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BAY RIDGE SOLAR Sustainable Buildings, Sustainable Budgets



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Introducing Bay Ridge

- A new mixed-income neighborhood
- Co-developed with Champlain Housing Trust
- 68 Affordable Apartments
- 26 Shared Equity Homes
- Location: Shelburne

Bay Ridge Rooftop Solar

- Allows for ~87 kw of PV solar
- Would offset approximately 15% of the usage
 - of 68 apartments
- More than 90% incentivized:
 - 30% ITC
 - 10% Energy Community Bonus
 - 20% Low-Income Communities Bonus
 - 4% LIHTC (covers ~33% of costs)
- Preferred Site

Bay Ridge Aerial View

- Allows for 150kw of solar
- Room for more but CPG process much costlier
- Nearly 85% incentivized:
 - 30% ITC
 - 4% LIHTC (covers ~33% of costs)
 - \$150,000 VLITE
- Not a Preferred Site

Bay Ridge Solar Site Plan

Bay Ridge Solar Rooftop & Off-Site

The capital costs for the combined solar arrays is \$882,000 which is almost \$13,000/unit.

	Rooftop	Offsite	Combined
kwh production	113,500	270,800	384,300
net-metered credits generated	\$17,971	\$32,875	\$50,846
% total usage offset	15%	36%	51%

Benefits of Bay Ridge Solar

For Environment

- Solar credits help offset the high cost of operating and maintaining heat pumps, enabling the greener choice
- The buildings' robust thermal shells and electric HVAC systems enable the project to avoid of 189 tons of carbon emissions; solar helps to offset an added ~162 tons/year

For Owner

- Financial sustainability
- Expected 1st year savings of ~\$51,000 in OpEx
- Better cashflow allows for:
 - More permanent debt, enabling public funds to spread further (up to \$630,000 in this case);
 - More investments in programming and amenities

For Residents

- No utility bill
- No need to navigate new utility accounts
- Air conditioning provided by the owner
- No need to choose between staying cool/warm and other pressing expenses
- Participation in the green transition

As of December 2022, there were over 2,500 community solar projects, operating in 43 states and Washington D.C., with Florida, New York and Minnesota leading the way.

But only about 2% of the nationwide solar capacity has been dedicated to low-income communities—something the IRA aims to change.

For low- to moderate-income residents in multifamily housing who do not have access to a roof, do not own their property...community solar creates an opportunity to access renewable energy and lower utility costs.

Source: Enterprise Community Partners, November 13, 2023

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Net Zero Energy Factory-Built Affordable Housing

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Factory-Built Variety

Mobile

- Pre-1976
- No code

Manufactured

- Post-1976
- HUD code just updated after 30yrs – launch May 2023

Volumetric Modular

 Meets local building & energy codes

Panelized

 Meets local building & energy codes

NZE Ready Standard

Salisbury Square DC Microgrid

An Affordable Community – Randolph, VT

Multifamily

	Lot #	Туре	Usage	Solar	Generation	Net
	2a unit 1	4plx - 1BD	4,601	19.0	4,681	(80)
	2a unit 2	4plx - 1BD	4,601		4,681	(80)
	2a unit 3	4plx -2BD	5,480		4,681	799
	2a unit 4	4plx -2BD	5,480		4,681	799
	2b unit 1	4plx - 1BD	4,601	19.0	4,681	(80)
	2b unit 2	4plx - 1BD	4,601		4,681	(80)
PHASE 1	2b unit 3	4plx -2BD	5,480		4,681	799
	2b unit 4	4plx -2BD	5,480		4,681	799
	2c unit 1	4plx - 1BD	4,601	19.0	4,681	(80)
	2c unit 2	4plx - 1BD	4,601		4,681	(80)
	2c unit 3	4plx - 1BD	4,601		4,681	(80)
	2c unit 4	4plx - 1BD	4,601		4,681	(80)
	2	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	3	Bradford	7,092	10.0	11,266	(4,174)
	4	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
PHASE 2	5	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	6	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	7	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	8	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	9	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	10	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
PHASE 3	11	3BD/2FL	8,792	7.5	7,243	1,549
	6 Vehicle Carport			23.0	29,218	(29,218)
azx gvc			144,948	158	161,843	(16,895)
	Rem Modeling plus 25%		181,185		161,843	19,342

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Why a DC Microgrid?

- Resilience & reliability optimized
- Asset Utilization solar+storage
- Utility Compatibility enhanced demand response
- Reduce Overall Demand
- Reduce Carbon Footprint

A DC Microgrid

First of its kind

- Community where each home generates, distributes and consumes power as direct current (DC) for highest operating efficiency;
- Each home will share its locally generated power with neighboring homes for operational autonomy (resilience against grid outages);
- Each home will be equipped with highefficiency DC lighting and appliances that will operate alongside legacy Alternate Current (AC) appliances even during islanded mode of operation.

Manufactured Housing Communities

- Based on the Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home standard
- Qualifies for the 45L IRA \$5,000 tax credit (goes directly to plant for each ZERH home delivered)
- Factories are ZERH Certified through a Quality Assurance Provider
- Efficiency VT developed two higher tiers that incorporate additional measures around health and energy efficiency.
- Work closely with Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Champlain Housing Trust, Vermont Low Income Trust of Energy (VLITE), and other organizations
- Introduced as missing housing option for many niches where \$300+/SF not an option

Advanced Manufactured Home Initiative

Advanced Manufactured Home (AMH)

Assembly	Efficiency VT AMH Tier 1	Efficiency VT AMH Tier 2	
Co-requisite	ENERGY STAR – MH & ZERH – MH certification		
Walls	R-21	R-24	
Floor	R-27	R-33	
Ceiling	R-38	R-38/R-49 (2-section homes)	
Windows	U-0.30 (R-3)	U-0.25 (R-4)	
Doors	U-0.30 (R-3)		
Air leakage	3 Air Changes per Hour @ 50 Pascals		
Heating	ENERGY STAR or NEEP ccASHP		
Cooling	ENERGY STAR or NEEP ccASHP		
Ventilation	Efficiency VT H/ERV QPL		
Hot Water	Heat Pump Water Heater >/=3.3 UEF		
Thermostat	Programmable		
Duct Leakage	4 Cubic Feet per Minute (CFM) @ 25 Pascals per 100 square feet		
Duct Insulation	Floor cavity: enclosed by insulation. All other spaces: R-8		
Lighting	100% LED		
Appliances	ENERGY STAR		

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Modeled Annual Energy Costs

*Assumptions: \$0.18/kWh (electricity); \$3.00/gal (propane)

Base Cost 13-4'x60' 3Bed/2Bath		\$60,208
Base Cost 13-4'x70' 3Bed/2Bath		\$69,375
Delivery	\$2,600	
Home/Slab Removal	\$5,000	
Infrastructure Upgrades	\$3,000	
Installation	\$4,198	
Washer/Dryer	\$2,238	
HVAC install	\$15,700	
Utility Tie-in	\$3,000	
Insulated Skirting	\$6,500	
Stairs and Rails	\$1,422	
Foundation	\$12,000	
Solar array - 7kW system	\$28,000	
Total	\$83,658	
Project Management	\$8,365.80	
60' Total	\$152,232	
70' Total	\$161,399	

\$143/SF without Solar PV \$173/SF with Solar PV Other affordable housing \$350-\$550/SF/unit

Questions?

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Green Mountain Power: Who We Are

GMP serves 275,000 customers, covering 77% of Vermont

- 85% residential customers, 15% businesses
- 12,500 miles of distribution lines
- 1,011 miles of sub-transmission
- 15 district offices with teams across Vermont
- About 510 employees, 285 are members of the IBEW Local 300
- Annual energy mix is 100% carbon free, 80% renewable
- Will be 100% renewable by 2030
- Certified B Corp

Clean, Reliable, Resilient: Helping Vermont Electrify

Top sources of carbon pollution in VT

- Heating
- Transportation

Climate change is accelerating extreme weather

- Past 12 months
 - 18 storms = outages for 700,000 GMP customers

Partnering with customers on resiliency

 Strengthening the grid so customers can choose clean electrification and stay safe and connected

GMP: Cutting Carbon and Costs for All Customers

New programs supported by federal funding help income-qualified customers electrify

- Energy Storage Access Program (\$1.5M ARPA)
 - Home battery back up
- Home Electrical System Upgrades (\$10M ARPA)
 - 200 amp panel and service upgrades
- GMP Energy Transformation Line
 Extension Tariff

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