

Solar projects provide significant benefits to host communities:

- Once operational, North Seneca Solar Project will power tens of thousands of homes annually, helping to meet the energy needs of the state by providing clean, flexible electricity
- Solar energy provides a long-term hedge against increasing electricity prices due to variable fuel prices; solar energy allows off-takers to purchase energy at stable, long-term rates, which may help reduce future costs to ratepayers
- Solar projects present landowners an opportunity to diversify income, weather economic downturns, and keep land in the family
- Solar projects result in a reduction of the region's production of carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions, which presents significant health and environmental benefits
- Once constructed, the project area will be seeded with pollinator-friendly vegetation, which will enhance soil health, ecological diversity, and hydrological cycles while providing critical pollinating services to nearby farms
- At the end of North Seneca Solar Project's life, project infrastructure will be removed, and the land hosting panels will be returned to agricultural use

The North Seneca Solar Project will bring long-term benefits to the Towns of Waterloo and Junius by:

- Providing PILOT payments totaling millions of dollars to the Towns of Junius and Waterloo* and the Waterloo Central School District in the first 25 years of project operations**
- Paying millions of dollars in land lease and easement agreement payments to landowners over the life of the project
- Creating approximately 165 direct, full-time jobs during construction, with expected wages and salaries totaling approximately \$23 million
- Boosting the local economy by purchasing equipment and materials from New York-based suppliers when feasible in all phases – development, construction, and operation
- Increasing revenue to local hospitality providers during construction and operations

*Amounts to each Town are based on estimated MWs sited in each Town (~30% in Junius and ~70% in Waterloo)

** PILOT terms and payment amounts are subject to approval by the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)