

PUBLIC HEARING

*Proposed 2.0 MW Solar Energy Performance
Contract at Johnstown High School*



Date: September 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Johnstown High School

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY VOTING ON?

- 2.0 Megawatt (MW) solar project capped at \$11 million.
- Successful vote allows the District to **receive approximately \$1.045 Million in additional State aid** (*10% additional aid*).

PROJECT SPECIFICS

- Design and Approval Processes
- Layout, Location, Aesthetics
- Maintenance and Obsolesce Plan
- Financial Costs and Benefits

DESIGN AND APPROVAL PROCESS

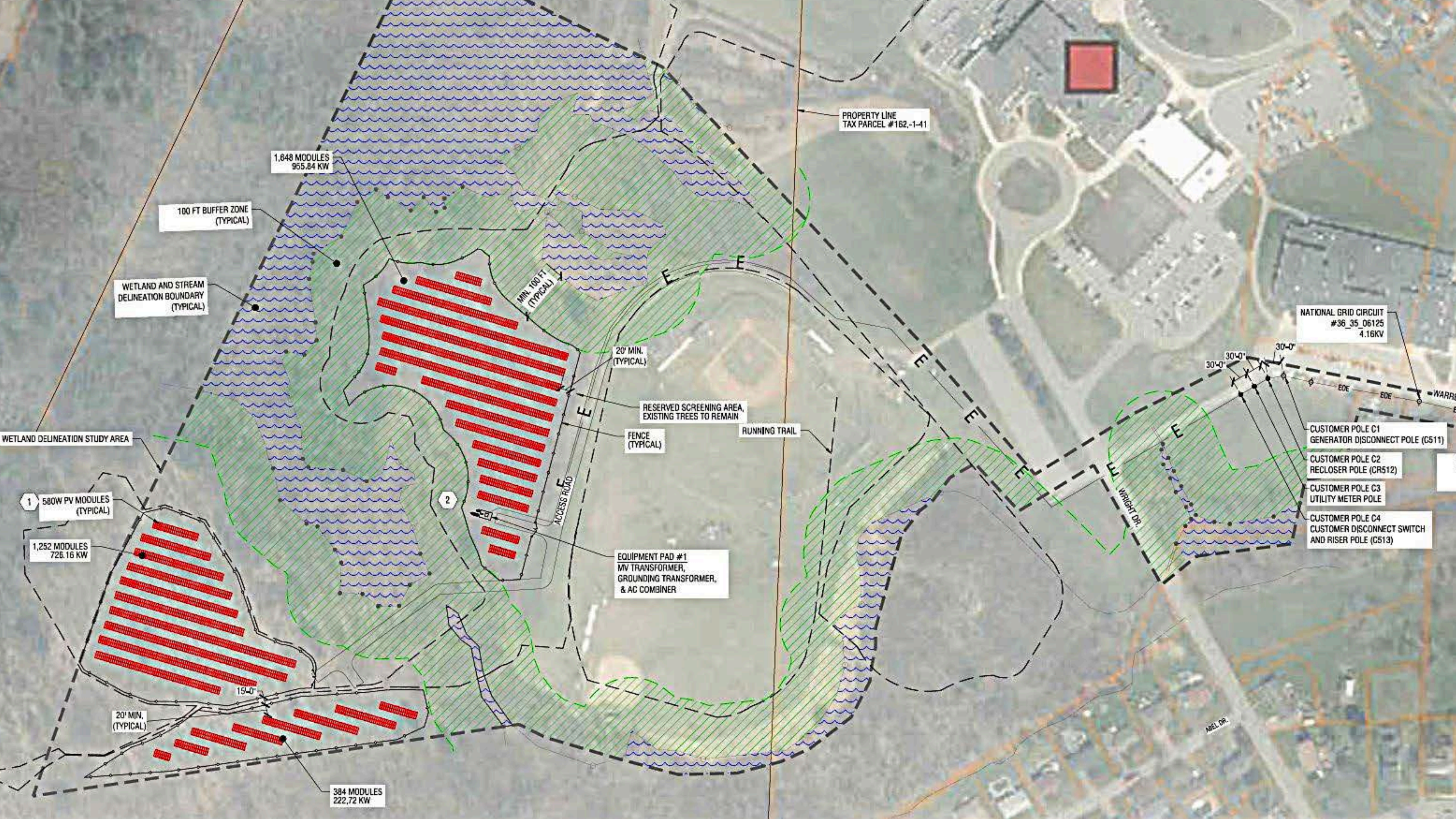


- Solar Project is a 2.0 Megawatt System Generating Approximately 3.2 Kilowatt Hours Per Year.
 - **Solar Energy will cover 110% of total District electricity needs.**
- The Solar Arrays will be located on District-owned property, behind the high school, out of view and screened by existing trees.

DESIGN AND APPROVAL PROCESS



- Project has received National Grid approval;
- District communicated with the Town of Johnstown to confirm all requirements. The final NYSED submission package will be sent to them for permit approval.
- Recently received DEC approval.
- Project will be submitted to NYSED for approval



LAYOUT, LOCATION, AESTHETICS

- The Solar Arrays will be located on District-owned property (*9.01 acres*), behind the high school, **out of view and screened by existing trees.**
- Restoration of the soil, grass, native plants, and the cross country trail **disturbed during construction.**

MAINTENANCE AND OBSOLESCE PLAN

- District's contract with Danforth includes 18 years of maintenance/monitoring with **option to extend to cover the lifespan of the solar arrays.**
- At the end of the solar array lifespan (25-30 years) the District as part of its obsolesce plan, can develop a new EPC capital project to **replace outdated solar components with the latest technology of the time OR decide to remove the solar arrays and infrastructure.**

FINANCIAL COSTS & BENEFITS

Financial Picture Based on State Requirements for S.E.D. Approval

	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Projected Energy Costs Over 18 Years	\$8.84 Million	
Projected State Aid Over 15 Years	*\$8.62 Million	
Federal Incentives	\$2-3 Million	
Project Cost - Capped		\$11 Million
Maintenance Plan		\$81,000
TOTALS: <i>*Includes 10% additional aid</i>	\$19.5 - \$20.5 Million	\$11,081,000

FINANCIAL COSTS & BENEFITS

What Does the Financial Picture Mean?

- **The solar project will allow the District to** fully offset its electricity costs for the next 18 years, with the system expected to remain operational for 25 to 30 years.
- **Over the initial 18 years, the District is** projected to realize a net revenue of approximately \$ 8.4 - \$9.4 million. This revenue will directly support future District budgets.
- **Our financial plan is structured so that the project's** annual expense is fully offset by the revenue generated.
- **This is a fiscally responsible and strategic** investment to preserve long-term financial stability.
- **The solar project will future proof the District's electrical infrastructure to** support growing energy needs.

What Does the Financial Picture Mean?

**ALL OF THIS MEANS - NO COST TO TAXPAYERS FOR
THIS PROJECT.**

- *Voter Referendum is September 30, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. JPAC Lobby*
- *Questions and Answers will be shared on our website.*

Thank you for your continued support!



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