



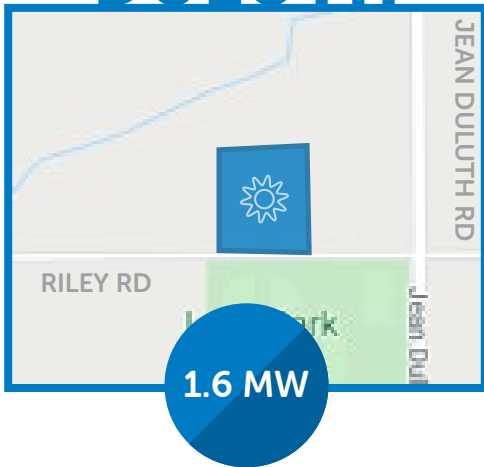
OUR SOLAR TRIPLE-PLAY

We accelerated plans for investing in utility-scale solar that emphasizes our commitment to customers, clean energy and communities affected by COVID-19.

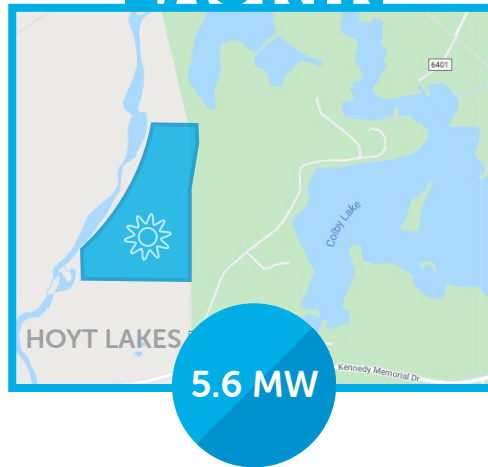
Three new solar projects will generate carbon-free energy for customers.

- **5.6 megawatts**, Laskin Energy Park near Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota
- **15.2 megawatts**, near Minnesota Power’s Sylvan Hydro Station, west of Brainerd, Minnesota
- **1.6 megawatts**, city of Duluth, Minnesota

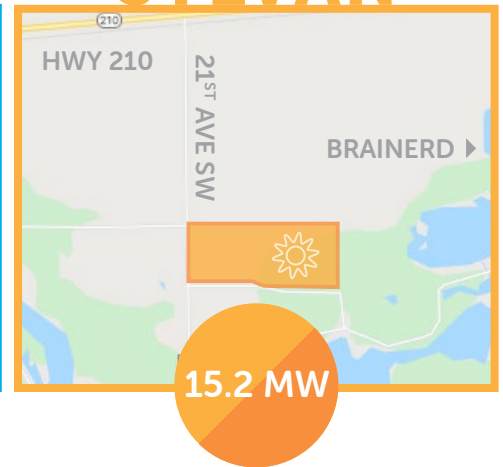
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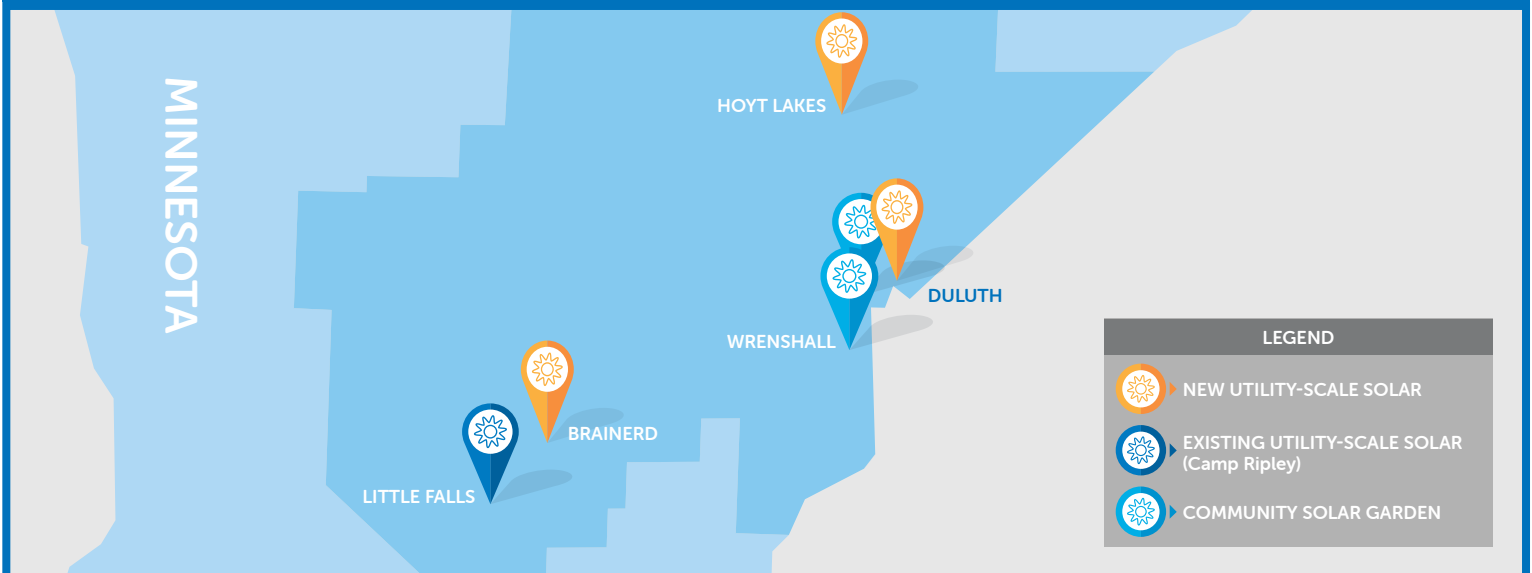
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Together, the projects will supply enough energy to power at least 4,000 homes.



MORE CARBON-FREE ENERGY TO HELP LIFT REGION'S ECONOMY

Our three solar projects will:

- Boost the tax base of local economies. 
- Support local construction jobs. 
- Rely on solar panels from regional manufacturers when possible. 

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission asked the state's utilities to move up the timetables for planned projects to help kick-start local economies affected by the pandemic, and we're working quickly to get our arrays approved and built. Construction will get underway in 2022.

PROJECTS WILL TRIPLE OUR SOLAR ENERGY CAPACITY

- When completed, our solar energy portfolio will grow to about 30 megawatts, including the 10-megawatt installation we built at Camp Ripley, the Minnesota National Guard base near Little Falls.
- The projects will help us meet the state of Minnesota's Solar Energy Standard more quickly.
- We also operate a community solar garden with a 40-kilowatt array in Duluth and a 1-megawatt array in Wrenshall, Minnesota, and continue to explore community solar options.

Under our EnergyForward strategy, we have added renewable energy, strengthened the electric grid, and reduced carbon and other emissions while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. We're a clean-energy leader, **already delivering 50% renewable energy** ahead of all other Minnesota utilities. Now, we're doubling down on that with a **vision to deliver 100% carbon-free energy to customers reliably and affordably.**



EnergyForward

