



# south fulton solar

FULTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS




**350**  
MEGAWATT (MW)  
SOLAR CAPACITY

**70,900**  
EQUIVALENT HOMES  
POWERED

**1,085**  
NEW FULL-TIME  
EQUIVALENT DIRECT JOBS  
DURING CONSTRUCTION

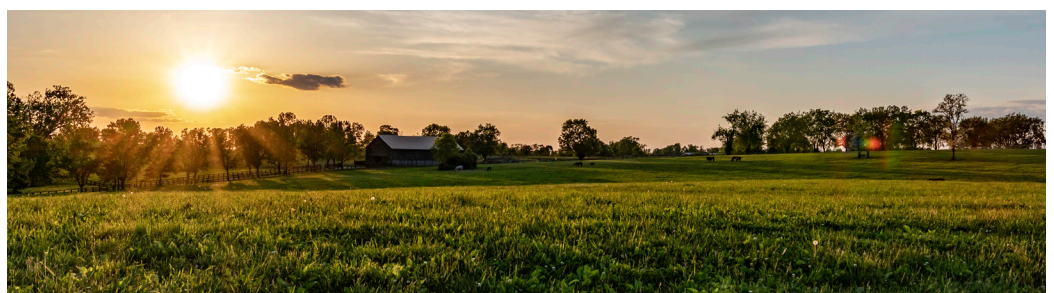
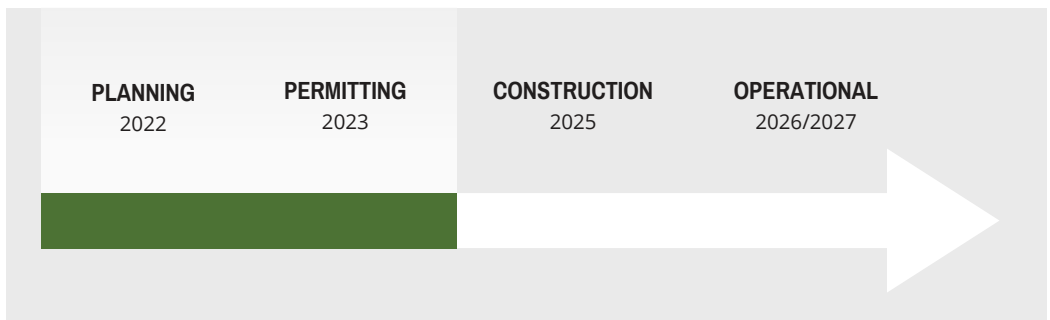
**2026/2027**  
TARGETED  
OPERATIONAL

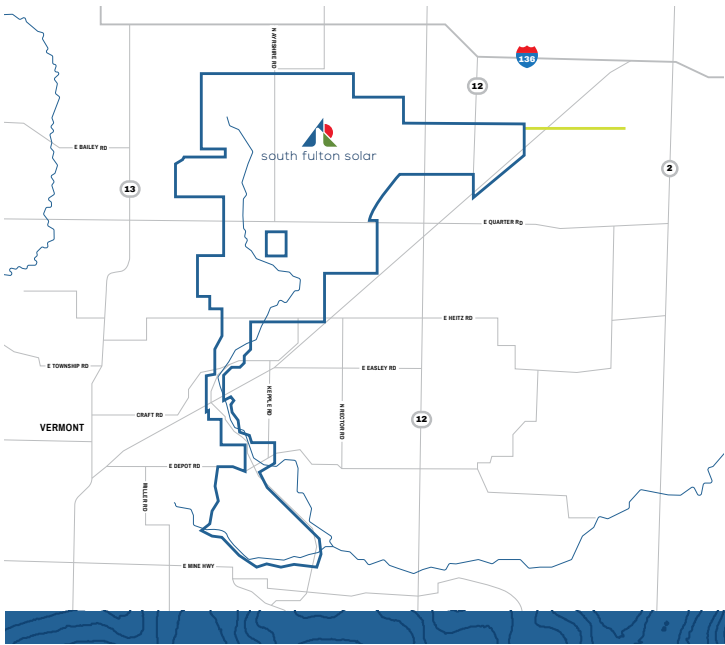
**\$70M**  
ESTIMATED PROPERTY  
TAX CONTRIBUTIONS  
OVER THE PROJECT LIFE

South Fulton Solar, LLC (“South Fulton Solar”) is completing the development of a 350-megawatt (MW) solar and 175-MW battery energy storage facility on approximately 3,800 acres of privately-owned land near the townships of Ipava, Vermont, and Table Grove, Illinois. The project will connect to Ameren’s electric system via the 138 kV Ipava Substation. South Fulton Solar is strategically located largely on a reclaimed strip mine site with berms and vegetation along the perimeter creating existing visual buffering for the majority of the site.

South Fulton Solar is expected to operate for 30+ years, providing significant economic investment to the community, a substantial property tax base for Fulton County and schools, and generate emission-free renewable energy.

As South Fulton Solar completes development, construction is targeted to start in 2025, bringing an influx of new jobs to the community. The project is expected to begin operating by late 2026 or early 2027.





## BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Solar energy facilities are a beneficial, temporary, and low impact use of land. Benefits of this project include:

- Estimated over \$70M in property tax contributions over the 30-year project life, which adds low impact, assessed value to the region.
- Approximately 1,085 new full-time equivalent direct jobs during construction.
- Once operational, the solar facility is a passive use of the land and will not generate substantive amounts of traffic, dust, odors, or other nuisances.
- Creates no emissions and requires limited amounts of water during operation.
- Land will be stabilized and seeded, allowing the land to regenerate and the soils to rest.
- At the end of operations, equipment is removed, and the land restored to prior use.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

South Fulton Solar is committed to being a dedicated member of the community and to working hard to earn the trust of our neighbors. Our engagement with the community goes well beyond job creation, economic investment, and providing clean, renewable energy. We strive to build lasting partnerships with civic leaders, property owners, and community members. We pride ourselves on being transparent in our communication and highly responsive to public feedback throughout the life of the project. We also believe being involved means giving back. We get to know our neighbors and have a long history of supporting local causes the community is passionate about. Whether through employee volunteer opportunities or corporate-level sponsorships, we are always looking for positive ways to stay actively engaged with the community and to serve as a good corporate neighbor.

## ABOUT

Leeward Renewable Energy is a leading, long-term owner and operator dedicated to delivering clean, sustainable wind, solar and energy storage projects. The company owns and operates a portfolio of 24 renewable energy facilities across nine states, totaling more than 2,500 megawatts (MW) of installed capacity. We have strong financial backing from OMERS Infrastructure, a preeminent global infrastructure investor. OMERS Infrastructure is the investment arm of OMERS, one of Canada's largest defined benefit pension plans with C\$121 billion in net assets (as of December 31, 2021).

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