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Pictured is Cassie Carroll, Solar Urbana-Champaign's main presenter at the program's first educational Solar Power Hour presentation of the year hosted at Papa Del's Pizza Factory on August 11, 2022 in Champaign, IL. Photo credit to Doug Scatterday of GRNE Solar, this year's competitively-selected installer and who presents along with Carroll.

Solar Makes Sense - Pool Your Buying Power To Make Solar More Affordable

Solar Urbana-Champaign, a Bulk Purchasing Program Helps New Solar Buyers Learn and Save Together

Urbana, IL— Solar makes sense and adds more value when electricity rates are high. The Land of Lincoln is one of the few states with a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) to support solar development, making clean, renewable solar energy more accessible than ever. The value of adding solar to your property can vary depending on your utility's net metering policy, factors on your property like where you put your solar system, and what your energy needs are.

Solar Urbana-Champaign (SUC), is a non-profit led education and bulk solar buying program. The program provides education on how solar works, its financial implications, considerations and options to think about when going solar, and provides an opportunity for property owners to work with a vetted and competitively-selected solar installer. To make getting your own solar power plant more affordable, the program offers additional rebates as more people sign up to participate.

This year's SUC program has already surpassed its second volume discount benchmark of 100 kilowatts, meaning that participants have unlocked the second tier of savings. What is incredible about this achievement is that the program hit this benchmark before hosting any of its educational Solar Power Hour presentations that are held throughout the program period.

SUC has returned for its seventh year and is offered by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA), the City of Urbana, the Village of Savoy, Citizens Utility Board (CUB), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign County Sustainability Network (CCNet) and Common Ground Food Co-operative. This year, the local Advisory Committee chose GRNE Solar (www.GRNEsolar.com) as this year's competitively-selected installer through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The program is open to property owners in Champaign, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties.

"Now is a perfect time to consider going solar," says Taylor Ball of the MREA. "Adding solar panels lowers energy bills right away, and unlike utility companies, those panels will never raise their rates. Join an upcoming Solar Power Hour to learn if solar is right for you and your property. Why not? It's free, open to the public, and the information you'll get during our presentations might take weeks to research on your own."

To learn more about Solar Urbana-Champaign, sign up for updates, or keep up to date with the Solar Power Hour schedule, please visit: www.SolarUrbanaChampaign.com.

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The MREA was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit shortly after the first [Energy Fair](#) in 1990. The MREA's mission is to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living through education and demonstration. To learn more, call 715-592-6595 or visit www.midwestrenew.org.

Additional resources including sample promotions, photos and program logos available for download at: [Solar Urbana-Champaign Media Kit](#)