

# Solar Energy in New York



Cypress Creek Renewables is an integrated solar company with a proven track record of developing, financing, building and operating solar projects with integrity. Together with landowners, lenders, community leaders and local businesses, we have successfully developed over 300 projects totaling 3.2 GW of solar in more than a dozen states.



Jefferson solar farm | Jefferson County, NY

## Cypress Creek In Your Community

In New York State, Cypress Creek has been working to advance clean energy for over three years, delivering millions of dollars in investment and economic development to communities across the State through its over 25 permitted community solar projects and over 50 others in development. Through this investment, Cypress Creek has demonstrated a commitment to the state through solar development and other community-focused initiatives.



A partnership with the Hudson Valley Community College Workforce Development Institute to reduce course fees in solar job training, with a focus on recruiting veterans, women, and underrepresented communities in the solar industry.



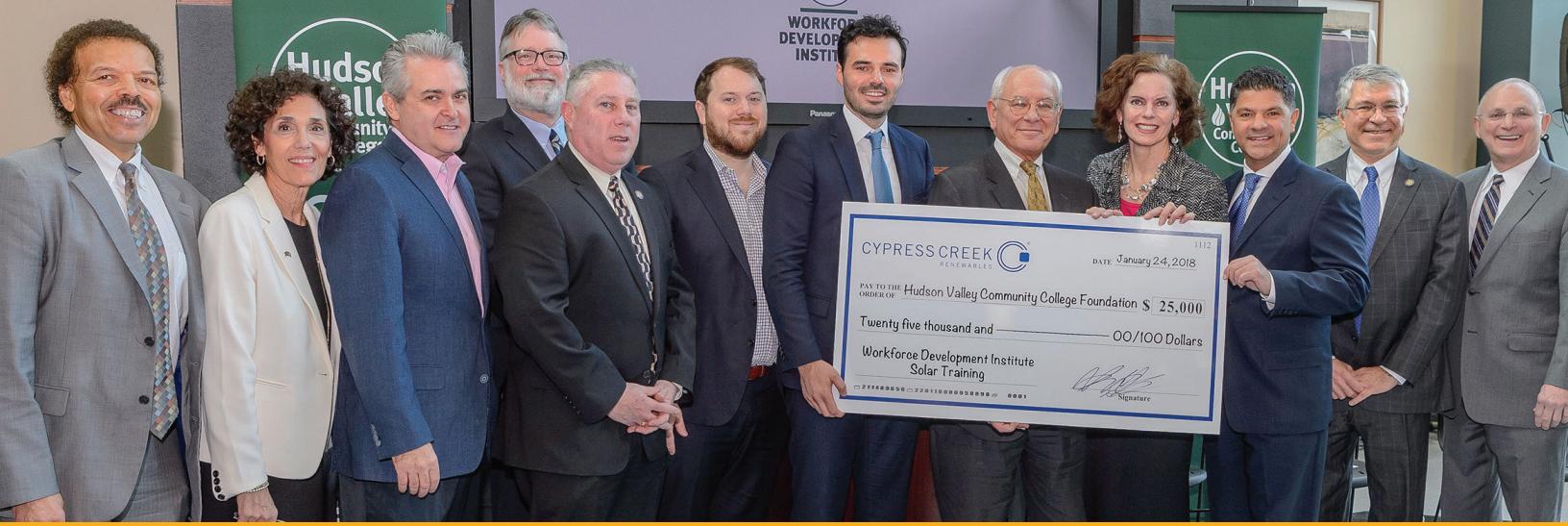
Total investment of approximately \$500 million dollars in the next five years, much of it going to the local communities where the solar projects will be developed.



A commitment to plant native, pollinator-friendly species on all solar farms in the state, which will benefit bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects vital to the region's food supply.



Solar power is a clean and domestic source of energy, contributing to the state and the country's energy independence.



Cypress Creek Renewables celebrates the launch of a partnership with Hudson Valley Community College to invest in New York's solar workforce.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a solar farm?

A solar farm consists of grid-connected rows of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar panels. Solar is a proven, safe technology that has been turning sunshine into energy in communities for more than 60 years. Improved technology and economies of scale make ground-mounted solar one of the lowest-cost sources of new energy generation available.

### Why New York?

New York State's comprehensive energy strategy, Reforming the Energy Vision, strives to meet 50% of the State's energy needs with renewables by 2030. Cypress Creek and the communities we work with are partnering to help meet that goal.

### Who is responsible for the maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm?

The owner of the project is required by the lease agreement with the landowners and an agreement with the county to maintain and decommission the project. The project owner will cover 100% of the costs associated with the decommissioning of the site. Neither the residents of the county nor the landowners will pay any costs associated with restoring the land once the equipment is removed from the site.

### Does a solar farm benefit local communities?

Solar facilities provide a new source of long-term tax revenue, create construction jobs, and produce low-cost, clean power. We work with several contractors in New York to build our projects. The tax revenue supports community services such as roads and schools, without requiring community resources such as water or police services. Annual lease payments provide a stable, guaranteed revenue stream to support landowners. Additionally, Cypress Creek strives to be long term stewards in the communities we work in and has historically partnered with local stakeholders to support STEM education, workforce development, and environmental sustainability.

### Is solar compatible with agriculture?

Yes. Solar farms are low-impact and can operate safely without any impact to neighboring agricultural properties or soils. Cypress Creek solar farms are seeded with native, pollinator-friendly plantings which provide forage for pollinating species important to the agricultural industry. During operation, the land rests and rebuilds, leaving soils aerated with new layers of topsoil, much like traditional land-fallowing practice. At the end of the solar farm's useful life, the pilings are removed and the land is returned to its original state.

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