

ELKHART COUNTY
SOLAR PROJECT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON CONSTRUCTION OF
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS



GENERAL Q&A

How long will construction last?

Construction is expected to begin in fall 2024 and last possibly until early 2026. Work will occur in several phases in different areas across the site. It will begin with civil work and construction of access roads, followed by placing perimeter fence, driving piles as foundations, installing racking to hold solar panels, attachment and connection of solar panels, and substation construction.

What should I do if I have a concern or complaint about construction?

We value our neighbors and are committed to providing swift responses to any questions, comments, or concerns. If you need to contact the project team for any reason, please reach out by sending an email to connect@ElkhartCountySolarProject.com or by calling us at (888) 652-5070.

How are solar panels managed when they are no longer needed?

At the time of decommissioning, panels may be reused, recycled, or disposed of. The project land can be restored to its original condition.

Where does the power go?

Elkhart County Solar Project will interconnect into the new McNutt substation and connect to the PJM power grid through a transmission line owned by Indiana Michigan Power Company. When the project is operating, it will be used at the closest connection points where electricity is needed: mainly the homes and businesses in the surrounding area.

A good way to make sense of energy in the power grid is to visualize the grid as a river with energy flowing in the grid just like water flows in a river. The project, once operational, will pour the energy it produces into the power grid river. The energy buyer will withdraw the same amount of energy from a point along this energy river, but that may not be at the same moment that the project pours in its energy. However, just like water is water in a river, energy is energy in the grid.

On which days and hours will construction take place?

Construction will generally take place between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. These hours may extend at times during longer daylight hours in the summer.