

# Juneau Solar Park

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# AGENDA

1. Event Logistics
2. Introductions
3. About EDP Renewables
4. Juneau Solar Park Project Update
5. Project FAQs

After the presentation, we will change to open house / science-fair format to read informational boards, ask questions, speak with EDPR staff.



# Meet the Team



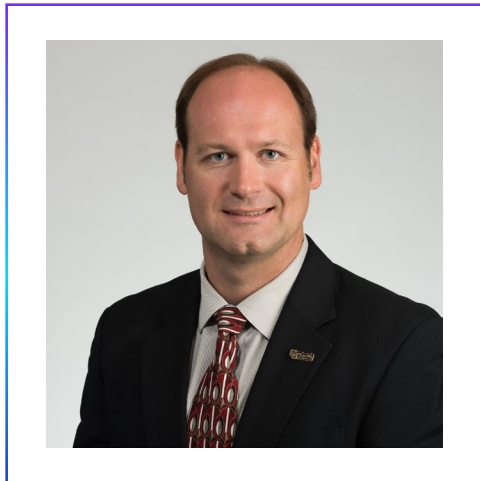
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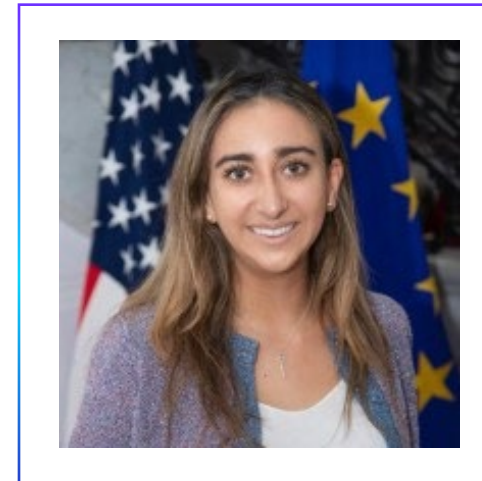
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Cameron Solar Park | South Carolina

# About EDP Renewables

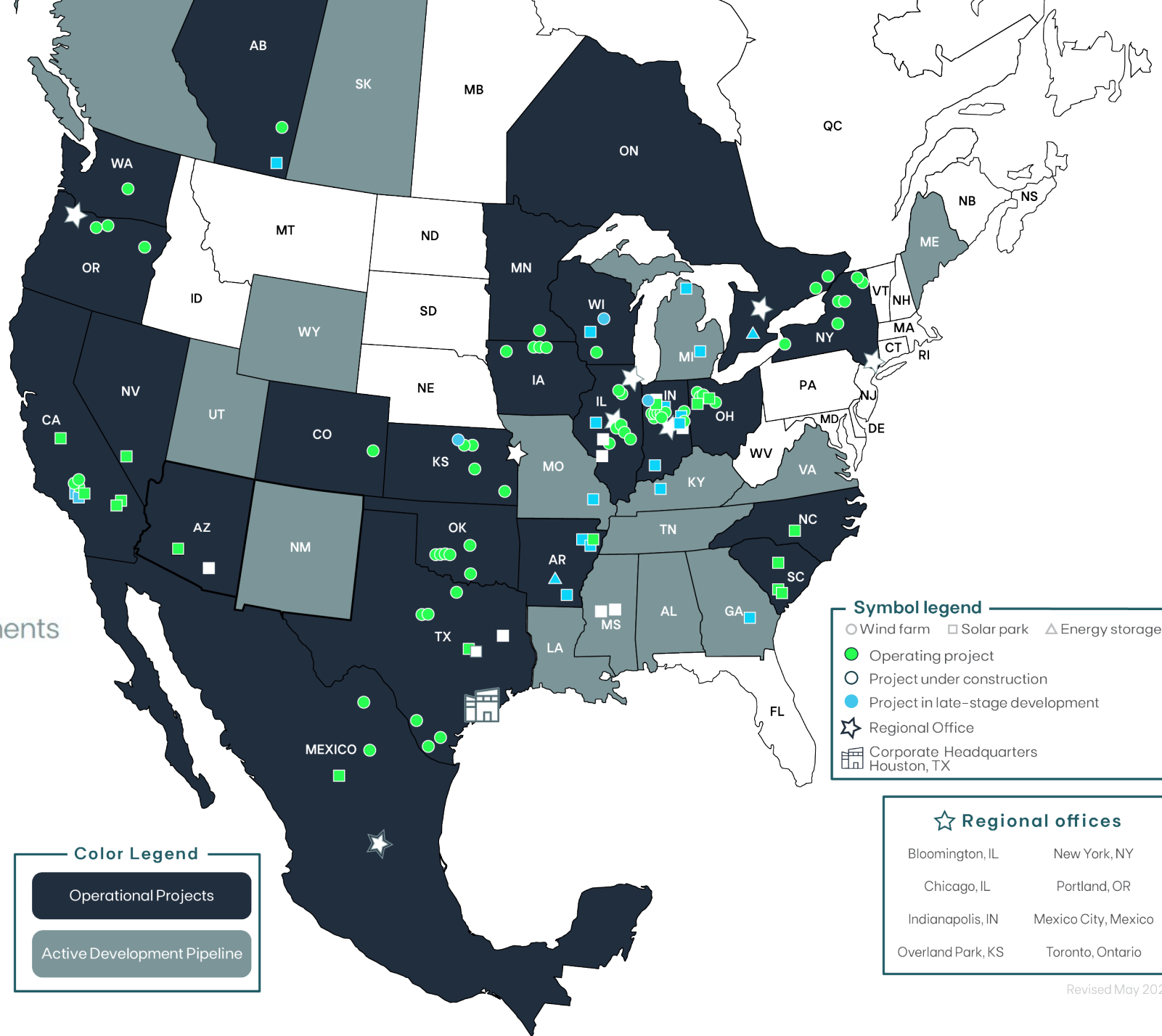


# EDPR NA Footprint

**20+** Years of experience

**9,600+** Megawatts

**24/7** Project Monitoring



PAID

**\$379 million+** to landowners  
**\$500 million+** to local governments



CREATED

**950+** permanent jobs  
**8,800+** construction jobs



GENERATED

the equivalent of  
**2.6 million+ homes'**  
energy consumption

**Color Legend**

- Operational Projects
- Active Development Pipeline

**Symbol legend**

- Wind farm
- Solar park
- Energy storage
- Operating project
- Project under construction
- Project in late-stage development
- Regional Office
- Corporate Headquarters Houston, TX

**Regional offices**

- Bloomington, IL
- Chicago, IL
- Indianapolis, IN
- Overland Park, KS
- New York, NY
- Portland, OR
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Toronto, Ontario



## About EDP Renewables North America

EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) and its subsidiaries develop, construct, own, and operate wind farms and solar parks in North America.

- Ranked **fifth in the U.S. in installed renewable energy** capacity.
- **61 wind farms and 15 solar parks**, totaling more than 9,600 MW of operating renewable energy projects.
- EDPR NA projects' generation is equivalent to the average consumption of **2.6+ million U.S. homes**.
- Headquartered in **Houston, Texas**, with **eight regional offices** across North America.



# EDPR in Wisconsin operating since 2017

98 MW of wind energy near Darlington, WI  
enough to power about 36,000 Wisconsin homes



QUILT BLOCK  
WIND FARM®



- Counties with Operational Projects
- Counties with Projects Under Development

1. Quilt Block Wind Farm (98MW)



We got to know some of the EDP Renewables employees so well, they were like family. If we had any questions, we had people we could call directly, and they would respond immediately.”  
– Clark Scott, Quilt Block landowner



**\$4.7 million+**  
PAID TO LANDOWNERS



**\$209.3 million+**  
SPENT WITHIN WISCONSIN



**\$598,000+**  
PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



CAPITAL INVESTMENT  
**\$166.6 million+**



# Project Update – Juneau Solar Park





# Juneau Solar Park

📍 Towns of Lemonweir and Seven Mile Creek, ~2 miles southeast of Mauston



The project would have a capacity of **225 megawatts**, equivalent to the needs of **60,000 WI homes**



Provide **home-grown domestic energy** to **Wisconsin's** electricity grid

☀️ **Project infrastructure will be sited in the most efficient and productive way on less than 3,800 acres**



Expected to create several **permanent jobs** and **hundreds of jobs during construction**



Approximately **10 landowner families** involved, who will receive **substantial lease payments** over the life of the project, helping to **supplement income** from farming

Juneau Solar would add **\$31.5 million** to the local tax base over its life, including nearly **\$1 million** in the first year alone.

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Total (35 Years)</b>
Utility Aid Fund	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$31,500,000</b>

The Utility Aid Fund is unrestricted funding allocated by the state in this fashion to be used as they see fit:

Receiving Entity	Year1	Total (35 years)
Juneau County	\$600,000	\$21,000,000
Town of Lemonweir	\$276,000	\$9,660,000
Town of Seven Mile Creek	\$24,000	\$840,000



# Project Status



Juneau Solar Park is navigating the permitting and regulatory environment to bring the project into operation in 2027. Many project activities are on-going.

## Current activities:

- Environmental surveys
- Preparation of state permit application
- Interconnection negotiations with the transmission owner
- Road study conducted in early July
- Updates provided at Lemonweir and Seven Mile Creek monthly meetings

# Upcoming milestones

## Q4 2024

### Submit proposal for a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity To the WI Public Service Commission.

- Required for power generation facilities over 100 MW.
- Robust process with requirements for public meetings, notifications, and environmental reviews.
- Would likely mean a determination late in 2025.
- Continue working through other applicable county and local permits

## Q4 2025

### Anticipated CPCN approval

### Finalize EPC Contractor

The EPC (Engineer, Procure, Construct) contractor is essentially a general contractor, and will be hiring additional subcontractors. EDPR's construction team works hand-in-hand with the EPC, and both companies will have staff on-site.

## Q2 2026

### Construction Kickoff Open House

**Throughout the upcoming milestones, we will continue to be involved in community events, host educational opportunities, respond to inquiries, and contribute to local organizations as we prepare for being neighbors for 30+ years.**



### Summer 2026

Begin construction, utilizing EPC contractor and local subcontractors



### By end of 2027

Become commercially operational, powering Juneau County area electric grid with clean, reliable power.



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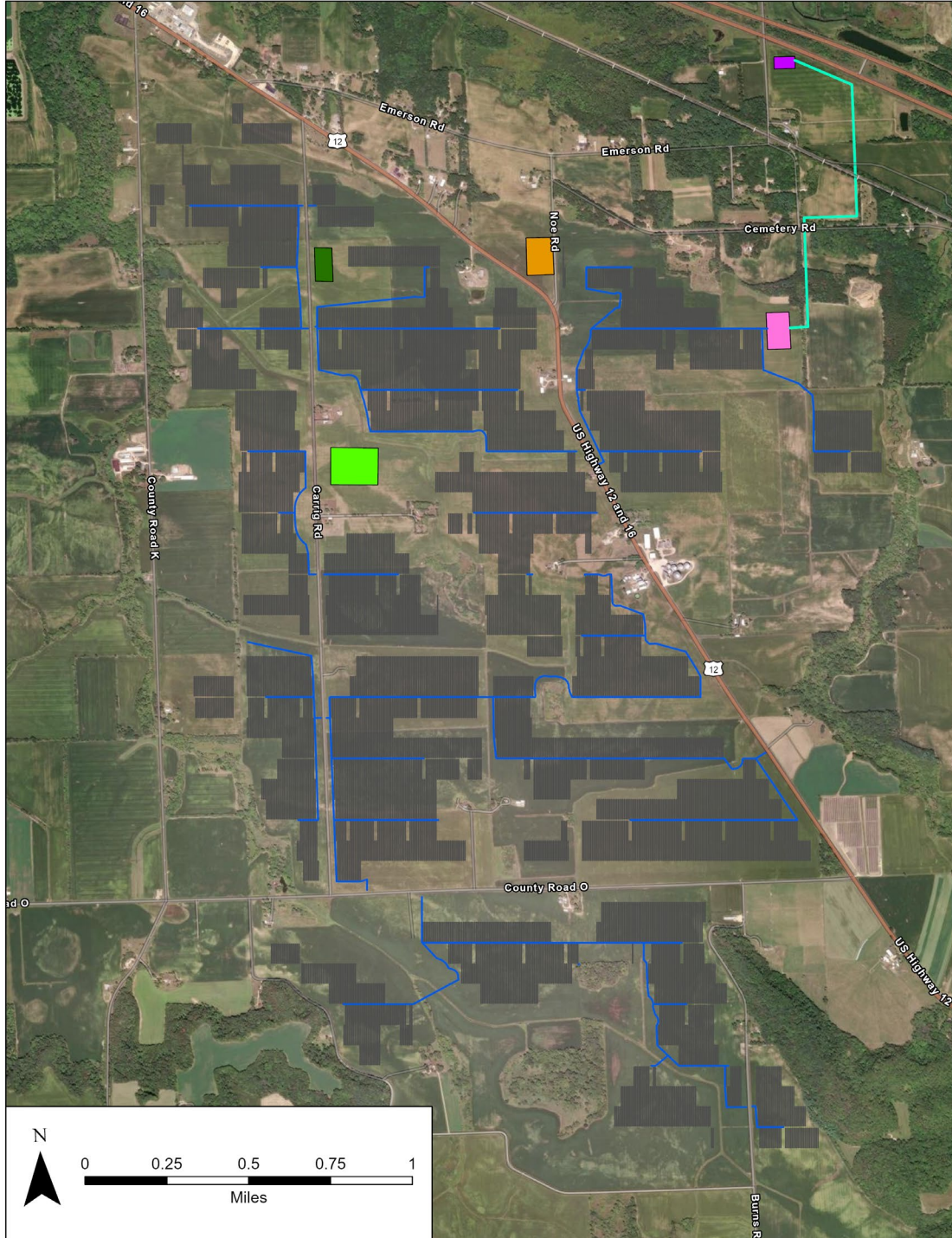
Preliminary Design\*

07/10/2024

\*Design is subject to final engineering

### Legend

- Solar Modules
- Project Substation
- Interconnection Switchyard
- Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Primary Laydown Yard
- Alternate Laydown Yard
- Generation Link Line
- Access Roads



# Juneau Solar Park Preliminary Layout



# Frequently Asked Questions



# Why was this land chosen?



### Access to transmission (MISO)

- To avoid needing additional transmission line infrastructure and to optimally get the power onto the grid, we begin working with landowners near the closest interconnection point to the project site.



### Interested landowners

- We can't have a project without landowners who have chosen hosting the solar park is the best long-term choice for their property and family.



### Adequate sunlight

- Not just the sunbelt anymore with modern panel technology



### Why use ag land?

#### Relatively flat with minimal clearing requirements due to prior disturbance

- Keeps the impact on the environment and ecology lower.

#### Landowners choosing what to do with their own property, including diversify ag income

- Solar parks provide stable, reliable income that landowners can reinvest into their ag operation, expand their business, hedge against the ups and downs of the ag industry.

#### Keeps land in the family, able to be farmed after the project life

- Per our legally binding project leases, is required to return the land to its original use, including farming, grazing, or wildlife habitat. Giving the land a break for a generation allows nutrients to replenish, boosting soil quality and increasing local biodiversity



### Where will the panels come from?

**We have not finalized a panel supplier for Juneau yet, but EDPR will NOT utilize panels made in China.**

- EDPR NA is actively working towards a procurement strategy to source panels produced or assembled in the United States.
- New federal incentives are boosting domestic manufacturing of solar panels and bringing new facilities to the U.S.

### How far away will the panels be from roadways and houses?

In compliance with local regulations, they will be:

- Local roads: at least 83 feet from centerline
- State or federal highways: at least 140 feet from centerline
- Residential structures: at least 400 feet
  - Double the 200-foot distance typical for solar projects



# What are panels made of? Can toxins leach out?

- By weight, the panels are **80% glass and aluminum**. The remainder is **regular household technology materials** like copper, and semiconductor materials like silicon, which is the second most common element on earth.
- **Panels do not contain any liquids**, so there is nothing to leak out even when cracked.
- **Designed to crack like a windshield** or a phone screen, keeping internal components inside.
- We procure panels that pass Toxic Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) reports.
  - Takes a solar panel, grinds it up, and exposes it to extreme elements, comparable to those experienced in a landfill over a long period of time.
  - The materials and their surroundings are then tested to ensure the area is free from harmful toxins from the former panel.

### What happens to the panels in severe weather?

- **Panels are designed to withstand harsh conditions and safely operate in all regions of the U.S., including upper Midwest.**
- **Panels can pivot into stow positions** for extreme weather, such as high winds.
- For hail, **they are designed to resist 11 impacts of 2.2-inch hailstones** on a single without breaking – that’s a lot of really big hail.
- We successfully operate projects across NA – Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina, desert southwest that have seen tornadoes, hail, high winds, snow, high temperatures without serious damage.
- **Like any built structure, sometimes damage occurs, which is why we have a dedicated, local Operations & Maintenance team.**

### How will the project collaborate with emergency services?

- We have a **dedicated Health & Safety Dept. that works with local first responders to establish and update an Emergency Response Plan** during the project’s development.
- We facilitate **written and on-site training and drills** for every project.
- **Training is repeated every 6 months during construction, and every year during operations** to ensure teams are up-to-date with the most effective protocols and procedures.

# What impacts will the solar park have on property values?

- Research from multiple academic institutions and project-specific assessments have shown little to no negative property value impacts from projects like Juneau Solar Park.
- Some studies have shown a slight decrease in value for homes closest to a solar park in suburban areas only. **In rural communities, the same studies showed there was no impact on property values.** Yet other studies have found that solar panels can have a **neutral or even a positive impact on home values.**
- Criteria that typically correlate with decreases in property value are increased noise, odor, and traffic—none of which result from having a solar park as a neighbor.
- **What helps improve property values – such as quality roads, schools, and local services – are strengthened by the project’s \$31.5 million going into the tax base for Juneau County, Lemonweir, and Seven Mile Creek.**



Questions?



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