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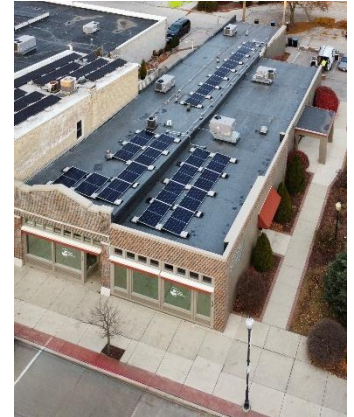
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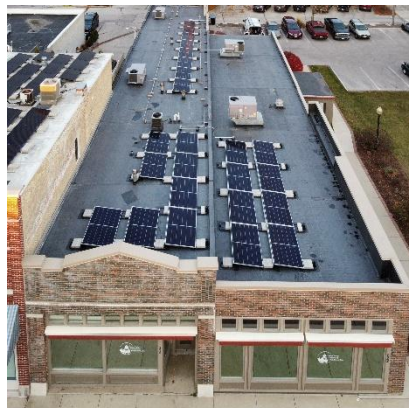
## **Door County Community Foundation Goes Solar with Support from Local Partners**

Sturgeon Bay, WI (December 5, 2025) - The Door County Community Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to the Climate Change Coalition of Door County for providing guidance throughout the purchase and installation of new solar panels at the Foundation's offices. Drawing on the Coalition's expertise in solar energy and its leadership in organizing a solar group buy, the Foundation was able to identify and install a system that best meets its needs at a cost-effective price point.



This project was made possible thanks to the generous support of Sharon Lutsey, a former Board member of the Door County Community Foundation, along with other contributors whose gifts ensure that the Foundation will see a return on investment from day one.

"I feel inspired and super excited to see our Door County Community Foundation go solar. Solar power is a sound environmental investment, providing clean power and directly reducing gas and coal burning," said Jeff Lutsey, Executive Director of the Climate Change Coalition of Door County. "As a financial investment, the solar power produced will lower their electricity bills immediately. This allows more of the Foundation's resources to be applied directly to its core mission—inspiring philanthropy and community good. I'm thrilled the Climate Change Coalition could offer solar expertise and guidance, and I'm thrilled to observe the Foundation continually advancing the community we love."



Together, these efforts demonstrate the power of partnership and generosity in advancing environmental stewardship and community well-being across Door County.

The Door County Community Foundation solar array is part of Door County's first solar group buy, in which 44 households, businesses, and nonprofits committed to installing new solar power this year. The Foundation's 15-kilowatt (kW) array

contributes to a total of 443 kW being installed county-wide. Altogether, the impact of these new installations is the equivalent of preventing the burning of 100 tons of coal and avoiding 180 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. Over 30 years, the cumulative environmental benefit is comparable to planting 30,000 trees today.

The solar group buy was a collective effort, with nonprofits and the solar installer working together. The Climate Change Coalition of Door County launched the program in partnership with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. Eland Electric Corporation of Green Bay was selected as the installer through a competitive bidding process. The initiative allows homeowners, businesses, and nonprofits to pool their purchasing power, securing competitive pricing for solar installations and making solar energy more accessible.

The Door County Community Foundation, Inc. is a collection of separate charitable funds set up by individuals, families, non-profit organizations, private foundations and businesses that are managed, invested and disbursed for the current and future good of Door County. The Community Foundation was launched in 1999, currently administers more than \$65 million in assets, and distributes more than \$7 million to charities every year.

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