



Aqua Pennsylvania Breaks Ground on Solar Farm at Its Ingram's Mill Water Treatment Plant

Solar Farm Will Be Among the First and Largest of Its Type on the East Coast

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Who: Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (Aqua) Chairman Nick DeBenedictis and President Karl Kyriss will be joined by state and local officials, and environmental regulators as they break ground on what will become one of the first and largest solar farms of its kind on the East Coast.

What: Aqua Pennsylvania will celebrate the start of construction of a 1.1 megawatt photovoltaic solar farm at its Ingram's Mill Water Treatment Plant in East Bradford Township, which produces water to serve the West Chester area. The renewable energy project will use high-efficiency panels to convert sunlight into useful power; thereby reducing the region's power generation requirements. The \$6 million project is partially funded with a \$1 million federal stimulus grant, which is administered through the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA). Once completed, the farm will be the second largest solar installation in Pennsylvania and the largest in Chester County. Among the benefits of the new facility will be that it:

- offsets the need for 3,000 barrels of oil each year;
- avoids the equivalent of 2.6 million car miles each year; and
- reduces CO₂ emissions by 1.4 million pounds each year.

Solar panels will be on-site and may be photographed.

Where: Ingram's Mill Treatment Plant
780 N. Creek Road
East Bradford Township (West Chester, PA 19380, post office)

Attending: U.S. Congressman Joseph Pitts; PA Senator Andrew Dinniman; PA Representative Barbara McIlvaine-Smith; East Bradford Township supervisors and officials.

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