

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SOLAR?

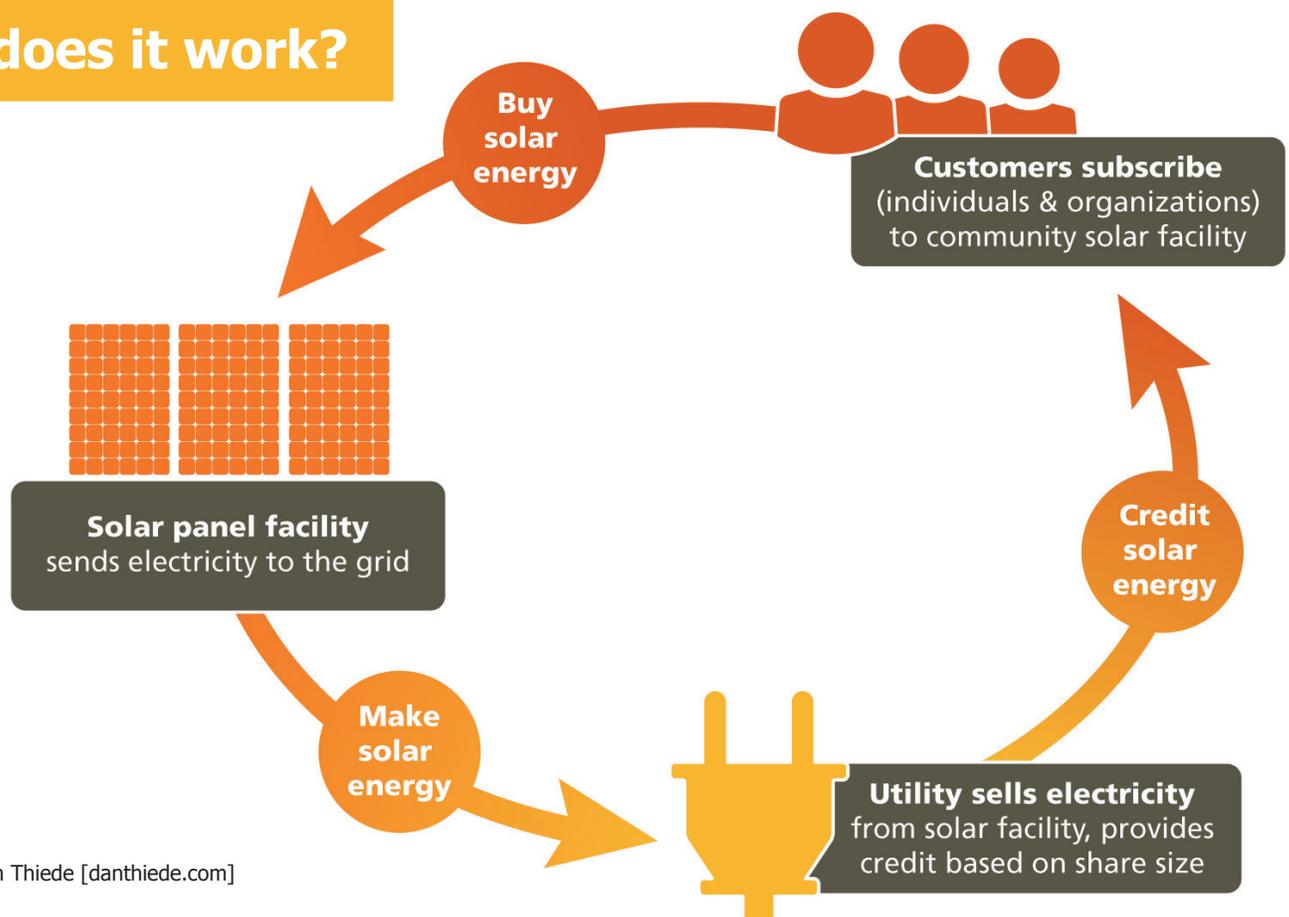
The sun shines everywhere in Maryland but only those that owned a good roof for solar could take advantage **until now**.

Community solar makes it possible for anyone with an electricity bill to access solar energy, even if they can't put it where they live. Community solar means photovoltaic (PV) systems can be somewhere else in the community (a field, a building, a parking lot, and more) but provide the benefits of solar to participating subscribers, like you.

Who is it for & why would I do it?

Community solar is for everyone. Perhaps you live in an apartment, have a shaded roof, or don't have space at your organization. Maybe you installed solar on your home already but want even more power from the sun. This is local solar power and generates energy in your area.

How does it work?



What are the benefits?

Signing up to participate in a community solar project means buying clean, renewable solar energy, as well as possibly reducing your energy bill. Any amount of solar energy you subscribe to will be credited to you on your electricity bill.

You may have a choice of subscription options available to you. And, your subscription may provide other benefits like creating jobs in the community or supporting local businesses and organizations. It also allows local groups to come together and develop their own solar projects.

How do I sign up?

Community Solar will become available in 2017. When it does:

- 1 Learn about the different projects in your area. Subscription types may vary between different providers.
- 2 Carefully review sample subscription contracts from providers you are interested in to find the best fit for you and your energy needs.
- 3 Choose what subscription is best for you and how much energy you want in your subscription.
- 4 Sign up directly with that provider.

How do I start a project in my Community?

- Learn about the program rules and find resources at mdsun.org.
- Organize interested community members.
- Find a site for community solar such as a rooftop, field or parking lot.
- Solicit bids from solar developers.



Learn more, ask questions & take action:
www.mdsun.org/community-solar

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