

Putnam County, Ohio

Installed capacity: 49.9 MW

Online since: 2023

Generation is equivalent to the average consumption of more than 10.420 Ohio homes.1

The Blue Harvest Solar Park is located in northwestern Putnam County, southwest of the town of Continental. The solar park complements the area's agricultural resources, providing farmers with a stable, drought-resistant cash crop in the form of landowner lease payments. Blue Harvest Solar Park also generates millions of dollars in payments to local governments through the life of the project, benefiting schools, health and fire departments, and the township and county.



## Economic benefits



\$1+ million TOTAL PROJECT IMPACT<sup>2</sup>



\$450,000 PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS<sup>4</sup>



\$615,000+ PAID TO LANDOWNERS3



Thousands of dollars SPENT LOCALLY<sup>5</sup>



PERMANENT JOBS<sup>6</sup> Multiple jobs created



CONSTRUCTION JOBS<sup>6</sup> 183 jobs created

### **Energy security**

Power generated at Blue Harvest supports the state of Ohio's electric grid. The solar park also contributes to the national energy security for the United States, helping diversify domestic supply.

### Solar as a neighbor

Solar projects are **essentially** silent neighbors designed to capture light while not producing glare, and the vegetation maintained beneath the panels helps mitigate the possibility of heat increases.7

### Solar panel technology

EDPR NA's solar panels are made up of a thin layer of solar PV cells sealed on both sides. Panels contain no liquids or materials that pose a risk to the environment or human health.

# Blue Harvest's environmental impact

The solar park saves more than 63 million gallons of water each year and prevents the air pollution that causes smog and acid rain.8

EDPR NA's impact in North America from solar energy<sup>9</sup>





**\$41.8 million**PAID TO





\$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.



Solar is one of the cheapest forms of energy.<sup>10</sup>

The cost of solar has fallen 71% in 10 years.<sup>11</sup>

### Local experience with EDPR NA



In terms of what you can do with your land, I think clean power is a very attractive option. It's really neat to put something like food on the table for the American people, as well as power in the homes of people in these local communities."



Joe R. Jr., Business Owner, Ohio

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- <sup>1</sup>Power generation calculated using a 25% capacity factor. Household consumption based on the 2023 EIA Household Data monthly average consumption by state.
- $^{2}$  Includes vendor spending, property taxes, and landowner payments through 2024.
- <sup>3</sup> Cumlative landowner payments through 2024.
- <sup>4</sup>Cumlative local government payments through 2024.
- <sup>5</sup>Cumulative local vendor spending including payments to contractors, suppliers, and service companies, as well as donations within 50-miles of the project area through 2024.
- <sup>6</sup>Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.
- <sup>7</sup>American Clean Power Association, Solar as a neighbor, 2021.
- $^8 Assumes\,0.58\,gallons\,of\,water\,consumed\,per\,kWh\,of\,conventional\,electricity\,from\,Lee, Han, \&\,Elgowainy, 2016.$
- <sup>9</sup> Based on EDP Renewables North America's operational solar parks through 2024.
- 10 Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy 2024 (version 17.0)
- 11 American Clean Power Associations Annual Market Report, 2023

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EDP Renewables North America LLC (EDPR NA), its affiliates, and its subsidiaries develop, construct, own, and operate wind farms and solar parks throughout North America. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, with 61 wind farms, 26 solar parks, and eight regional offices across North America, EDPR NA has developed more than 12,000 megawatts (MW) and operates more than 11,400 MW of onshore utility–scale renewable energy projects. With more than 1,000 employees, EDPR NA's highly qualified team has a proven capacity to execute projects across the continent.

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