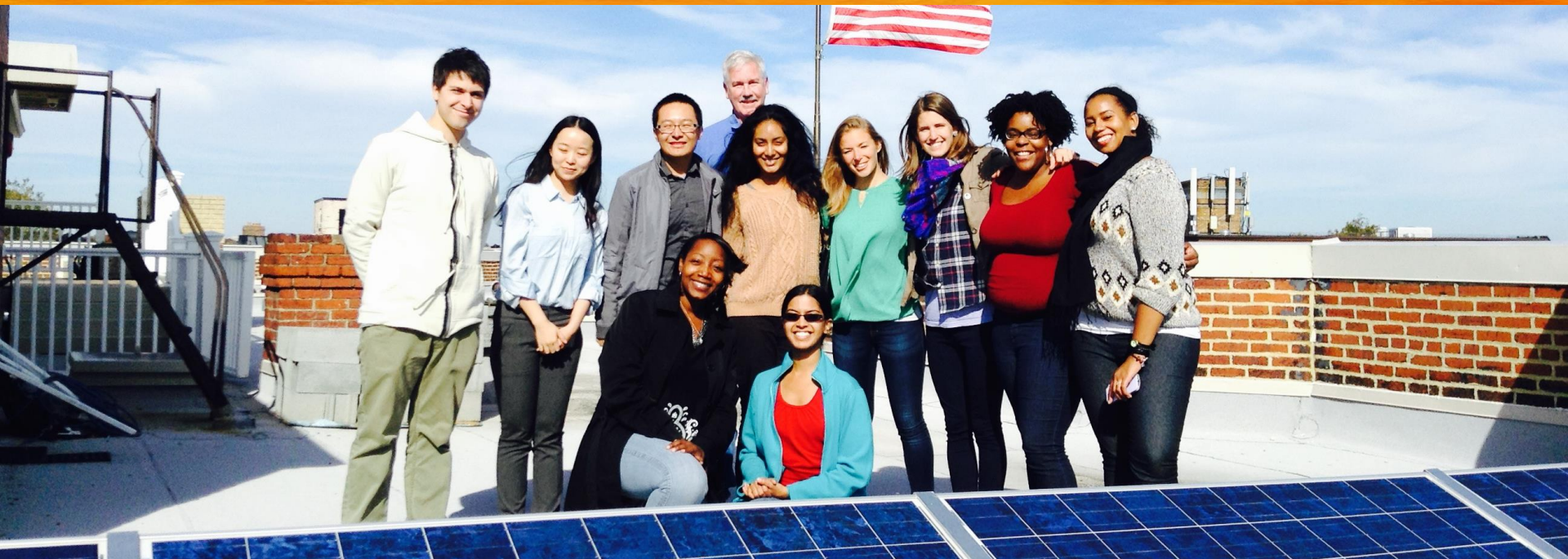




Supporting communities to go solar together and fight for their energy rights



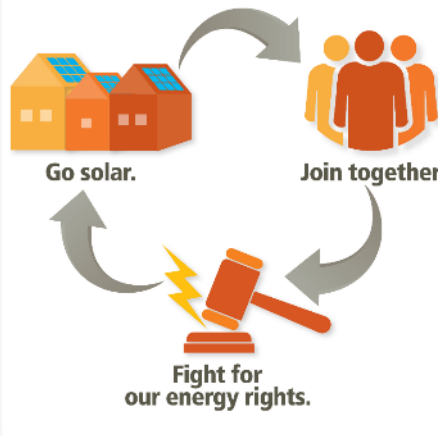
Overview

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- Community Solar pilot
- Sun Patch program
- Advocacy



SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

We're a community of people building a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone.



over
100,000
supporters



How We Got Started



**Started in
2007 and it
wasn't easy!**

Mount Pleasant Solar Cooperative



Solar United Neighbors today

Arizona

Colorado

D.C.

Florida

Indiana

Maryland

Minnesota

New Jersey

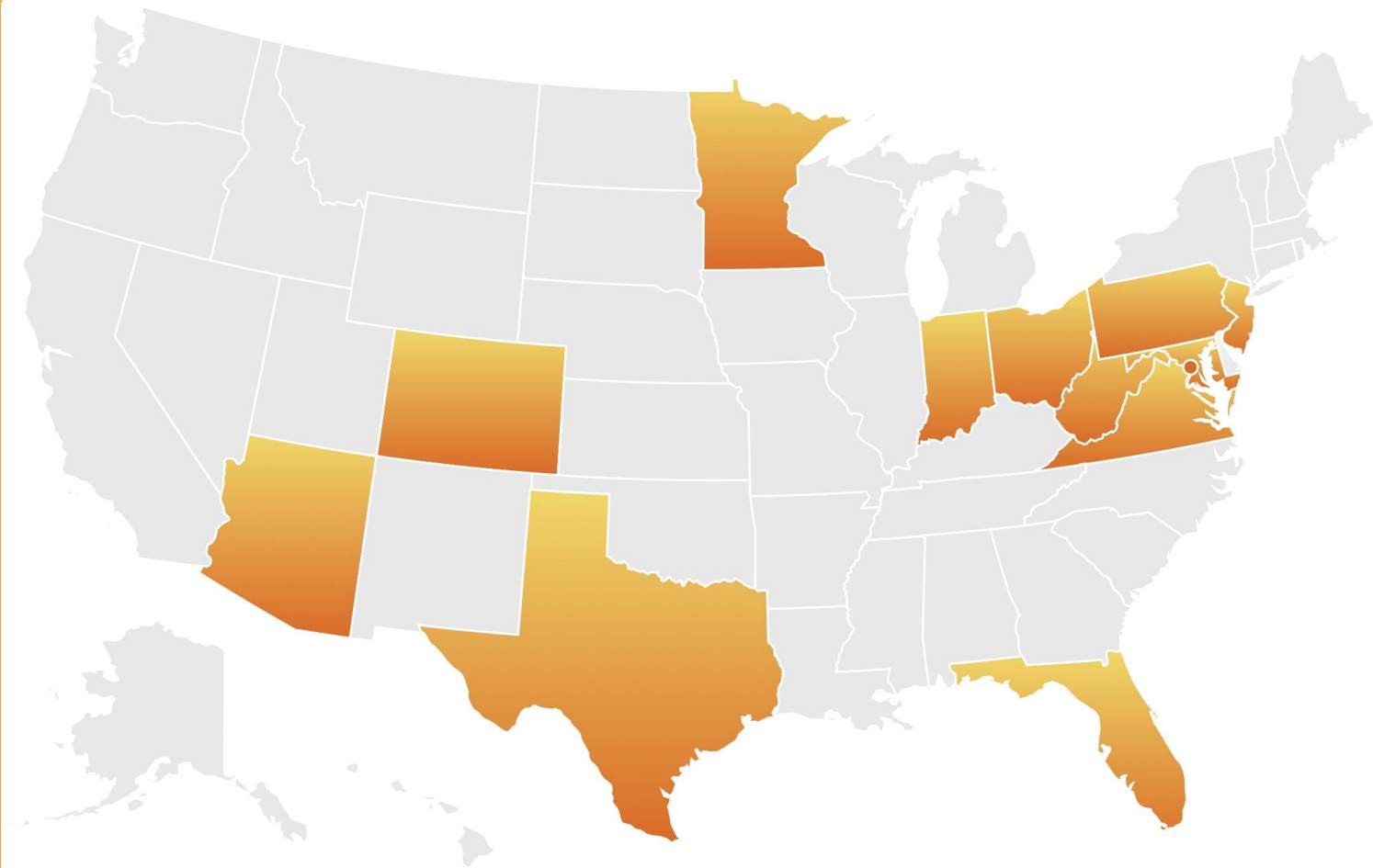
Ohio

Pennsylvania

Texas

Virginia

West Virginia



We help people go solar, join together, and fight for their energy rights

TX IMPACT



6

Co-ops across and growing!

500

People educated

255 kW

installed by our members

1/3

Hear from a partner org

\$653K+

invested in economy

8 M

lbs carbon offset

Why people (and businesses) go solar



SAVE
MONEY



PROMOTE
ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE



CREATE
GOOD
JOBS



TAKE CONTROL
OF YOUR
ENERGY USE



PRODUCE
YOUR OWN
POWER
ON YOUR OWN
PROPERTY



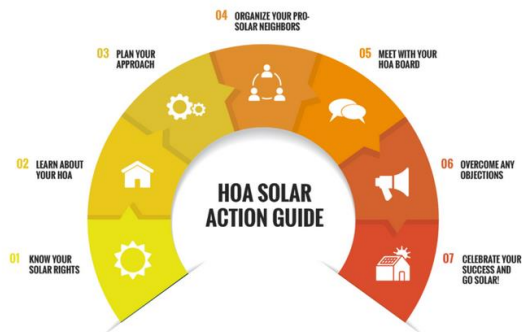
IMPROVE
STRENGTH
AND
RELIABILITY
OF OUR
ENERGY
SYSTEM



REDUCE
POLLUTION
AND
PROTECT
THE
ENVIRONMENT

Regardless of reason for deployment, Solar United Neighbors can help with how to go solar.

Resources for solar owners & advocates



- Guides for people who want to go solar or have already installed a system

- Solar Help Desk

- Listserv



Two of the ways we help people go solar

Co-op Membership

- Group process
- 50 – 100 neighbors
- 6 - 8 month process
- Group selects single installer
- Bulk negotiation for best pricing
- Sign individual contract
- Free 1-year membership!

Individual Membership

- Individual process
- Get help reviewing up to 3 proposals
- Negotiate your own deal
- Faster timeline
- Ongoing advice & assistance (post install)
- \$85 annual membership

Deeper Dive: Solar Co-ops

What's a solar co-op?

- Group of neighbors go solar together
- Group selects single solar company to install for group
- Leverage power of bulk purchasing to get a discount on a quality system
- Get support from Solar United Neighbors throughout the process



Co-op process



How are co-ops formed?



- We partner with non-profits, community groups, and other entities to organize co-ops
- Solar United Neighbors facilitates the co-op, local partners spread the word and recruit participants

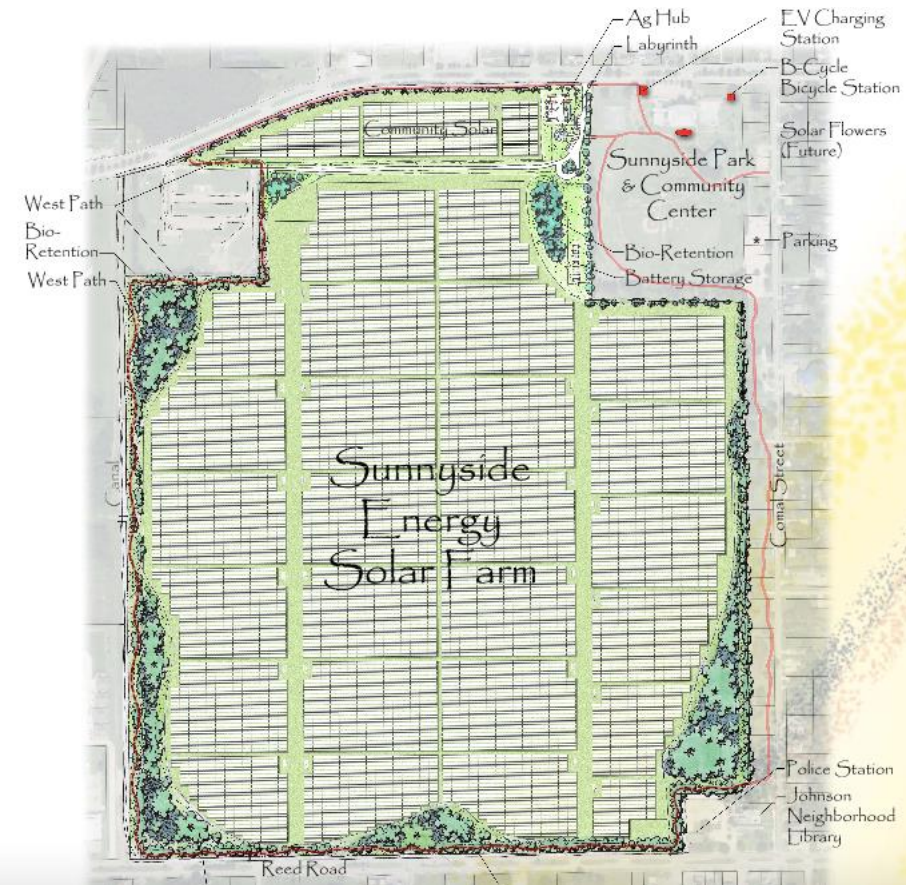
Partners



Additional Programs:

- 1. Community Solar Pilot**
- 2. Sun Patch**
- 3. Advocacy**

Community Solar Pilot



- Collaboration with Sunnyside Energy LLC
- Redevelopment of a former landfill for a 2MW community solar array
- Learn more: solarunitedneighbors.org/sunnyside

Sun Patch Program



- Badge program for scouts to learn about solar energy
- 8 troops in TX and counting have earned their Sun Patches

Advocacy



Objectives:

1. Improve access to solar options
2. Remove undue barriers to going solar

We do this through:

1. Supporting community-led initiatives
2. Action alerts
3. Postcards
4. Policy development & advocacy

ACES + SUN National Solar Tour

NATIONAL SOLAR TOUR

MAP

STORE

PROMOTE THE TOUR

PARTNERS

LOCAL TOURS

HOST A SOLAR OPEN HOUSE

EXPERIENCE SOLAR IN YOUR COMMUNITY

NATIONAL SOLAR TOUR

OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019
AND THE SURROUNDING WEEKENDS



The National Solar Tour is the largest grassroots renewable energy event in the nation.



Let's work together!

- Spread the word about open co-ops!

Visit our website:

www.solarunitedneighbors.org/Texas

- Join the listserv:

<https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/stay-informed/>

- Partner for new co-ops

- Get in touch: TXteam@solarunitedneighbors.org

Thank You!

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