

PROJECT SUMMARY
South Forty Solar Project
Sunset Cliff Road, Burlington, Vermont

Overview

South 40 Solar, LLC, a Vermont based company, is interested in constructing a photovoltaic (solar) generating facility on land located in Burlington's New North End. The site is a 40 acre parcel located on Sunset Cliff Road. The land is bordered by Curtis Avenue on the easterly side; the Strathmore development neighborhood on the southerly and westerly sides; Sunset Cliff, a residential neighborhood, on the north westerly side; and land pertaining to the camps located on Starr Farm, along the Lake Champlain shoreline to the north.

Concept Plan

Initial plans propose the construction of a 2.5 megawatt (AC) fixed panel solar field that would feed energy into the Burlington Electric Department system. The solar facility would occupy approximately 25 acres of the 40 acre site. The remaining 15 acres would be left intact as "buffer" space between the project and neighboring properties and will be available as recreation space (walking paths, etc.).

The developer has indicated that the project will be designed with sufficient screening and buffer areas so that visibility from adjoining properties will be limited. Once the installation has passed its economically productive lifespan, a decommissioning plan will go into effect and the site will be restored.

Neighborhood Outreach

The developer has had several meetings with the local NPA and interested neighbors to discuss and explain the project. Interested persons are welcome to contact the developer directly to obtain more information or to ask questions.

BED Ratepayers

Burlington Electric Department has reviewed the developer's proposal and has determined that purchase of power from the solar development complies with BED's Integrated Resource Plan, and would be in ratepayers' best interest. The proposed contract has been approved by the BED Electric Commission, with the condition that BED remain neutral in any permitting processes. The proposed purchase power contract has been scheduled for consideration at the Burlington City Council meeting on October 21, 2013.

Review

This project is in its very early stages and many issues remain open for review and discussion. More detailed review will take place in the near future if the developer decides to go forward.

Other Documents

The proposed site plan is also available.

Contact

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