



A Year in Review! Elk Creek Solar is grateful to have had the opportunity to engage with the greater Dunn County community throughout 2023. We are humbled by the amazing support we have received from the community, and we are thrilled to be able to say that our commitment to this community will continue for many years to come. Please join us in reflecting on this past year as we provide some of the highlights of the past year in the timeline below.

DECEMBER 2022:

- On December 8, 2022, Elk Creek Solar hosted a Public Open House at the Town of Spring Brook Town Hall. In an article from the Menomonie Minute, Bob Wachsmuth is quoted as saying, "There is a lot of good coming...The meeting was a very good opportunity for neighbors to be informed about the benefits, not only to Doane, but to the town, the school and the county." <https://www.menomonieminute.com/post/big-solar-comes-to-dunn-county>
- Elk Creek Solar provided a donation to the Elk Mound Community Food Pantry.

JANUARY 2023:

- Charles Wachsmuth of Chippewa Valley Bean and Doane Ltd. shared his story as to why his family made the decision to voluntarily lease their ground to participate in the Elk Creek Solar Project. Follow the link to hear more from Charles about his family's interest in participating in Elk Creek Solar. <https://omny.fm/shows/mid-west-farm-report-eau-claire/1-4-elk-creek-energy-provision-partners-farm-news>
- "It's our job to be good stewards of our land and this is being a good steward", said Charles Wachsmuth in a statement from an article in The Colfax Messenger, titled, "Local family farm corp turns to solar for diversification and regenerative strategy". <https://www.dewittmedia.com/2023/01/25/local-family-farm-corporation-turns-to-solar-for-diversification-and-regenerative-strategy/>

FEBRUARY 2023:

- In February, Elk Creek Solar published its first newsletter, providing greater insight into the history of solar and how it works. Check it out on our website. https://www.elkcreeksolarproject.com/_files/ugd/89016c_a595af68e1374587991ec713fb43dbe2.pdf
- Elk Creek Solar made a donation to the Elk Mound Fire Department to assist with purchasing gloves and other equipment.

MARCH 2023:



Red Cedar Watershed Conference

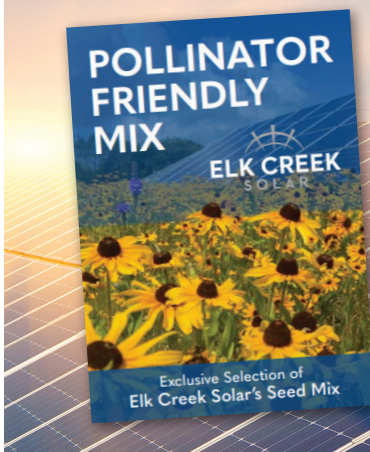
- Local Representative, Anna Mewis, gave a presentation about the Project to the Menomonie Lions Club. In addition, we presented the local chapter with a donation.
- Elk Creek Solar representatives hosted a booth at the Red Cedar Watershed Conference on UW-Stout's campus.
- Elk Creek Solar participated in the KidWind Challenge, hosted in Madison, WI. Students from across the state were welcomed to participate in several renewable energy-based projects, as well as hear from professionals in the industry, including Elk Creek Solar.

APRIL 2023:

- Elk Creek Solar signed a Joint Agreement (JA) with the Town of Spring Brook and Dunn County formalizing several commitments to best practices and accountability during and after Project construction.
- Elk Creek Solar finalized a commitment with the Elk Mound School District to provide a Community Fund of \$60,000 per year for 20-years, once the Project is operational.
- In April, Elk Creek Solar published its second newsletter, titled, "Power Generation & Transmission". You can see it on our website. https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/89016c_a3e1ac666c664a00a52254983c23f5f2.pdf

JUNE 2023:

- Elk Creek Solar published its third newsletter, which highlighted the State of Solar Today across the United States. https://www.elkcreeksolarproject.com/_files/ugd/89016c_260ef86eff3b467dac91464bcdcb501.pdf



Dunn County Fair

JULY 2023:

- Project Representatives participated in the 2023 Dunn County Fair.

AUGUST 2023:

- Interested in learning more about the construction of a solar facility? Check out August's edition of Elk Creek Solar's newsletter. https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/89016c_a26652f310c34de08008ba276431e60c.pdf

SEPTEMBER 2023:

- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) verbally approved Elk Creek Solar's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a solar facility in the Town of Spring Brook of Dunn County, WI. During the hearing, Commissioner Strand stated, "Additionally, this project garnered a lot of positive feedback as evidenced by the record and the fact that a vast majority of the comments received were overwhelmingly supportive of the project. I would also like to commend the applicant for its thoughtful and robust community engagement process that included meetings with town and county officials, local governmental entities, and the broader community, including non-participating landowners."

OCTOBER 2023:

- Project representatives participated in Menomonie's Downtown Trick-or-Treat event!
- Elk Creek Solar participated in the first ever High School Energy Fair at Osseo-Fairchild School District.

NOVEMBER 2023:

- The PSCW provided written approval for the construction and operations of Elk Creek Solar Project. The written approval finalized the permitting process with the PSCW and allows the Project to finalize the development of Elk Creek Solar.
- Project Manager for Elk Creek Solar, Ian Edwards, had the opportunity to join Executive Director for the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce, Ashley Demuth, on the latest edition of the Chamber Chatter Podcast. Follow the link to listen in. <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/eau-claire-hometown-radio/episodes/Chamber-Chatter-30---Elk-Creek-Solar-Project-e2aeqrq?fbclid=IwAR2D6FJh2YNYy0w4OblvGDYumdK8TrSC8WppGHYmNjHKTOEg9wjTby2lVo>



High School Renewable Energy Fair

What a packed year! We appreciate all the participation and feedback from the community that we have received throughout 2023. Without your involvement in the process, we wouldn't be where we are today – Approved for construction!

We wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful new year!

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