# Meadowview Community Solar Garden

## **Project Update**

### **Work Completed to Date**

- Environmental studies
- Feasibility studies
- Community meetings and flyer delivery in Meadowview
- Federal/Provincial land negotiations

### **Ongoing**

- Engage with community and stakeholders
- Finalize system design
- Land transfer

#### **New Information to Share**

- Land details nearly complete
- A body corporate named Meadowview Community Solar Garden Authority has been created









This is an update on the status of the proposed Meadowview Community Solar Garden project since the information sessions and door-to-door flyer delivery in 2024. Feedback from community members has shaped the ongoing background work required to determine if - and how - the project could proceed. There will be more opportunities for citizens to share their thoughts if the project is deemed viable.

## **Meadowview Solar Benefits**



Generate enough electricity for approximately 1,000 households to subscribe, at no cost, to the clean, renewable energy produced by the solar garden and receive a \$0.02/kWh savings from Nova Scotia Power.



Create local jobs and opportunities for contractors during the development, construction, operation and decommission phases.



Produce emission-free electricity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help the Province reach renewable energy targets.



Provide new sources of revenue to the Project Partners.



Provide a financial return to the community of Meadowview.



## **Meadowview Community Solar Garden Proposal**

## **Focus of Ongoing Research and Planning:**

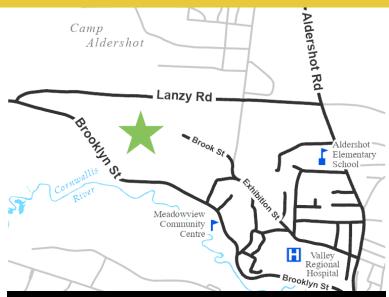
#### New information to share:

 Based on community feedback, additional environmental monitoring has been undertaken.
 See the website below for both summary and detailed environmental reports. Current findings and reporting suggests site contamination is stable and landfill gas is not of concern.

### **Next steps:**

- Host additional community meeting if project is deemed viable to share updates, answer questions and collect feedback.
- Engage with Meadowview Community
   Development Association regarding how a
   financial return to the community could be
   structured.
- Apply for third-party (external) funding to offset construction costs.
- Apply for a Power Purchase Agreement through the provincial Community Solar Program.





The proposed project site marked with a green star is off of Brooklyn Street.

#### Who We Are:

Project partners Annapolis Valley First Nation, Glooscap First Nation and the Municipality of the County of Kings are interested in building a community solar garden on a closed landfill in Meadowview. The solar garden can only succeed if the design, development and operating processes are financially, environmentally and socially responsible.

#### What is Proposed:

Based on community interest and studies evaluating the best use for the site, a seven megawatt (MW) solar garden is proposed.

#### **Our Shared Purpose:**

To reduce harm to the environment in the local communities we serve, and elsewhere in the province, by decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing access to sources of clean energy. The goal is to transform a closed landfill "brownfield" site into a "brightfield", a clean energy solar garden.

For more information, including What We Heard Reports from the initial rounds of Community Meetings, visit <a href="https://www.countyofkings.ca/meadowviewsolar">www.countyofkings.ca/meadowviewsolar</a> or call 902-678-6141 to request printed copies of reports of interest. Questions or comments? Email meadowviewsolar@countyofkings.ca