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Mousam River Solar Project Cuts Ribbon, Bringing Clean Energy to the Grid

Solar project in Sanford will be able to produce up to 28 MW of power

SANFORD, ME – Company and local officials cut the ribbon on a 28-Megawatt solar farm in Sanford Thursday morning. The Mousam River Solar Project is set on a 140-acre parcel of land, with solar modules attached to a modern and efficient tracking infrastructure. The project is estimated to be capable of offsetting the power needs of the equivalent of nearly 6,000 average households.

“This is a great day for clean energy in Maine,” said Jack Kenworthy, Chief Development Officer at Walden Renewables, operator of the Mousam River Solar Project. “The success of this project reflects the collaboration between landowners, city officials, and our development team. Sanford has been an exceptional partner, and we’re excited to contribute to the region’s clean-energy momentum.”

The project is located on New Dam Road in Sanford. The 28-megawatt Mousam River Solar Project represents one of the largest solar installations in southern Maine, providing new clean-energy generation and meaningful economic benefits for the City of Sanford. The 140 acres stretches across several privately owned parcels, providing an opportunity for long-term commercial tax revenue for the community, while expanding Sanford’s tax base and supporting the state’s broader transition to renewable power. The facility was developed by Walden Renewables, which has worked closely with local officials, landowners, and partners throughout the project’s planning and construction.

“Bringing more renewable energy to the grid brings us another step closer to achieving our state’s clean energy goals,” said Acting Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources, Dan Burgess. “Projects like this not only help move Maine closer to its renewable-energy goals, but they demonstrate the benefits of well-sited, responsibly developed solar. We’re grateful for the strong partnerships in Sanford that made it possible.”

In addition to supporting Maine’s clean-energy goals, the project reflects Sanford’s commitment to attracting sustainable development and new investment. City leaders have noted the value of responsibly sited solar in strengthening local infrastructure and broadening economic opportunities. With construction reaching completion, the

Mousam River Solar Project will soon begin delivering clean, reliable energy to the region, marking an important milestone for both Sanford and Maine's growing renewable-energy sector.

"Projects like this don't just generate clean energy—they generate real economic value for Sanford," said Keith McBride, Executive Director of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council (***OR Deputy Mayor Maura Herlihy***). "The Mousam River Solar Project expands our commercial tax base and strengthens the city's long-term revenue picture. It's exactly the kind of investment that supports sustainable growth for our community."

"This project underscores just how much opportunity there is for Maine's future workforce," said Cait Grant of York County Community College. "As renewable-energy projects come online across the state, the need for well-trained technicians, electricians, and project specialists continues to grow. YCCC is proud to help build that next generation of skilled professionals."

Sanford is one of the top communities in Maine for solar installation, with about 90 MW of installed capacity — second in the state only to Farmington. This solar leadership highlights Sanford's strong local support for clean power, its favorable access to transmission infrastructure, and its ability to attract meaningful clean-energy investment.

About Walden Renewables

Walden Renewables is a U.S. clean-energy developer with a strong presence in Maine, building large-scale solar and battery projects that support the state's ambitious clean-power goals. Walden plays a key role in transforming underused or brownfield sites—such as the former recycling site in Sanford—into productive, revenue-generating solar facilities. Backed by deep financial and development expertise, Walden is committed to delivering both economic and environmental benefits to local communities. For more information, visit waldenrenewables.com.

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