
WOOD COUNTY

SOLAR PROJECT

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As we turn the corner toward spring, we want to share an update from Wood County Solar Project.

Project Summary:

- Wood County Solar Project is a 150 MW solar energy generation facility in Wood County.
- The 1,200-acre solar array is expected to produce enough energy to power more than 40,000 homes.
- Over the project's 35-year life, it is expected to bring additional annual revenue of \$350,000 to Wood County and \$250,000 to the Town of Saratoga.
- May 2020: Alliant Energy announced it entered into an agreement to acquire the project when the company receives regulatory approval and its other contractual commitments are complete. This is anticipated to be in the second quarter of 2021.
- December 2020: Wood County Solar Project teamed up with Alliant Energy and made a \$2,500 donation to The Family Center in Wisconsin Rapids.
- January 2021: The Wisconsin Public Service Commission approved Wood County Solar Project's permit.
- The Project is anticipated to be in commercial operation by the end of 2022.

Development Update:

The next step for Wood County Solar Project is to begin tree harvesting on the project site. The permits for tree harvesting are expected to be submitted this week. With proper permitting, tree harvesting will begin in late March or early April and should wrap up by late summer. Wood County Solar Project, LLC is working in partnership with Alliant Energy, the Town of Saratoga, and the Wood County community to ensure the tree harvesting process meets community standards, is completed as sustainably as possible, and in alignment with the overall project objectives and timelines.

Plans for Harvested Trees:

Wood County Solar Project is talking with local mills where the harvested wood can be used to produce beneficial products. Although the trees are not fully mature, much of the wood is expected to meet the mills' 4-inch thickness requirements. Wood and stumps that don't meet the mills' requirements or cannot be accepted on a timeline that meets the project's requirements will be chipped. The chipped wood is expected to be used in three ways: sent to a local bio-mass plant, used on-site, and some will be made available free for use by community residents.

What to Expect at the Project Site:

During the tree harvesting phase, the project area will be closed to ensure the safety of the public and all workers. We anticipate there will be increased traffic in the area but **no road closures**. Our employees will be working within the hours designated. We will do all we can to limit the impact of construction, and we're committed to preserving the roads on which our equipment travels.

The development of the solar energy generating facility means the land will be withdrawn as managed forest land. The effects on the community regarding recreation at the project site will be communicated in future

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updates. Snowmobilers, ATV, and UTV routes will remain open along the right-of-ways. Other access through the property will likely be closed. As harvesting continues, we'll be working closely with community officials to make land available for recreation – that assures the safety of our employees and the public.

Stay Connected:

The project team will continue to provide updates as they become available. Please connect with us and monitor project news and updates at the following:

www.facebook.com/WoodCountySolarProject/

www.woodcountysolarproject.com

www.alliantenergy.com/OurEnergyVision/AdvancingCleanEnergy/SolarGeneration/WisconsinSolar/WoodCountySolarProject

Saratoga, you can be proud of the important role you have in providing our electric grid with clean, sustainable solar power. You've got a bright future in producing renewable energy!

Best Regards,

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