

# The Energy Sovereignty, Security, & Democracy Proposal

A Village of Dowell & City of Carbondale, IL Collaboration | Partner Track

We know that the question is not whether renewable energy + storage is coming to Southern Illinois; it's already here. We know it's a question of who will benefit.

Our team seeks to demonstrate a new and replicable rural energy system model that fosters equitable American self-sufficiency and lasting prosperity through publicly-owned solar + storage. By leveraging the “direct pay” provision and stackable tax credits of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, we can pair publicly-owned dual-use photovoltaics with long duration energy storage to foster economic revitalization and lasting prosperity for our Nation's Recovering Energy Communities.

For the purpose of this proposal, energy sovereignty is defined as an approach to the energy resource that prioritizes public ownership and decision-making to foster local self-sufficiency, improved capacity, resource conservation, community wealth-building, political autonomy, and lasting economic prosperity.

**Link to video pitch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kFQv03KCz0>

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## Location of Primary Benefits:

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## Project Locations:

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