

January 2025 Newsletter



Dear Neighbor,

This newsletter provides an update on National Grid Renewables' Carnation Solar Project being proposed in your community. Please contact us at any time using the contact information at the bottom of this page or visit our website:

www.nationalgridrenewables.com/in-development/carnation-solar/

We look forward to hearing from you!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Carnation Solar Project is a 142 megawatt (MW) solar development located in Fairfield County, Ohio. The Carnation Solar Project is a partnership with local landowners and will span approximately 1,700 acres. Benefits include:



Tax revenue

The Project is expected to generate around \$25.5 million over 20 years.



Job creation

Carnation Solar is expected to create around 200 construction jobs.



Energy Independence

Solar energy reduces America's dependence on foreign oil.



Diversified Energy Supply

Solar farms like Carnation provide a substantial and stable source of energy, diversifying electricity supply.

SCHEDULE

2025



File for application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) around January 2025.

2026



Construction scheduled to commence
**2026 at the earliest*

2027



The Carnation Solar Project is scheduled to be in service as early as 2027.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MATERIALS

If you were unable to attend our in-person meetings this fall, visit our website to see the full suite of materials that were available at our public information meetings.

<https://nationalgridrenewables.com/in-development/carnation-solar/>

There are various avenues for public participation throughout the permitting process. More information can be found via the OPSB website www.opsb.ohio.gov/. If you have questions regarding the OPSB process or public participation, you can contact them directly:



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SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO OPSB FOR CARNATION SOLAR HERE:

Ohio Power Siting Board
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Columbus, OH 43215

(866) 270-6772

contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov



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COMMUNITY GIVING | A NEW LEAF HOLIDAY PARTY

A New Leaf provides foster care services for children and families in Central and Southern Ohio, including Fairfield County. On December 15, 2024, A New Leaf hosted a party for foster children and their families at Scene 75 in Columbus.

Kids enjoyed rides, arcade games, visiting with Santa, and opening gifts. Carnation Solar was proud to sponsor this year's party! We brought an educational game for kids and adults to learn more about solar energy.

Community highlights from 2024

National Grid Renewables has Ohio-based staff living and working near Fairfield County. In addition to our work with A New Leaf, we've also recently been involved in the following community events:

- Hosted a table at the Lithopolis Honeyfest to celebrate beekeeping and provide education on the benefits of solar farms to pollinators
- A New Leaf Back to School Bash sponsor
- United Way 5k sponsor
- Annual Fairfield County Fair sponsor and hosted a table
- Donated funds for theater upgrades to Rise Up Arts Alliance
- Hosted a YMCA Summer Camp presentation and gave a donation
- Donated funds to Amanda Community Garden for a drip irrigation system
- A group of Carnation staff built and decorated a playhouse for a local family at Habitat for Humanity's annual Project Playhouse event



★ OHIO FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Unlike other forms of development, solar energy preserves farmland for future generations. The farmland used for the project is leased from willing landowners. At the end of the project's life, the panels and racking are removed so the land can be returned to traditional farming activities.

Ohio farmland quick facts

13.7 million

acres of farmland, or 53.4% of the state's total land area.

181 acres

the average farm size in Ohio. The state has about 75,800 farms.

94, 717 acres

total acreage involved in utility-scale solar projects in Ohio as of June 2024.

0.7%

current amount of Ohio land being used for solar

For more general information on solar energy and farmland, check out this webpage from American Clean Power:

<https://cleanpower.org/resources/solar-energy-farmland-faq/>

(Source: United States Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Farm Bureau)