

HILLCREST
SOLAR
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PROJECT

Daffodils at Hillcrest



Hillcrest screening continues to grow



We continue to collaborate with local stakeholders and are committed to keeping you updated on our project via future newsletters, phone calls, in-person, and community events. Your feedback on our newsletter is welcome, and as always, we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions or concerns that you may have related to our project or Innergex.

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HOW TO COMMENT:
Ohio Power Siting Board, Case 21-0041-el-bgn via
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ABOUT INNERGEX

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PERMIT UPDATE

We are excited to let you know that on April 20, 2023, the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the Palomino Solar Project was approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). The Certificate has been issued and can be viewed on the OPSB website.

Our Certificate contains forty-four stipulations that we have agreed upon with the OPSB Staff, Highland County Commissioners, and The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. A few items that may be of interest to participating and neighboring landowners as well as the broader community are:

- No barbed-wire perimeter fence – small-wildlife permeable and aesthetically fitting for the rural landscape.
- Eagle’s nest - we will not be clearing within 660’ of the nest and will be working in that area only between August 1 to January 24.
- Setbacks
 - Panels will be setback 300’ from non-participating residences. There is an option to reduce that with landowner consent.
 - Panels will be setback 150’ from non-participating property lines. There is an option to reduce that with landowner consent.
 - Project fence will be setback 100’ from the center line of any road. Does not include private roads.

Palomino Solar staff continues to work with County Engineer, Chris Fauber, in developing the Road Use and Maintenance

Agreement, which is based on the Highland County form, and we expect to have this completed prior to this summer.

We are working on the design of the landscaping in consultation with an Ohio-licensed Landscape Architect and incorporating guidance from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as well as inputs from the community. Selection of the plant and seed supplier as well as the landscape installation contractor will be done at a later date. We will be preparing visual screening plans and site visits will be held on adjacent, non-participating lands with residences, to assist in our vegetative screening plan development.

Design work is underway, and we are working toward finalizing the site layout soon. Meetings will be held with local authorities, including emergency response groups and the Highland County Soil & Water District to respectively develop an emergency response plan as well as a stormwater management plan.

We have selected a top-tier Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC) contractor, with whom we are taking into consideration OPSB permit stipulations as well as commitments with landowners and the community as part of the design process. We will communicate our construction timeline as we have more clarity.

On a separate note, the OPSB Five-year Rule Review Continues (Case Number: 21-0902-GE-BRO); Palomino is grandfathered under the current rules.



OUR LANDOWNERS

As part of our commitment to keeping our project area landowners informed, we held a dinner last June to provide updates on the status of the Palomino Project. Landowners enjoyed a nice evening at Creekview Barn in Leesburg with great food from Beaugard’s Southern “B” Que in Wilmington.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

After meeting with the Highland County Sheriff, Highland County Department of Emergency Services, Lynchburg Clay Joint Fire and Ambulance District, and Highland County District Hospital, to solicit input, Innergex’s Health & Safety Team has developed an Emergency Response and Training Plan (ERTP), which will be shared with our contractor and responding agencies for their final review. Once completed we will participate with agencies in live emergency drills at the site prior to the start of construction and prior to the start of operation.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

You may have seen a news article related to delayed payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on our Brown County Project in the local news and we wanted to provide you with additional information that was provided to the Highland County Commissioners. On December 16, 2022, the Ohio Department of Development determined that the Hillcrest Solar Project satisfied the 80% Ohio-domiciled requirement, thus qualifying as a “Qualified Energy Project,” and therefore issued a Certificate of Verification to Hillcrest. Innergex executed payment to the Brown County Treasurer and PILOT payments are now flowing to community recipients as planned. Brown County acknowledged receipt of all outstanding funds on March 24, 2023.

INNERGEX INVESTOR UPDATE

On Innergex’s First Quarter 2022 Report Conference Call, Senior Management provided an update to the investment community. Highlights included:

- Innergex’s Wyoming Project, Boswell Springs Wind, received the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) approval from the Wyoming Public Utilities Commission and a PPA with PacifiCorp was completed. The Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement is nearing finalization and Project COD is expected in late 2024.
- In France, Innergex completed the full commissioning of the 9 MW/9 MWh (one hour) Tonnerre battery energy storage system and it has been awarded a seven-year contract for the certificate capacity.
- Salvador Battery Storage in Chile has completed the installation of precast foundations, substation extension, transformers, and has received the auxiliary power generators. COD may be as early as Q3 2023. Construction has also begun on the San Andrés Battery Storage system.
- In Northern Canada, Innavig, a small hydro project to power the Inuit community of Inukjuak is finalizing construction and should reach COD in Q3 2023.

More information related to Innergex Projects can be found in our Annual Report located on the main website: www.Innergex.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Utility-scale solar farms have a total capacity of 74 GW nationwide – enough to power 16 million homes.**
- **Utility-scale solar is the third- largest source of renewable energy – and growing.**
- **The Solar industry employs over 253,000 Americans across all 50 states.**

[source: American Clean Power Association]

To put those numbers into perspective, according to the US Census Bureau 2022 estimates, Ohio has 5,269,638 Housing Units. The top two sources of renewable energy are hydropower and wind power. Innergex is proud to provide hydro, wind and solar energy in the US, Canada, Chile, and France. And finally, the number of those working in the solar industry is six times the population of Highland County.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Innergex hosted a tour of the Hillcrest Solar Facility for participants of Leadership Highland County to learn more about energy and businesses in Highland County. The tour started with a safety briefing and introduction to what they would see and answer any questions, then we took a driving tour and before finishing the tour, answered any remaining questions.

Pictured at left are attendees: Lillian Frazzell, Kathy Bruynis, Jackie Wilkins, James Morris, and Sam Custer.

NEW FACES AT INNERGEX



Michael Abettan - Associate - Development

Michael supports the day-to-day development activities at Palomino along with multiple other east coast projects. Michael is experienced in real estate acquisitions, financing, construction, and management. A native of New York, he studied City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning with a focus on Renewable Energy.



Darcy Fysh, CRSP, CD - Regional Health & Safety Manager

Darcy, a Canadian Registered Safety Professional, based in British Columbia, is responsible for developing and working with local emergency responders and our contractors to execute our Emergency Response Plans. He focuses on prevention of workplace injuries by mitigating hazards before work begins to ensure that workers are safe and healthy every day. Darcy is a Canadian Army veteran.



Mac Hussey - Hillcrest Site Manager

While Mac is the Site Manager at Hillcrest, you may see him from time-to-time. Prior to working for Innergex, Mac worked as a Plant Manager for NovaSource Power Services. A graduate of the US Naval Academy, he served in the US Navy and he and his family live near Mt. Orab.