

Saginaw County, Michigan

Installed capacity: 120 MW

Estimated commercial operation: 2026

Installed capacity will be equivalent to the average consumption of more than 33,500 Michigan homes.1

The Eagle Creek Solar Park will be located in Saginaw County, west of the town of St. Charles, in Fremont and Brant Townships. Its namesake, Eagle Creek, flows nearby. The solar park will complement the area's agricultural resources, providing farmers with a stable, weather-resistant cash crop in the form of landowner lease payments. Eagle Creek Solar Park will also generate millions of dollars in payments to local governments through the life of the project, benefiting schools, health and fire departments, and the townships and county.

# Economic benefits



\$250 million CAPITAL INVESTMENT<sup>2</sup>



\$41 million

WILL BE PAID TO LOCAL **GOVERNMENTS** 



\$68 million WILL BE PAID TO LANDOWNERS



Millions of dollars

WILL BE SPENT LOCALLY



PERMANENT JOBS<sup>3</sup>

Multiple jobs will be created



CONSTRUCTION JOBS<sup>3</sup>

250 jobs will be created

## **Energy security**

Power generated at Eagle Creek will support the state of Michigan's electric grid. The energy storage project will also contribute to the **national** energy security for the United States, helping add ondemand power.

## **Environment and solar** energy storage projects

Energy storage facilities are designed to not release pollutants into the air, soil, or waterways. Additionally, **solar** panels contain no liquids or materials that pose a risk to the environment or human health.

#### Energy storage safety

Between cell phones, laptops, and power tools, many people have a lithium-ion battery in their pockets or hands at all times. Additionally, energy storage fires are very rare and their rate of frequency is decreasing. Energy storage sites are also highly regulated to ensure safety for neighbors, communities, and technicians.

All economic data reflects the estimated amount throughout the life of the project.

## Eagle Creek's environmental impact

The solar project will save more than 152 million gallons of water each year and will prevent the air pollution that causes smog/ and acid rain.4

**EDPR NA's impact** in North America from solar energy<sup>5</sup>





## \$41.8 million

**PAID TO LANDOWNERS** 



#### \$16 million

PAID TO LOCAL **GOVERNMENTS** 



#### 4,400

CONSTRUCTION **JOBS CREATED** 



#### 100

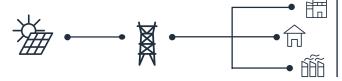
**PERMANENT** JOBS CREATED



## How solar energy works

EDPR NA uses photovoltaic (PV) solar cells. Photovoltaic solar cells have no moving parts and convert sunlight directly into electricity via the photoelectric effect. This direct-current electricity is then collected, transformed into alternating current, and finally put on the electrical grid through a substation after being converted to the proper voltage.

### Power grid



Solar is one of the cheapest forms of energy.6

The cost of solar has fallen 71% in 10 years.<sup>7</sup>

## Local experience with EDPR NA



**EDPR** fits in with the town. They are communityoriented. Their employees are people who have also lived here a long time, so they want to see the whole community be a success.



Judy W., landowner, New York

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- <sup>2</sup> Assumes utility fixed-tilit projects are \$1.02/Wdc, and single-axis tracking projects are \$1.11/Wdc. Based on Q3 2023 SEIA U.S. Solar Market Insight. National Renewable Energy Laboratory found a 4-hour device in 2020 was \$345/kWh.
- <sup>3</sup> Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.
- <sup>4</sup>Assumes 0.58 gallons of water consumed per kWh of conventional electricity from Lee, Han, & Elgowainy, 2016. This assumes that all energy is stored from a renewable source and discharged at the grid average.
- <sup>5</sup>Based on EDP Renewables North America's Operational Solar Parks through 2024.
- <sup>6</sup> Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy 2024 (version 17.0)
- Based on American Clean Power Associations Annual Market Report, 2023

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