# Solarize Southeast PA











### **How we started**

Neighbors helping neighbors to join the clean energy revolution

- Ready for 100 Chester, Delaware, Montgomery
- Referred to Solarize Greater Media
- Experience with Northwest Philly Solar Co-op
- Led to... Solarize Southeast PA!



### Who's behind Solarize Southeast PA

Meenal Raval - primary contact

Marion Biddle - PECO contact & data analysis

Jim Wylie - Sierra Club interface



### What is Solarize Southeast PA?

We are neighbors helping neighbors....

- Increase energy literacy
- learn how rooftop residential systems are sized & priced
- connect each household to a local vetted installer
- support the Ready for 100 teams in each town
- Advocate for better policies on clean energy



### **Solarize Southeast PA in 2019**

- Initial interest in Havertown
- Worked with EAC to build more interest
- Requested proposals from area installers
- Identified review team to evaluate proposals
- Vetted 3 installers one for Chester, one for Delaware & one for Montgomery County - and one for Philly





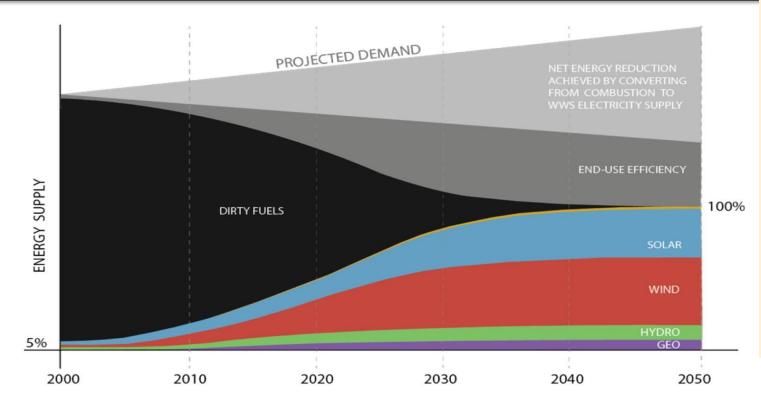
### **Solarize Southeast PA in 2020**

- Working relationships with 5 area installers
- 26% federal tax credit
- Haverford EAC organizing as Solarize Delco
- Phila Energy Authority organizing as <u>Solarize Philly</u>
- Our goal is to educate neighbors



#### THE SOLUTION







# Electrify Everything & Power it all with Clean Energy

- Switch to clean energy
- Consider additional electric needs
  - Water heating
  - Clothes drying
  - Space heating
  - Stove
  - Car



### **Gas & Electric Meters**

Electricity use measured in kilowatt hours, gas use measured in 100 cubic feet

#### **Meter Information**

| Read        | Meter     |                 | Reading   | Meter        | Reading      |            | Multiplier | Total |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Dates       | Number    | Load Type       | Туре      | Previous     | Present      | Difference | X          | Usage |
| 05/14-06/13 | 122160128 | General Service | Tot kWh   | 69139 Actual | 70402 Actual | 1,263      | 1          | 1,263 |
| 05/14-06/13 | 015593347 | General Service | Total Ccf | 6980 Actual  | 6986 Actual  | 6          | 1          | 6     |

Total kWh Used: 1,263

Total Ccf Used: 6



### **Electric** use

Need to generate 12,000 kWh from rooftop solar installation.

Consider conservation & efficiency first!

1.5 lb CO2 per kWh2204 lbs per metric tonCO2e



| Period                 | Usage  | Avg Daily<br>Usage Days |    | Avg Daily<br>Temp |  |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|----|-------------------|--|
| Current Month          | 1,263  | 42.1                    | 30 | 71                |  |
| Last Month             | 555    | 19.1                    | 29 | 61                |  |
| Last Year              | 1,287  | 42.9                    | 30 | 68                |  |
| Avg kWh per Month      | 1,012  |                         |    |                   |  |
| Total Annual kWh Usage | 12,155 |                         |    |                   |  |

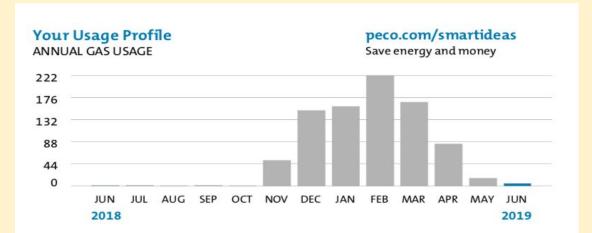


### Gas use

Need to get from 868 ccf to zero! How?

- Consider electrification
- Consider conservation& efficiency

12 lb CO2 per ccf 2204 lbs per metric ton CO2e



|               |       | Avg Daily |      | Avg Daily |  |
|---------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|--|
| Period        | Usage | Usage     | Days | Temp      |  |
| Current Month | 6     | 0.2       | 30   | 71        |  |
| Last Month    | 16    | 0.6       | 29   | 61        |  |
| Last Year     | 2     | 0.1       | 30   | 68        |  |

| Avg Ccf per Month      | 72  |
|------------------------|-----|
| Total Annual Ccf Usage | 868 |



# Get that assessment! Reduce before Renewable...



#### We'll help you stay comfortable and stop wasting energy.



Get an **unbiased evaluation** of your home by a PECO energy advisor.



Receive a **personalized report** with energy-saving recommendations.



Get access to **PECO rebates** for additional energy-saving upgrades.



You may qualify for higher heating and cooling equipment rebates when you use a PECO HVAC participating contractor.



All this for just \$25 (a \$150 value)\*

► Schedule your appointment at peco.com/assessment or call 1-888-5-PECO-SAVE (1-888-573-2672).

"You must be a PECO residential customer heating your home with electricity to receive a comprehensive assessment. Only one Energy Assessment per year. This program is subject to change, including termination, without prior notice. Appointments are available Monday-Friday. Limited number of appointments available on Saturdays.

PECO 0519

07 EXE 110871





© PECO Energy Company, 20





# The process

- We: do initial roof assessment, solar potential, compare to current usage
- **Installer**: evaluates roof & provides formal proposal
- You: sign contract with Installer
- Installer: gets PECO interconnection, permits, installs & schedules inspections
- We: follow-up with PECO & Installer, facilitate as needed
- You: start getting electricity from the sun!



### Free solar assessment

For free solar assessment, please send people to the Contact page of Solarize Southeast PA

solarizesepa.com/contact

Will need name, e-mail address, home address and annual electric usage



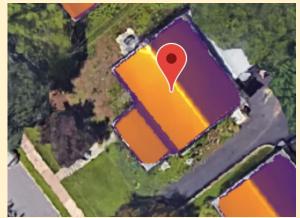
# **Quick check of roof potential**

- Assess roof Google satellite image
  - Southern exposure, minimal shade, good condition
- Assess system size
  - Translate address to system size in Watts
  - Roof angle
- Back of envelope
  - Watts to kWh & Dollars



# An example...811 Powder Mill Rd







26 panels



### Now the math...

- Number of panels = 26
- System size = number of panels x Watts / panel = 26 x 305 = 7,930 DC Watts (or 7.93 kW)
- Annual generation (DC to AC) = system size x 1.1 = 8,723 kWh
- **System cost** = DC system size x \$3.10 / Watt = \$24,583
- Less 26% Federal tax credit = 24583 x 0.26 = \$6,392
- Net cost = 24583 6392 = \$18,191



# **Optional / Additional costs**

- Upgrade electric service
- Install on steep roof
- Install on slate roof
- Ground mount system
- Pole mounted system
- Higher efficiency panels latest tech

- Energy Monitoring
- Battery storage
- Remove & reinstall system
- Redo roof
- PECO upcharge for outside wiring



# Paying for clean energy

- Buy
  - Personal savings
  - Home equity loan
  - Unsecured loan Clean Energy Credit Union or others
- Lease (Power Purchase Agreement) for commercial projects
- Federal Tax Credit (26%)
- Solar electricity runs loads in house first
- Net metering (PECO)



# Solar - Not just at home!

- Houses of worship no federal tax credit
- Municipal buildings no federal tax credit
- Home Owner's Associations (HOA)
- Place of work



### Meter info with solar

#### **Meter Information**

| Read        | Meter     |                | Reading       | Meter        | Reading      |            | Multiplier | Total |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Dates       | Number    | Load Type      | Type          | Previous     | Present      | Difference | х          | Usage |
| 05/15-06/14 | 575395757 | In/Out No Flow | kWh From Grid | 7669 Actual  | 7781 Actual  | 112        | 1          | 112   |
| 05/15-06/14 | 575395757 | In/Out No Flow | kWh To Grid   | 10468 Actual | 11371 Actual | 903        | 1          | 903   |

Total kWh Used: 112

Two meter readings.

As of summer 2017 PECO uses a bi-directional meter, rather than two meters





# **Net Metering in PA**

- Excess solar production is sent back to grid and offsets usage
- 2. If net amount from PECO is positive customer will pay for that amount
- 3. If net amount from PECO is negative cost is \$0 and excess is rolled over to the next month as "banked" kWh
- 4. On the May bill PECO credits any excess banked kWh's at the Price to Compare and zeroes out the bank

### Monthly bill with solar

# What's not to like?

The bill is dependent on the system production compared to use. This sample household generates more electricity than is used by the house. The bill is always reduced but not always to \$0.



#### **Electric Residential Service**

#### Service Period 05/15/2019 to 06/14/2019 - 30 days

| Total Current Charges           | \$9.94 |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| TAXES & FEES                    | \$0.00 |
| Charge                          |        |
| Distribution System Improvement | -0.03  |
| Customer Charge                 | 9.97   |
| PECO ELECTRIC DELIVERY          | \$9.94 |



## **PECO Message Center**

"Money" in the PECO bank...

Your Previous Banked Distribution kWh is 0. Your Current Change in Banked Distribution kWh is 791. Your current Adjustment to Banked Distribution kWh due to settlement is 0. Your Remaining Banked Distribution kWh is 791.

Your Previous Banked Generation kWh is 0. Your Current Change in Banked Generation kWh is 791. Your current Adjustment to Banked Generation kWh due to settlement or electric generation supplier switch is 0. Your Remaining Banked Generation kWh is 791.

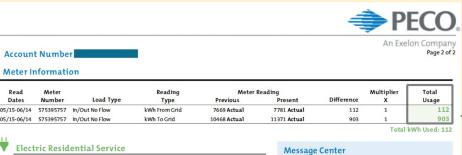
Your **Total Account Balance of \$-83.92** includes your Total Amount Due and all other Arrearage/
Agreement/Deferred balances that are on this account.



## Sample PECO Bill With Solar



The bill is dependent on the system production compared to use. This sample household generates more electricity than is used by the house. Bill is always reduced but not always to \$0



Service Period 05/15/2019 to 06/14/2019 - 30 days PECO ELECTRIC DELIVERY \$9,94 **Customer Charge** 9.97 Distribution System Improvement -0.03 Charge TAXES & FEES \$0.00 **Total Current Charges** \$9.94



| Period                 | Usage | Avg Daily<br>Usage Days |          | Avg Daily<br>Temp |  |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Current Month          | 112   | 3.7                     | 30<br>29 | 71<br>61          |  |
| Last Month             | 334   | 11.5                    |          |                   |  |
| Last Year              | 303   | 10.1                    | 30       | 69                |  |
| Avg kWh per Month      | 434   |                         |          |                   |  |
| Total Annual kWh Usage | 5,216 |                         |          |                   |  |

#### From PECO:

New charges contain estimated total state taxes of \$0.73, including \$0.59 for State Gross Receipts Tax.

Your Previous Banked Distribution kWh is 0. Your Current Change in Banked Distribution kWh is 791. Your current Adjustment to Banked Distribution kWh due to settlement is 0. Your Remaining Banked Distribution kWh is 791.

Your Previous Banked Generation kWh is 0. Your Current Change in Banked Generation kWh is 791. Your current Adjustment to Banked Generation kWh due to settlement or electric generation supplier switch is 0. Your Remaining Banked Generation kWh is

Your electric price to compare is \$0.0000 per kWh. This may change in March, June, September and December. For more information and supplier offers visit PAPowerSwitch.com and oca.state.pa.us.

Your Total Account Balance of \$-83.92 includes your Total Amount Due and all other Arrearage/ Agreement/Deferred balances that are on this account.

Because your account has a credit balance, no payment amount will be deducted from your bank account this month. Thank you for using our electronic bill payment plan.

Credit balance on this bill will be applied to your next standard bill.

In and Out Meters

Banked KWh



# **Three types of Solar Designs**

1. Panels connected in series - older technology - panel with least production limits the whole array

2. Microinverters on each panel - converts DC to AC at each panel, production is not limited by each panel

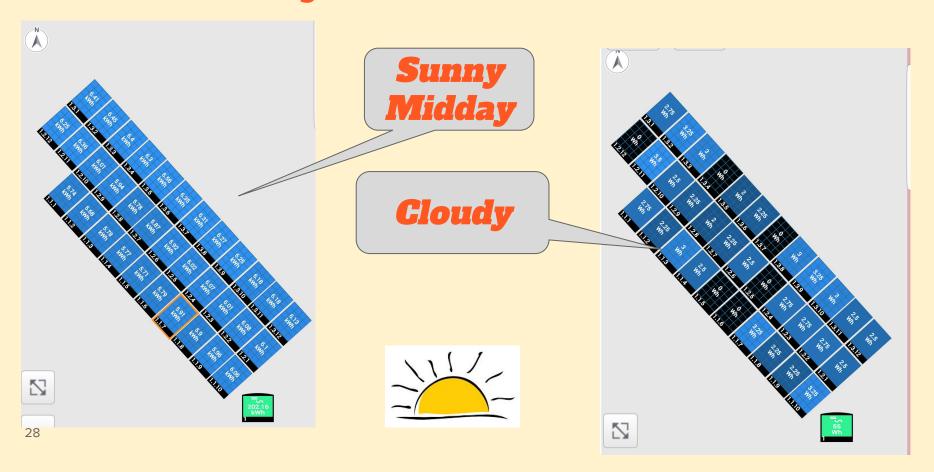
3. Optimizers on each panel - production is not limited - DC is converted to AC at the central inverter

# **Equipment on Caledonia Street**





# **Production by Panel Caledonia Street**



### **PV** Generation at Caledonia



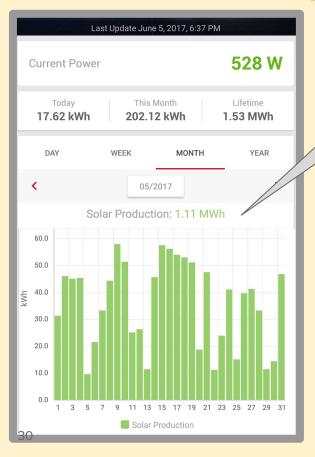
One Day

> One Week



528 W Current Power Lifetime Today This Month 17.62 kWh 202.12 kWh 1.53 MWh DAY WEEK MONTH YEAR 05/30/2017 - 06/05/2017 Solar Production: 263.43 kWh 70.0 60.0 50.0 40.0 30.0 20.0 10.0 0.0 5/30 5/31 6/1 6/2 6/3 6/4 6/5 Solar Production

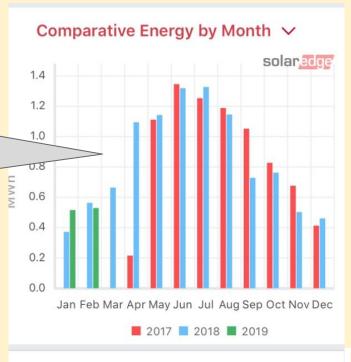
### **PV** Generation at Caledonia



One Month

Months
over the
years







CO2 Emission Saved

29,758.17 Lb

## **Enhanced Monitoring - Sample Day**



SolarEdge Inverter with Usage Monitoring Add-on

**Red** shows power used from PECO's grid (night time or when sun isn't shining)

**Blue** shows power used directly from solar panels

**Green** shows power being sent back to PECO via the grid. (Technically goes to the immediate neighbors)

### **Contact information**

For free solar assessment, please share name, email, home address & annual electric usage at <u>solarizesepa.com/contact</u>

Website: <u>solarizesepa.com</u>

Email: <u>solarizesepa@gmail.com</u>

Presenters: Meenal Raval & Marion Biddle

Phone: 267.709.3415



## **Photos!**



# W Upsal Street / pitched roof



# **Sprague St / flat roof**



# **W** Upsal Street



#### **Gerhard St**



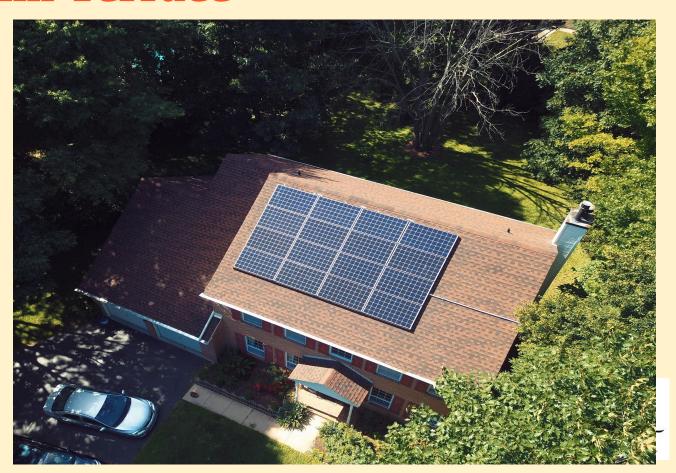
# E Phil Ellena St



# E Gowen Ave



## **Thomas Mill Terrace**



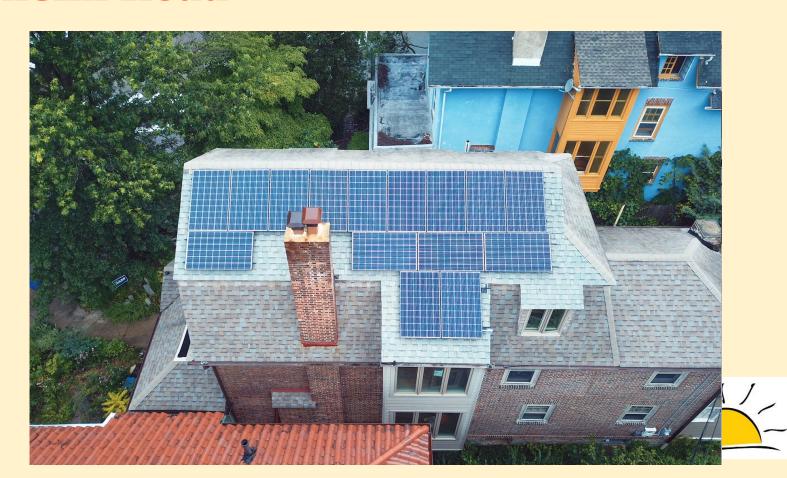
# **Dupont Street**



# **Mermaid Lane**



#### **Cresheim Road**



# **W** Mount Airy Avenue





# **East Upsal Street**







## **Rural Lane**

Purple House Goes Solar Video





# Not just on rooftops...

- Total capacity:3.5 kW DC
- Total generation:4,690 kWh per year
- Greenhouse gas reduced:3.3 metric tons/year

<u>Video</u>



#### Your form, We're neighbors helping neighbors..., has new responses. Inbox x

Tour form, we're neighbors helping heighbors..., has new responses.

2:43 PM (2 minutes ago)



Google Forms

#### 1 new response

Hi,

Your form We're neighbors helping neighbors... has a new response.

Response 1

VIEW SUMMARY

to me 🔻

Google Forms <forms-receipts-noreply@google.com>