



columbia city solar

WHITLEY COUNTY, INDIANA



100
MEGAWATT (MW)
SOLAR CAPACITY



20,250
EQUIVALENT HOMES
POWERED



350
NEW FULL-TIME
EQUIVALENT JOBS
DURING CONSTRUCTION



2025/2026
TARGET
OPERATIONAL DATE

Columbia City Solar, LLC (“Columbia City Solar”) is completing the development of a 100-megawatt (MW) solar facility on approximately 720 acres of privately-owned land near Columbia City in Whitley County, Indiana. The project will connect to AEP’s electric system via the existing 69kV Gateway substation.

Columbia City Solar is expected to operate for 30+ years, providing significant economic investment to the community, a substantial property tax base for the County and schools, and generate emission-free renewable energy.

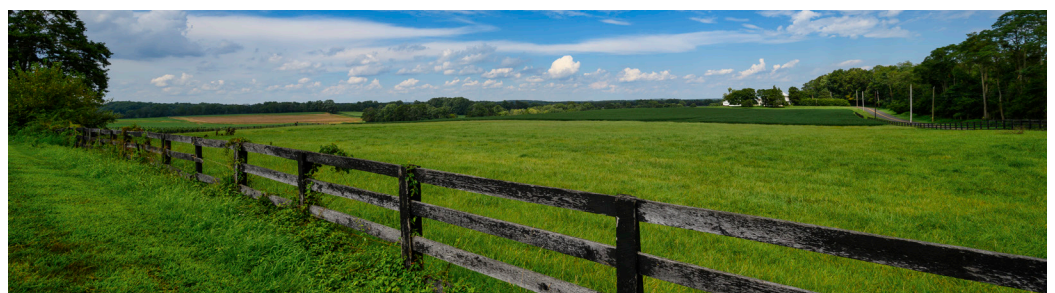
As Columbia City Solar completes development, construction is targeted to start in 2024, bringing an influx of new jobs to the community. The project is expected to begin operating by 2026.

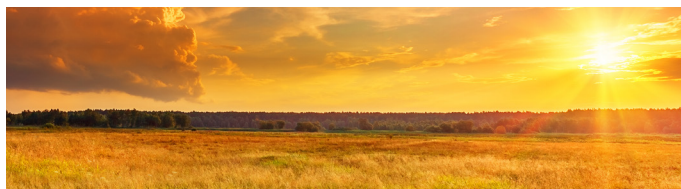
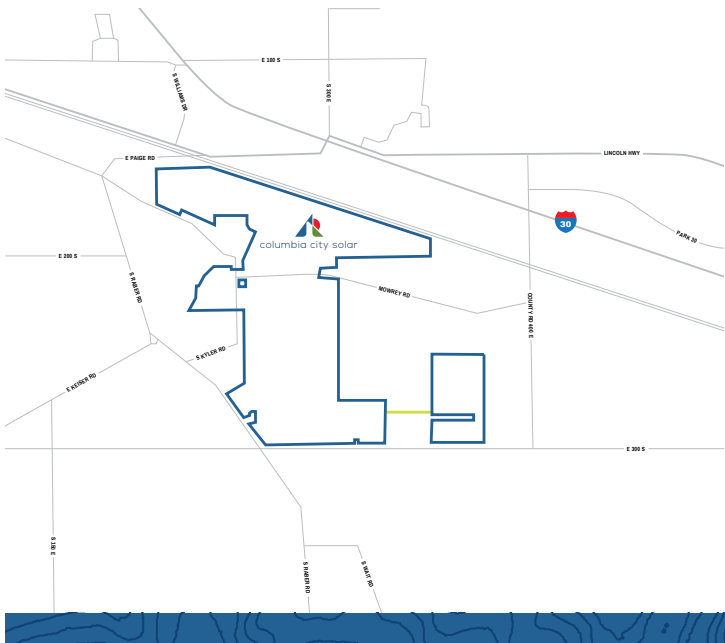
PLANNING
2021-2022

PERMITTING
2023

CONSTRUCTION
2024

OPERATIONAL
2025-2026





COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Solar energy facilities are a beneficial, temporary, and low impact use of land. Benefits of this project include:

- Estimated at least \$15M in property tax contributions over the 30-year project life, which adds low impact, assessed value to the region.
- Approximately 350 new full-time equivalent direct jobs during construction
- Once operational, the solar facility is a passive use of the land and will not generate substantive amounts of traffic, dust, odors, or other nuisances.
- Creates no emissions and requires limited amounts of water during operation.
- Land will be stabilized and seeded, allowing the land to regenerate and the soil to rest.
- At the end of operations, equipment is removed, and the land restored to prior use.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Columbia City Solar is committed to being a dedicated member of the community and working hard to earn the trust of our neighbors. Our engagement with the community goes well beyond job creation, economic investment, and providing clean, renewable energy. We strive to build lasting partnerships with civic leaders, property owners, and community members. We pride ourselves on being transparent in our communication and highly responsive to public feedback throughout the life of the project. We also believe being involved means giving back. We get to know our neighbors and have a long history of supporting local causes the community is passionate about. Whether through employee volunteer opportunities or corporate-level sponsorships, we are always looking for positive ways to stay actively engaged with the community and to serve as a good corporate neighbor.

ABOUT

Leeward Renewable Energy is a leading, long-term owner and operator dedicated to delivering clean, sustainable wind, solar and energy storage projects. The company owns and operates a portfolio of 24 renewable energy facilities across nine states, totaling more than 2,500 megawatts (MW) of installed capacity. We have strong financial backing from OMERS Infrastructure, a preeminent global infrastructure investor. OMERS Infrastructure is the investment arm of OMERS, one of Canada's largest defined benefit pension plans with C\$121 billion in net assets (as of December 31, 2021).

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