

Hosting a Community Shared Solar Array in the City of New York

New York City has committed to fighting climate change and offering all New Yorkers access to renewable energy. To advance these goals, the [Mayor's NYC Solar Partnership](#), led by the City University of New York, is working the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, and the NYC Economic Development Corporation to facilitate [community shared solar installations](#) in Brooklyn Community District 6. Find the solar potential of your building on the [NY Solar Map](#).

What is community shared solar?

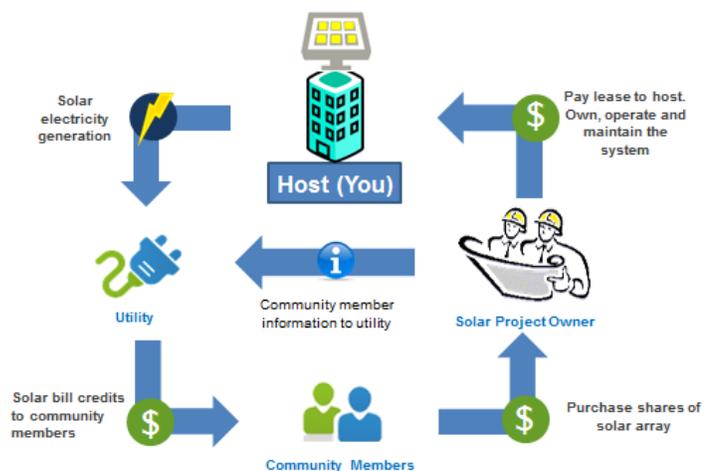
Community shared solar establishes a large solar energy system on a selected host site within a community, and invites residents of that community to subscribe to the system by purchasing power produced by the system. This allows for monetary savings for both the host and the community participants. Community shared solar is an opportunity to advance a sustainable energy future and expand access to solar power to all New Yorkers.

Why host a community shared solar installation in NYC?

- To earn revenue;
- To receive incentives while they are high;
- To make use of unused space;
- To generate good will, energy savings, and clean energy in the community;
- To lower energy bills for building tenants; and,
- To earn recognition as one of the first shared solar installations in NYC.

How does community shared solar work?

- Host leases roof or open space for 20-25 years to a solar project owner for an agreed upon regular fee at no cost to the host.
- Project owner constructs, owns, and operates a solar array on the host site.
- Community members purchase shares of the solar array.
- Environmental and financial benefits of solar energy are distributed throughout the community.



How do I become a host in New York City?

Simply use the [NYC Shared Solar Gateway](#) to get started, or contact NYC's Solar Ombudsmen at nysolar@cuny.edu.



The Shared Solar NYC Gateway

The [Shared Solar NYC Gateway](#) is the City of New York's gateway for hosting a shared solar project.

What is the Shared Solar NYC Gateway?

The NYC Shared Solar Gateway is an online marketplace for property owners in NYC to explore and connect with vetted solar developers, to make hosting community shared solar easy. It is a no-obligation tool to explore community shared solar opportunities in NYC.

Who should use the Shared Solar NYC Gateway?

The NYC Shared Solar Gateway was developed for NYC Property owners interested in maximizing the value of their property while supporting the greater community.

Why use the Shared Solar NYC Gateway?

The NYC Shared Solar Gateway will provide property owners with easy-to-compare quotes, vetted bidder information, and technical assistance from NYC's Solar Ombudsmen to host a successful shared solar project in NYC. The Mayor's NYC Solar Partnership will ensure projects provide community benefits, such as reserved blocks for low-to-moderate income New Yorkers in the local area.

Use the Shared Solar NYC Gateway to:

- Register your building;
- Receive quotes from vetted solar developers;
- Aggregate your building with others to receive a group bid;
- Receive support and guidance for claiming your property tax abatement;
- Receive technical assistance from NYC's Solar Ombudsmen; and,
- Find upcoming workshops about community shared solar for building owners.

Three easy steps to participate:



It is easy to host community shared solar by using the Shared Solar NYC Gateway!

