

# Just The Facts: SIERRA CLUB Delaware CHAPTER Community Solar Proposal

#### What is Community Solar?

Community Solar allows those who do not have the roof space ideal for solar installation, renters, or those who cannot afford solar installation on their own to subscribe to a solar project located away from their residence. These Community Solar subscriptions offer immediate savings on participants' electric bills on a monthly basis!

## Who can participate?

- Anyone within Delmarva's service territory can become a subscriber for a Community Solar project.
  - Delaware Electric Cooperative (DEC) and those municipalities served by the Delaware Municipal Energy Corporation (DEMEC) already have access to their own Community Solar programs.
- Public Bodies and Businesses can lease their rooftops or open spaces to host a Community Solar project and share in the savings or receive a large payment for the space.
- Farmers can lease less productive farm land for a project and be paid while their soil regenerates.

# What would be the benefit for Delaware?



These projects would help Delaware produce local and clean energy and create jobs.



• Participating customers actually save money on their electric bills within the first month of signing up!

• Projects can be built on brownfields, public property, and non-productive farmland.

### Who would benefit?



- Large parts of our state, especially those located in city areas where roof types and rental agreements often do not allow for solar installation.
- This legislation REQUIRES low-income individuals make up 15% of every project's customer base.



- Faith communities can reduce energy costs for their site and their parishioners.
  - Those with deed or HOA restrictions can benefit from solar without rooftop installation.
- Municipalities and school districts can benefit from the sustainability and possibly lower energy costs from a project.