# Powerful Facility Energy Conference











# Microgrids and Renewable Energy for Community Resiliency

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# Agenda

- Arlington Microgrid
- ❖ South Everett Solar Array
- Tulalip Microgrids for Resiliency





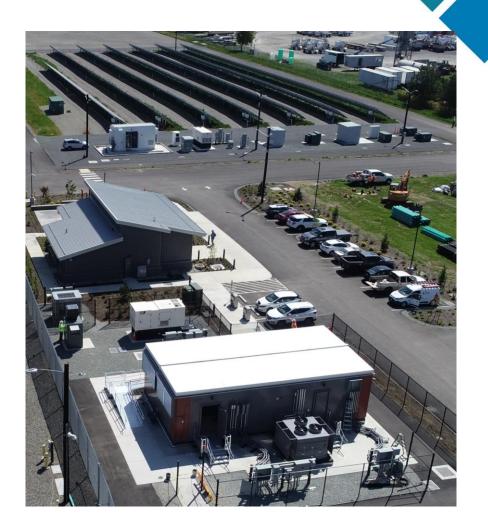
### Arlington Microgrid Overview

#### ❖ PUD Project Goals:

- Grid Resiliency and Disaster Recovery
- Renewable Energy Integration
- Grid Support and Ancillary Services
- ❖ Vehicle-to-grid (V2G) Demonstration

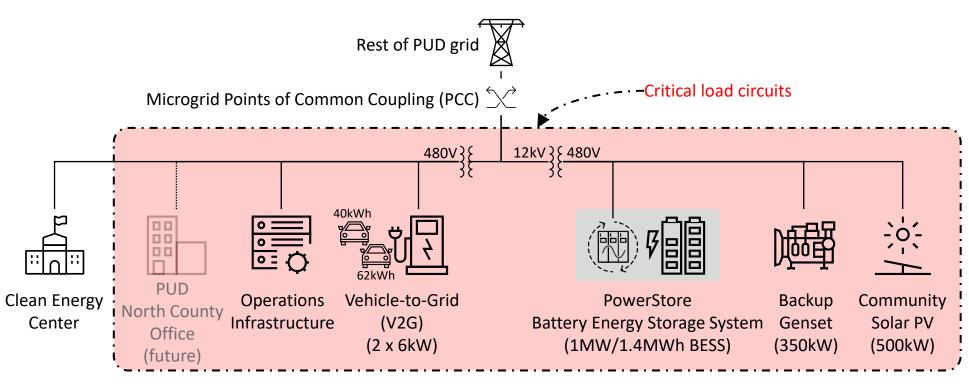
#### Microgrid Basics:

- **❖1MW Battery Energy Storage System**
- ❖350kW Diesel Generator
- ❖500kW Solar Array (1.7 acres)









# Microgrid Components









- ❖1MW/1.4MWh battery can power office building for ~12 hours
  - Solar array can recharge battery & power building (spring, summer, fall)
  - Supplement with diesel generator
  - Building load shedding can extend emergency power duration
- Seamless transfer to grid connected/islanded mode
- ❖ Vehicle to Grid (V2G)
  - ❖6kW bi-directional charger
  - Under Microgrid control when islanded, DERMS control when grid connected

## Safety Lessons



#### Safety

- ❖ Fire suppression new codes are just being developed
- Training for emergency responders
- Separation distances

#### Construction

- New products have solved many of the problems we encountered
- Choose your partners carefully



### South Everett Solar Project

❖ Awarded \$861,814 Grant from Department of Commerce, Clean Energy Fund – Solar Deployment Program, \$639,466 Match







## Project Overview

Objectives

**Outcomes** 

Provide benefits to highlyimpacted community Install 375kW solar array in Casino Road community

Reduce energy burden for income qualified customers Direct solar generation benefits to Project Pride

Locate solar array for grid benefits

Reduce peak demand on summer peaking circuits



#### Project Partnerships



- Grant and project management
- Procurement
- Asset ownership
- Operations & maintenance
- Disbursement of generation credits to St. Vincent de Paul



- Lease real property for project site
- Support community outreach and engagement



- Administer generation credits through Project Pride
- Support community outreach and engagement

#### Project PRIDE



#### Providing Relief for Individuals Dependent on Energy

PUD emergency bill assistance program funded through voluntary contributions

#### Program stats:

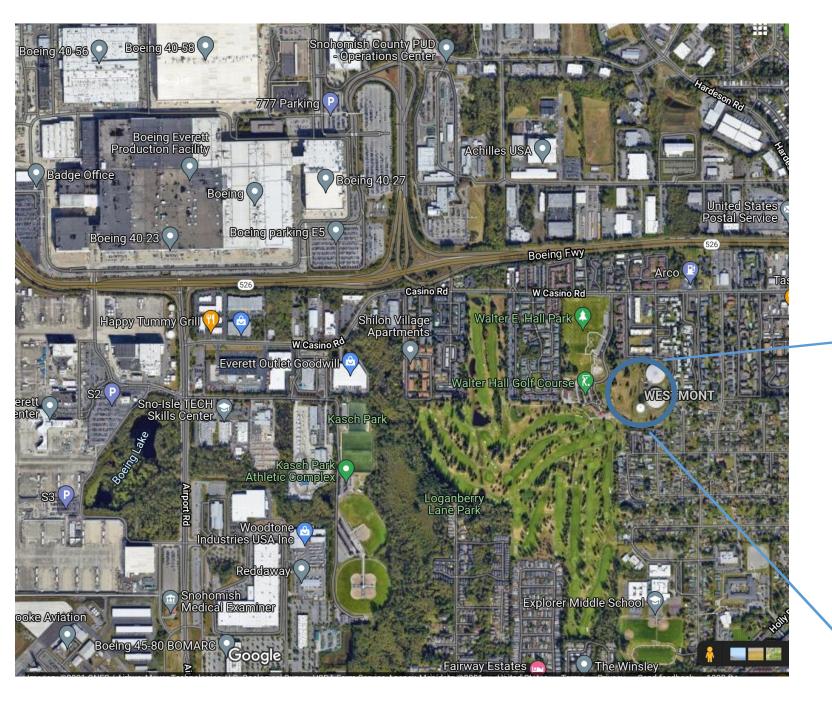
- ❖ Serves approximately 500 customers annually, ~50% Everett residents
- ❖ PUD customers contribute approximately \$70,000 annually
- ❖ Project will generate an additional \$27,600 in annual energy credits during the life of the community solar array





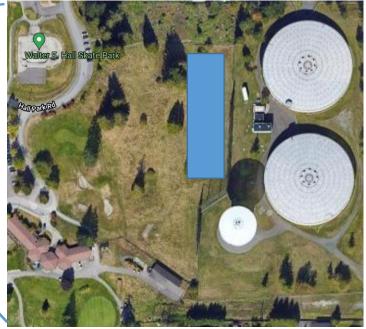
#### Casino Road Neighborhood

- Dense multi-family housing, with high degree of income-qualified households
- Ranks high on Washington Department of Health Environmental Disparities map
- System Planning identified the neighborhood as one with heavily loaded summer peaking circuits



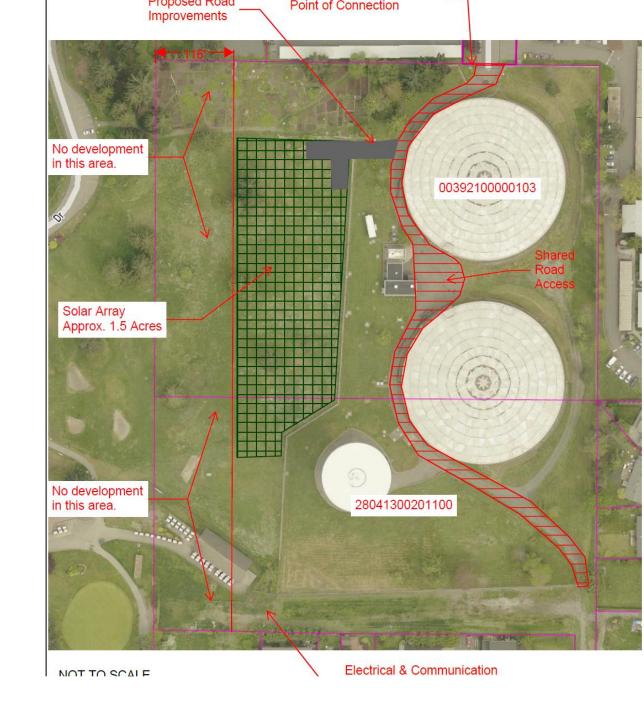


# Project Site



#### Site Details

- Approximately 1.5 acres on Everett
  Utility property adjacent to water tanks
- Convenient grid interconnection point and electrical and communications access
- Minimal road improvements for construction
- Shared road access with Everett Utility staff









- Attended community events in 2022 with aim to inform about the project
- Solicit project name ideas
- Connect customers to other programs

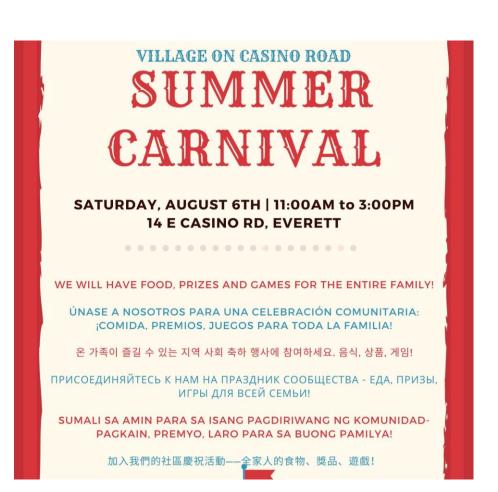
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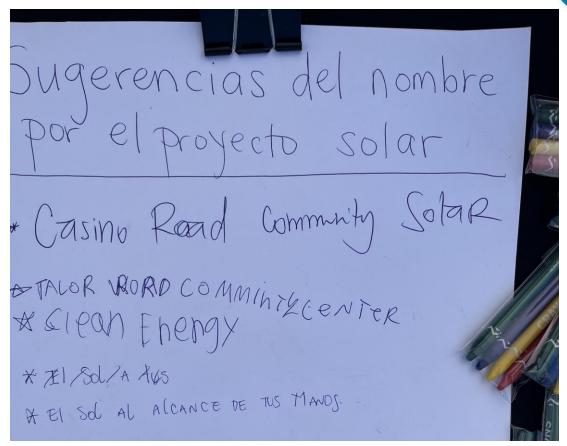




#### Connect Casino Road Carnival







#### Back-to-School Fair at Mariner HS





#### Outreach

- ❖Attended community meetings in 2022
  - South Everett Rotary
  - Westmont-Holly Neighborhood Association
- Distributed flyers in the neighborhood





#### **New PUD Solar Project**

Supporting renewable energy & customers in need

Learn more about this exciting new community project and enjoy free food, games and activities for kids!

#### **PUD Solar Project Open House**

Saturday, September 17, 2022 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Walter E. Hall Park (grassy area across from skate park) > 1226 W Casino RD, Everett, WA 98204





Help us choose a name for this new project!

Enter your suggestion by clicking the QR code or visit www.snopud.com/solar-name

#### Background

- Why was this location selected?: The PUD is bringing solar power to a local community that will benefit from educational opportunities as well as additional power for the surrounding neighborhood.
- Benefits to the community: The solar array will raise nearly \$30,000 for Project PRIDE, a PUD program that helps income-qualified customers pay their PUD bills. (More details on back.)
- Project Size/Capacity: 375 kW solar array (enough to power 40 homes in a year)
- ▶ Grant Funding: \$861,814 grant under the Washington Clean Energy Fund from the Department of Commerce

❖ Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022





- Attendees voted for project name suggestions
- 'El Sol al Alcance de tus Manos'
  (The Sun at your Fingertips) got the most votes





- ❖Partnership with the City of Everett
  Water department
  - Dog Poop Toss was very popular, educating about the importance of proper waste treatment





Interaction with project neighbors from the Community Garden









- ❖ Neighborhood feedback says to include student art on the fence
- Brainstorming ways to engage local schools to create art; collaborating with
  - Mukilteo School District
  - Urban Artworks
  - Schack Art Center
  - ❖PUD Education Team

#### Project Next Steps

- ❖ Start construction spring 2023
- Finish construction by end of 2023
- Explore feasibility of battery study

## Tulalip Microgrids for Resiliency

- Feasibility studies currently underway
  - \*Commerce Department wants to foster Utility/Community partnership
  - Tulalip infrastructure layout is well-suited to a microgrid network



- Exploring options that will provide benefit to Tulalip and PUD
  - Emergency power/bill reduction for Tulalip
  - Grid support & peak shaving for PUD

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# Federal Funding for Clean Buildings

Liz Reichart, WA Department of Commerce March 16, 2023









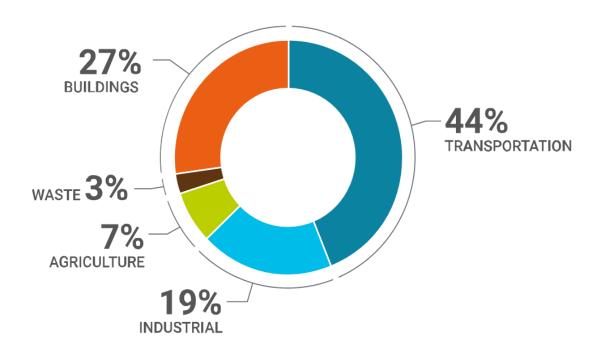


# We strengthen communities

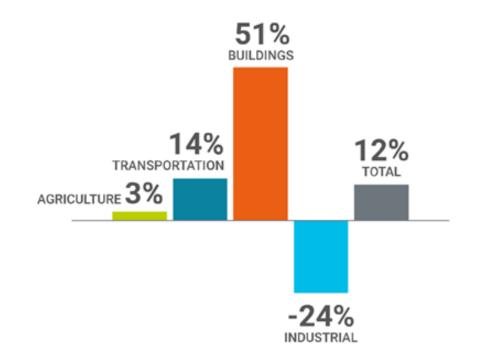


## Reducing emissions from existing buildings

#### Overall emissions in Washington



#### Emissions change by sector, 1990-2015



#### Inflation Reduction Act - Rebates

	Total Appropriations & Availability	Allocation of Funds	Program Description
Home Efficiency Rebates SEC. 50121	\$4,300,000,000 Until September 30, 2031	State Energy Offices (SEOs)	Develop and implement rebate program for single-family and multi-family households to accomplish whole-home retrofits that save at least 20% of household energy.
Home Electrification Rebates SEC. 50122	\$4,500,000,000 Until September 30, 2031	State Energy Offices (SEOs) & Indian Tribes	Develop and implement rebate program for low- and moderate-income single-family and multi-family households to purchase high-efficiency electric equipment.
Contractor Training SEC. 50123	\$200,000,000 Until September 30, 2031	State Energy Offices (SEOs)	Develop and implement residential energy efficiency and electrification contractor training programs.

# Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)



#### Rebate Opportunities

# High Efficiency Electric Rebates (\$82 million)

- Consumer rebates for qualified electrification projects at the point of sale
- Income eligibility of an eligible entity seeking a rebate may be verified at the point of sale
- Equipment can include:
  - Heat pump water heater, dryer, and space heating
  - Electric stove, cooktop range or oven (includes induction); and more

#### HOMES Rebates (\$83 million)

- Provides rebates for whole-house energy savings retrofits.
- Rebates will vary by depth of energy savings and income status
- Multifamily and low-to-moderate income households

## Inflation Reduction Act – Tax Credits

Section	Scope	Timing	Customer	Funding Level
Energy efficient commercial buildings deduction (179D) – Sec 13303	Tax credits of up to \$5/sq. ft. for >25% reduction in EUI	1/1/2023- 12/31/2032	Commercial building owners	N/A (\$362M total in tax credits)
New Energy Efficient Home Tax Credit (45L) –Sec. 13304	Tax credits of up to \$5,000 per home or per unit for new construction meeting efficiency tiers	1/1/2023- 12/31/2032	Residential and multifamily developers	N/A (\$2B total in tax credits)
Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption -Sec 50131**		TBD	Commercial & multifamily building owners	TBD





#### **BuildingsUP**

- Who is eligible: everyone!
- \$22M in cash prizes and technical assistance supporting electrification and buildings upgrades

#### EE Materials Pilot Program

- Who is eligible: nonprofits
- \$59M to upgrade building materials to improve energy efficiency, lower utility costs, and reduce carbon emissions.

... and many more on the <u>Commerce</u>
<u>Federal Funding for</u>
<u>Buildings webpage</u>

Reach out to Commerce if you are planning on a federal funding application.

# State-supported incentives

- Clean Energy Fund, Building Electrification Program
- Clean Buildings Incentive
- Weatherization
- Community Energy Efficiency Program
- Energy Retrofits for Public Buildings
  - Energy Efficiency Grants
  - Solar Grants
  - State Project Improvement Grants



#### Get involved

- Visit the Federal Funding for Buildings webpage
- Sign up for public listening sessions
- Email <a href="mailto:homerebates@commerce.wa.gov">homerebates@commerce.wa.gov</a> with questions



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## Federal Funding for Buildings



#### Upcoming Events

We will be hosting public listening sessions in early 2023. Please use the listening session interest form to sign up to be notified when these are announced.

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