





South Branch Solar, LLC ("South Branch") is proposing the development of an up to 130-megawatt (MW) solar facility on approximately 760 acres north of the Village of Arcadia in Hancock County, Ohio. Electricity generated by the solar facility will be supplied to the PJM transmission system.

South Branch Solar is expected to operate for 30+ years, providing significant economic investment to the community, a substantial property tax base for the surrounding community and Arcadia school system, and generate emission-free renewable energy.

South Branch Solar applied for permit approval through the Ohio Power Siting Board in June 2021 and will begin construction in 2025, bringing an influx of new jobs to the community. The Project is expected to begin operating by late 2026 pending necessary review and approvals.

**PLANNING** 2018 - 2020

**PERMITTING** 2021 - 2025

**CONSTRUCTION** 2025 - 2026 OPERATIONAL 2026







## **SOLAR BENEFITS**

Solar energy facilities are a beneficial, temporary, and low impact use of land. Benefits of solar projects include:

- Property tax revenue will increase significantly, with a particular positive impact on local schools.
- The project will have a minimal impact on county services, such as schools, EMS, water, and other public services.
- Significant number of jobs will be created during construction phase.
- South Branch Solar will create no emissions and requires limited amounts of water during operation.
- At the end of operations, the equipment is removed and the land is restored to its prior use, with rested soils and effective drainage.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

South Branch Solar is committed to being a dedicated member of the communities we call home, and we work hard to earn the trust of our neighbors. Our engagement with the community goes well beyond job creation, economic investment, and providing renewable energy. We strive to build lasting partnerships with civic leaders, property owners, and community members. Throughout the life of every project, we pride ourselves on being transparent in our communication and highly responsive to public feedback. We also believe being involved means giving back. We get to know our neighbors and have a long history of supporting local causes the community is passionate about. Whether through employee volunteer opportunities or corporate-level sponsorships, we are always looking for positive ways to stay actively engaged with our communities and serve as a good neighbor.

## ABOUT

South Branch Solar, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of South Branch Solar, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC, a leading U. S.-based renewable energy company dedicated to sustainably powering the future. Leeward currently owns and operates 31 renewable energy facilities across twelve states, totaling about 3 gigawatts of installed capacity. Leeward is a portfolio company of OMERS infrastructure, a preeminent global infrastructure investment arm of OMERs, one of Canada's largest defined benefit pension plans with C\$127.4 billion in net assets (as of June 30, 2023).

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