

# GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT

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## Our Purpose

SunCommon believes that everyone has the right to a healthy environment and safer world — and clean energy is where it starts. Energy from the sun can power our lives, heat our homes and fuel our cars. Our mission is to tear down the barriers to renewable energy. We do that by making it easy and affordable for all Vermonters to go solar. Chartered as a Benefit Corporation and certified as a B Corp, we have legal and moral imperatives that direct us to attend to the triple bottom line of people, planet and profit. In short, we're committed to improving our Vermont community and the people that live here.

## Vermont's Goal

Vermonters overwhelmingly support the state's official goal of having 90% of all our energy come from renewable sources by the year 2050.

## Getting There

To achieve this vision of clean, safe, in-state, renewable energy — Vermonters need to build it. In just our first two years, SunCommon has helped hundreds of Vermont homeowners go solar. But over half of all the folks who ask to go solar can't because their homes face away from the sun or are shaded by trees. Vermont needed a solution, so we created Community Solar, where lots of families can benefit from a single solar array in their community. We call them Community Solar Arrays, or CSAs. Each one stands about 10-feet tall and takes up an acre or so of land. We hope to build many of these around the state to help thousands of Vermonters repower our state.

## Being a Good Neighbor

It matters where and how these community-scale solar arrays are built. This is SunCommon's *Good Neighbor Agreement*, making clear our commitments to the communities we seek to serve.

- **Serving communities.** We are Vermonters. We operate in community. Whether it's staffing a booth at a community event or presenting to the Select Board or Energy Committee, we seek to share the beauty of solar — providing accurate and detailed information to our fellow Vermonters. We live with you and strive to be good neighbors.
- **Engage early on.** When we begin planning a Community Solar Array (CSA), we will first engage town officers and community leaders — to seek input on where and how the project is situated.
- **Community workshops.** Once the pieces of a CSA have come together, SunCommon hosts a community workshop to answer any questions about the project and share with members of that community the opportunity to join the CSA as a member.
- **Locals first.** CSA memberships are exclusively available first to residents of the array's surrounding community, bringing community together to build and benefit from the local solar system.
- **Looking good.** We want our solar arrays to look good. For roof-top installations, we design the system to incorporate the home's aesthetic. For community-scale solar, we listen to local ideas for how the array is designed to best fit into our beloved landscape.
- **The longterm.** SunCommon is responsible for maintaining our community arrays for the decades of their green-energy producing lives. We'll be around to make sure the array is in working order and the property looks sharp.
- **And let us know.** SunCommon is proud to be part of this new movement, and we want to get it right. So we seek feedback on how we're doing because we believe this is important work that we're doing with our fellow Vermonters.



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