

What's Happening

In 2014, with advice from Quincy Climate Action Network, the City of Quincy agreed to host solar arrays on the roofs of most of Quincy's public schools. The following year, QCAN helped bring the state's Solarize Massachusetts program here, resulting in discounted solar panels atop more than 100 Quincy homes and businesses. While Solarize Quincy has ended, rooftop solar is still an attractive way to save money – and help save the planet.

Why It Matters

- These programs together added 2.5 megawatts of solar capacity in Quincy, creating major savings for city government, residents, and business owners – and reducing toxic air pollution and greenhouse gases.
- Between federal and state incentives and free electric power, typical payback for home solar panels in Massachusetts is 5 to 8 years. Solar panels typically generate power for 20 years and often much longer.
- The cost of home solar installation has plummeted, dropping by 2/3 between 2010 and 2017.
- In addition to the solar power generated here in Quincy, the City now buys power from commercial solar installations in other municipalities, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and boosting clean energy.

What You Can Do

- Get a price quote from a prescreened solar installer simply by inputting your name and address on one of several websites presenting local options.
- If you live in an apartment or your rooftop isn't ideal for solar, you can still save money and reduce greenhouse gases by buying into a community solar project.