



2018 West Virginia Solar Congress



Who We Are



We are a network of people taking control of our energy by installing solar and generating our own electricity.

How We Got Started



Started in
2007 and it
wasn't easy!

Mount Pleasant Solar Cooperative



How We Got Started



It was harder than
we thought!



IRS

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service



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CommunityPower**Network**



DCSUN
D.C. Solar United Neighborhoods



FLSUN
Florida Solar United Neighborhoods



MDSUN
Maryland Solar United Neighborhoods



OHSUN
Ohio Solar United Neighborhoods



VASUN
Virginia Solar United Neighborhoods



WVSUN
West Virginia Solar United Neighborhoods



Helping Communities Go Solar



D.C.
Florida
Maryland
Minnesota
New Jersey
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Virginia
West Virginia



We represent solar owners and supporters across the country, and have on-the-ground staff in nine states.



Our work in West Virginia



- 18 solar co-ops since 2014



- 1,165 participants

- 104 solar installations



- 717 kW of distributed solar

- 30.9 million pounds CO2 avoided



- \$1.9 million in local investment

- \$3.1 million in energy savings



- \$2.1 million increase in home values

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How we help you go solar

Co-op/group purchase

- 50 – 100 neighbors
- Group decision process
- 6-8 month process
- Bulk negotiation for best pricing
- Sign individual contract

Individual Support

- Help reviewing up to 3 proposals
- Negotiate your own deal
- Can be faster timeline
- Ongoing advice & assistance (post install)
- \$85 annual membership

Today's agenda

10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Breakout Presentations – Session 1

- Solar 101: Introduction to Rooftop Solar PV
- Spreading Solar in Your Community: A Panel Discussion with West Virginia Solar Champions

11:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Presentations – Session 2

- Batteries 101: Solar + Storage for the Home or Small Business
- Driving on Sunshine: Electric Vehicles + Solar

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch, informal networking

1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Developing a Successful Advocacy Campaign: Lessons from the West Virginians for Energy Freedom Coalition

2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Participatory Open Forum Discussion

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Post-Congress Happy Hour *presented by* First State Capitol Building 1413 Eoff Street, Wheeling WV 26003



Thank You!

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