

Providing
Affordable
and Clean
Energy to
Low-Income
Households

- Many low-income households struggle to pay their energy bills, which can have a significant impact on their finances.
- Traditional energy sources, such as coal and natural gas, can also have negative environmental impacts, contributing to climate change and air pollution.
- Our community solar project aims to provide a solution to these challenges by offering affordable and clean energy options to lowincome households in the area.
- In this presentation, we will provide an overview of the project and its benefits to the community and the environment.

#### Low-Income Areas in Illinois

- Low-income areas in Illinois often have limited access to clean and affordable energy options, which can have a significant impact on household finances.
- High energy costs can make it difficult for families to make ends meet, leaving little room for savings or other expenses.
- In addition, traditional energy sources, such as coal and natural gas, can have negative environmental impacts, which can disproportionately affect lowincome communities.
- Our community solar project aims to address these challenges by providing access to clean and affordable energy options to low-income households in the area.

### How Community Solar Works

- Community solar is a concept that allows multiple households to share the benefits of solar energy, even if they are unable to install solar panels on their own homes.
- A large solar array is installed in a central location, such as a rooftop or a field, and households can subscribe to receive a portion of the energy produced by the array.
- The energy is then fed into the grid, and households receive credits on their energy bills for the energy they use from the array.
- The solar panels used in the project are typically made of high-quality silicon and can last for up to 25 years with proper maintenance.

## Funding the Community Solar Project in Low-Income Areas

- Our community solar project will be funded through a combination of grants, loans, and private investments.
- In addition, private investors may be interested in supporting the project, as it aligns with their social and environmental goals.
- We will also work with local utility providers to ensure that the project meets regulatory requirements and can connect to the local energy grid.
- By working with various stakeholders, we can ensure that the project is financially sustainable over the long term and can continue to provide clean and affordable energy options to low-income households in the area.

## Designing and Constructing the Community Solar Project

- The community solar project in low-income areas will involve the installation of a solar array in a central location that can provide energy to multiple households.
- The design and construction of the solar array will be carried out by experienced professionals who specialize in solar energy systems.
- The project team will work closely with the community to ensure that their needs and concerns are addressed during the design and construction process.
- The solar panels used in the project will be of high quality and designed to withstand various weather conditions.
- We will also work to ensure that the solar array is installed in a way that is aesthetically pleasing and blends in with the surrounding environment.
- By working with the community and using high-quality materials, we can ensure that the solar array is designed and constructed to the highest standards and will provide clean and affordable energy to low-income households for many years to come.

# Benefits of the Community Solar Project for Low-Income Areas

The community solar project in low-income areas in Illinois will provide a range of benefits to the community, including:

- Access to affordable and clean energy options, which can help reduce energy costs and provide financial relief for low-income households.
- The creation of local jobs, which can provide economic opportunities and help support the local economy.
- The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, which can help mitigate the effects of climate change and create a cleaner and healthier environment for everyone.
- Increased energy independence, as households are no longer solely reliant on traditional energy sources.
- The promotion of community involvement and engagement, as residents come together to support the development of the project and its ongoing maintenance.
- Improved energy efficiency and reduced energy waste, as households become more conscious of their energy consumption and work to conserve energy.
- By providing these benefits, our community solar project can help improve the quality of life for residents in low-income areas of Illinois and create a more sustainable future for all.

# Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Low-Income Areas of Illinois

- The community solar project in low-income areas of Illinois will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change and air pollution.
- By providing access to clean and renewable energy options, the project will help reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and decrease the carbon footprint of households in the area.
- The reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will help improve air quality, reduce respiratory health issues, and create a healthier environment for residents.
- The project will also support Illinois' renewable energy goals, which aim to increase the use of solar energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the state.
- By promoting clean energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, our community solar project can help create a more sustainable future for all residents of Illinois, including those in low-income areas.

## Creating a Better Future for Low-Income Areas in Illinois

- Our community solar project in low-income areas of Illinois is an important step toward creating a better future for all residents of the state.
- By providing access to clean and affordable energy options, we can help reduce energy costs and provide financial relief for low-income households.
- By promoting community involvement and engagement, we can create a sense of unity and purpose that extends beyond the development of the solar project.
- By reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainability, we can help create a cleaner and healthier environment for all residents of Illinois.
- We are excited about the potential of this project and look forward to working with the community and other stakeholders to bring it to fruition.
- Thank you for your attention and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have about the project.