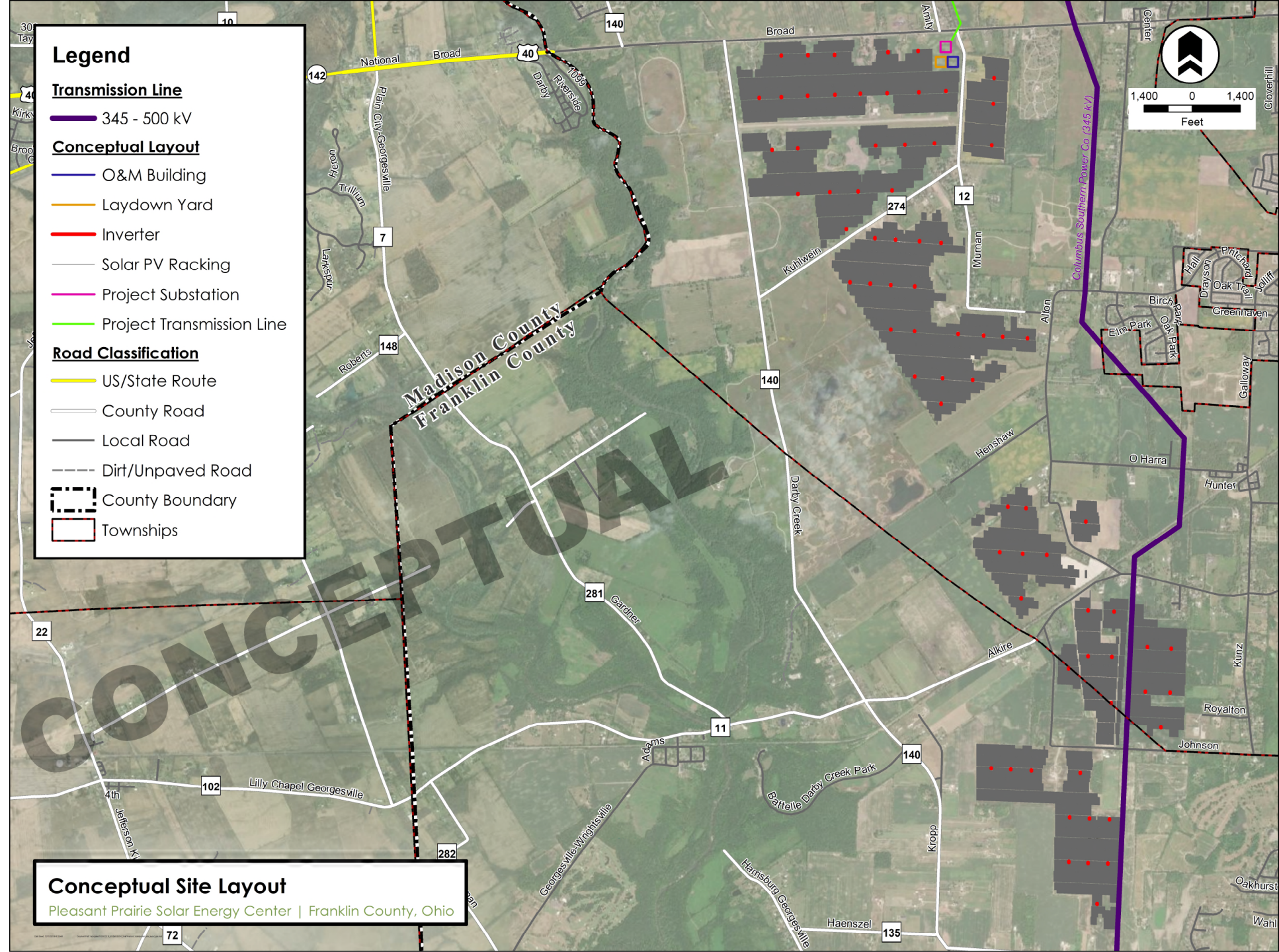
----- Dirt/Unpaved Road

 County Boundary

 Townships

Conceptual Site Layout

Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center | Franklin County, Ohio



Project Studies

Project Studies

The below listed studies help inform and advance Project design, incorporate avoidance of sensitive environmental resources, and ensure a high degree of environmental stewardship for the Project area.

- Ecological Site Characterization Study
- Wetlands and Waterbodies Delineation
- Landscape Plan
- Vegetative Management Plan
- Applicable wildlife surveys based on consultations from ODNR and USFW
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Project Studies- Continued

The following studies inform on the design of the project from a Land Use and Socioeconomic perspective. These studies can help create value for the project area community.

- Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation
- Viewshed Analysis and Aesthetic Resources Inventory
- Road Survey and Conceptual Traffic Plan
- Decommissioning Plan
- Economic Impact Analysis
- Drain Tile Mapping Investigation and findings
- Noise Impact Study
- Property Value Study

Project Studies – Continued

The below listed studies mostly help inform and advance the project design from an Engineering perspective.

- Full Geotechnical Testing (pile load tests and cone penetration tests)
- Hydrology Study
- Drain Tile Mapping Investigation and findings
- Topography and aerial imaging

Community Engagement & Impacts

Our **Invenergy** Impact



\$216 million

Total 2018 local economic investment in wages & benefits, lease payments, and state & local taxes



\$1.2 million

Given to different cause-based organizations in 2019, focusing on veterans, education, emergency services & environmental stewardship



10% veterans

Percent of Invenergy's U.S.-based workforce who are military veterans or reservists

ORACLE®

Sustainability Innovation Award

Awarded by Oracle to Invenergy in 2017 for sustainability leadership



Proud to Support

Four Star Sponsor

First sustainable power developer & operator to sponsor National FFA (Future Farmers of America formerly)



TAMARINDO
strategic communications advisory

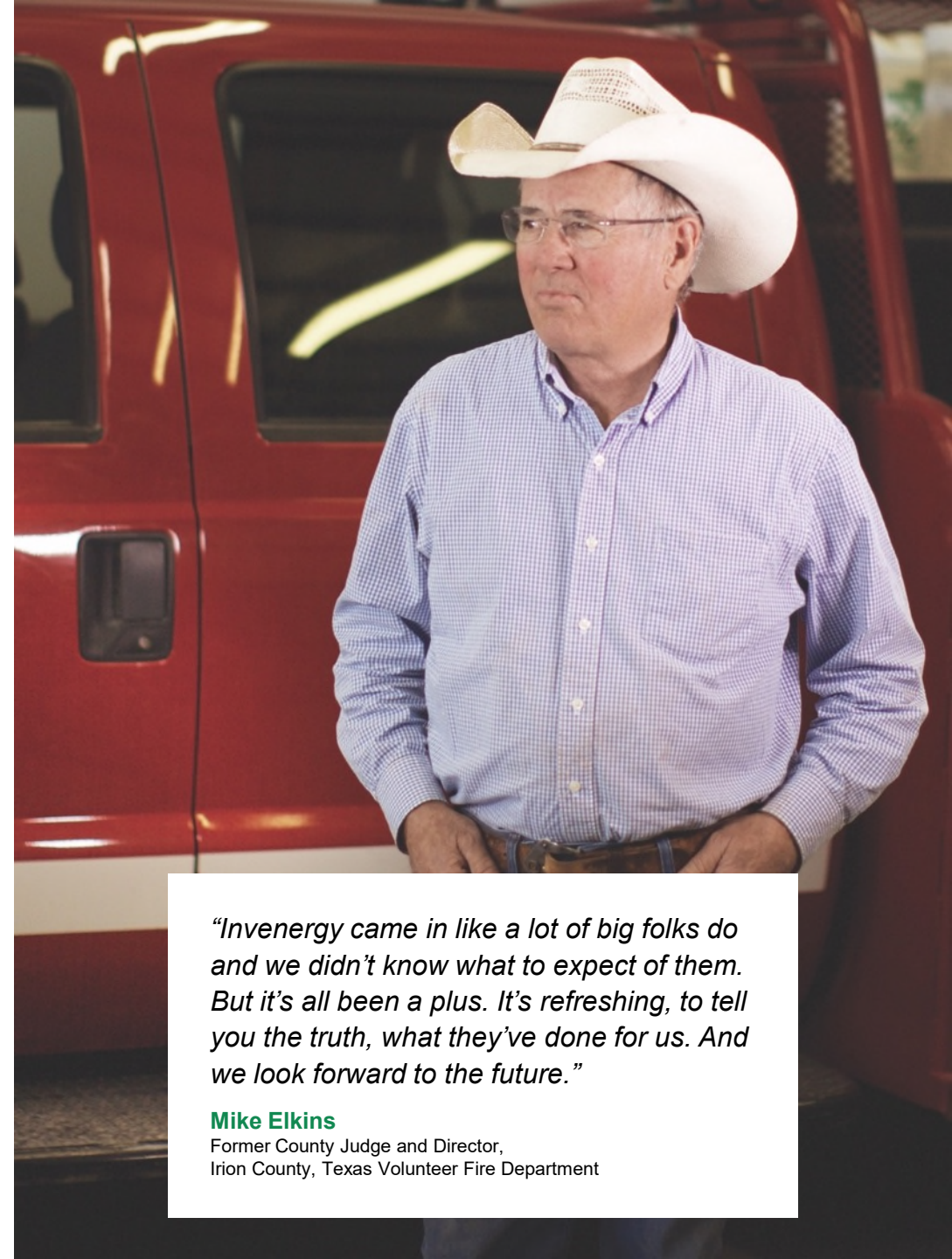
#1 Renewables Reputation

Top brand reputation among 1,500 companies active in the North American renewables market



HIRE Vets Gold Medallion

Recognized in 2019 by the US Department of Labor for commitment to hiring veterans



"Invenergy came in like a lot of big folks do and we didn't know what to expect of them. But it's all been a plus. It's refreshing, to tell you the truth, what they've done for us. And we look forward to the future."

Mike Elkins

Former County Judge and Director,
Irion County, Texas Volunteer Fire Department

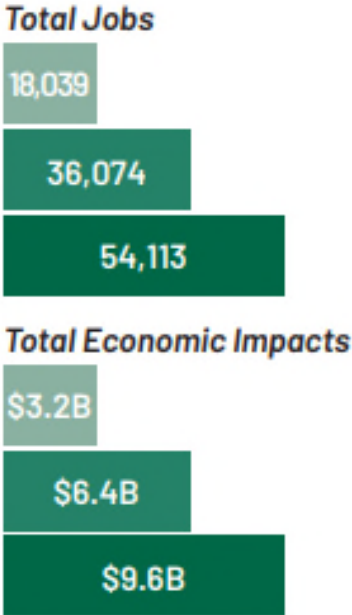
Measuring the Economic Impacts of Utility Scale Solar in Ohio



Conducted by the George V. Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University



One-Time Construction Phase Impacts

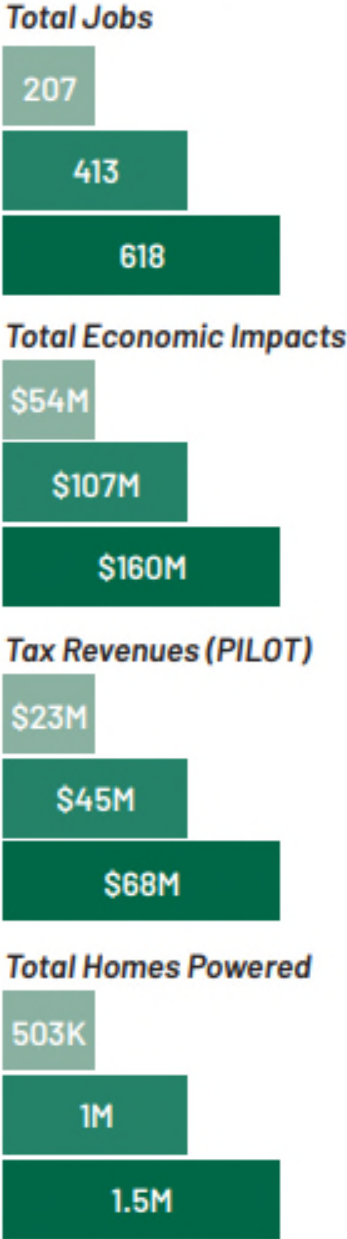


Deployment Scenarios

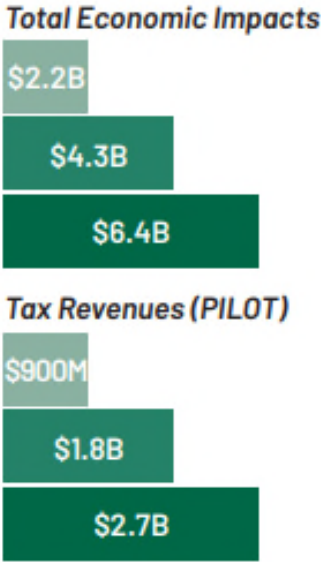
- Low (2.5 GW)
- Moderate (5 GW)
- Aggressive (7.5 GW)

* All calculations assume 80% of labor and 30% of materials originate in Ohio.

Annual Operations Phase Impacts



Aggregate Lifespan Operations Phase Impacts



In the aggressive (7.5 GW) deployment scenario, the energy produced could power all of the households in Columbus, Ohio roughly **four** times over.

Development Project Profile

Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center



Enough electricity to power more than **49,593 American homes**



An estimated **\$4.4 million** invested in Franklin County **per year** through new taxes and landowners' payments over the life of the project



Will support an estimated **800 jobs** during peak construction



Up to **4 full-time** operations and maintenance jobs once operational

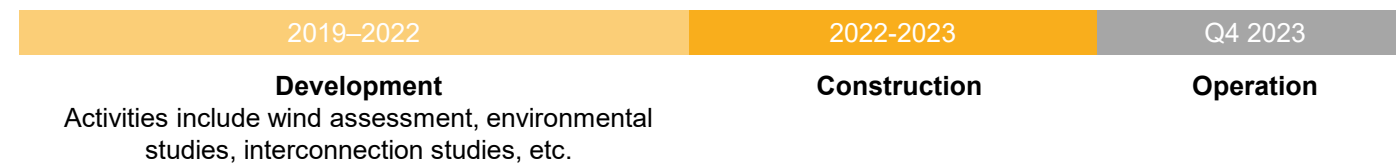


Emissions reductions equivalent to taking **54,358** cars off the road



Invenergy supports local education, emergency & veteran services and environmental stewardship

Development Timeline



Uses the most up-to-date, innovative technology



Up to **250 megawatts** of sustainable energy

Municipal / County Conceptual Annual Payment Distributions

- Based on current conceptual design and county tax levy rates, this table shows a baseline approximation/minimum of the annual municipal and county payments that could be made with regards to the project.
- Other and/or additional payments are possible as this is just an initial baseline approximation.
- Physically, at this conceptual design level, about 85% of the project is located in Prairie Township, thus the split in payments

	Pleasant Township	Prairie Township	<u>Conceptual Minimum</u> Project Totals
Local School District	\$167,745.92	\$945,521.59	\$1,113,267.51
Township	\$48,615.36	\$281,911.50	\$330,526.85
County	\$43,845.55	\$247,141.12	\$290,986.67
Library	\$2,293.18	\$12,925.79	\$15,218.97
<u>Total</u>	\$262,500.00	\$1,487,500.00	\$1,750,000.00

Benefits of Vegetation Management Approach

- Soil/planting diversity and health
- Can improve area stormwater drainage properties through diversified plantings and long rooted systems that can reduce soil erosion issues
- Project area will likely see a reduction or elimination of annual soil tilling
- Should improve downstream stormwater quality through the area reduction or elimination of fertilizer use
- Can help increase area pollinator habitats

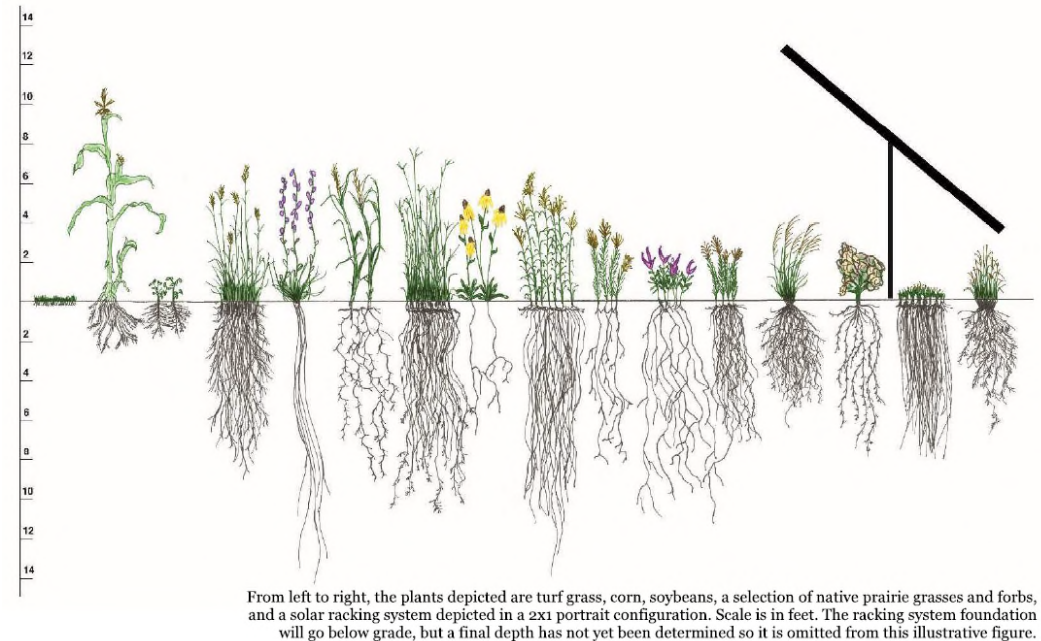


Figure 2: Selected Native Plant Rooting Depths and Growth Heights

“Through the conversion of approximately 2,000 acres of intensively managed active agricultural fields to permanently stabilized, perennially vegetated grasslands, the proposed Project [Pleasant Prairie] is anticipated to improve a number of key ecosystem services and exhibit an improved ecological condition.”

-Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC

Involvement in Franklin County

- **Local Outreach**

- Mailings with project information
- Minor Door-to-Door Efforts (w/social distancing protocol) to see specific concerns in and around the project area
 - 100+ doors knocked
- Online Engagement for information about solar and specific project details
- Phone outreach and follow up
 - 3,000+ calls completed

- **Community Engagement**

- Franklin County Commissioners and Administrator
- Franklin County Engineer and Planning Office; Specifically, County Road Engineer and the Soil and Water Quality Administrator
- Franklin County Economic Development and Planning
- One Columbus
- Columbus Metro Parks
- Big Darby Accord
- Pleasant Township Trustees
- Prairie Township Trustees

OPSB Process

OPSB Process

- Under Ohio law, electric generating facilities capable of generating more than 50 megawatts must apply for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB).
- Per the Ohio Revised Code, the OPSB is entity that reviews and approves projects from a siting, land use, and entitlement perspective.
- Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC anticipates filing with the OPSB in Q1 2021.
- Further information from the OPSB follows this slide.



Power Siting
Board



Power Siting
Board



Public Utilities
Commission



Development
Services Agency



Department of Health



- Before any company can build a “major utility facility,” the OPSB assures that it benefits Ohio’s citizens, promotes the state’s economic interests, and protects the environment and land use.
- Public and local government participation are strongly encouraged, but decision-making authority rests with the OPSB.
- If approved, the OPSB issues a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.



Electric Generation

Solar farms
50 MW and greater

Wind farms
5 MW and greater

Fossil fuel plants
50 MW and greater

Electric Transmission

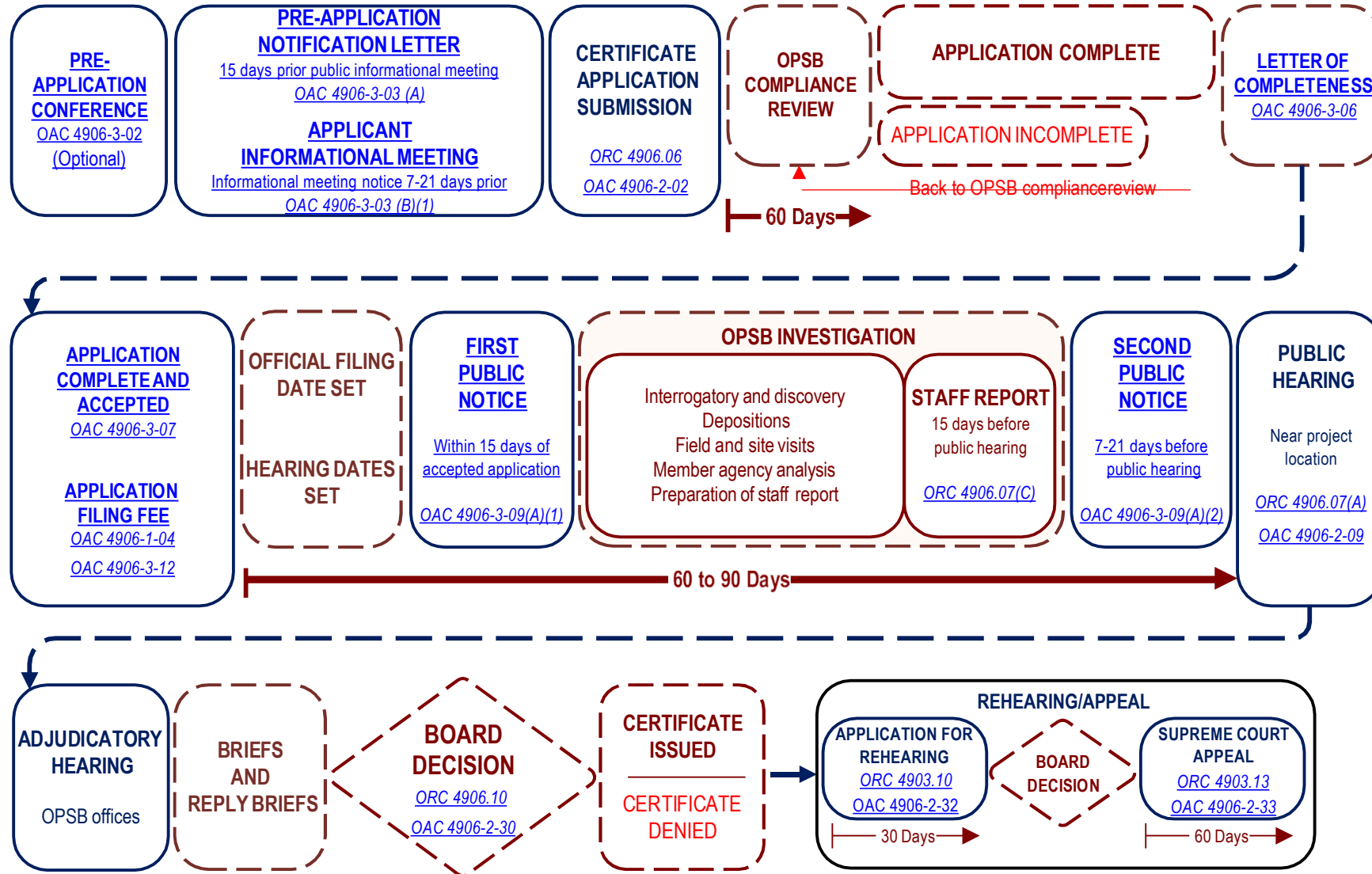
Lines and associated
facilities 100 kV and
greater

Natural Gas Transmission

Pipelines greater
than 500 feet in
length and 9 inches
in diameter

Maximum operating
pressure greater
than 125 psi





LEGEND



Construction and operation are monitored by the OPSB



Public informational meeting

Developer educates community about project and gathers input to consider in developing its application. OPSB representatives provide info about siting process and public participation.

Public comments

Written comments are filed in the case where they inform the Board members and staff. Comments are accepted at any time after a case number is established.

Online: [OPSB.ohio.gov](https://opsb.ohio.gov)

Email: contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov

Mail:

Ohio Power Siting Board

180 E. Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Local public hearing

Board obtains sworn statements from the public which are transcribed and become part of the official record that the Board considers before making its decision.

Held at least 15 days after staff publishes its report of investigation. Notification letters sent to property owners and local officials. Newspaper notice 7-21 before the hearing.

Adjudicatory hearing

The developer, OPSB staff, and parties to the case present testimony and evidence regarding the facility and cross examine each other. Intervention grants individuals and local governments the right to participate as a party in the adjudicatory hearing, file for rehearing, or appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Held approximately 2 weeks after the local public hearing. Property owners and local officials receive letters advising them of right to intervene.



- If a project is approved, the OPSB monitors construction and operation to ensure compliance with the certificate and any conditions.
- The developer must notify landowners prior to start of construction.
- The developer must establish a complaint resolution process to address concerns resulting from project construction and operation.
- OPSB can assist individuals who feel they are not obtaining a resolution from the developer.



OPSB Website

OPSB.ohio.gov

- Case summary page
- Process information
- Calendar of events

contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov

866-270-6772

Docketing information system

dis.puc.state.oh.us

- View case documents and public comments
- Subscribe for case notifications

The Ohio Power Siting Board

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215



Applicant Contact Information

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