



City of Dallas

Solar Siting Study Town Hall

February 21, 2024

Office of Environmental
Quality & Sustainability
City of Dallas

Presentation Overview



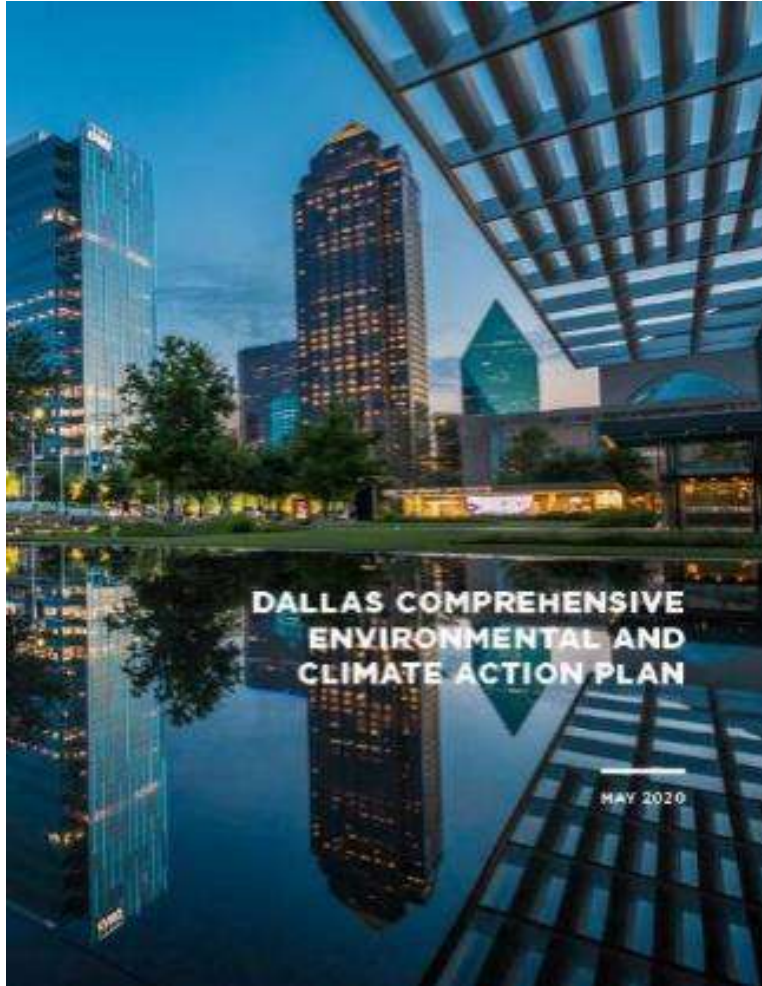
- Welcome & Introductions
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- Closing & Next Steps



Solar panels at Fretz Recreation Center



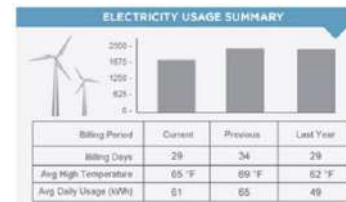
Why Solar For City Properties?



2030



739 MW
of solar power installed

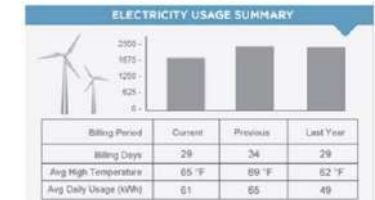


20% of residents + businesses enrolled in a renewable electricity plan

2050



3,695 MW
of solar power installed



50% of residents + businesses enrolled in a renewable electricity plan



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02 Dallas generates and uses renewable, reliable, and affordable energy.

Maintain a high degree of reliability during extreme weather events.

- Maintain a high degree of reliability in the electric delivery grid through cooperative actions between the City and Public Utility Companies.
- Evaluate the potential for the City to make investments in energy storage technologies for both resilience and renewable energy development purposes.
- Educate commercial power users about power savings associated with demand side management.

Encourage investment in, and greater use of, renewable energy.

- Continue partnership with Public Utility Companies on an intensive education program on renewable energy options.
- Invest in programs through local community colleges to train and establish a local workforce that is focused on renewable energy technologies.
- Build a regional strategic partnership to promote adoption of renewable energy.
- Establish and invest in renewable energy hubs through partnerships with private sector.
- Extend City efforts to develop more renewable energy projects on City facilities.
- Continue to implement Green Energy policy for City facilities.

Ensure affordable access to renewable electricity.

- Extend partnership with organizations like PACE and other Public Utility Companies to provide further incentives for renewable energy.
- Advocate for Renewable Energy Policies at the State and Federal levels.





Consultant Team Introductions



- Project lead, technical/financial analysis, system design



- Environmental analysis + GIS



- Equity analysis + community engagement



- Community solar analysis



Solar Siting Study Scope



Initial Assessment Factors:

- Large City-owned properties near low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities
- Available space + amenable site conditions
- Maximize offset of building electricity use
- Cost-neutral to City
- Preserve tree canopy and open space
- No impact to protected species
- Preference to minimize solar parking canopies (carports)
- Ability to pilot newer technologies
- Community solar program potential

Adjustments Based on Feedback:

- Considered entire City of Dallas portfolio
- Sites eliminated based on department's future use plans and 2024 bond
- Preserve sites for housing
- For ground mount solar, adequate setback from trails to protect views
- Select solar carports ok
- Refined economic success criteria and constraints (e.g., City's low cost of electricity)



Solar Development Options



Building-Serving Solar Sites

- Solar panels installed onsite that directly serves the building's energy needs
- Can be rooftop, ground mount, or carport
- Avoids use of grid electricity in real time
- Can result in lower electricity costs (but it's complicated)

Community-Serving Solar Sites

- Solar panels that do not directly serve a nearby building but instead generate electricity for others to purchase through subscriptions
- Can be rooftop, ground mount, or carport
- Are typically larger than Building Serving Solar
- Typically run by a program administrator and facilitated by supportive policy



Solar Development Options (cont.)



Rooftop



Ground Mount



Carport



Study Approach



Technical

- How much solar energy can this site produce?
- Is there a good place to put solar panels at this site?
- For community-serving solar, is there a large enough area to support a community-scale system?

Financial

- How much will it cost to put solar panels at this site?
- How much can the City save on utility costs from solar panels at this site?
- How long will it take to break even (pay back) the solar panel installation costs?

Environmental

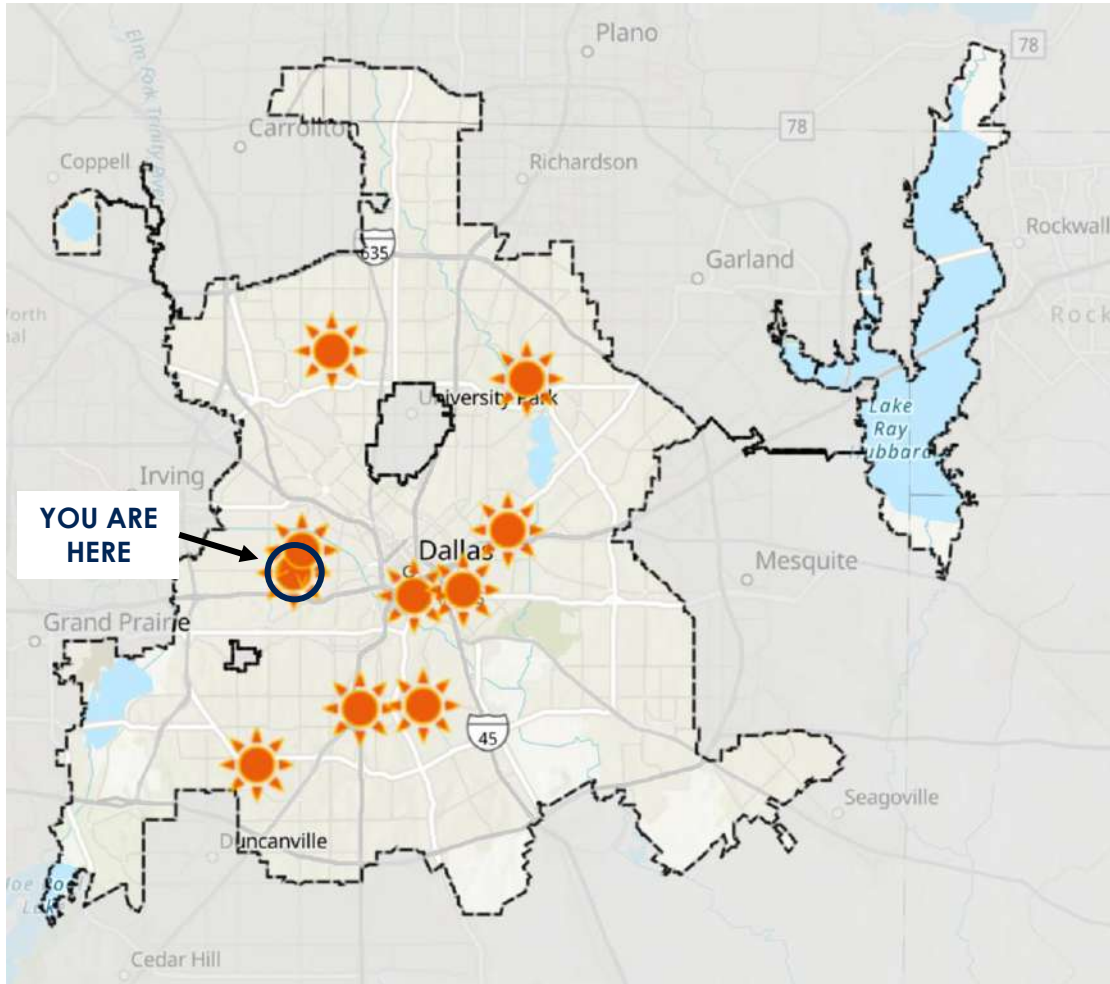
- Would trees or other desirable vegetation have to be removed? Would any protected species be affected?
- Is there a more desirable use than solar for this site?
- Would there be any water quality impacts?

Equity

- Does the presence of solar panels at this site affect the users of the site and/or surrounding community?
- Are there job creation and/or job training opportunities from putting solar panels at this site?
- For community-serving solar, could community members—especially those with low incomes—benefit from a solar subscription?



Priority City of Dallas Sites for Solar Development



1. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center***
(1,088 kW, rooftop + carport)
2. **Southwest Transfer Station***
(961 kW, ground mount)
3. **Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Branch Library** (265 kW, ground mount)
4. **Beckley-Saner Recreation Center**
(253 kW, rooftop + carport)
5. **Walnut Hill Recreation Center**
(220 kW, rooftop + carport)
6. **Nash-Davis Recreation Center**
(187 kW, rooftop + carport)
7. **West Dallas Multipurpose Center**
(169 kW, rooftop)
8. **Samuell-Grand Recreation Center**
(167 kW, rooftop + carport)
9. **Northeast Service Center**
(165 kW, rooftop)
10. **Quarter Master**
(148 kW, rooftop)

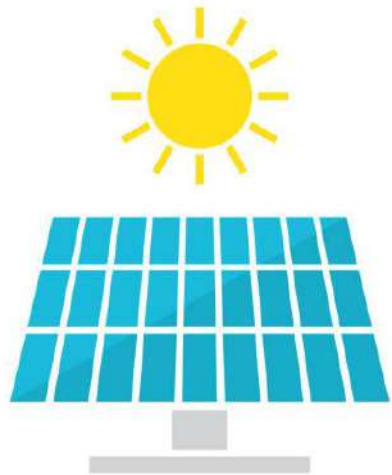
* Potential community serving sites



POTENTIAL IMPACT



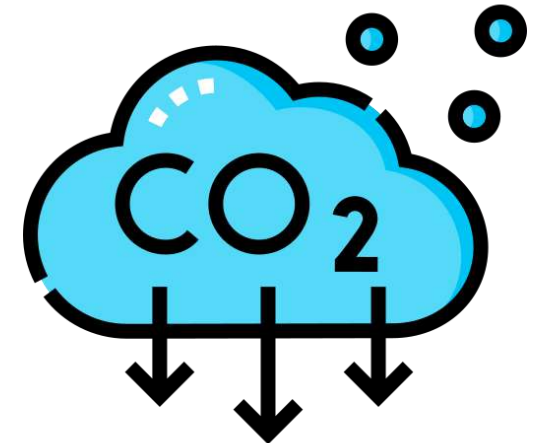
10 sites = 3.6 MW installed solar



Produce 5.4 million kWh per year



Enough to power 420 Texas homes for a year



Avoid 2,945 MTCO₂e /yr
69,378 MTCO₂e by 2050



Priority Sites Overview



Building Serving Sites	System Details		Financial Overview				Environmental Impact	
Site Name	Solar System Size (kWdc)	Annual Production (kWh)	Installation Price	Year 1 Utility Bill Savings	Payback (Year)	Return on Investment	Annual GHG Emissions Avoided (MTCO ₂ e)	GHG Emissions Avoided by 2050 (MTCO ₂ e)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center	1,088	1,602,630	\$4,317,584	\$152,777	14	126.1%	872	20,534
Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Branch Library	265	417,926	\$1,298,386	\$46,382	13	140.3%	227	5,355
Beckley-Saner Recreation Center	253	375,448	\$1,239,255	\$32,405	16	77.8%	204	4,811
Walnut Hill Recreation Center	220	331,140	\$1,114,871	\$30,326	16	84.8%	180	4,243
Nash-Davis Recreation Center	187	272,475	\$1,012,373	\$28,565	15	91.8%	148	3,491
West Dallas Multipurpose Center	169	253,190	\$740,690	\$24,233	13	120.5%	138	3,244
Samuell-Grand Recreation Center	167	241,838	\$961,953	\$21,809	17	61.0%	132	3,099
Northeast Service Center	165	247,409	\$763,523	\$27,733	12	141.1%	135	3,170
Quarter Master	148	215,928	\$709,719	\$24,480	13	130.2%	117	2,767
Building Serving Portfolio Total	2,662	3,957,984	\$12,158,354	\$388,710	14	111.7%	2,153	50,714

Community Serving Sites	System Details			
Site Name	Solar System Size (kWdc)	Annual Production (kWh)	Installation Price	# of Community Solar Subscriptions
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center	1,088	1,602,630	\$4,620,273	119
Southwest Transfer Station	961	1,456,699	\$4,099,586	108

Environmental Impact	
Annual GHG Emissions Avoided (MTCO ₂ e)	GHG Emissions Avoided by 2050 (MTCO ₂ e)
872	20,534
792	18,664



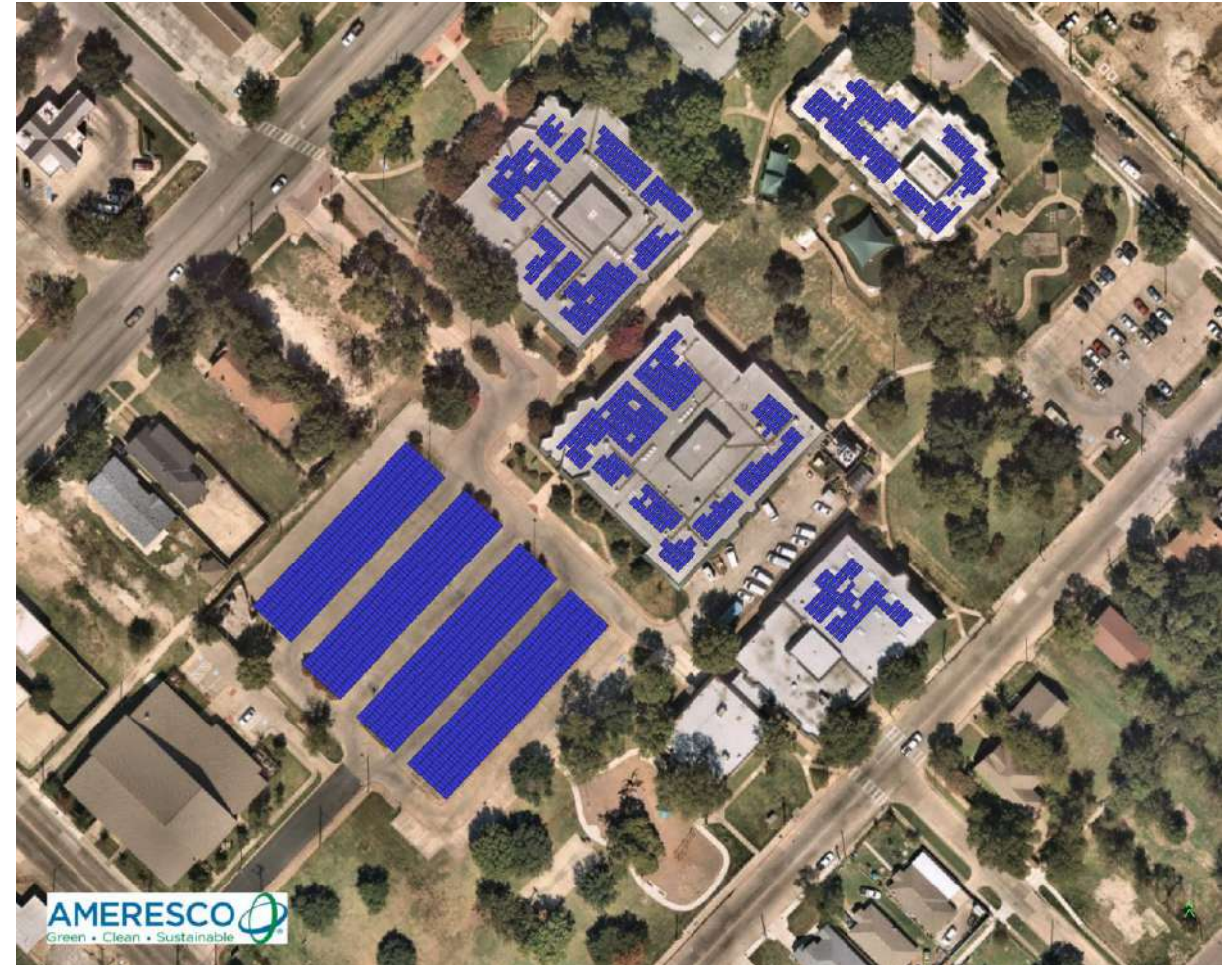
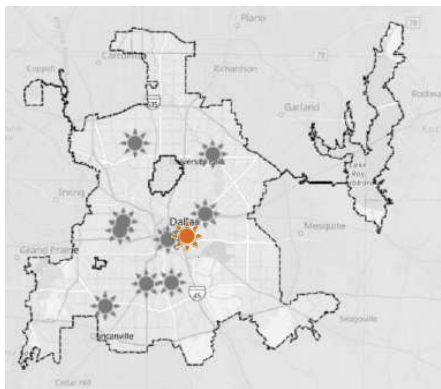
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center



Use: Building serving or community serving
Type: Rooftop + carport
Size: 1,088 kW
Estimated Cost: \$4.3 Million
Year 1 Savings: \$152,777
Payback (Yr): 14
Production: 1.6 million kWh

- 82% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 119 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 872 MTCO₂e per year
20,534 MTCO₂e by 2050
Location:



2922 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, 75215











Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Branch Library

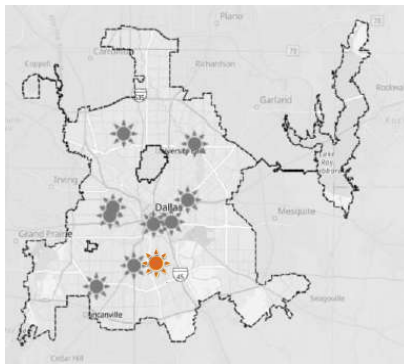


Use: Building serving
Type: Ground mount
Size: 265 kW
Estimated Cost: \$1.3 Million
Year 1 Savings: \$46,382
Payback (Yr): 13
Production: 417,926 kWh

- 98% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 31 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 227 MTCO₂e per year
5,355 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



2008 E Kiest Blvd, 75216



















Beckley-Saner Recreation Center

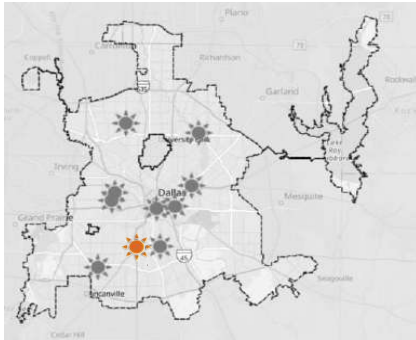


Use: Building serving
Type: Rooftop + carport
Size: 253 kW
Estimated Cost: \$1.24 Million
Year 1 Savings: \$32,405
Payback (Yr): 16
Production: 375,448 kWh

- 84% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 28 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 204 MTCO₂e per year
4,811 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



114 W Hobson Ave, 75224

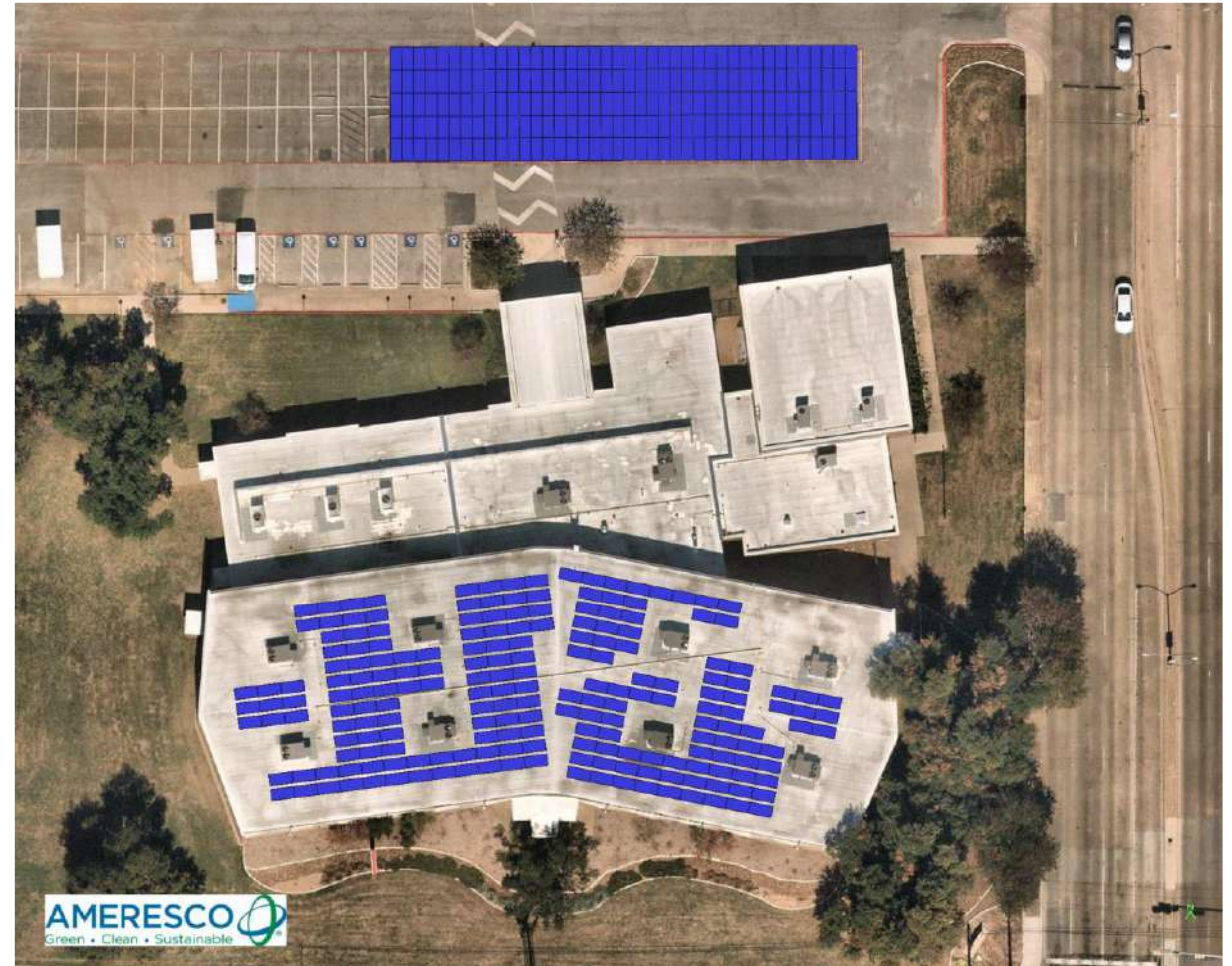
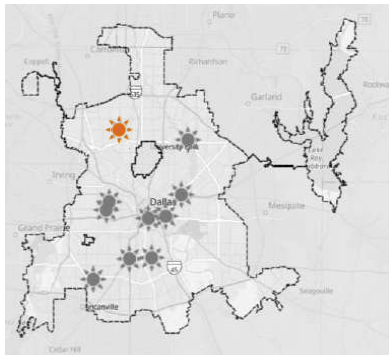


Walnut Hill Recreation Center



Use:	Building serving
Type:	Rooftop + carport
Size:	220 kW
Estimated Cost:	\$1.11 Million
Year 1 Savings:	\$30,326
Payback (Yr):	16
Production:	331,140 kWh <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 99% of site consumption- Equivalent to 25 homes' annual consumption
Avoided GHG:	180 MTCO ₂ e per year 4,243 MTCO ₂ e by 2050

Location:



10011 Midway Rd, 75229

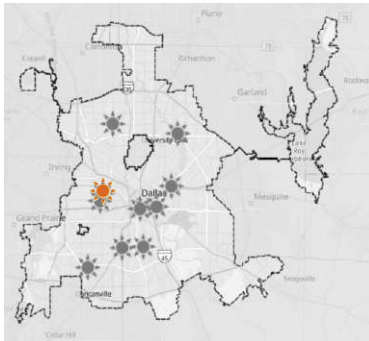


Nash-Davis Recreation Center



- Use:** Building serving
- Type:** Rooftop + carport
- Size:** 187 kW
- Estimated Cost:** \$1.01 Million
- Year 1 Savings:** \$28,565
- Payback (Yr):** 15
- Production:** 272,475 kWh
 - 92% of site consumption
 - Equivalent to 20 homes' annual consumption
- Avoided GHG:** 148 MTCO₂e per year
3,491 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



3712 N Hampton Rd, 75212



West Dallas Multipurpose Center

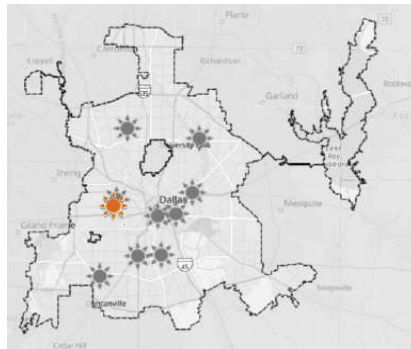


Use: Building serving
Type: Rooftop
Size: 169 kW
Estimated Cost: \$740,690
Year 1 Savings: \$24,233
Payback (Yr): 13
Production: 253,190 kWh

- 65% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 19 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 138 MTCO₂e per year
3,244 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



2828 Fish Trap Rd, 75212



Samuell-Grand Recreation Center

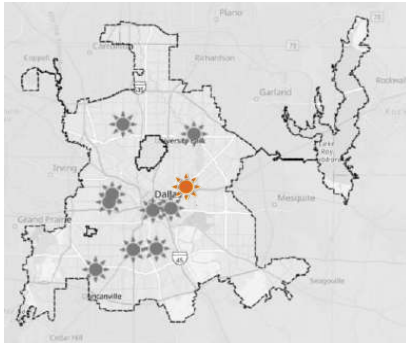


Use: Building serving
Type: Rooftop + carport
Size: 167 kW
Estimated Cost: \$961,953
Year 1 Savings: \$21,809
Payback (Yr): 17
Production: 241,838 kWh

- 94% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 18 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 132 MTCO₂e per year
3,099 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



6200 E Grand Ave, 75223



Northeast Service Center

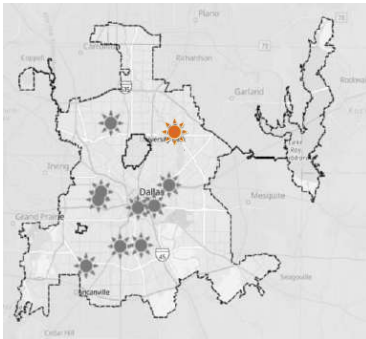


Use: Building serving
Type: Rooftop
Size: 165 kW
Estimated Cost: \$763,535
Year 1 Savings: \$27,733
Payback (Yr): 12
Production: 247,409 kWh

- 92% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 18 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 135 MTCO₂e per year
3,170 MTCO₂e y 2050

Location:



8935 Adlora Ln, 75238



Quarter Master

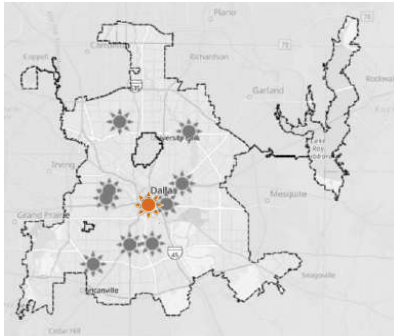


Use: Building serving
Type: Rooftop
Size: 148 kW
Estimated Cost: \$709,719
Year 1 Savings: \$24,480
Payback (Yr): 13
Production: 215,928 kWh

- 89% of site consumption
- Equivalent to 16 homes' annual consumption

Avoided GHG: 117 MTCO₂e per year
2,767 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



1600 Botham Jean Blvd, 75215

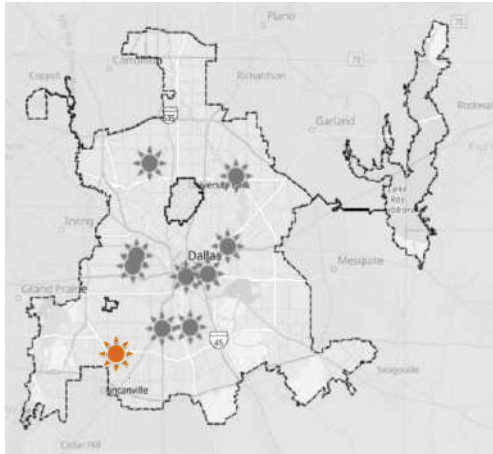


Southwest Transfer Station



- Use:** Community serving
- Type:** Ground mount
- Size:** 961 kW
- Estimated Cost:** \$4.1 Million
- Production:** 1.5 million kWh
- Able to support approximately 100 residential subscriptions
- Avoided GHG:** 792 MTCO₂e per year
18,664 MTCO₂e by 2050

Location:



4610 S Westmoreland Rd, 75237

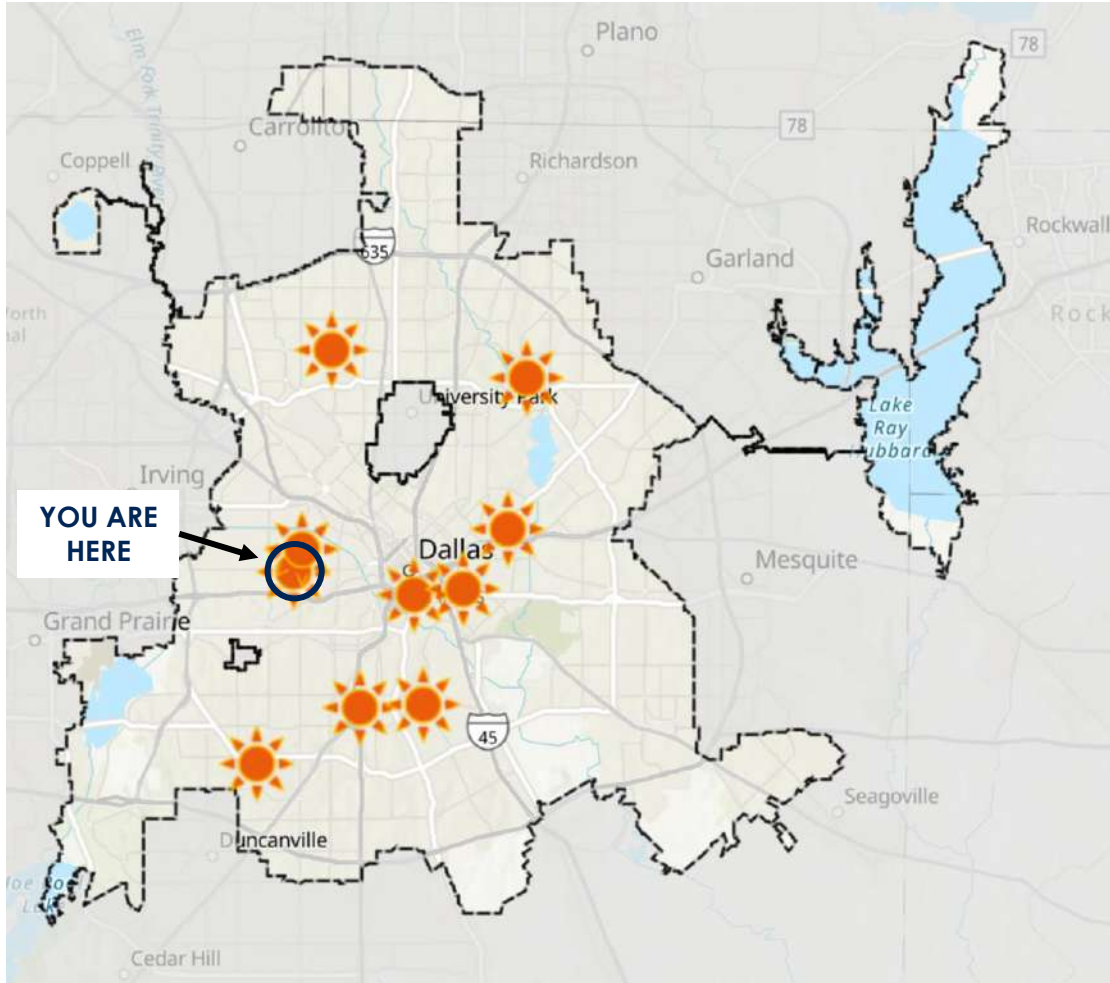








Priority City of Dallas Sites for Solar Development



Priority Site Map



Link: bit.ly/CODSolarSiteMap



Stakeholder Feedback



- Community Feedback: Survey + Town Halls
- City Departments
- Environmental Commission
- Upcoming: City Council Parks, Trails, & the Environment Committee

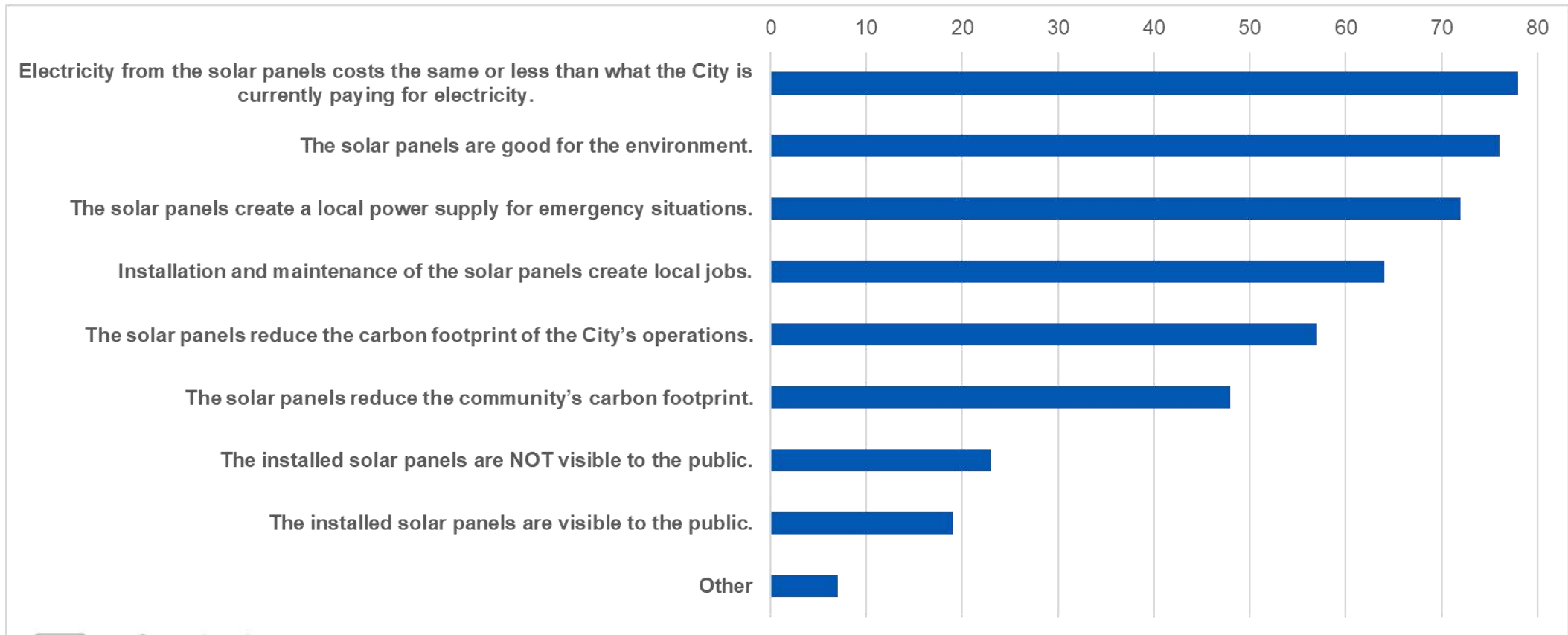


Community Survey Feedback



Which of the following would be most important to you for the City of Dallas to consider when installing solar panels at City properties?

Please select your top three (3) priorities from the list below.

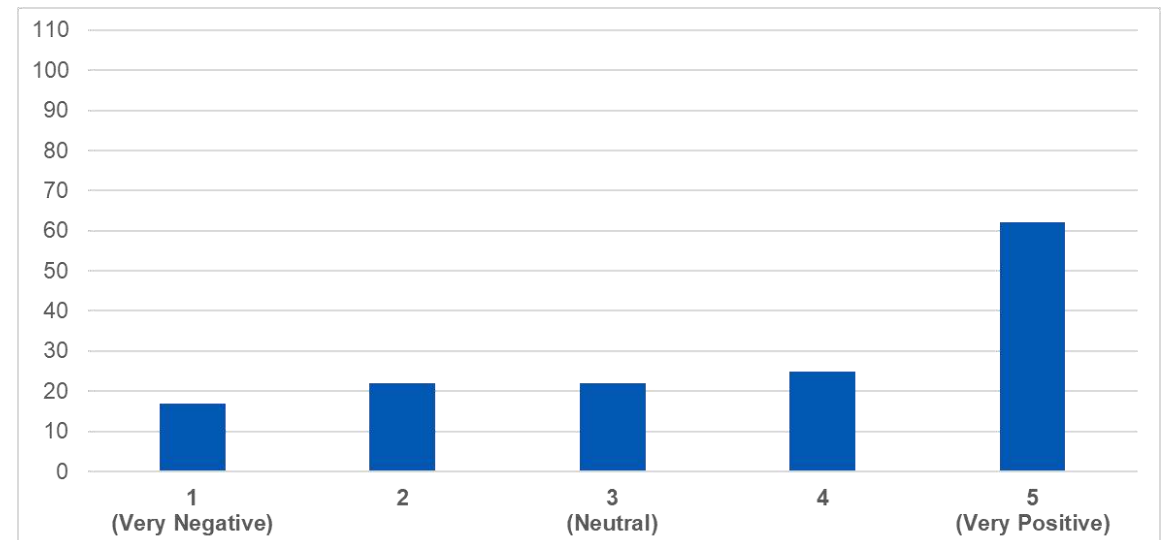
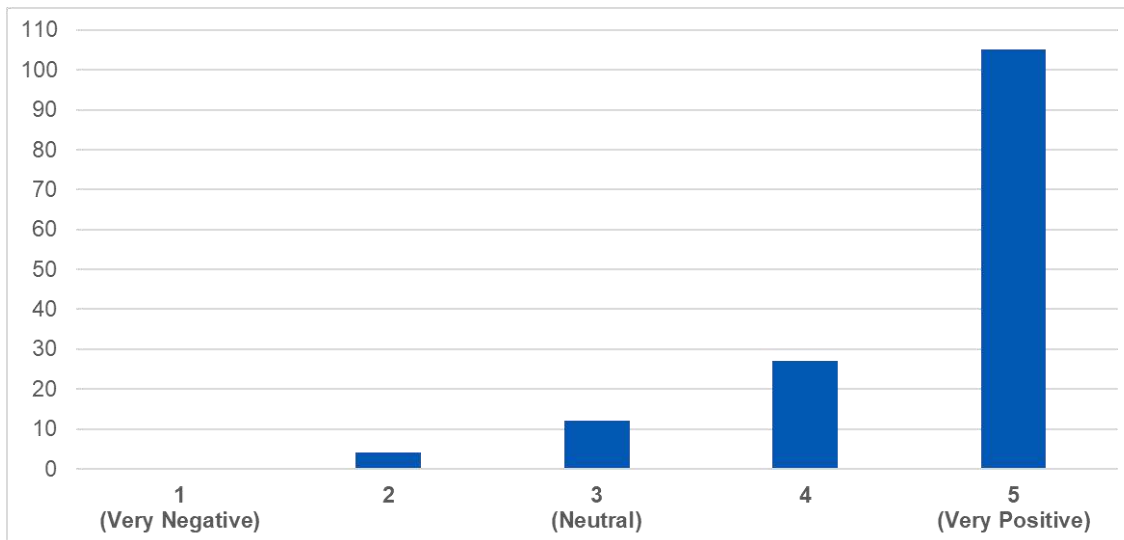


Community Survey Feedback (cont.)



How would you feel about solar panels being installed on City of Dallas buildings like City Hall, libraries, and recreation centers?

How would you feel about solar panels being installed on City of Dallas parks and other open spaces?

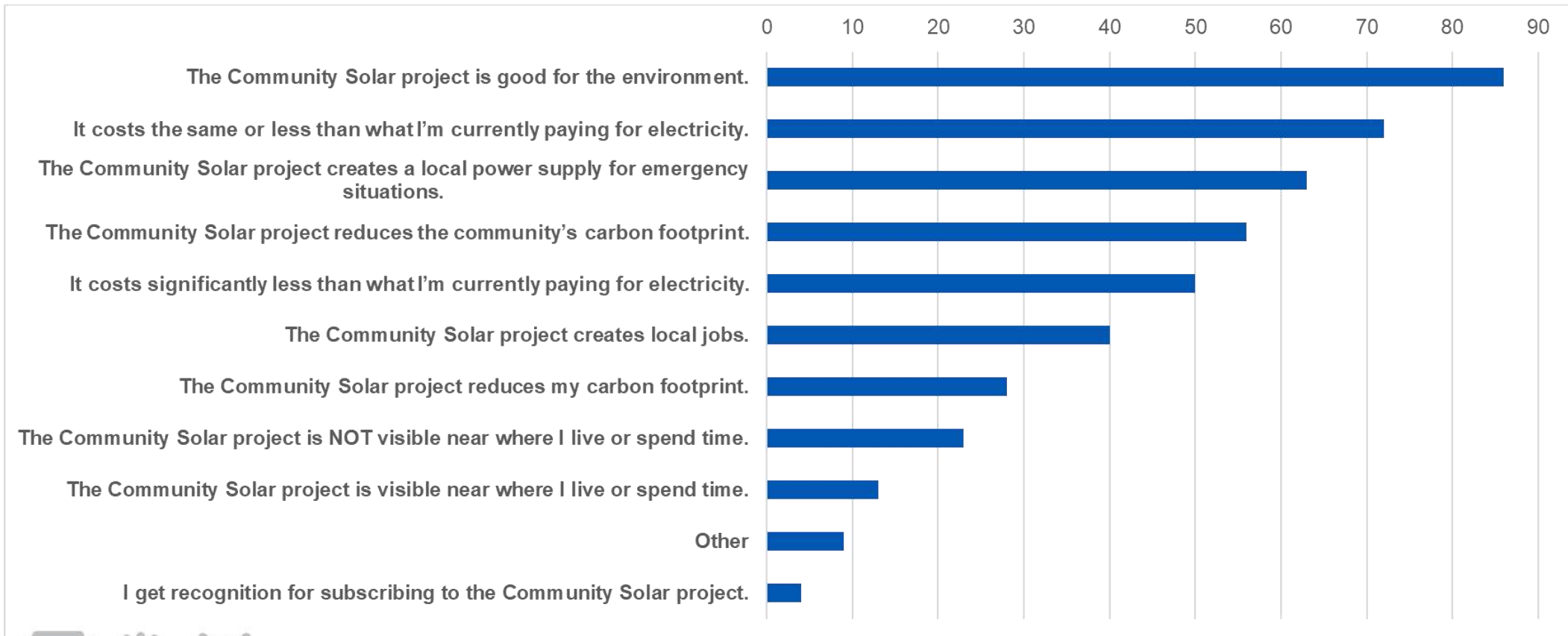


Community Survey Feedback (cont.)



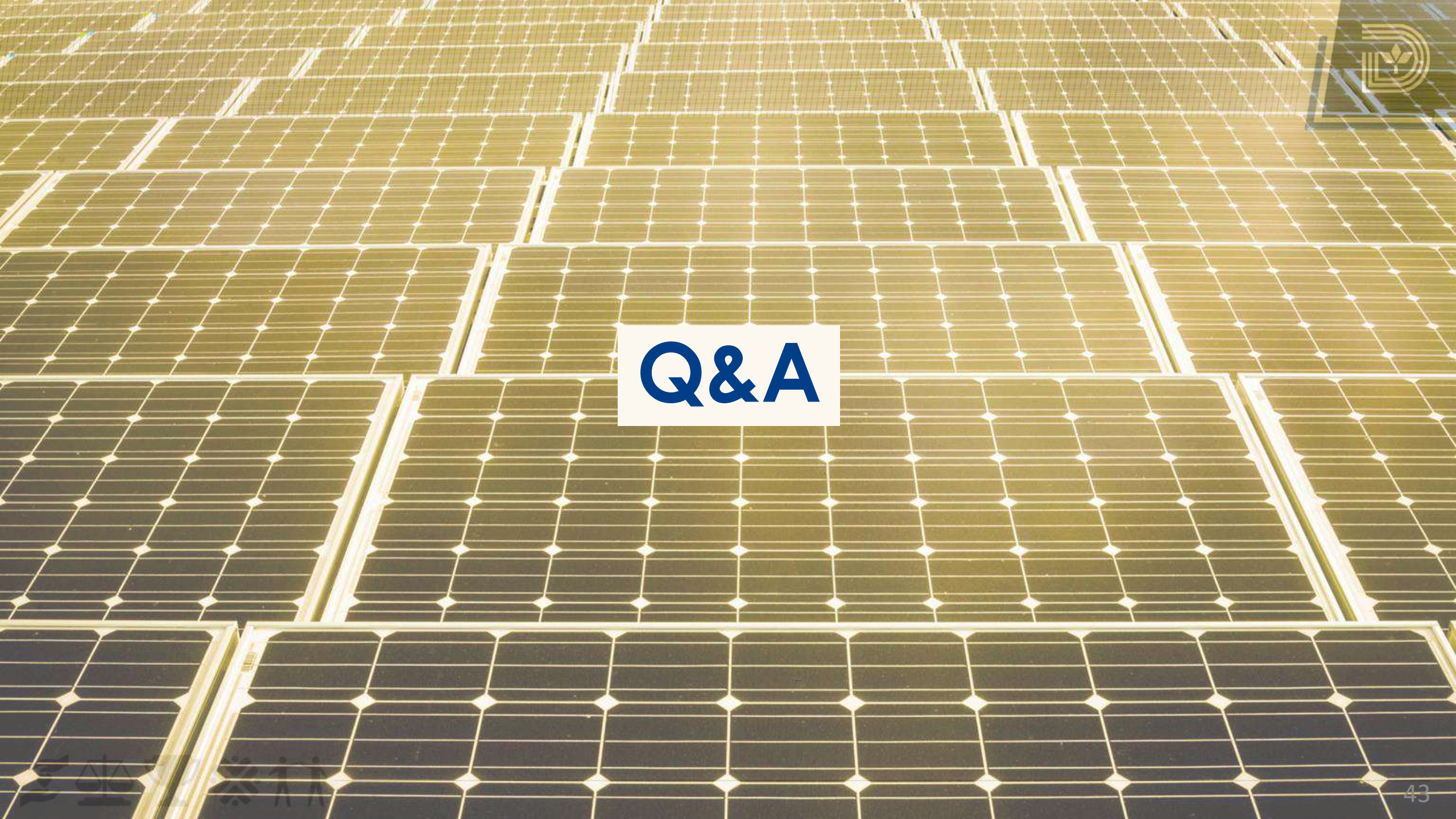
Which of the following would be most important to you in deciding whether to subscribe to a Community Solar project?

Please select your top three (3) priorities from the list below.





Q&A



Help us prioritize!



Cast your vote for the TOP 3 sites you'd like the City of Dallas to prioritize for solar.

<https://www.menti.com/alp46q5483vh>

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Solar Switch Dallas

www.solarswitch.com/dallas



Closing & Next Steps



- Mar. 4 – City Council Parks, Trails, & the Environment Committee
- Consultant team will integrate community feedback in the final report.
- OEQS will use the report findings to seek funding and issue solicitation documents for priority sites.





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