## **Alliant Energy's**

# **Wever Solar Project**

May 2024 update

The 150-megawatt Wever Solar Project in Lee County, Iowa, is part of Alliant Energy's Clean Energy Blueprint, a strategic roadmap to cost-effectively accelerate our transition to renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions. Once complete, the project will positively impact the environment and generate enough energy to power more than 30,000 homes annually.

#### **Construction update**

Crews at the Wever Solar Project have completed the civil sitework and are nearly finished installing piles, the steel columns that anchor the solar array to the ground.

As crews install piles, other crews follow behind to install the tracking system, which will allow the panels to rotate with the sun daily to generate as much energy as possible.

In March, we installed our first solar panels at the site. Once complete, the project will consist of approximately 280,000 panels total.

We're underway seeding native grasses and pollinator habitat. This will remain an important focus throughout the spring and summer.

We've also begun work on the utility substation. The substation will connect the solar arrays to the main electric grid and ensure the clean energy the panels generate is ready and available at the flip of a switch.

We expect the Wever Solar Project to be operational by the end of 2024.





#### Veterans in the solar industry

The demand for solar energy in the U.S. is growing at a record pace, which means demand for workers in the solar industry is growing as well.

Retired military personnel often possess the exact skills needed to work in the solar industry. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, veterans are ideal candidates because they're:

- Trained to lead and are given responsibility early in their military service.
- Mission focused, doing what it takes to complete the job correctly and on time.
- Team players who simultaneously complete their work and support their colleagues to reach the goal at hand.

If you're a veteran and you'd like to learn more about how skills you already possess could translate to a career at Alliant Energy, go to alliantenergy.com and search "Veteran job match."

#### **Celebrating International Workers' Day**

Labor unions have shaped how our world works today, including how we put energy on the grid.

"Unions protect workers' rights and their best interests," said Dillon Gorman, business manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 965. "They exist so workers have a voice."

May 1 is International Workers' Day, also known as May Day.

Learn more about Dillon's story and May Day at alliantenergy.com/internationalworkersday.

#### Find out what's next

We'll share additional updates, photos and details for the Wever Solar Project throughout the construction process online at alliantenergy.com/weversolar.

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