

## Western Wisconsin Benefits from Local Solar Investments

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LA CROSSE – Western Wisconsin will see an influx of new jobs and economic development as a result of significant investments in solar power by local utility providers. Dairyland Power Cooperative announced a major investment in twelve new Wisconsin-based solar power facilities today while Xcel Energy unveiled their plan to create Wisconsin’s largest community solar garden project.



“I applaud these investment in solar power generation and the ongoing commitment from Dairyland Power and Xcel Energy to develop local, renewable energy solutions,” said Sen. **Jennifer Shilling** (D-La Crosse). “These forward-looking projects are welcome news for workers, families and communities across western Wisconsin.

“With an already diverse portfolio of renewable energy sources including wind, biomass, biogas, hydro and solar, Dairyland Power and Xcel Energy have contributed enormously to our region’s economic success,” added Shilling. “By continuing to invest in 21st century sustainable energy upgrades, we can improve utility services, support new economic opportunities and reduce our state’s carbon footprint.”

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