

MCE believes Missouri must create pathways for everyone to access clean, renewable energy—not just those with the capital to do it themselves.

Community solar allows solar power to be provided by non-utility parties. Under this concept, a neighborhood, apartment complex, or company could build a large solar array and sell subscriptions to customers. This gives freedom of choice to residents and provides access to a cheaper, more sustainable source of energy than coal or gas (1). Over the past ten years, solar power has also shown a consistent decrease in costs (2).

Community solar supports **self-sufficiency and a cleaner environment for all Missourians!**



Allowing local control of solar power would make safe, clean, renewable energy more affordable and accessible to all Missourians. Effective community solar legislation ensures you do not have to live in a high income household to enjoy the sufficiency benefits of solar. MCE supports requiring each community solar facility at least ten percent of the subscribers be low-income customers. Further, decreased reliance on coal and gas will increase energy independence community solar projects generate energy right here in Missouri.

All Missourians would benefit from improved air and water quality as a result of reduced reliance on coal- and gas-based energy sources. Unlike coal powered electricity or gas, solar power does not release greenhouse gasses that continue to warm our atmosphere and contribute to deadly annual heat waves. Community solar will allow Missourians to breathe, drink, and live easier.

SOURCES:

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2) National Renewable Energy Laboratory. "Documenting a Decade of Cost Declines for PV Systems," Feb. 10, 2021. <https://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2021/documenting-a-decade-of-cost-declines-for-pv-systems.html>

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