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Community Sustainable Solarculture

Goals:

1. Request to host a Solar Powering Your Community Workshop sponsored wholly by the US Department of Energy
2. Support Innovative Solar Initiatives that increase solar access, specifically for schools, community groups, non profits, low income families, and job training entities

AGENDA ITEMS

- ✘ Why Solar is good for a community
 - Burlington, Vermont model
 - Increased training and job opportunities
 - Increased quality of life for residents and businesses
 - Lowering of impact on the environment and utility load as communities grow

- ✘ Types of community initiatives
 - Community owned solar gardens
 - Municipal owned solar farms
 - Financial access
 - Low income solar
 - Community knowledge base and outreach (citizens, schools, businesses, government)

- ✘ How City Planner's can help bring solar to communities

- ✘ Low Income Solar – the first Chatham Habitat House is installed

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WHERE DO WE START?

- ✘ Host a SunShot Solar Powering Your Community workshop (must be initiated by a governing entity)
- ✘ Support Low Income Solar Access Programs and Policy
- ✘ Support Town and County-wide Solar Policy regarding new development
- ✘ Support Innovative Financing Opportunities

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