Massachusetts Community Solar Gathering

Date: Wednesday, April 18
Time: Noon-2 pm
Location: Federal Reserve Bank, Paul Connolly Center
           4th floor, 600 Atlantic Ave, Boston
           (Right across from South Station)

The Massachusetts Community Solar Gathering will bring together community-based organizations, neighborhood residents, advocates for renewable energy, solar developers and local officials to learn about community solar models nationwide and opportunities to bring community solar to people across the state. Participants will outline obstacles and brainstorm the key ingredients to bringing community solar to New England—the policy and financing solutions, organizing efforts and other initiatives. This event is part of a series of community solar "confluences" also happening in New York, Denver, and San Francisco.

The event is FREE but donations are welcome.

Reserve your spot: rsvp@solargardens.org ("Boston" in subject)

> **Speakers include:**
> **Joy Hughes**, Founder, Solar Gardens Institute
> **Jay Silva**, Scituate Renewable Energy Committee
> **Elizabeth Kennedy**, Program Director, Mass. Clean Energy Center
> **Natalie Andrews**, Renewable Energy Project Coordinator, Mass. Department of Energy Resources
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> *Discussion and brainstorming will follow*

About community solar

Community solar refers to programs that bring solar power to communities through collective efforts and pooling of resources, generally either through the installation of large solar PV systems with community members owning or subscribing to proportional shares in the system or a process where neighbors join together to collectively install PV systems on their own homes.

Community solar provides opportunities to Massachusetts residential and commercial renters and building owners to go solar, and is especially beneficial to low-income communities that are unable to afford the upfront costs of solar.

To learn more about community solar and solar gardens, please visit:
http://www.solargardens.org/frequently-asked-questions/