

Information Resources on Community-Level Solar

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Municipal sector solar

Public Rooftop Revolution

Reports on the potential for solar on public buildings, the barriers to growth in this sector, and policy options to overcome those barriers. Case studies from leadership municipalities are included.

<http://www.ilsr.org/public-rooftop-revolution/#exec>

Same, in powerpoint form (lots of graphics of key points)

<http://www.ilsr.org/public-rooftop-revolution-in-pictures/>

Shining Cities

Highlights top cities' endeavors to promote solar locally. Covers actions affecting all solar within a jurisdiction, not limited to public buildings. Policy recommendations for local, state, and federal governments are provided.

http://www.environmentamerica.org/sites/environment/files/reports/EA_shining_cities_scrn_0.pdf

Solar for Public Schools

A Brighter Future: A Study on Solar in U.S. Schools

Report documents the potential for greater solar adoption among public schools and includes testimonials from schools that have gone solar and how the savings on energy bills have been used for educational programs, teaching staff, etc.

<http://www.seia.org/research-resources/brighter-future-study-solar-us-schools-report>

Brighter Future: Solar in Schools map

<http://www.seia.org/map/solar-schools.php>

Interactive map that documents school facilities that have installed solar and helps identify the financial benefit likely to be realized at other school sites.

National Solar in Schools Census data entry form

An opportunity to log in information about solar installations at school properties.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Q2se0QQTieqVplnz83DMxPwvN8KtvF-w6_mUHAf--Qw/viewform

Third Party arrangements (PPAs and leases)

Third Party Solar Financing, the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA) provides good introductory information, with statistics on the central role these policies play in accelerating solar adoption.

<http://www.seia.org/policy/finance-tax/third-party-financing>

What is a power purchase agreement? Fact sheet More useful information from SEIA.

<http://www.seia.org/research-resources/solar-power-purchase-agreements>

Shared Solar

Background information

Clean Energy Collective website provides introductory information on community solar and the benefits it offers to residential and non-residential consumers.

<http://cleaneasyenergy.com/cecblog/index.php/category/learn-about-community-solar/>

State Solar Policymaking, legislative

Shared Renewables HQ website tracks legislation affecting shared solar by state.

<http://www.sharedrenewables.org/?surveySuccess=1&qsid=1428626263#1428626263>

Model policies

Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Model Rules for Shared Renewable Energy Programs

<http://www.irecusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/IREC-Model-Rules-for-Shared-Renewable-Energy-Programs-2013.pdf>

Community Solar Hub

A resource for those who want to build their own community solar projects.

<https://www.communitysolarhub.com/>

State policy summaries

Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Energy Efficiency

Portal to state-level summaries of existing solar policies, including tax incentives, grants and other programs:

<http://www.dsireusa.org/>

Searchable by state, policy type, and sector.

Source of information on existing policies and available incentives, by state

Succinct state by state summaries of solar and renewables policies and incentives included in regional market summary reports.

Renewable Energy In The 50 States: Western Region, American Council On Renewable Energy

http://www.acore.org/images/documents/Western_Region_Report_2014.pdf

Renewable Energy In The 50 States: Northeast Region, American Council On Renewable Energy

http://www.acore.org/images/documents/Northeastern_Region_Report.pdf

Renewable Energy In The 50 States: Southeastern Region, American Council On Renewable Energy

http://www.acore.org/images/documents/Southeastern_Region.pdf

Renewable Energy In The 50 States: Midwestern Region, American Council On Renewable Energy

http://www.acore.org/images/documents/Midwestern_Region_Report.pdf