

# Community Information Pack

## Honeysuckle Solar Farm

For more information please visit [www.lightsourcebp.com/honeysuckle](http://www.lightsourcebp.com/honeysuckle)

Honeysuckle Solar, the first solar farm in St. Joseph County, will be privately funded, built, owned and operated by Lightsource bp. The electricity from the project will be purchased by AEP Energy Partners, one of the largest wholesale energy suppliers in the country.

The project will do more than contribute to Indiana's energy security and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Construction of the Honeysuckle solar farm will provide approximately 200 construction jobs over a 12 to 14-month period, with the majority being local workers.

It will also provide a more than \$30 million dollar boost to government agencies in revenue over the next 30 years without a tax increase on its citizens.

In developing the project, we are adhering to the ordinance adopted by St. Joseph County that provides local regulatory control over solar farms. Key elements of the ordinance, which complement our best practices for solar farm development, include:

- Establishing minimum setback distances from adjacent property lines and public roads
- Requiring pollinator friendly groundcover around the facility
- Addressing maintenance and upkeep of the facility
- Making sure appropriate drainage and traffic mitigations are provided
- Stipulating how the site would be decommissioned at its end of life

Buffer zones will include a setback of not less than 75 feet from any adjacent public roadway, along with a setback of at least 250 feet from any residence and 30 feet from any adjacent property.

A long-term land maintenance plan for the site will be shared with the community to guarantee the highest productivity from the farm, and to ensure it blends with the aesthetic character of the area.

*Note: Numbers provided may be adjusted as system design is finalized*

## Clean electricity

locally generated renewable power



**188MW<sub>DC</sub>**

contributing to Indiana's energy security



**204,000MT**

of CO2 reduced each year

## New revenue

to government agencies without a tax increase on its citizens



**\$3M**

EDA payment to the county



**\$30M**

over project life

## Jobs

created by the project for the community



**200**

direct jobs during construction, with the majority local labor

## Local investment

new energy infrastructure privately funded



**\$250M**

private capital will fully fund this project

# Local benefits

With Lightsource bp's model of owning and operating our projects, we're committed to being a long-term partner in St. Joseph County.

## Questions?

Email: [USCommunityRelations@lightsourcecbp.com](mailto:USCommunityRelations@lightsourcecbp.com)



## Energy infrastructure for Indiana

Lightsource bp and project partners will invest an estimated \$250 million of private capital into building this new clean energy infrastructure in Indiana, helping diversify the state's energy portfolio and increase security with locally generated power.



## Jobs

The Honeysuckle solar project will create approximately 200 jobs during the 12-14-month construction period, hiring local contractors and recruiting from the local labor pool.



## New annual revenue to local agencies

More than \$30 million dollars in new revenue will flow to schools and other government services over the next 30 years without a tax increase on its citizens.



## Educational opportunities

The solar farm will provide educational opportunities for local schools and universities.



## Clean, local energy

The Honeysuckle solar farm will abate 204,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions, enhancing air quality by helping to mitigate the health effects of harmful air pollutants.



## Philanthropic commitments

Lightsource bp is committed to supporting philanthropic activities and contributing charitable donations to local organizations.



## Enhanced biodiversity

We're committed to minimizing the effect of the solar farm to the ecosystem as well as improving soil health, fostering biodiversity and pollinators, and creating wildlife habitats wherever possible.



## Recycling and decommissioning

We pledge to recycle all solar panels used at Honeysuckle Solar – damaged or non-performing panels during construction and operations, and at end of life/decommissioning.

At the end of the project the installation will be dismantled, removed and recycled without harming the land – we make sure that the land is restored to its original state, or better, and can be used for agricultural activities if desired.