



# SOLAR 4US

Mountain Maryland

*Sharing Power in Western MD  
through Community Solar*



**[WHO]** Solar4Us: Mountain Maryland is a cross-sector partnership advancing community solar projects in historically disinvested communities with financial benefits for enrolled low-income households.

**[WHAT]** Develop community solar sites that in addition to clean energy also generate financial and economic benefits for rural and low-income households located in historically disinvested communities.

**[WHERE]** Allegany, Garrett, & Washington Counties, with an initial focus on “distressed” and “disadvantaged” zip codes in Allegany County.

**[WHEN]** Site in Frostburg, MD is mid-confirmation process. Construction to begin on or about September 2024 provided capital is fully raised.

**[WHY]** Energy access = environmental justice. Compared to more affluent households, low-income households...

- have 4 - 20x the energy burden (% of income paid to energy bills).
- disproportionately experience the impact of pollution & fossil fuels.
- care much more about climate change according to most polls, yet are much less likely to be able to participate in clean energy efforts.