# Wood County Solar Project

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# IT'S OFFICIAL: Alliant Energy Acquires Wood County Solar Project

In mid-July, Alliant Energy announced the acquisition of Wood County Solar Project from Savion, LLC. And almost immediately, construction began. Led by Burns & McDonnell, more than 100 employees are currently working to build the 150-MW solar project, which is on track to be fully operational by late 2022.

#### For details visit:

alliantenergy.com/AlliantEnergyNews/NewsCenter/12-WoodCountySolar

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#### **Inside:**

Updates from the project site.



## **CONSTRUCTION:** What's Happening

All necessary permits have been acquired and the civil work is underway. Workers are leveling the area for panel installation and building the service roads, creating a safe area for the delivery of materials and equipment with minimal disruption to nearby neighbors. Grading, seeding, fencing and retainage ponds are also under construction.

As you can see from the photos below, vegetation growth is already making strong progress.



Leveling and preparing the site for grass seeding.



From the base of operations where the office trailers are located and the equipment is parked, this view to the northeast shows the area that is furthest along with vegetation growth already making strong progress.

Burns & McDonnell is managing the construction. Workers from Burns & McDonnell will be joined by crews from AZCO Inc., Mashuda Contractors Inc., and carpenters from Local 804 based in Junction City, laborers from Local 268 based in Eau Claire, operating engineers from Local 139, and IBEW electricians from Local 388 based in Stevens Point.

Throughout construction, the community should see an economic boost as workers fill up at nearby gas stations, dine at local restaurants, spend the night at area hotels and visit local establishments, grocery stores and retail shops.



The DC feeders being laid in this trench will route electricity produced by solar panels.

During the civil work phase, electrical work will also be underway. This will create the path for electricity to flow from the panels to the substation, which is a critical phase of the construction process.

Visit AlliantEnergy.com; Keyword search: "Wood County" for details and updates.

#### **Potholes**

If you see any potholes, please contact us at **info@woodcountysolarproject.com**. As outlined in the Joint Development Agreement we have in place with the Town of Saratoga, we are working to repair them as quickly as possible.

## **Wood Chips**

We're nearing the end of wood chipping. Any remaining wood (mostly roots) will be chipped and available until it's gone. Delivery is also available within a half mile of the site. Contact us at info@wood countysolarproject.com to coordinate delivery.

## Solar and the Clean Energy Blueprint

In total, Alliant Energy has proposed 12 solar projects, spanning dozens of communities across nine Wisconsin counties. Collectively, these projects will add nearly 1,100 MW of solar energy generation to the state's energy grid by the end of 2023 – enough to power nearly 300,000 homes.

These projects demonstrate our commitment to advancing clean energy and strengthening the communities we serve. They create an economic boost for communities and landowners while providing customers with reliable, environmentally friendly energy for decades to come.

Collectively, our solar projects, along with the rest of our Clean Energy Blueprint, are also a smart investment that will help customers avoid more than \$2 billion in long-term costs. They will also provide steady revenue through new construction opportunities, create an estimated 2,000 construction jobs and provide approximately \$300 million in revenues to local communities and landowners over an estimated project lifespan of 30 years.

As we move toward creating a healthier environment, these initiatives are positioning Alliant Energy to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity we generate by 2050.

Visit PoweringWhatsNext.AlliantEnergy.com for more details.

#### With Sorrow

We regret to inform you that Jim LeVasseur passed away in mid-June in an out-of-state vehicle accident. He had reached out to a lot of the project neighbors earlier this year in his capacity as on-site construction manager with Burns & McDonnell. He is deeply missed by our construction crew as well as by our community.

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