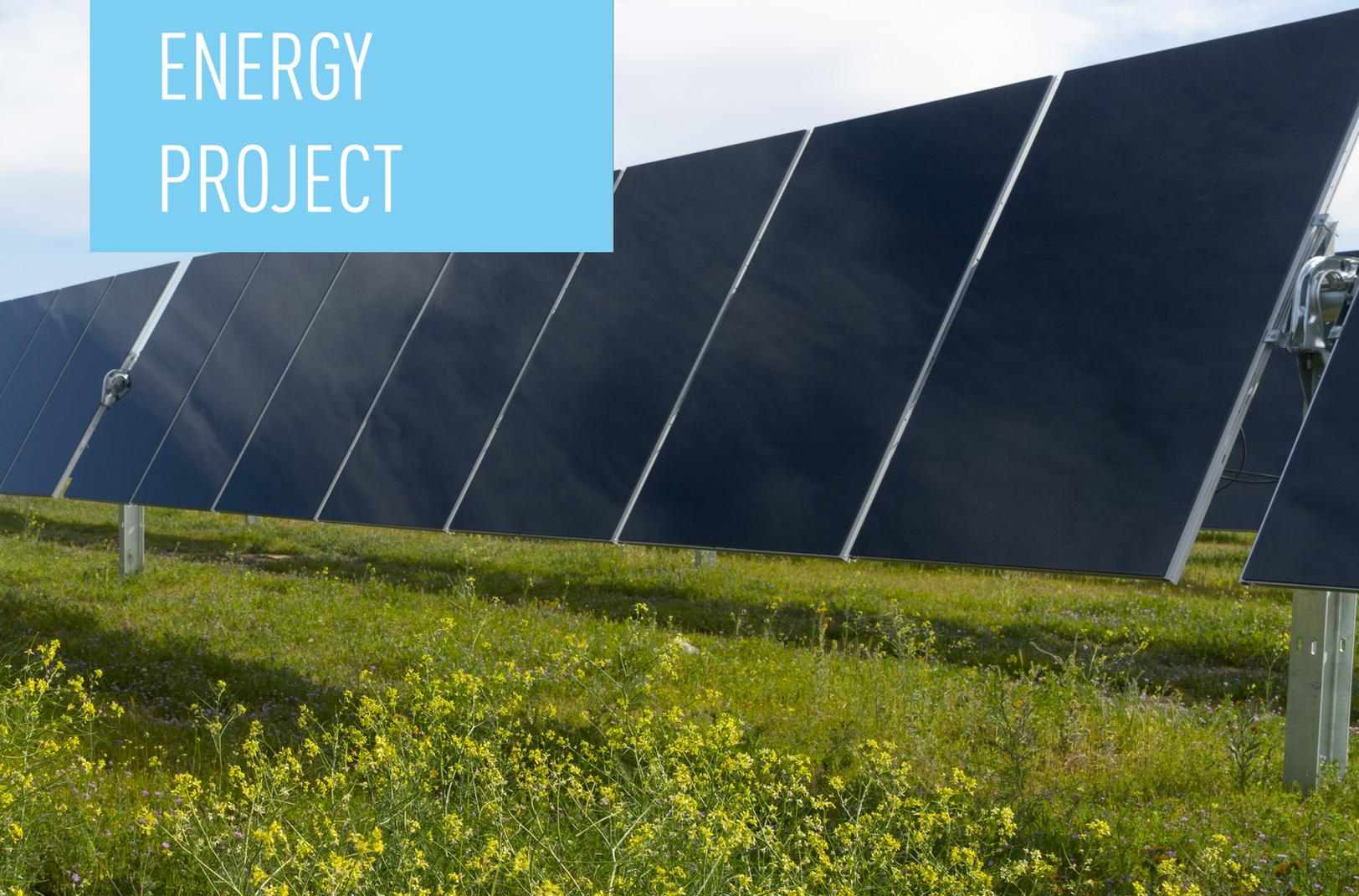


# WAUTOMA SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT



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Innergex Renewable Energy USA is in the early stages of developing a solar panel energy facility in the Wautoma Valley, located in Benton County, Washington. We are currently targeting a project that will generate approximately 400 megawatts (MWac) of electricity, with a four-hour battery energy storage system (BESS) as an option.

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The proposed project will consist of a solar field with arrays of photovoltaic (PV) panels that will be neatly arranged in rows. Other equipment on site would include inverters, battery energy storage system, the project substation, underground and overhead electrical cables, and operations and maintenance buildings. While we are studying more than 3,500 acres, we anticipate the project, as currently contemplated, to occupy about 3,000 acres.

The project is in the early stages of development and changes to the project size and configuration are anticipated in consideration of environmental, technical, and community engagement input. We have completed major environmental surveys for the proposed facility and are facilitating studies to secure interconnection and transmission service with the Bonneville Power Administration.

At this stage in the development process, we are beginning to engage with surrounding landowners and local stakeholders to share information about the proposed facility and gain valuable insight and input from those who are most familiar with Benton County.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHO IS FUNDING THE WAUTOMA SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT?

Innergex Renewable Energy USA will be responsible for 100% of the development, financing, construction and start-up costs. After completion, Innergex will also be responsible for all operational and maintenance costs, as well as all decommissioning costs.

### HOW WILL THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

Over the life of the project, Wautoma Solar will make major direct and indirect contributions to the local community. Landowners participating in the project will receive direct compensation in the form of long-term land lease payments. Furthermore, the project will also pay property tax to Benton County which will increase their tax base revenues and benefit surrounding landowners. For context, the property taxes generated by a 400 MWac solar project are anticipated to contribute about \$3 to 4 million dollars to Benton County in the first year of

## PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT IN WAUTOMA VALLEY



Figure 1. Areas highlighted in green represent land Innergex currently has under lease for the Wautoma Solar

commercial operation, and declining in subsequent years according to the County's schedule.

### WHY IS THIS PROJECT BEING PROPOSED NOW?

There is growing demand for renewable energy in Washington from both corporations and electric utilities and the regional power market pricing supports the construction of this new capacity. Significant advances in solar PV technology over the last 10 years leading to decreases in solar energy equipment pricing have made solar energy project development in Washington more viable.

### WHAT WILL THE PROPOSED PROJECT ACCOMPLISH?

When operational, the Wautoma Solar Energy Project will be a quiet renewable energy facility with limited visual impact and will be a major source of clean power in the region.

### WHY USE THIS AREA FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT?

The area is ideal because it has a good solar resource, available transmission capacity on the electrical grid and flat open ground.

### WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

Innergex is considering building the project in phases. Innergex expects to begin construction at the first quarter of 2024, at the earliest. Construction typically lasts 14-16 months. Therefore, the first phase could be operational in the third quarter of 2025. It would then operate for the next 30-50 years, all while directly contributing to the community.

It is important to Innergex that we keep you informed as we go forward with this potential project.

If you have any questions/comments or would like to discuss the project, please contact us at [wautomasolar@innergex.com](mailto:wautomasolar@innergex.com), or individually at:

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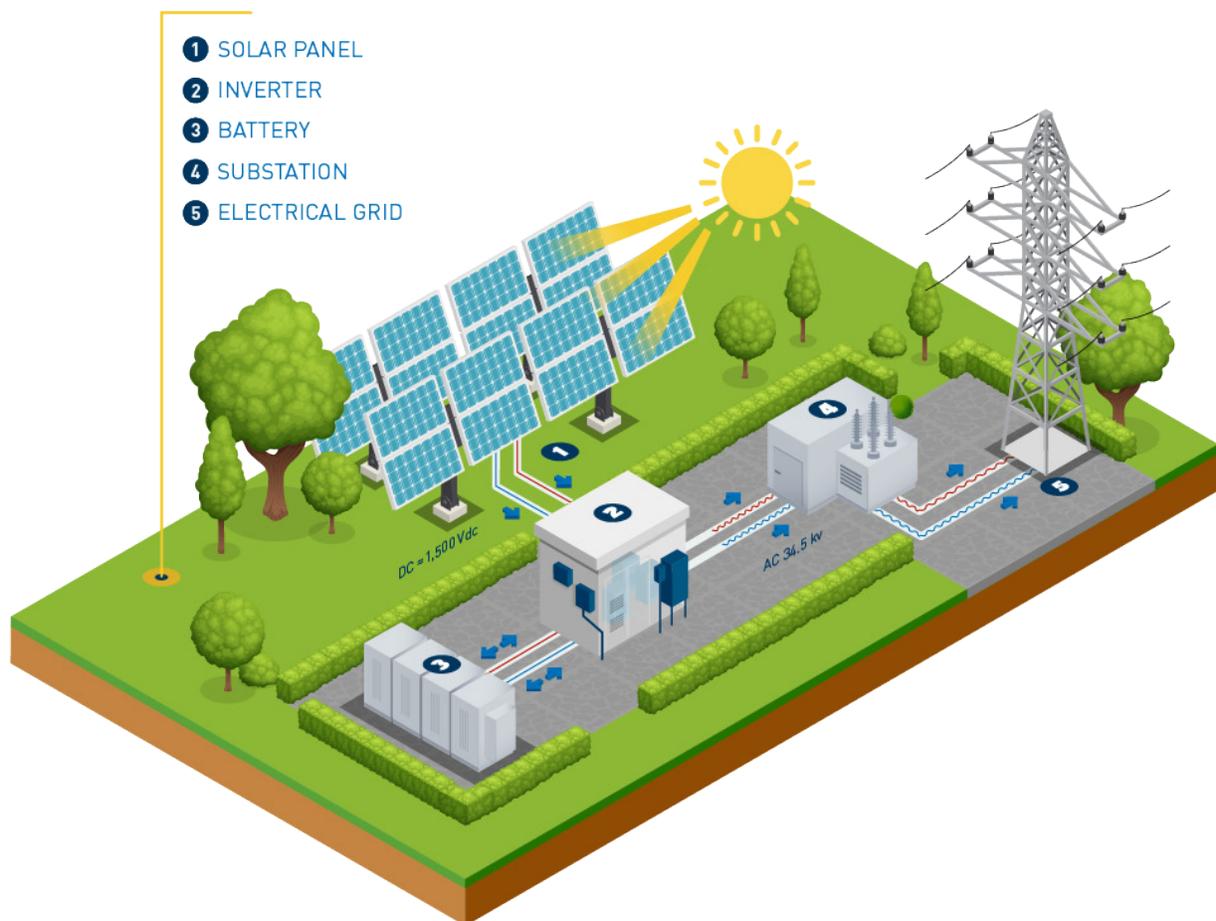
Figure 2. Expanded view. Wautoma Solar Energy Project is located in the northwestern corner of Benton County.

## SOLAR POWER FACTS

Solar energy is the conversion of sunlight into usable energy forms. The sun's rays transmit light energy, in the form of photons, which can be converted to electricity using certain materials that naturally release electrons when exposed to light. Solar energy is the cleanest, most abundant renewable energy source available.

More information on solar energy is available at Innergex ([innergex.com](http://innergex.com)), the Solar Energy Industries Association ([seia.org](http://seia.org)) and the International Energy Agency ([iea.org](http://iea.org)).

## SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM HOW IT WORKS



## ABOUT INNERGEX

At Innergex Renewable Energy Inc., we believe in sustainable development that balances People, our Planet and Prosperity. We develop, construct, acquire, own and operate hydroelectric, wind, solar and energy storage facilities that we own for the long term. We pride ourselves in being a good community partner and neighbor.

Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Canada, Innergex is a global leader with operations in the United States, Canada, Chile and France. For over 15 years, Innergex has worked in the U.S. and is currently active in a dozen states. Our main office is in San Diego, CA with regional development offices in HI, MA, TX.

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