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AGENDA Westtown Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Monday July 20, 2020 - 7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020
- III. Board of Supervisors Executive Session June 24, 2020
- IV. <u>Departmental Reports</u>
 - A. Planning Commission Kevin Flynn / Jim Lees
 - B. Historical Commission Ray Sarnacki
 - C. Public Works Director Mark Gross
 - D. Township Manager Rob Pingar
- V. Old Business
 - A. Oakbourne Mansion Exterior Restoration, Phase 1 Payment Request #6/Final
 - B. WCACOG 100% Renewable Energy Study Presentation
- VI. New Business
 - A. Oakbourne Mansion Exterior Restoration, Phase 2 Contract Award
- VII. Announcements
 - A. Toll Brothers/Crebilly Farm II, Board of Supervisors Conditional Use Hearing #3 Wed. July 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center (CANCELLED)
 - B. Parks & Recreation Children's Program Wednesday, July 22, 2020 (CANCELLED)
- VIII. Public Comment (All Topics)
- IX. Payment of Bills
- X. Adjournment

How to Engage in the Public Comment Sections of a Township Meeting

Public Comment is heard at three (3) different points during the meeting:

- 1. BEFORE OLD BUSINESS The public is permitted to make public comment on any matter not on the agenda. This comment period is subject to the time constraint in (d) below
- 2. PRIOR TO any action on a motion on an Agenda item. Public Comment at this stage is limited to the item under discussion (e.g. it is not appropriate to initiate a discussion on police services if the body is acting upon a sewer issue).
- 3. AFTER NEW BUSINESS. Public Comment is open to any legitimate item of business which can be considered by that Township Board/Commission (e.g. Planning Commission can discuss issues having to do with plan reviews, but cannot discuss why the Township does not plow your street sooner. Supervisors can discuss nearly every issue).

How to make a comment to any Township Board/Commission:

- a. The Chair will announce that the Board/Commission will now hear public comment, either on a specific issue or generally.
- b. You must then obtain recognition from the Chair prior to speaking.
- c. Once you have the floor, state your name and address for the record.
- d. You may then make your comment or ask your question. You will have three (3) minutes to make your statement, unless the Chair has announced otherwise, so please come prepared!

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

(Virtual meeting via Zoom)

Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Present virtually were: Chair Dick Pomerantz, Vice Chair Carol De Wolf, Police Commissioner Scott Yaw, Township Manager Robert Pingar, Planning & Zoning Director Will Ethridge, Historical Commissioner Erica Reilly, and Planning Commissioner Kevin Flynn. Nine guests called in to participate in this virtual meeting.

I. Pledge of Allegiance & Call to Order

This meeting was held remotely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Pomerantz called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM, and asked Kevin Flynn to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pomerantz stated that the meeting would be recorded and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. Mr. Ethridge explained the procedure for Public Comment for guests who called into the virtual meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes (June 1, 2020)

Ms. De Wolf made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Yaw seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Di Domenico (1530 Woodland Road) stated that the Mr. Pomerantz neglected to ask for public comment prior to approving the minutes. He stated that the minutes are missing some comments. Mr. Pingar explained that the township experienced technical difficulty with the Zoom recording, so the June 1 minutes were drafted from notes and memory.

Kathy Di Domenico (1530 Woodland Road) stated that two of the comments she made at the June 1 meeting were not reflected in the minutes. She said she had asked where the Zoom recordings were archived on the website, and if the public could participate via video in the virtual meetings. She recalled that Township Solicitor Pat McKenna replied that including video for guests in virtual meetings exposes the meeting to inappropriate behavior, and advised audio only for public participation. Additionally, Mr. McKenna stated that once the Emergency Declaration is rescinded by Governor Wolf, in-person meetings will resume.

Mr. Pomerantz stated that the Board will consult their solicitor on revising the minutes.

III. Departmental Reports

A. Planning Commission (PC) - Kevin Flynn

Planning Commissioner Kevin Flynn reported that the PC held a virtual meeting on June 3, 2020. The PC discussed a proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit at 1078 Powderhorn Drive, and voted 4-2 to approve. The PC also discussed ongoing efforts to make amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The PC has cancelled their June 17 meeting. The township is considering venues for the next PC meeting that meet virus mitigation protocols. The Toll/Crebilly application will be discussed at that meeting and a large group is anticipated.

There were no questions or comments.

B. Historical Commission (HC) - Erica Reilly

Mrs. Reilly stated that the HC has been working on the Historic Resources List and is waiting to hear back from Pat McKenna on that. The HC reached out to Mark Gross to see if Public Works could remove overgrowth at the Huey Ruins site. Mrs. Reilly stated that their other projects of interest – Shiloh Road AME cemetery, Veterans Memorial, and the roadside markers - are on hold until the Board decides to move forward. She requested a virtual meeting with the Board of Supervisors, since their in-person meeting was postponed due to the pandemic. The Board

agreed to meet virtually in the near future, rather than waiting for the Green Phase of the pandemic mitigation to hold the meeting in person.

Mr. Yaw asked if the stabilization of the Huey Ruins has been completed. Mr. Pingar replied that the initial phase was done last winter to stabilize the ruins. Mrs. Reilly stated that the Board has not appropriated funds to further preserve the existing ruins.

Mike Di Domenico commented that he was surprised to hear Mrs. Reilly refer to the Veterans Memorial project, given that the Board voted not to move forward on that. Mr. Pingar explained that the Veterans Memorial project went out to bid, but the bids came in much higher than what was budgeted, so the contract was not awarded. Mrs. Reilly asked what would become of the Taylor family stones that were going to be incorporated into the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Pingar stated that Board is considering alternative options for the Taylor stones, including putting them back in the Township open space in Pleasant Grove where they were originally placed, but doing so in a manner that would include public input and a different design. Mr. Pingar stated that the direction of the project may also be affected by the Oakbourne Park Master Plan currently being drafted.

There were no other comments or questions.

IV. Old Business

A. Oakbourne Park Master Plan Study Committee (MPSC)

Mr. Pomerantz explained that the Oakbourne Park Master Plan Study Committee (MPSC) was created to help formulate and draft a Master Plan for Oakbourne Park. The thirteen committee members come from various backgrounds and represent several neighborhoods in Westtown. The MPSC will work with the park planning consultants, JMT and Ann Toole, to gather community input, review existing conditions, restrictions and limitations, articulate challenges and opportunities, and define action steps towards future implementation of the Plan. The MPSC will meet on a monthly basis until the draft plan is completed and presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval. The MPSC members are: Tom Bare, Gary Bevilacqua, Pam Boulos, Allison Corcoran, Catherine Gin, Meghan Hanney, Marshall Lerner, Chris Limbach, Patrick McDonough, Tom Sennett, Joe Stratton, and Julie Weidinger.

B. Arborview Commercial Development – Escrow Release Request #3

Mr. Pomerantz stated that TAG Builders/Fair Share Properties, L.P. submitted Escrow Release Request No. 3 dated June 10, 2020 for the Arborview Commercial Lot land development project (a.k.a. Ducklings Early Learning Center & two-story office building) in the amount of \$164,328.47. Cedarville Engineering reviewed this release request, and in their letter dated June 11, 2020 recommends release of \$164,328.47, leaving a financial security balance of \$134,410.93.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion to approve Escrow Release No. 3 for the Arborview Commercial Lot land development project in the amount of \$164,328.47, to be made after amendment to the developer's and financial security agreements to incorporate the modifications referenced in the release request, along with the changes referenced in Cedarville's June 11 letter, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Township Solicitor. Mr. Pomerantz seconded the motion.

Jack Embick (189 Pheasant Run Road) asked the following questions:

- 1. Why is this escrow release unusual?
- 2. What has changed with respect to the proposed development?
- 3. What is not going to be developed on the property in accordance with the plan that is on file?
- 4. What's the status of the Arborview neighbors' issues with access and safety?

In response to Mr. Embick's first question, Ms. De Wolf stated that she would not call the escrow release "unusual," but explained that in the process of reviewing the escrow release, the Board had to consider that this project has two distinct buildings. The daycare has been constructed, but the second building may not be constructed for several years.

In response to question two, Ms. De Wolf stated that the project has changed, in that it will not all be completed at one time.

In response to question three, Ms. De Wolf stated that a medical building was originally proposed, but the Board does not know at this time if that is still going to be constructed. Mr. Pingar added that Tag Builders escrowed money for the second building, but it could be some time before that building is constructed.

Regarding question four, Ms. De Wolf stated that the Board is meeting via Zoom with Arborview residents tomorrow to address remaining issues.

Mr. Embick then asked about the status of the rain garden and the conversion of the sediment trap to a permanent basin. Ms. De Wolf stated that the basin will be converted to a naturalized basin when the project is finished. She added that a sewer line has to be put in on the eastern side of the basin, and the footprint of the second building will have to be established.

Mr. Embick asked if the second building is different than the building proposed in the current plan, will it come back to the Planning Commission (PC) for additional review? Mr. Pingar replied that the developer has not indicated any intention to change the plan. Mr. Pingar explained that the pandemic has compromised the developer's ability to market the second building, so construction has been delayed. Mr. Pomerantz stated that if the building footprint, parking, etc. changes from the current plan, then it would cycle back to the PC.

John Phillips (102 Hidden Pond Way) stated that the lighting at Ducklings Daycare is not in accordance with the approved plan or the township ordinance. He stated that funds should not be release until that is corrected. He also stated that the Arborview pond has suffered damage from flooding of the sediment trap, and he felt that these funds could potentially be used for remediation of the pond.

Ms. De Wolf stated that the lighting issue is being addressed. The building lights are turned off at night and the developer has ordered a diffuser for the lights. The lights are within the 20' height range allowed when there is no other use within 200 feet. The Board does not feel it is appropriate to require the developer to lower the lights. Ms. De Wolf stated that the pond will be discussed during the Zoom meeting tomorrow among the Arborview residents and the township.

Mr. Phillips added that the Arborview residents have two issues with safety. The stop sign on Orvis Way has a blind spot created by the guide rail, and the transition between the walking trail and the road is a concern. Ms. De Wolf stated that the Board is aware of these concerns.

Mr. Flynn stated that the plan should come back to the Planning Commission if a number of years go by, because the ordinance may change over that time. Mr. Pomerantz stated that the Board will consult their solicitor on the matter.

Phil Anderson (101 Hidden Pond Way) stated that the Board's unwillingness to hold the developer accountable to the plan undermines public trust and confidence in local government. Mr. Pomerantz asked Mr. Yaw to respond. Mr. Yaw stated that the Board takes their responsibilities very seriously, and do enforce the township ordinances. Mr. Yaw continued by stating that the residents of Arborview purchased their properties knowing that the development plan included an emergency access point, through street, and commercial component. Mr. Yaw stated that each project brings unique issues, which the Board has to evaluate and react to. He reminded Mr. Anderson that Board changed items on the original development plan, such as abandoning the emergency access at the request of Arborview residents, which demonstrates that a remedy does not always involve sticking to the original plan.

There was no further comment and the motion was approved 2-0, with Mr. Yaw abstaining due to the reasons set forth in his abstention memorandum of July, 2018.

V. New Business

A. 2020 Road Maintenance Program - Contract Award

Mr. Pomerantz stated that the following roads are included in the township's 2020 Road Maintenance Program: Lake Drive, E. Pleasant Grove Road, S. Matlack Street, Windy Knoll

Road, Shiloh Road, Bobolink Lane, Chickadee Lane, Franklin Drive, Chesterville Way, Freemont Drive, Londonderry Drive, and Edinburgh Drive. Drainage improvements will be made on Charles Road. Mr. Pingar added that some of the roads on the list will only be partially repaired.

Cedarville Engineering reviewed the bids received for the 2020 Road Program and determined that Innovative Construction Services, Inc. (INNCON) was the lowest responsible bidder, and recommended that the township award the contract to INNCON.

Mr. Yaw made motion to award the 2020 Road Maintenance Contract to Innovative Construction Services, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$763,508.65, add-alternate #1 amount of \$67,499.00, and add-alternate #2 amount of \$75,817.00, for a total contract price of \$906,824.65. Mr. Pomerantz seconded the motion.

Ms. De Wolf asked Mr. Pingar to explain why the lowest bidder was disqualified. Mr. Pingar stated that the lowest bid of the five received was disqualified because they did not submit verification of PennDOT prequalification. The contract stipulated that bidders must be a PennDOT Prequalified Contractor, which demonstrates the contractor has a record of meeting and following PennDOT standards of performance. Mr. Yaw noted that the bid package sets forth that the lowest responsible bidder is required to have PennDOT prequalification. Mr. Yaw also noted that the township received a \$75,774 reimbursement from Aqua to have the Township repave E. Pleasant Grove after their water main replacement project last year. So nearly \$76,000 of the \$907,000 project cost has been paid for by Aqua.

Mr. Flynn asked if any of the roads on the 2020 maintenance list would be impacted by the installation of public sewer for the Crebilly development. Mr. Pingar stated that they would not be impacted.

There was no further comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Resolution 2020-08 - Traffic Signal at Rt. 926 & Rt. 352 Intersection

Mr. Pomerantz stated that the township is upgrading the traffic signal at the Rt. 926 & Rt. 352 intersection by adding a dedicated left-turn phase for eastbound Rt. 926 with a left green arrow in the signal head. PennDOT will issue a new traffic signal permit for this intersection, and requires Westtown to adopt a standard resolution authorizing the Township Manager to sign the Application for Traffic Signal Approval.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 to authorize the Township Manager to sign and submit to PennDOT the Application for Traffic Signal Approval for the Rt. 926 & Rt. 352 intersection. Mr. Yaw seconded the motion.

Mr. Di Domenico asked the Board if the traffic study was done during the pandemic. Mr. Pingar stated that the traffic study was based on pre-pandemic traffic data over several years. Mr. Di Domenico stated that he doesn't think the left turn lane is going to alleviate the southbound 352 traffic. Mr. Pingar stated that the left turn lane is intended to address traffic backed up on 926, and added that adjustments to the signal timing will be made as needed. Mr. Di Domenico stated that he felt a left turn arrow for southbound traffic on Rt. 352 enabling cars to turn onto 926 was also warranted.

There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

VI. <u>Announcements</u>

A. Township Pandemic Operations - Yellow Phase starting June 15, 2020

Mr. Pomerantz asked Mr. Pingar to summarize Township operations in the Yellow Phase of pandemic response. Mr. Pingar stated that all staff are back in the office as of today. A clear plastic shield was installed at the counter for separation, staff and visitors are required to wear masks, and hand sanitizer is available. Mr. Pingar added that the building is not open for public meetings, and the bathrooms are not open to the public. Park facilities are open, except for the basketball courts and playground, which will remain closed until we enter the Green Phase. Ms. De Wolf stated that cases in Chester County have risen in the past week and encouraged the public to continue to exercise caution.

Kathy Di Domenico thanked the township for their efforts to keep residents and employees safe.

- B. Planning Commission Wednesday June 17, 2020 CANCELLED
- C. Toll Brothers/Crebilly Farm II, Board of Supervisors Conditional Use Hearing #3 Wednesday June 24, 2020 POSTPONED. The new hearing dates are Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday August 5, both starting at 6:00 PM, but the location is still to be determined.
- D. Board of Supervisors Meeting Monday July 6, 2020 CANCELLED
- E. Parks & Recreation Summer Movie Friday, July 17, 2020
- F. Parks & Recreation Children's Program Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Ms. De Wolf stated that because the Board does not meet again until July 20, they will need to discuss the upcoming P&R programs as the pandemic response unfolds. The Board acknowledged that it may be necessary to cancel these events.

VII. Public Comment on All Topics

Kathy Di Domenico asked again about the approval of the June 1 minutes. Ms. De Wolf stated that the minutes often don't reflect everything that was said in a meeting. Mr. Yaw stated that the Board failed to ask for public comment before the vote was called. He suggested that any missed comments should be emailed to the Township Manager, and if the Board decides to amend the minutes, they can do so at the next meeting. Mrs. Di Domenico also stated that public trust and confidence is waning, and did not feel that Mr. Pomerantz's style of deferring all responses to others demonstrated good leadership. She also expressed frustration that he does not recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pomerantz replied that everyone leads differently, and he looked forward to watching her leadership style if she is elected.

Kevin Flynn stated that he was pleased that the Township removed the lock from the tennis courts, but he said the playing surface is poor. The Board agreed with this assessment. Ms. De Wolf stated that the Board is looking at long range park improvements, including resurfacing the tennis courts. Mr. Yaw asked if the township could make temporary repairs to the courts until funding for major replacement is secured. Mr. Pingar stated that he would consult with Mark Gross about an interim solution.

John Phillips expressed frustration that some of the issues voiced by Arborview residents for many months have not been addressed, and stated that inconsistent communication and the lack of communication has eroded public confidence in the Board.

Kathy Di Domenico asked for an update on the Sunoco pipeline. Mr. Pingar reported that pullback of the segment from Westtown to Thornbury will take about 5 days and the work will be done during daylight hours only. The pilot hole for the segment from Westtown to East Goshen is about 50% done

Jack Embick countered Mrs. Di Domenico's comments about the leadership style of Mr. Pomerantz, saying that he felt that Mr. Pomerantz was an effective and inclusive leader.

Phil Anderson asked Mr. Pomerantz why the material for the Board meetings was provided to the public on Friday afternoons for Monday night meetings. Mr. Anderson stated that a lot of people have plans over the weekend that inhibit their ability to review the material. Mr. Pomerantz asked Mr. Pingar to respond. Mr. Pingar stated that the meeting agendas evolve over the period between meetings, and sometimes right up to Friday. Mr. Pingar said that changing the cut-off date for meeting packets is a Board decision. Mr. Yaw added that often the township is waiting for material from third parties, such as engineering review letters. Mr. Yaw also stated that Westtown Township provides much more detailed meeting information to the public than many townships. Mr. Pomerantz stated he will continue to strive to increase the communication level with the public, including possibly live streaming meetings.

Kathy Di Domenico asked how items discussed "offline" meet the Sunshine Law. Mr. Pomerantz stated that the Board may call one another or discuss an item, or the Township Manager may poll the Board on an item.

There was no other public comment.

VIII. Payment of Bills

Ms. De Wolf made a motion to approve General Fund bills in the amount of \$27,880.75, the Enterprise Fund bills in the amount of \$18,121.60, and the Capital Projects Fund bills in the amount of \$1,101.25 for a grand total of \$47,103.60. Mr. Yaw seconded the motion.

Kathy Di Domenico asked about the \$2100 check to Buckley Brion. Ms. De Wolf replied that is for legal representation by Kristin Camp for the Planning Commission. Ms. Di Domenico also questioned the payment to Freedom Systems. Mr. Pingar replied that is the township's annual subscription for their municipal software system. Mrs. Di Domenico then questioned a number of payments to individuals. Mr. Pingar explained that they are refunds of duplicate tax payments. Mrs. Di Domenico asked what the Enterprise Fund was, and Mr. Pingar stated that is the new name for the Wastewater Fund.

There were no further questions, and the check registers were unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Pomerantz stated that next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held virtually on July 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Ms. De Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Yaw. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Pingar Township Manager

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY & JUNE, 2020

The month of May in the Public Works Department began with keeping ahead of nature's springtime growth surge. Weekly mowing was well underway with certain areas needing additional cutting due to rapid growth. Annual pruning, edging, and mulching of the landscape beds wrapped up at the Administration Building, Public Works Complex, and surrounding Oakbourne Mansion. Due to a strong mid-month storm, we removed three downed trees and multiple branches from roadways and open space.

Building maintenance and repair took place during the COVID closing of Township facilities. Necessary light ballasts and lamps were replaced in the Administration Building, along with reconditioning of the emergency lighting system. A plexiglass safety guard was fabricated and installed at the front counter, and the building was stocked with masks, disinfectant, and hand sanitizer in preparation of the reopening of the facility. The Oakbourne Mansion breezeway ceiling and window was prepped and painted, two exit locks were repaired, the accessible outdoor entrance ramp was completely rebuilt with upgraded decking and handrails. Oakbourne mechanicals are checked daily in the absence of a caretaker. The park entrance to the athletic fields was repaved.

Twelve "Welcome to Westtown" signs were replaced, and the supporting posts were painted. The new Township road engineer was given an onsite tour of the roads and a 2020 Road Maintenance Program bid package was completed. Seven stormwater inlets were repaired, and multiple drains and tail ditches were cleared to facilitate stormwater runoff.

In June, work continued with vast cutting of overgrown vegetation at many intersections to improve visibility and safe travel. All township open space fields were mowed, and encroaching perimeters were cut back. Boom mowing of roadsides commenced. A strong early month storm occurred causing approximately twelve trees to require clearing from roads and open space. Four generators were placed at traffic signals due to power outages and six roads were closed due to downed power wires. A traffic signal pole and generator at S. Concord Road were damaged when a vehicle lost control. A signal pole and mast arm were replaced at 926/202 due to an earlier accident. The PennDot Route 202 Adaptive Control Signal Project has suffered multiple hardware issues, mainly with detection camera failures and is currently not operational, with no clear vision as to when the issues will be resolved. The Rt. 3/352 traffic signal has been upgraded from a span wire configuration to a mast arm support system.

The wastewater plant has been operating with elevated flows, but a noticeable decrease occurred as the move from the Yellow to Green phase of re-opening the county took place. The rooftop ventilation fans were serviced on the WCC control building. Arborview Pump Station experienced a one-leg failure of its utility power feed from PECO. Wild Goose Pump Station required a rotator assembly replacement in one of the pumps.

At Oakbourne Park, the tennis court was power washed, cracks were filled, and the surface was patchpainted to facilitate safe play. The resident lock on the tennis court was also removed at the request of the Supervisors. We are now experiencing some skateboard use of the courts because of open access. The basketball rims were reinstalled, and a deformed section of asphalt was replaced. Phase I of the Mansion Exterior Restoration of the mansion and ancillary buildings wrapped up with the pole gutters on the mansion being lined with a reinforced silicone based matting system as a waterproof barrier. Phase II of the project was delineated, the bid package was developed, and is currently out for bid. Award expected in mid-July.

Multiple Aqua water main replacement projects in the township are being cooperatively monitored and managed. So far, so good.

The immediate future will be busy with the Aqua projects continuing, the 2020 Road Maintenance program and Oakbourne Phase II projects commencing, along with a few stormwater pipe replacements and considerable vegetative management of the bio-swale area of Tyson Park.



Tennis court repair





New accessible ramp at Oakbourne Mansion



Roadside mowing

MARK GROSS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT			<i>AIA DOCUMENT G702</i>	PAGE ONE OF TWO PAGES	
TO OWNER:	PROJECT:		APPLICATION NO: 6 Final	Distribution to:	
Westtown Township	Oakbourne Mansion Exterior Repairs			OWNER	
1039 Wilmington Pike	1014 S. Concord Road			ARCHITECT	
West Chester, PA 19382	West Chester, PA 19382		PERIOD TO: June 30, 2020	CONTRACTOR	
FROM CONTRACTOR:	VIA ARCHITECT:				
R.C. Legnini Company, Inc.	Linn Architects				
46 Pennsylvania Avenue	1140 N. Providence	Road	PROJECT NOS:		
Malvern, PA 19355	Media, PA 19063				
CONTRACT FOR General Contracting	,		CONTRACT DATE: August 7, 2019		
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			shown herein is now due.		
1 ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM		\$ 352,736.07			
2 NET CHANGES by Change Orders		\$ 19,434.83	CONTRACTOR: R.C. Legnini Company, Inc.		
3 CONTRACT SUM TO DATE (Line 1 ± 2)		\$ 372,170.90	1-11/		
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PAYMENT (Line 6 from prior Certificate)		\$ 351,148.38	information and belief the Work has progressed as i	·	
8 CURRENT PAYMENT DUE		\$ 21,022.52	with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is		
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NET CHANGES by Change Order	\$19,43	4.83	Owner or Contractor under this Contract.		

SCHEDULE OF VALUES

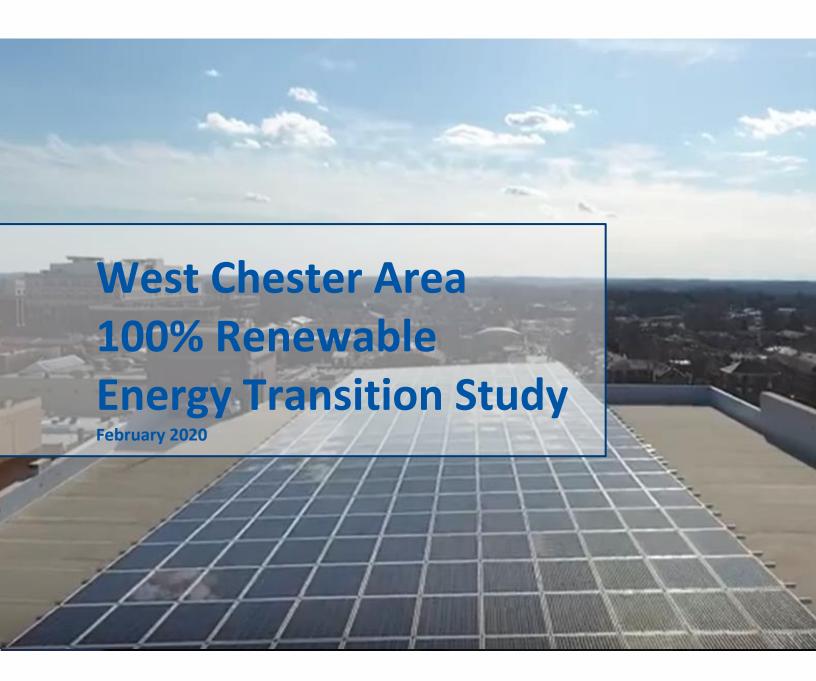
PROJECT NAME

Oakbourne Mansion Exterior Repairs

R.C. LEGNINI COMPANY, INC. 46 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE MALVERN, PA 19355

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	Contractor's fee	\$45,501.00	\$45,501.00	\$0,00		\$45,501,00	100%	\$0,00	\$0.00
	Permits	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0,00		\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mobilization	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00		\$7,200.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Admin Costs	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0,00		\$7,000.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Bonds and Insurance	\$9,650.00	\$9,650.00	\$0.00		\$9,650.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Temporary Protection	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00		\$2,800.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Dumpsters	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00		\$1,700.00	100%	\$0,00	\$0.00
	Material Handling	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$0.00		\$4,600.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Equipment	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$0.00		\$8,400.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0,00
	Supervision	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$0.00		\$53,000.00	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Introduction and Background

West Chester Area Renewable Energy Goals

The Townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen, Westtown, West Whiteland and the West Chester Borough, Pennsylvania, are working with the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) to study the pathways for utilization of:

- 100% renewable electricity by 2035
- 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050.

West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township have formally adopted these goals via a 100% Renewable Energy Vision Resolution^{1,2} and plan to utilize this report to consider pathways for achieving these goals. The remaining Townships plan to utilize the findings of this report in evaluating the potential adoption of these goals.

In 2019, the six participating municipalities collectively hired the Cadmus Group to complete a study on the feasibility, costs, and opportunities of this transition, and to create a long-term, actionable roadmap for realizing the community's goals.

Objective and Approach

Local governments across the United States and globe employ a wide range of strategies to support the transition to renewable energy (RE). The viability and impact of these strategies varies depending on contextual factors, such as state-level regulation, utility type, and local factors. The purpose of this report is to provide the West Chester Area (WCA) municipalities with actionable strategies given their specific policy and regulatory context to achieve their renewable energy goals along with targeted implementation guidance for pursuing the selected strategies. Note that for the purposes of this report renewable energy sources are considered to include wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass. The Cadmus Team's process for identifying these strategies is summarized in Figure 1 below and outlined in more detail in the Strategy Analysis and Findings section:

¹ East Bradford Township. Resolution #24-2018. https://www.eastbradford.org/download/government/Res-2018-24-Energy-Resolution.pdf

West Chester Borough. Resolution No. 12-2017. <a href="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017?bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester/View/9718/Resolution-12-2017.bidId="https://west-chester/View/9718/

Stakeholder and Community Engagement

- Conducted intake interviews
- Convened an Advisory Group workshop
- Held a Community
 Visioning workshop
- Project website maintenance

Policy and Strategy Analysis; and Siting Review

- Identified potential strategies
- Developed evaluation criteria
- Assessed strategies against key criteria
- Conducted a solar siting analysis for eight sites

Energy and Financial Impact Modeling

- Analyzed baseline energy levels
- Analyzed potential energy impacts of selected strategies on energy mix
- Assessed cost impacts to municipalities

Figure 1: Summary of Cadmus Process

- 1. **Stakeholder and Community Engagement.** At the outset of the project, the Cadmus Team conducted a series of engagement efforts to ensure the forthcoming research and analysis is grounded in local goals and perspectives. A summary of these engagements is included below. For more detailed information, please see Appendix A.
 - Advisory Group Input: Throughout the project, the Cadmus Team received continuous input from a 12-person Advisory Group comprised of individuals who represent participating municipalities of the Council of Governments (COG). Representatives from the Advisory Group met with the Cadmus Team weekly to provide guidance and input on key aspects of the study. Additionally, the full 12-person Advisory Group reviewed draft findings from each of the major components of methodology.
 - Interviews: The Cadmus Team conducted one-hour intake interviews with six Advisory Group members and one additional stakeholder. During these conversations, interviewees provided feedback on what excites them and concerns them about renewable energy transition, as well as their vision for the West Chester Area's energy future and strategies they feel will help them reach their goals.
 - Advisory Group Workshop: The Cadmus Team facilitated an in-person 2.5-hour workshop with the full Advisory Group on July 11th to solicit further feedback from the Advisory Group and prepare for a Community Visioning Workshop held in the West Whiteland Township building later that day.
 - Community Workshop: The Cadmus Team held a community visioning workshop during
 which the Advisory Group members and the Cadmus Team facilitated conversations with
 community members to begin to define a community energy vision for 2050, to identify
 different community priorities, and discuss the community's specific needs, challenges,
 and desired outcome for the project. The workshop had approximately 60 attendees, who
 were divided into seven breakout groups for discussions.

- 2. Policy and Strategy Analysis & Siting Review. Based on stakeholder and community feedback, the Cadmus Team's prior work with municipal governments nationwide, and desk research on the West Chester Area's state, utility, and local context; the Cadmus Team compiled an initial list of 42 strategy options across the electricity, transportation, and building sectors that could be leveraged to achieve the West Chester Area's 2035 and 2050 goals. The Cadmus Team shared this initial list of strategy options with the Advisory Group members, which then conducted a prioritization exercise to select the top 18 strategies to analyze further. For each of the top 18 strategies, the Cadmus Team analyzed and ranked each strategy on a scale of one (low) to three (high) against key criteria including potential scale of impact, technical and political feasibility, as well as financial impact. Further details on the criteria and results of the analysis can be found in the Strategy Analysis and Findings section and the full list of the initial 42 strategies can be found in Appendix B. Additionally, the Cadmus Team conducted a solar feasibility analysis for multiple municipally-owned sites across the WCA. The full details of this analysis can also be found in the Appendix.
- 3. Energy and Financial Impacts Modeling. At the outset of the modeling task, the Cadmus Team first conducted research on the current mix of electric power sources for the West Chester Area, and developed a business-as-usual forecast of likely changes in the electric power mix during the planning period (present-2050). Next, the Cadmus Team assessed the likely energy impacts each selected strategy would have toward increasing the share of renewable energy in the West Chester Area's supply mix, as well as the potential costs associated with each strategy or policy. To conduct this modeling work, the Cadmus Team conducted research on local and state context, drawn on its existing database of local government policy impacts and experience in conducting energy sector modeling for cities, and consulted with the Advisory Group members to refine the model inputs. Further details on the modeling methodology and assumptions can be found in Appendix C.

Key Limitations

This study focuses on strategies that will support a transformation of the WCA's energy system. While energy efficiency (EE) plays a significant role in this transformation, actions to improve efficiency are not sufficient to achieve the WCACOG's goals. Therefore, while gains in efficiency are not the focus of this report, they are considered in the baseline model. Additionally, the report includes high-level guidance on EE strategies and key resources for next steps in Appendix D. Furthermore, this study focuses on the changes needed to the renewable energy supply to transform the WCA energy system and is not a greenhouse gas emissions accounting exercise. Lastly, the results of this study should be refreshed periodically to account for local progress against initial strategies, technology advancement, electricity market changes, and other contextual updates.

Electricity Landscape

State Context

There are several state policies and programs that both support and limit renewable energy deployment in Pennsylvania. Key state policies are listed below.

- Deregulated Market. The state of Pennsylvania has a deregulated electricity market.³ In deregulated electricity markets, investor-owned utilities are not permitted to own and operate power plants that generate electricity. Instead, retail customers are free to purchase electricity from a competitive supplier, and the utility continues to provide distribution services. Within the West Chester Area, PECO (formerly the Philadelphia Electrical Company) is the electric utility. There are several competitive energy suppliers active in Pennsylvania offering retail customers a range supply options that include different electricity sources and prices.⁴
- Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS). This standard requires all electric distribution companies and electric generation suppliers in the state to supply 18% of electricity with "alternative" energy sources by 2021. The APS mandates that 8% of electricity must be generated from Tier I resources, while the remaining 10% must be generated from Tier II resources. The AEPS also includes a solar carve-out, requiring 0.5% of electricity be generated from solar photovoltaic (PV) by 2021.
- Net Energy Metering. State law requires investor-owned utilities to allow certain customers to net meter excess electricity that is produced by eligible systems. Customer groups eligible for net metering in Pennsylvania include residential customers with systems that generate up to 50 kW, non-residential customers with systems that generate up to 3 MW, and customers with systems generating between 3-5 MW that also serve as micro-grids and emergency systems. Systems eligible for net metering include solar PV, solar thermal, wind, hydropower, geothermal energy, biomass, fuel cells, combined heat and power, municipal solid waste, waste coal, coalmine methane, and other forms of distributed generation as well as certain demand-side management technologies.⁸ Customers who participate in net metering receive credits valued at the full retail rate for every excess kWh produced by the system each month, and excess credits

³ Cadmus. Pathways to 100. https://cadmusgroup.com/papers-reports/pathways-to-100-an-energy-supply-transformation-primer-for-u-s-cities/

⁴ PA Power Switch. Shop for Electricity. https://www.papowerswitch.com/

⁵ **Tier I resources** include: photovoltaic energy, solar-thermal energy, wind, low-impact hydro, geothermal, biomass, wood pulping and manufacturing byproducts from energy facilities within the state, biologically-derived methane gas, coal-mine methane, and fuel cells. (DSIRE)

⁶ **Tier II resources** include new and existing waste coal, distributed generation systems less than 5 MW in capacity, demand-side management, large-scale hydro, municipal solid waste, wood pulping and manufacturing byproducts from energy facilities located outside of the state, useful thermal energy, and integrated gasification combined cycle coal technology. (DSIRE)

⁷ DSIRE. July 2018. Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard. https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/262.

⁸ DSIRE. November 2019. Net Metering, https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/65

roll over month-to-month.⁹ Pennsylvania's net metering rules also allow for meter aggregation and virtual meter aggregation for meters belonging to the same customer that are located within two miles of the customer's property within a single utility's service area.¹⁰ Net metering is a useful policy for supporting the development of distributed renewable energy generation as it provides compensation for excess energy generation contributed to the grid.

- Third Party Ownership. The state permits third party ownership in the form of leases and power purchase agreements (PPAs). Both structures allow a third-party, such as a RE developer, to build, own, and operate a RE system on behalf of a host customer. This model enables customers to avoid the upfront costs of distributed RE installation and it allows tax-exempt entities (e.g., governments and non-profits) that do not have direct access to federal and state tax credits to leverage these incentives.
- Community Solar. House Bill 531 and its companion, Senate Bill 705, are currently under consideration, and, if passed, would allow for community solar in Pennsylvania. Community solar projects, sometimes referred to as solar gardens, are usually large solar PV arrays, which produce clean electricity that community members across multiple properties are eligible to purchase. Currently, solar energy in Pennsylvania and its benefits are only available to persons and entities who own property upon which solar can be installed. The proposed community solar program would expand access to solar energy significantly by enabling anyone with an electric bill, such as renters, to subscribe to a share of a solar array in a different location than their residence or business. Subscribers would receive a credit on their electricity bill for the share of renewable electricity to which they are subscribed.
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs). An SREC is a Renewable Energy Certificate that denotes ownership of solar energy. Pennsylvania is one of seven U.S. states that have a solar carve-out that requires utilities to purchase Solar Renewable Energy Certificates to meet the renewable energy portfolio standards. The value of SRECs varies depending upon market supply and demand at any given time, as of February 2020, the value of one SREC in Pennsylvania was approximately \$40/MWh of electricity. There have been recent changes within the Pennsylvania SREC market that may increase the value of SRECs in the state, and more changes may follow in the coming years. Most recently, 2017 Act 40¹⁶ limits the ability of out of state

https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/pennsylvania/take-action/community-solar-reality/.

⁹ Energy Sage. January 2020. PECO Energy Net Metering. https://www.energysage.com/net-metering/peco-energy/.

¹⁰ DSIRE. November 2019. Net Metering. https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/65

¹¹ Solar United Neighbors. Make Community Solar a Reality in Pennsylvania.

¹² EnergySage. Community Solar. https://www.energysage.com/solar/community-solar-power-explained/

Pennsylvania House of Representatives. January 2019. House Co-Sponsorship Memoranda: Community Solar Legislation. https://www.legis.state.pa.us//cfdocs/Legis/CSM/showMemoPublic.cfm?chamber=H&SPick=20190&cosponId=27796

¹⁴ SRECTrade. *Pennsylvania*. https://www.srectrade.com/markets/rps/srec/pennsylvania

¹⁵ EnergySage. SRECs in Pennsylvania: prices, projections, and program status. https://news.energysage.com/srecs-in-pennsylvania-prices-projections-and-program-status/

electricity generators to participate in the Pennsylvania SREC market. In past years, out of state electricity generator participation was high in the Pennsylvania market, which drove down prices.

Utility Context

The West Chester Area municipalities are located within PECO's service territory for electricity service. PECO is an investor-owned utility that provides electricity and natural gas service to 1.6 million electric customers and 511,000 natural gas customers across Southeastern Pennsylvania.¹⁷ PECO supports renewable energy in Pennsylvania by offering net metering, as required by state policy, and through the provision of education materials on key renewable energy topics, including interconnection¹⁸ and renewable energy financing options.¹⁹ PECO also offers several energy efficiency (EE) focused incentives and programs, including home energy assessments and a range of discounts and rebates for energy efficient appliances.²⁰ The Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regulates investor-owned utilities in Pennsylvania, including PECO, and is responsible for ensuring reliable service at reasonable rates.²¹

Local Policies and Initiatives

In addition to state-level policies, local actions also shape the landscape for potential future energy actions. West Chester Area municipalities have taken steps to support the deployment of local renewable energy. Beyond supporting the 2035 and 2050 renewable energy goals and the development of this report, selected highlights across the municipalities include:

- West Chester Borough installed a **72-kW solar canopy** on the Chestnut Street Garage roof in 2009.
- East Goshen has formed a **Sustainability Advisory Committee** to discuss environmental, economic, and social sustainability.
- West Goshen applied for funding to install 2 EV charging stations at the Township building (if successful installation will happen spring 2020).

https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2017&sessInd=0&act=40

¹⁶ Pennsylvania General Assembly. 2017 Act 40.

¹⁷ PECO. Company Information. https://www.peco.com/AboutUs/Pages/CompanyInformation.aspx

¹⁸ PECO. DER Interconnection Viability.

https://www.peco.com/MyAccount/MyService/Pages/DERInterconnectionViability.aspx

¹⁹ PECO. Solar for Homes and Businesses.

https://www.peco.com/SmartEnergy/MyGreenPowerConnection/Pages/SolarforHomeBusiness.aspx

²⁰ PECO. For Your Home. <u>https://www.peco.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Default.aspx</u>

²¹ Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Mission Statement. http://www.puc.state.pa.us/about-puc.aspx

• Solarize²² Southeastern Pennsylvania was established in 2019 and over 30 homeowners signed contracts for solar PV installations. Another campaign is anticipated in 2020 with a renewed focus on Chester County.²³

Additionally, the Sierra Club has an active Southeastern Pennsylvania chapter and Ready for 100 team that provides education opportunities to the local community. Some examples include:

- The Chester County 100% Renewable Energy Expo and Discussion
- Ready for 100 After the Resolution Conference and Discussion



Ready for 100 Parade



Solar PV on Westtown School Althetic Center

²² U.S. Department of Energy. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Solarize Guidebook. https://www.energy.gov/eere/solarpoweringamerica/solarize-guidebook

²³ Solarize Southeast PA. https://solarizesoutheastpa.com/

Current Energy Consumption and Baseline Projections

Overview and Methodology

To better assess the scale of change needed to achieve West Chester Area's 2035 and 2050 renewable energy goals, it is important to understand the current breakdown of energy generation sources, utility projections for future electricity generation, and baseline forecasted energy consumption and supply. This analysis outlines the current energy generation sources throughout the West Chester Area and the expected changes to the electricity supply through the year 2050.

To determine the amount of energy consumed by the townships, the Cadmus Team began by aggregating data on energy use in the building and transportation sectors.²⁴ Next, the energy consumption of each sector was broken down to determine the source of energy (i.e. either electricity or another fuel source). The electricity mix for the region was then disaggregated into its composite sources. Figure 2 visually represents the baseline energy modeling methodology.

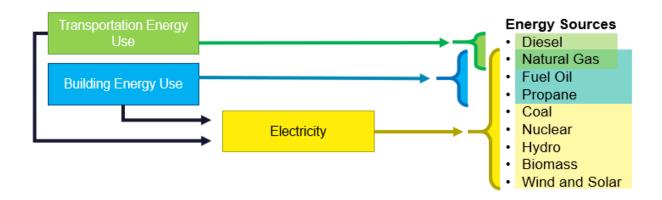


Figure 2: Energy Model Workflow

Current Energy Consumption

Based on most recent available data, the West Chester Area consumes approximately 14,000 billion BTU annually. West Chester's energy mix is 27 percent electrified, with the remaining energy coming from direct fossil fuel consumption. Over one third of the energy consumed is sourced from gasoline and diesel for the transportation sector. Natural gas, fuel oil, diesel, and propane are primarily used for heating in buildings, and account for about 36 percent of the mix. Of the heating fuels, natural gas is the most prominent, and is consumed significantly for electricity generation as well.

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Data sources used to figure the current consumption in the building sector was derived primarily from U.S. Census data and Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) 2015 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Summary. Data for the transportation sector are mainly sourced from U.S. Census data, Energy Information Administration (EIA), and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA).

West Chester's electricity mix is heavily dependent on non-renewables. A third of the energy comes from nuclear power plants, and a slightly smaller share from natural gas plants. Coal consumption decreased significantly over the last decade but still supplies approximately 20 percent of electricity, more than renewables. Renewables, such as wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass, make up just over 1 percent of the overall energy mix. Figure 3 illustrates the energy consumption by fuel type and electricity source.

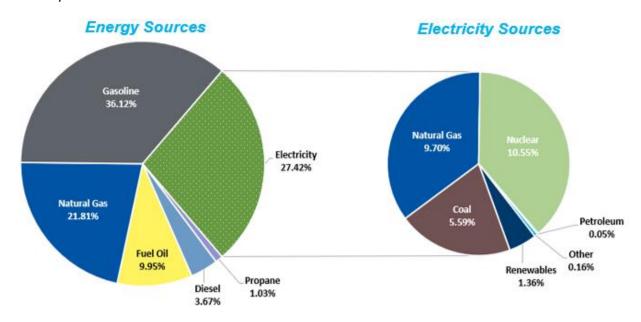


Figure 3: Energy Consumption by Fuel Type

As seen in Figure 4 below, the buildings sector constitutes 60% of all energy consumed in the West Chester Area. Of that 60%, 37% comes from commercial and industrial buildings, and the remaining 23% is consumed by residential buildings. Most of the energy consumed in commercial buildings comes from electricity and natural gas whereas residential buildings primarily consume natural gas. The transportation sector predominantly uses gasoline, with a relatively small share of diesel. Electric vehicles (EV) currently comprise a minimal amount of transportation energy consumption.

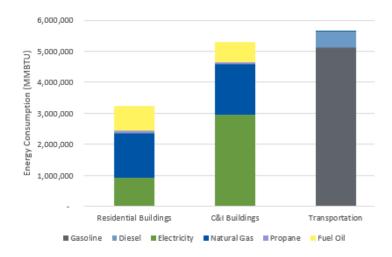
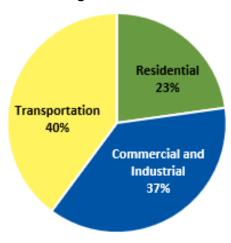


Figure 4: Breakdown of Energy Consumption by Sector and Fuel Source in 2018



Baseline Scenario

The purpose of a baseline scenario is to model West Chester Area's likely electricity mix in 2035 and 2050 without any additional action from the municipalities or state. The baseline scenario projects West Chester Area's community-wide electricity mix until 2050 based on planned additions and retirements in Pennsylvania's electric grid. Given that the electricity sector offers the greatest near-term potential for renewables transformation, most of the strategies selected by the WCA participating municipalities focus on the electricity sector. As such, the baseline model also illustrates the electricity sector.

The baseline model accounts for the shutdown of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in 2019, which provided just over 3% of the state's electricity generation. It also incorporates the phaseout of coal with a 10% compounded decrease every year moving forward, extending the trend seen in the past decade. Renewables are expected to increase based on targets set by the Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard for Tier 1 resources and are projected to grow at a constant annual rate of 0.5% after the target of 8% Tier 1 renewables is reached by 2021.

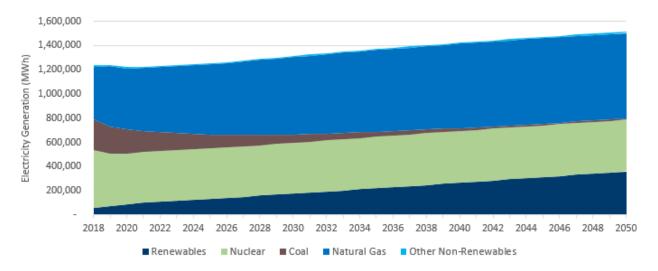


Figure 5: Current Projected Electricity Generation by Fuel Source

Key Takeaways from the Baseline Scenario

The model projects the following baseline milestones:

- Overall electricity consumption increases by 21 percent over the modeled period due to both projected population growth and electrification of the building and transportation sectors. The results of this baseline model account for a 3% reduction in electricity demand through 2050 due to energy efficiency gains as projected by the Energy Information Administration.
- **By 2019:** Natural gas overtakes nuclear as the primary fuel source for electricity. This is largely due to the planned retirement of the nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island.
- By 2040: Coal is almost entirely phased out of the electricity mix and replaced by natural gas.
- By 2050: Renewables make up 22.5 percent of the electricity mix. This increase is due to abiding
 by the Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS), and an assumed constant
 growth after the AEPS target year of 2021.

In sum, over the 30-year modeling period, West Chester Area's building and transportation end-uses are progressively electrified, which increases overall electricity demand. Meanwhile, the electricity mix is projected to become more and more powered by renewable resources as coal is phased out and renewable prices decline. Collectively, these trends will support West Chester municipalities in their efforts to reach 2035 and 2050 renewable energy goals, but not at a sufficient scale. Currently, renewable energy generation is minimal in all sectors for the participating municipalities. Specifically, in the baseline scenario, renewables are projected to reach a 22.5 percent share of the electricity mix by the end of the 30-year modeling period. However, West Chester municipalities still have significant opportunity to accelerate and scale these trends through policy and programmatic action. Specifically, in the following section of the report, the Cadmus Team's analysis focuses on pathways for municipalities to (1) increase renewable generation within the electricity supply mix in the near-term, and (2) accelerate electrification of building and transportation end-uses over the mid- to long-term.

The near-term policies that enable and increase the renewables in the electricity system are of great importance to reaching the WCA municipalities renewable electricity goals. Next, a longer-term goal to

electrify the building and transportation sectors is necessary to reach a fully renewable energy supply. This means that electricity will need to replace natural gas and fuel oil in the buildings sector and gasoline and diesel in the transportation sector.

Strategy Analysis and Findings

Strategy Analysis Methodology

Policy Analysis

There are numerous strategies that the West Chester Area Municipalities could undertake in an effort to achieve their renewable energy goals. As noted previously, renewable energy sources include wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass. To identify a subset of strategies that would be appropriate and effective in the West Chester Area context, the Cadmus Team first compiled an initial list of 42 strategy options spanning the electricity, transportation, and building sectors. The selection of strategies on this list was informed by stakeholder and community feedback; the Cadmus Team's prior work with municipal governments nationwide; and desk research on the West Chester Area's state, utility, and local policy context, outlined in the Electricity Landscape section.

The Cadmus Team shared this initial list of strategy options with the Advisory Group members, which then conducted a prioritization exercise to select the top 18 strategies to analyze further. For each of the top 18 strategies, the Cadmus Team then qualitatively assessed and ranked each strategy on a scale of one (low) to three (high) against key criteria, summarized below:

- **Potential Scale of Impact**: Extent to which a strategy is expected to increase renewable energy supply in the electricity sector and/or increase the adoption of electrification technologies within the transportation or building sector within the West Chester Area.
- **Technical Feasibility**: Extent to which a strategy is feasible considering potential technical barriers (e.g. technology or policy).
- **Political Feasibility**: Extent to which a strategy is feasible considering local and state political barriers and social acceptability within participating municipalities.
- **Potential Financial Impact**: Extent to which a participating municipality will incur costs to implement the strategy.

For each strategy, the Cadmus Team also worked with the Advisory Group to identify key relevant examples in the West Chester Area or neighboring locales and categorized each strategy's implementation timeline as short- (0-1 years), medium (2-4 years), or long-term (5+ years). For more information on the top 18 strategies please see the strategy profiles below.

Energy and Financial Impact Modeling

The final component of the analysis involved quantitative energy and financial impact modeling. Of the 18 strategies identified as priorities in consultation with the Advisory Group, seven were deemed to have a minimal direct impact on the energy mix in the near-term. While these strategies play a key role in setting the foundation for future action, they are anticipated to have a minimal direct impact on the energy supply and therefore were not modeled.

The remaining 11 strategies were expected to have greater energy impacts. As such, the Cadmus Team modeled the likely energy impacts and calculated the approximate financial impacts each of these 11

selected strategies would have toward increasing the share of renewable energy in the West Chester Area's supply mix. Some considerations for each modeled strategy include:

- **Year Started**: The year in which a strategy is expected to begin affecting distributed generation buildout or the power supply to the townships.
- **Area of Impact**: Area in which a strategy impacts the electricity supply. Strategies either increase distributed generation in the townships directly or cause broader impacts to the power mix supplying the townships.
- **Scale of Impact**: Extent to which a strategy affects renewable generation and how large the impact is assumed to be per year.

For more information on the modeling methodology and assumptions, please see Appendix C.

Synthesized Findings for Analyzed Strategies

Based on the findings from the policy analysis and the results of the energy and financial impacts modeling work, four key categories emerged into which the 18 strategies can be divided depending on expected impact, local level of control, and overall role in the energy transition. These categories include 1) Enabling Strategies, 2) Community Engagement Strategies, 3) Municipal Supply Mix Strategies, and 4) State-Level Options.

Each of these categories and the associated strategies are explained in further detail in the following section. For each strategy, a one-page profile details information from the strategy analysis, including estimated energy impacts, technical feasibility, and political feasibility; as well as detailed implementation information, such as level of local control, timeline, implementation steps, and relevant resources and examples. The key below summarizes how to interpret the profiles:

Criteria	Description	Ranking
Potential Scale of Impact	Extent to which a strategy is expected to increase renewable energy supply in the electricity sector and/or increase the adoption of electrification technologies within the transportation or building sector within the West Chester Area.	Low : Action is expected to have minimal or no impact of the level of RE and/or adoption of electrification technologies in the West Chester Area.
		Medium: Action is expected to have a moderate impact on of the level of RE and/or adoption of electrification technologies in the West Chester Area. High: Action is expected to have a major impact on the level of RE and/or adoption of electrification technologies in the West Chester Area.
Technical Feasibility	Extent to which a strategy is feasible considering potential technical barriers (e.g. technology or policy).	Low: Action faces major technical barriers that jeopardize the action's ultimate implementation. Medium: Action faces moderate technical barriers, though these barriers are not considered fatal flaws. High: Action is expected to be

		implemented without significant technical complications.
Political feasibility	Extent to which a strategy is feasible considering local and state political barriers and social acceptability with participating municipalities.	Low : Action faces major political barriers and/or strong opposition from some stakeholders.
		Medium : Action faces moderate political barriers and no strong response from stakeholders.
		High : Action is expected to be implemented without significant political barriers and stakeholders are expected to be broadly supportive or ambivalent toward the action.
Local Level of Control	Extent to which a strategy is within a participating municipality's direct control.	Low : Action is outside of the direct control of a participating municipality
		Medium: Action is partially within the direct control of a participating municipality, but requires coordination with other entities (e.g. the utility)
		High : Action is within the direct control of a participating municipality
Timeline	Categorization of a strategy's implementation	Short-Term: 0-1 years
	timeline.	Medium-Term: 2-4 years
		Long-Term: 5+ years

Category 1: Enabling Strategies

Overview

This category includes strategies that set the foundation for future action. Many of these strategies ensure alignment with current and future renewable energy technologies in order to reduce costs and

policy barriers associated with renewable energy integration. These strategies are typically highly local and within the direct control of the municipality, but are not expected to have a substantial, direct impact on the energy mix. As such, these strategies have not been included in the energy and financial impact modeling work. Lastly, while WCA municipalities are expected to incur costs for staff-time to implement these strategies in the near-term, there is strong potential for these strategies to also generate financial benefits and job creation for WCA communities in the long-term. Key strategies in this category are listed below:

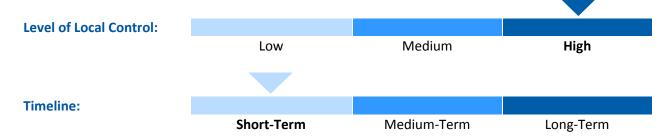
#	Strategy			
<u>1.1</u>	Encourage solar ready guidelines	20		
<u>1.2</u>	Streamline interconnection processes	22		
<u>1.3</u>	Pass EV-ready ordinances	24		
<u>1.4</u>	Install public charging stations for EVs	26		
1.5	Develop a building electrification roadmap	28		

Strategy 1.1: Encourage Solar Ready Guidelines

Description:

Participating municipalities encourage new buildings to be built in a way that accommodates future solar installations

Criteria	Ranking	Description		
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW	Limited direct energy impacts expected as the strategy does not directly generate clean energy and is limited to the rooftop solar and new construction market. However, this strategy reduces technical and financial barriers to solar implementation and will thus play an important role in the West Chester Area achieving its full solar potential over the medium- to long-term.		
Technical Feasibility MEDIUM-HIGH		No major technical barriers expected given the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's (DVRPC) existing guidelines. Additionally, several resources outlining best practices are available via SolSmart, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), and more. See below for more information on resources.		
Political Feasibility	HIGH	No major political barriers expected. According to NREL, building owners and real estate developers stand to benefit from solar ready guidelines as it is a low-cost step that will position them to take advantage of lower costs of solar in the future.		



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Costs Implementation costs are expected to be largely limited to staff time.

	Implementation Steps	Resources and Examples		
1.	Review template solar ready guidelines and adapt for WCA context, if needed	•	DVRPC: Solar Ready New Construction Checklist West Chester Borough: Green Building Certification Checklist NREL: Solar Ready: An Overview of Implementation Practices	

Consider joining SolSmart for additional technicalassistance related to best practices and implementation

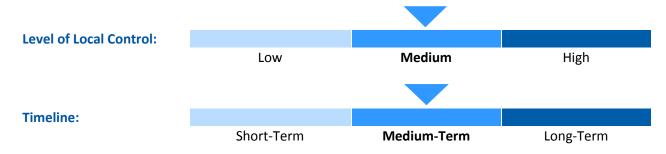
• SolSmart: <u>Technical Assistance</u>

Strategy 1.2: Streamline Interconnection Processes

Description:

Interconnection is the process by which a new distributed energy generation resource such as a solar, wind or hydropower system, is connected to the utility's grid. Once a renewable energy project has been built, it can be interconnected in order to provide power to the grid. This interconnection enables off-takers from the project to receive credit for their project's energy contributions to the grid through a process called net metering (described in the Electricity Landscape section of this report). Interconnection requires approval from the utility and can involve a lengthy process, depending on whether any grid improvements are needed to support the additional load or the number of additional applications that are in the queue. Participating municipalities could collaborate with PECO to develop more transparent, standardized, and in some cases automated utility interconnection procedures.

Criteria	Ranking	Description		
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW	Limited direct energy impacts expected as the strategy does not directly generate clean energy. However, this strategy reduces technical barriers to solar implementation and will thus play an important role in the West Chester Area achieving its full solar potential over the medium- to long-term.		
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Some technical barriers expected. Potential barriers may include municipal staff and community members needing to become more familiar with interconnection processes in order to engage effectively with the utility. Additionally, there may be barriers related to the need for infrastructure upgrades.		
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	There are no major political barriers expected. Addressing interconnection would likely generate support from homeowners and solar developers who wish to install solar. This strategy has the potential to strengthen the community's relationship with utility. While some homeowners and solar contractors have publicly published complaints about PECO's interconnection costs, streamlining the interconnection process could help realize a mutually beneficial arrangement for all parties involved.		



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Costs	Implementation costs are expected to be largely limited to staff time.	
Savings	Strategy is expected to produce direct savings in the installation cost of residential solar at approximately \$125 for an average 5 kW residential solar system. Note that this savings is reflective of the soft cost savings after the interconnection process has been streamlined.	

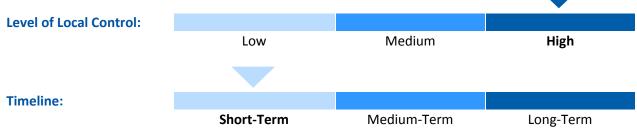
	Implementation Steps		Resources
1.	Review interconnection best practices; identify challenges and concerns regarding the existing interconnection process	•	Interstate Renewable Energy Council: Model Interconnection Procedures
2.	Engage PECO and hold a collaborative discussion to discuss concerns and potential solutions. Set up a process for ongoing communication between PECO and the WCA.	•	DVRPC & SolSmart: Addressing Solar PV Interconnection Challenges: Lessons for Local Governments and Utilities Solsmart Toolkit for Local Governments: Utility Engagement
3.	Consider joining SolSmart for additional technical assistance related to best practices and implementation	•	SolSmart: <u>Technical Assistance</u>

Strategy 1.3: Pass EV-Ready Ordinances

Description:

Participating municipalities encourage EV readiness measures in new construction and/or renovations of a certain level, including providing adequate electrical capacity to support EV charging or installing charging stations in a certain percentage of parking spaces.

Criteria	Ranking	Description		
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM Strategy is not expected to increase the adoption of EVs in the near term since the strategy focuses on the new construction market and does not address the much larger share of existing buildings. Voluntary measures will also have a lesser impact the mandated ones. However, increased access to charging infrastructure in all new construction will help reduce range anxiety and encourage EV adoption in the medium to long-terms as additional new development occurs.			the new construction larger share of existing have a lesser impact than cess to charging ill help reduce range he medium to long-term
Technical Feasibility	HIGH	No major technical barriers expected. Additionally, there are several resources outlining best practices via the Alternative Fuels Data Center.		
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	No major political barriers expected as EV ready ordinances are suggested strategy in the PA Electric Vehicle Roadmap. Level of political feasibility may vary depending on local interest in voluntary options (like current West Chester example) as opposed to mandates. Developers might push back on having to comply with new EV Ready codes if they are mandated.		
Level of Local Contro				
		Low	Medium	High



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Costs Implementation costs to pass the ordinance are expected to be largely limited to staff time.

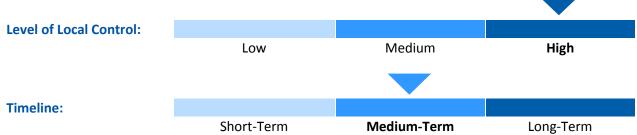
	Implementation Steps		Resources and Examples
1.	Develop EV-Ready voluntary codes, zoning ordinances, or parking requirements	•	Alternative Fuels Data Center: Pennsylvania EV Roadmap City of Atlanta, GA: EV Ready Ordinance
2.	Implement the new methods to support EV Readiness	•	City of Richmond, BC: Residential EV Charging, A Guide for Local Governments

Strategy 1.4: Install Public Charging Stations for EVs

Description:

Participating municipalities build out EV charging infrastructure in publicly owned buildings, parking lots, or in the right-of-way.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	MEDIUM- HIGH	Strategy is expected to increase the adoption of electric vehicles in the West Chester Area. A noted barrier to entry in the PA Electric Vehicle Roadmap is access to charging infrastructure for residents without a garage or dedicated parking.
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Strategy is expected to face moderate technical barriers as adequate electrical infrastructure is necessary to support charging. Adding electrical capacity can potentially be an expensive, time consuming, and disruptive process.
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	Little political and stakeholder opposition is expected as public chargers are already a common topic of discussion across the municipalities. One potential point of contention is determining the source of funding as charging infrastructure has high upfront costs. Another contentious topic may be the impact on available parking. If space for parking is already constrained, designating some parking spots as "EV only" might incur pushback.



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Costs

Implementation costs include staff time, as well as upfront costs for infrastructure and installation. Costs for infrastructure, installation, and network services vary (see NYSERDA Best Practices Guide and US Department of Energy [DOE] Report below for more information).

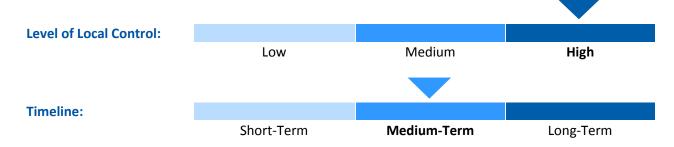
	Implementation Steps		Resources
1.	Identify potential sites in municipal lots and/or right of way spaces for public charging stations	•	NYSERDA: Best Practices for Charging Stations
2.	Analyze the sites to determine electrical upgrade requirements and potential utilization rates; possibly connect with local utility for site analysis	•	City of Richmond, BC: <u>Electric Vehicle</u> <u>Charging Infrastructure in Shared Parking</u> <u>Areas: Resources to Support</u>
3.	Conduct an economic analysis to determine final list of sites		Implementation & Charging Infrastructure Requirements
4.	Apply for known grants or consider other funding sources to help offset expected upfront costs	•	PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): <u>VW Settlement Funds</u>
5.	Work with a vendor to determine best business model and begin installation	•	US DOE Costs Associated with Non- Residential Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Strategy 1.5: Develop a Building Electrification Roadmap

Description:

Participating municipalities create a plan to guide building electrification efforts, including policy and program recommendations, near and/or long-term targets for building electrification, and metrics for success.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	Strategy is expected to indirectly support the adoption of building electrification technologies over time as a roadmap is a vital first step towards building electrification by organizing and guiding municipal efforts. While strategy is not expected to have a major impact on technology adoption in the near-term, it plays an important role in the overall transition to 100% RE.
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Some barriers are expected including the need for greater state and local expertise in the building sector. However, several municipalities in a similar climate have made building electrification plans that the municipalities can use as a guide for their own plan, where publicly available.
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	Creating the building electrification roadmap itself is not anticipated to face significant political barriers. However, generating buy-in from municipal partners in the roadmap creation and in implementing policy and program recommendations could face substantial political challenges. Some stakeholders may push to slow electrification below what is necessary to achieve RE goals, citing high costs of replacing fossil fuel systems. Municipalities can work to build stakeholder and public buy-in by citing electrification benefits, including improved indoor air quality, improved home comfort, and lower emissions.



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Implementation costs are expected to be largely limited to staff time, but may expand to include hiring technical support for some and/or all aspects of the roadmap.

	Implementation Steps	Resources
1.	Conduct baseline analysis to evaluate local building electrification market conditions (existing building stock, economics of heat pumps for different building-types, state-level policy and regulatory conditions, and major local supply chain players).	Building Decarbonization Coalition: A Roadmap to Decarbonize California Buildings
2.	Engage relevant state-level decision-making bodies (e.g. PA DEP, PA Public Utilities Commission, and PECO) to evaluate their capacity and willingness to support building electrification. Engagement may be individual or collectively through a working group or workshop.	 Burlington Electric Department: Net Zero <u>Energy Roadmap for the City of Burlington, Vermont</u> Rocky Mountain Institute: The Economics of Electrifying Buildings
3.	Compile analysis and potential conversations into an actionable building electrification roadmap.	

Category 2: Community Engagement Strategies

This category includes strategies that generate awareness of renewable energy and electrification options, and provide opportunities for residents, local businesses, and other stakeholders to engage in the process. These strategies are generally within the direct control of the municipalities, but are not expected to have a substantial, direct impact on the energy mix. As such, these strategies have not been included in the energy and financial impact modeling work, with the exception of Strategy 2.2. Lastly, while WCA municipalities are expected to incur costs for staff-time to implement these strategies in the near-term, there is strong potential for these strategies to also generate financial benefits and job creation for WCA communities in the long-term. Key strategies in this category are listed below:

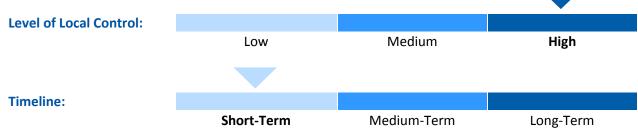
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<u>2.1</u>	Initiate renewable energy educational campaigns	31
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Strategy 2.1: Initiate Renewable Energy Educational Campaigns

Description:

Participating municipalities develop educational campaigns to create community support for RE strategies and to encourage voluntary action at an individual or private business level. A campaign may be led by a municipality directly or could provide funding to another organization that has complementary expertise, for example in community outreach.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW	This strategy is not expected to directly increase the amount of RE in the West Chester Area's energy supply in the near-term as is does not directly generate clean energy. However, it may have a greater impact on renewable energy supply in the long-term by increasing local awareness of the benefits of RE and lowering existing political barriers surrounding the implementation of RE in the area. The scale of impact may be slightly larger if the campaign is executed at the COG or County-level.
Technical Feasibility	HIGH	Strategy is not expected to face major technical barriers given the efforts already in place in the West Chester Area and the number of resources available to support implementation.
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM-HIGH	An educational program that has little costs and places little burden on staff is anticipated to have political support. However, strategy may face limited opposition from some stakeholders who do not support using municipal funds for RE outreach.



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Costs Implementation costs are expected to be largely limited to staff time.

Implementation Steps			Resources	
4	Review existing educational materials and adapt to	•	Chester County Ready for 100 Team:	
1.	the WCA context, if needed.		Chester County Clean Energy Tour Program	

- Hold public educational events and share information via community outreach on potential opportunities for businesses and residents to participate municipality RE plans.
- West Chester Area Council of Governments: <u>West Chester Area Renewable Energy</u> <u>Transition Project Site</u>
- Sierra Club: 100% Clean Energy School
 Districts Campaign Organizing Toolkit

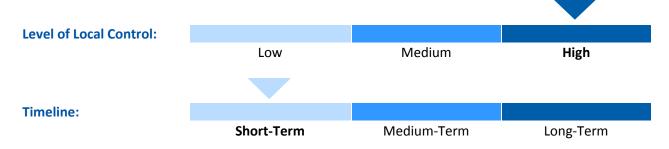
Strategy 2.2:

Establish and/or Participate in Group Purchasing Campaigns

Description:

Host or support group purchasing programs for renewable electricity (e.g. Solarize campaigns) to reduce costs and support market development.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	MEDIUM	By reducing upfront costs and providing education, this strategy will reduce barriers to distributed renewable energy generation, but is not expected to have a major impact on the West Chester energy mix in the near-term. However, it should be noted that it is possible for this strategy to have greater reach with a higher level of investment from the participating municipality(s). Campaigns can be undertaken repeatedly to increase participation and reach of the program.
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Strategy is not expected to face major technical barriers, given their prevalence and success in similar locations across the US, as well as current action being taken in the West Chester Area. Furthermore, there are a number of existing resources on group purchasing campaigns, especially throughout New England and the Northeast, and the number of Pennsylvania campaigns has grown in recent years. Potential technical barriers to the success of a group purchasing campaigns may include interconnection challenges.
Political Feasibility MEDIUM-HIGH		No major political barriers expected given current action in the West Chester Area. Additionally, the community education and engagement components of group purchasing are expected to reduce any opposition from stakeholders.



Financial Information Implementation costs are expected to be largely limited to staff time to select a non-profit partner to run program, coordinate action with nonprofit, and conducting outreach in community for solarize program

	Implementation Steps		Resources and Examples
1.	Research the process for developing a group purchasing campaign and train staff as needed.		
2.	Develop a team to support campaign activities, including city staff and/or community volunteers. Staff responsibilities include program coordination, marketing, and installer and utility relations.	•	Solarize Southeast PA: <u>Overview</u> <u>Solarize Northern Virginia (NOVA):</u> <u>Overview</u> National Renewable Energy Laboratory: <u>The</u>
3.	Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for installers, evaluate responses, and select an installer.		Solarize Guidebook
4.	Promote the campaign through community outreach.		

Strategy 2.3: Engage the Community in Setting Energy Goals

Description:

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Convene, facilitate, and/or support on-going public discussions with the community around energy goals and/or encourage local businesses and institutions to set renewable electricity goals of their own.

Criteria	R	anking	Description				
Potential Scale of Impact		LOW	Although engaging the community around energy goals is unlikely to directly result in a large number of RE installations, such a strategy promotes awareness among community members, increases resident buy-in to the other proposed RE strategies, and encourages voluntary action at an individual or private business level. Furthermore, municipalities could encourage local businesses and institutions to develop RE goals of their own.				
Technical Feasibility	MEDI	IUM-HIGH	No major technical barriers expected given the history of action in the West Chester Area. However, the community engagement process may affect the timeline to implement renewable energy strategies as it will lengthen the time needed to develop plans and policies. Engaging the community will also require staff time to implement.				
Political Feasibility	MEDI	IUM-HIGH	An engagement program that is relatively low cost and places little burden on staff is anticipated to have political support.				
Level of Local Contro	ol:						
		Low		Medium	High		
Timeline:		Short-Term		Medium-Term	Long Town		
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Implementation costs are expected to be largely limited to staff time.

	Implementation Steps	Resources
1.	Develop a plan to optimize community engagement, drawing upon best practices on clean energy program design.	Urban Sustainability Directors Network: A
2.	Create opportunities for public engagement throughout the WCA and clearly indicate how public engagement will be factored into final goals, plans, and policies.	Guidebook on Equitable Clean Energy Program Design for Local Governments and Partners Rocky Mountain Institute: Community
3.	Advertise the opportunities through community outreach. Incentivize and encourage ongoing community development	Energy Resource Guide

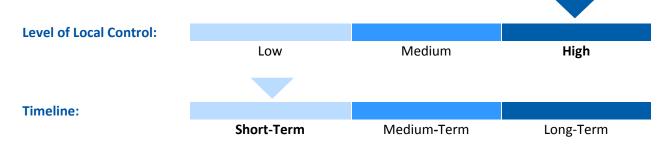
Strategy 2.4:

Initiate Renewable Heating and Cooling Marketing Campaigns

Description:

Establish and/or strengthen marketing, educational, and group purchasing campaigns to raise awareness and expand implementation of building electrification technologies.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	MEDIUM	Strategy is expected to reduce barriers to building electrification in the near-term and increase adoption of renewable heating and cooling technologies. The success of these programs in encouraging adoption of electrification technologies has varied by municipality, but it is generally limited to a subset of homes and businesses that opt-in to building electrification instead of widespread adoption or market transition. Leve of uptake will vary based on existing heating fuel type for existing homes and businesses.
Technical Feasibility MEDIUM		Strategy is expected to face some technical barriers given the lack of experience hosting these types of campaigns. Municipal staff may need to be trained in specialized content related to electrification technologies or installer recruitment. Participating municipalities could consider leveraging lessons learned and key takeaways from past campaigns in New York and Massachusetts or local Solarize campaigns to decrease these challenges.
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	Strategy is expected to face moderate political and stakeholder opposition. In some cases, stakeholders may question the technologies or be reluctant to switch from traditional fuels.



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Costs	Implementation costs will include staff time, as well as costs for marketing materials. Additional costs may include rebates for customers, should they be incorporated into the			
	program.			

	Implementation Steps	Resources and Examples
1.	Research the process for establishing a marketing campaign, train staff as needed.	
2.	Develop a team to support campaign activities.	
3.	Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for HVAC installers, evaluate responses, and select an installer.	Meister Consultants Group: Key Findings from Pilot Renewable Heating and Cooling Campaigns
4.	Promote the campaign through community outreach in conjunction with installers	 Clean Energy States Alliance: <u>Community</u> <u>Campaigns for Renewable Heating and</u> <u>Cooling Technologies - Case Studies</u>
5.	Manage incoming leads and updates leads over time and collect participation metrics to determine program efficacy and use to apply for funding for future campaigns.	Cooling Technologies - Case Studies

Category 3: Municipal Supply Mix Strategies

Strategies in this category allow the municipalities to lead by example by taking direct action to increase the renewable share of the municipal energy mix (e.g. energy that supplies local government operations). These strategies are within the direct control of the municipality and can have a substantial impact on municipal operations. However, they will have a more limited impact on the community-wide energy mix. Key strategies in this category are listed below:

#	Strategy	Page
<u>3.1</u>	Install renewable energy on-site to supply municipal operations	40
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3.3	Power purchase agreement: partner with a third party to procure renewable energy	44
<u>3.4</u>	Purchase renewable energy certificates (RECs)	46
<u>3.5</u>	Lead by example in municipal facilities (building electrification)	48
<u>3.6</u>	Procure electric vehicles for municipal fleets	50

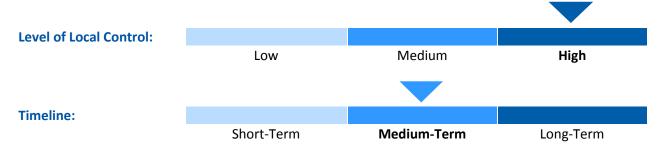
Strategy 3.1:

Install Renewable Energy On-Site to Supply Municipal Operations

Description:

Install renewable energy projects on municipal facilities and land to power municipal operations with renewable electricity. The municipality could directly own the installation or consider a third-party ownership model via a solar lease or power purchase agreement (PPA).

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	This strategy is not expected to greatly increase the amount of RE in the West Chester Area's energy supply as municipal facilities may be limited in on-site space to host RE projects. Additionally, municipal facilities account for a small percentage of the West Chester Area's building and land stock. Impact could be increased by encouraging other entities, such as the County government, school districts, or large commercial customers to install RE on-site via education, outreach, and the improvement of local processes (e.g. streamlined permitting, inspection, and zoning).
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Strategy is not expected to face major technical barriers given the history of action in the West Chester Area. Potential technical barriers may include interconnection challenges and site-specific barriers (e.g., shading, roof age, etc.).
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM- HIGH	Strategy is not expected to face major political barriers given history of action in the West Chester Area. Strategy may face opposition from some stakeholders who do not support using city funds to install RE; however, these barriers could be reduced by on-going education and outreach on the benefits of RE, including long-term cost savings.



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Option 1: Own and Install System	Costs include staff time to select and coordinate with an installer. The system would require an upfront cost of \$2.1/watt, for a total of ~\$171,000 per 81.5 kW of installed solar, the assumed average solar potential for municipal buildings in the WCA. Net metering savings from an 81.5 kW system are estimated at ~\$5,700 per year.					
Option 2: to Lease Panels and Establish PPA	Costs include staff time to select and coordinate with an installer. At a fixed price PPA rate of \$0.06/kWh, an 81.5 kW solar PV array would add an additional cost of \$300 per year.					

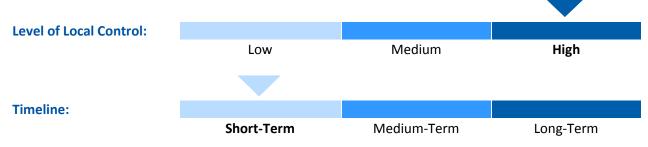
	Implementation Steps		Resources
1.	Identify potential sites for solar installation		
2.	Conduct technical and economic feasibility analysis for each site, considering financing options and available incentives, and select a site	•	SolSmart: <u>Guide to Implementing Solar PV</u> for Local Governments
3.	Determine preferred ownership model and issue an RFP or contact solar installers directly to receive proposals	•	US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Solar Project Development Pathway and
4.	Review proposals, award bid, and construct systems		Resources

Strategy 3.2: Procure Renewable Energy from Retail Electricity Providers

Description:

Purchase electricity from a competitive supplier to supply municipal operations with renewable energy.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	This strategy would enable a participating municipality to supply municipal operations with up to 100% renewable energy. According to the Pennsylvania Power Switch website, there are a number of suppliers currently offering green products with varying percentages of renewable energy in the PECO service territory. Impact is limited as municipal operations constitute a limited percentage of community-wide consumption.
Technical Feasibility	HIGH	Strategy is not expected to face major technical barriers given available resources, such as the PA Power Switch website and resources available via the PA Municipal Utility Alliance. Some minor technical barriers may include the need for staff to be trained in specialized content and constraints related to duration of existing contracts.
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	Strategy is not expected to face major political barriers given history of action in the West Chester Area. However, strategy may face limited opposition from some stakeholders who do not support using city funds to purchase RE.



Financial Information

Costs

Annual costs are associated with selecting a 100% renewable electric supplier with an increased cost equal to Tier 1 PA renewable energy certificates (RECs). This would include a rate increase of \$0.006/kWh for municipal facility electric costs, or approximately \$135,500 across all six township municipal facilities.

	Implementation Steps	Resources	
1.	Identify electricity suppliers serving the West Chester Area and research their renewable energy offerings	PA Power Switch: Electric Shopping	
2.	Compare supplier offerings, noting the pricing, fees, contract length, and percentage of renewable energy	 Platform PA Power Switch: How to Shop and Swit Electricity in PA 	t <u>ch</u>
3.	Select a supplier and contact to enroll in their retail program offering		

Strategy 3.3:

Power Purchase Agreement: Partner with a Third Party to Procure Renewable Energy

Description:

Timeline:

Participating municipality(s) partner with an independent power producer (IPP) to procure renewable electricity for municipal operations through a power purchase agreement. There are multiple strategies for entering into a power purchase agreement, including a physical PPA versus a virtual PPA. For the purpose of this analysis, the Project Team focused on physical PPAs for offsite renewables.

Criteria	Ranking		Description	
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	This strategy would enable a participating municipality to supply municipal operations with greater percentages of renewable energy. However, impact is somewhat limited given the space available within the PECO service territory for large RE developments.		
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM-HIGH	Strategy is not expected to face major technical barriers given nearby examples with processes and lessons learned that can by leveraged in the WCA. Some technical barriers may include the need for staff to be trained in specialized content related to RE procurement.		ssons learned that can by parriers may include the
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM-HIGH	Strategy may face some opposition from stakeholders who oppose use of municipal resources to support RE purchases. These barriers may be mitigated by educating stakeholders about the potential benefits, including decreased electricity costs.		upport RE purchases. Icating stakeholders about
Level of Local Control:				
		Low	Medium	High

Financial Information				
Costs	Costs include time spent selecting and contracting a PPA and coordinating potential C&I participation.			
Savings	Electricity costs would decrease by \$0.0125/kWh through the fixed price PPA rate for municipal facility energy use. This corresponds to savings of approximately \$274,000 annually across all six township municipal facility bills.			

Short-Term

Medium-Term

Long-Term

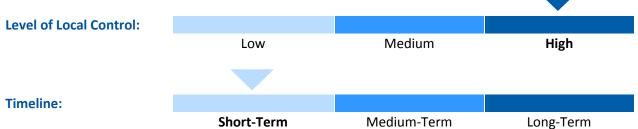
	Implementation Steps		Resources and Examples	
1.	Identify independent power producers (IPPs) within PECO territory.	•	Environmental Protection Agency: Physical Power Purchase Agreements	
2.	Negotiate and enter contract with the IPP, ensuring RECs will be conveyed to the participating municipalities.	•	NREL: Power Purchase Agreement Checklist for State and Local Governments Center for Climate and Energy Solutions:	
3.	municipalities. IPP builds, maintains, and continues to operate the RE system, while the municipalities receive title to the electricity and RECs.		 How Cities Benefit from Power Purchase Agreements City of Philadelphia: Solar Power Purchase Agreement with Community Energy 	

Strategy 3.4: Purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

Description:

Purchase RECs to realize local energy targets. Participating municipalities could also provide information to residents and businesses to support them with the potential purchase of RECs.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	Strategy is expected to have a substantial impact on the West Chester Area's energy mix, as purchasing RECs could potentially cover a municipality's entire RE target. It is important to note that local benefit will be dependent on where the RE projects that generate the RECs are located and if the REC purchases spur additional RE development.
Technical Feasibility	HIGH	Strategy is not expected to face technical barriers given the history of action in the West Chester Area and presence of established REC markets. Additionally, a number of resources explaining REC purchases are publicly available, such as the EPA's Guide to Purchasing Green Power.
Political Feasibility	LOW-MEDIUM	Strategy may face some opposition from stakeholders who oppose the use of municipal funds to support RE purchases.



Financial Information

Costs

Costs include the annual cost to purchase RECs to cover municipal energy use, estimated in 2035 when REC purchases cover the difference between baseline renewable supply and 100% of municipal facility electricity. Costs to purchase PA Tier 1 RECs for all six townships are estimated at \$129,000 per year, and costs to purchase TX wind RECs for all six townships are estimated at \$16,000 per year.

	Implementation Steps	Resources
1.	Determine the number of RECs the city needs to purchase by subtracting the percentage of electricity generated by renewable sources from the current renewable energy target and multiplying by annual electricity usage	
2.	City staff contact a competitive electricity supplier and request they buy RECs on the municipality's behalf to meet the current energy target, updating REC needs on an annual basis.	 Environmental Protection Agency: <u>Guide to Purchasing Green Power</u> Green-e: <u>Certified Green Power</u> Evolution Markets: <u>REC Trading 101</u>
3.	Alternatively, city staff contact a renewable energy broker (e.g., Evolution Markets) and coordinate REC purchase through broker, updating REC needs on an annual basis.	

Strategy 3.5:

Lead by Example in Building Facilities (Building Electrification)

Description:

Participating municipalities establish "lead by example" programs to design and implement electrification projects and retrofit strategies in public facilities.

Criteria	Ranking		Description	
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	direct impa However, t building ele	ectrification technologies ole thermal systems and s	on in the near-term. On support the adoption of by improving awareness
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	and implent systems are provides can been succes applicables them (e.g., applicables central coo		ry based on when existing the resources section below ally, GSHPs are the most that open space surround as or VRFs are most at that currently lack that pump
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM-HIGH	Strategy is expected to face some political and stakeholder opposition, particularly regarding the source of funding for implementing upgrades. Renewable thermal systems have high upfront costs and can have higher operating costs than gas heating systems. However, emphasizing "high-efficiency heating and cooling" will be important, and sourcing rebates from PECO or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should he reduce the political barriers related to high perceived costs.		e source of funding for thermal systems have her operating costs than hasizing "high-efficiency nt, and sourcing rebates f Pennsylvania should help
Level of Local Control:				
Level of Local Collitor.	Low		Medium	High
Timeline:				
	Short-Term		Medium-Term	Long-Term

Financial Information	
Heat Pump Water Heater and VRF Heat Pump Systems	Costs for a typical municipal building in the WCA could include approximately \$100,000 in capital costs and annual operating costs of \$9,800. Operating costs include current electricity usage and the new electricity usage for heat pump systems.
Natural Gas Heating Unit	Costs for a typical building in the WCA include approximately \$43,000 in capital costs and annual operating costs of \$10,200. Operating costs include current electricity usage and gas for heating based on the typical building. As a note, operating costs do not include the costs of cooling building, which does not currently appear to have a cooling system. Gas system capital cost would increase significantly to cover the cost of adding central cooling to the building, whereas VRF system provides both heating and cooling in one system

	Implementation Steps	Resources
1.	Conduct inventory of existing building heating systems to identify buildings that have heating systems that will require replacement in the near-term (0-2 years).	Metropolitan Area Planning Council: Hot,
2.	Perform high-level cost-benefit analysis to evaluate the economics of installing building electrification technologies to further prioritize buildings for upgrades. Concurrently, evaluate municipal capacity for financing upgrades.	 Clean, Cool Marc Rosenbaum, P.E. at Energysmiths: Prototype Classroom – A Deep Energy Retrofit at the Plainfield, NH School U.S. Green Building Council: Zero Energy Ruildings in Massachusetts
3.	Identify and conduct outreach to renewable thermal installers in the area to further evaluate the financial and technical feasibility of building electrification upgrades.	 Buildings in Massachusetts Northeast Sustainable Energy Association: Bennington Superior Courthouse and State Office Building
4.	Finalize and complete prioritized building electrification installations.	

Strategy 3.6: Procure Electric Vehicles for Municipal Fleet

Description:

Participating municipalities can integrate EVs as part of their municipal fleets. This may also include efforts to electrify school bus fleets, and/or support electrification of transit bus fleets if not owned/controlled by the municipality.

Criteria	Ranking		Description	
Potential Scale of Impact	LOW- MEDIUM	overall public leadership by	ctric Vehicles for Municip exposure and visibility of example. The size and sc ough and only account fo e area.	f EVs, and demonstrate ope of municipal fleets
Technical Feasibility	LOW-MEDIUM	technology ex strategies. Th	t expected to face major kists and other cities have e primary technical conce rging infrastructure to su	e implemented similar ern will be building
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	This strategy has the potential to mark municipalities as leaders in this space and demonstrate actionable measures taken to increase electrification. EV procurement is a high initial cost and moderate time commitment strategy to implement though as it will require tangential electrical infrastructure buildout. But given the smaller size of the municipal fleet, this has the potential to be easier. Strategy could face opposition from stakeholders who oppose using municipal funds and staff time to plan and design the infrastructure support and procure EVs that adequately support current needs.		
Level of Local Contro	l:			
	l	_OW	Medium	High
Timeline:				
	Shor	t-Term	Medium-Term	Long-Term

Financial Information	
Costs	Costs include staff time spent on EV procurement. The difference in municipal total cost of ownership for single EV over a current standard internal combustion engine vehicle is approximately \$11,000 in 2020 and \$6,000 in 2050.
Savings	Average fuel savings for an EV are approximately \$1,000 per vehicle per year.

Implementation Steps		Resources and Examples
1.	Identify the size, age, and duty cycle of the municipal fleets	
2.	Apply for local/state grants and incentives where applicable	Alternative Fuels Data Center
3.	Develop a procurement schedule based on the expiration of the current fleet, and needs for the vehicles	 Municipalities Case Studies Climate Mayors: Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative
4.	Set up long term procurement contract with vendor	EV Smart Fleets Initiative: <u>Public Sector</u> <u>Fleet EV Procurement Examples</u>
5.	Plan and design necessary charging infrastructure to support the changing fleet	

Category 4: State Level Options

This category includes changes to state policies that are expected to have a significant impact on the local energy mix. While municipalities do not have direct control over the implementation of these strategies, they can continue to engage with state-level actors to support policies that will help them accomplish comprehensive change. Key strategies in this category are listed below:

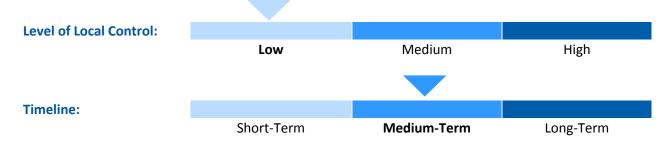
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Strategy 4.1: Allow for Community Solar

Description:

The State enacts legislation that allows for community solar in Pennsylvania.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	MEDIUM	Allowing community solar in Pennsylvania is expected to increase the renewable energy supply within the West Chester Area in the medium- to long-term. Moreover, this strategy will increase access to solar for certain segments of the population who do not have equitable access to rooftop solar PV, such as renters, LMI households, or those with roofs unsuitable for solar. Overall impact will depend on the number and size community solar projects open for participation.
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Executing community solar legislation would represent a significant policy at the state level. Specific technical barriers to engaging from the municipal level may include the need for staff to be trained in specialized content in order to support state legislation.
Political Feasibility MEDIUM		Strategy may face opposition from some stakeholders who oppose the use of municipal staff time and resources to support state level legislation related on accelerating renewable generation, and may perceive this action as too advocacy oriented. The need for significant state-wide policy change also poses a barrier.



Financia	Financial Information		
Costs	Costs depend on the implementation method used and the role the municipality plays. Potential costs include staff time spent doing outreach, coordinating community action and executing the municipality's share of the project.		
Savings	Potential ongoing savings include an approximately 10% reduction in electricity price per kWh of community solar paid to utility.		

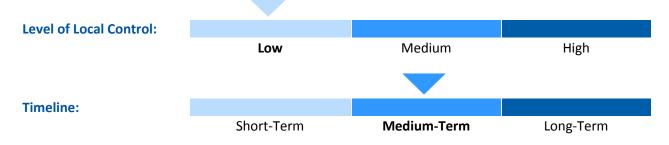
	Implementation Steps	Resources
1.	Review proposed legislation regarding community solar and assign staff to track legislation progress	 PA General Assembly: <u>House Bill 531</u> PA General Assembly: <u>Senate Bill 705</u>
2.	Conduct outreach and education to encourage community members to advocate for community solar legislation; encourage outreach to elected representatives and electricity providers	 Coalition for Community Solar Access: Resources Solar Energy Industries Association: Community Solar

Strategy 4.2: Allow for Community Choice Aggregation

Description:

The State enacts legislation that allows for community choice aggregation in Pennsylvania.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	нібн	Enabling CCA is expected to increase the renewable energy supply within the West Chester Area in the medium- to long-term. CCA's allow communities to have greater control over their electricity sources and to negotiate better electricity rates.
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Executing CCA legislation would represent a significant policy at the state level. Specific technical barriers to engaging from the municipal level may include the need for staff to be trained in specialized content in order to support state legislation, particularly given that CCA policy and design involves a relatively high level of technical policy background.
Political Feasibility	MEDIUM	Strategy may face opposition from some stakeholders who oppose the use of municipal staff time and resources to support state level legislation related to RE and may perceive this action as too advocacy oriented. Furthermore, in 2011, the PA PUC expressed concern regarding the potential negative impacts of municipal aggregation, including limited competition and innovation among suppliers.



Financial Information		
Municipal Costs	Costs include initial staff time to establish the CCA, including time researching, advocating for statewide legislation, and passing a local law. Once established, a CCA would increase in electricity price by \$0.006/kWh, for a total increase of approximately \$137,500 annually across all six townships' municipal electricity consumption. Note that it is possible that renewable energy costs will continue to decline over time, in which case the expected costs to implement this strategy could be lower than projected here.	
Residential Costs	Costs include an increase in electricity price of \$0.006/kWh, or a total increase of approximately \$40 annually per household.	

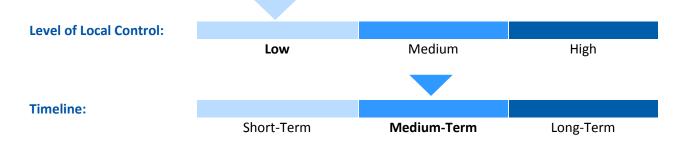
	Implementation Steps		Resources and Examples
1.	Train staff on CCA, including review of legislation and programs in other states that have enabled CCAs.	•	Environmental Protection Agency: <u>Community Choice Aggregation</u> EnergySage: <u>States with Approved CCA</u> <u>Legislation</u>
2.	Identify key partners to create an advocacy group and support legislation or progress toward developing CCA opportunities statewide		California Community Choice Associations
3.	Raise awareness through community outreach and education; encourage contacting legislators and utilities asking to support CCA legislation	•	California Community Choice Association: CCA Resources New York State Energy Research and Development Authority: Community Choice
4.	Upon passage of statewide CCA legislation, hold public hearings and pass a local law authorizing a CCA		Aggregation

Strategy 4.3: Increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard

Description:

The State enacts legislation increasing utility commitments for renewable energy purchasing.

Criteria	Ranking	Description
Potential Scale of Impact	HIGH	An increase in Pennsylvania's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS) is expected to have a significant impact on the energy mix in the West Chester Area. A higher standard would require utilities to increase their renewable sources, promoting clean energy use in consumer buildings. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, "roughly half of the growth in US renewable energy generation since 2000 can be attributed to state renewable energy requirements." The specific level of gains would depend on the level defined in the legislation.
Technical Feasibility	MEDIUM	Pennsylvania's AEPS currently requires 18% of electricity come from alternative-energy resources by 2020. There is a significant gap between the current policy and an RPS that would align with 100% RE goals. Limited technical barriers exist related to municipal involvement. Some minor barriers may include the need for staff to be trained in specialized content in order to collaborate on action related to state legislation. Many states have mandates between 10 and 45%, and seven states have requirements set at 50% or more.
Political Feasibility	LOW-MEDIUM	An increase in PA's RPS requires action on the state-level. Significant opposition to the measure overall as well as to the engagement of West Chester municipalities would be expected, for example from stakeholders such as utility companies and those against mandatory measures.



Financial Information Initial costs would include staff time spent researching, advocating for an increased AEPS, and conducting community outreach. Upon enacting and meeting an increased AEPS, electricity costs are anticipated to increase by \$0.02/kWh, or \$11 per month for the average residential household. Note that it is possible that renewable energy costs will continue to decline over time, in which case the expected costs to implement this strategy could be lower than projected here.

	Implementation Steps	Resources and Examples
1.	Train staff and review existing legislation establishing the AEPS	DA Caragal Asserbly Alternative Energy
2.	Identify key partners to create or support an advocacy group in favor of increasing the AEPS	 PA General Assembly: <u>Alternative Energy</u> <u>Portfolio Standards Act - Enactment</u> PA Public Utilities Commission: <u>AEPS Act</u>
3.	Raise awareness through community outreach and education; encourage contacting legislators to support increasing the AEPS	 Implementation Order PA State Senate: Memorandum on Modernizing Pennsylvania's Renewable Energy Standards
4.	PA General Assembly passes legislation increasing the AEPS, and local utilities develop plan and resources to meet mandate	State of Oregon: Renewable Portfolio Standard

Summary of Modeling Findings

Figure 6 below outlines the West Chester Area's projected electricity demand through 2050 and the anticipated impact of strategies on the share of renewable energy. This impact has been displayed for select strategies that are expected to drive substantial increases in the level of renewables.

Note that the two dotted lines in Figure 6 represent the West Chester Area's forecasted electricity demand of the communities of the six townships assuming two different levels of energy efficiency. Notably, increased energy efficiency measures taken by the townships counteracts the increase in demand expected due to increases in electrification and population. The distinctions between the two lines are further described below:

- The black dotted line represents forecasted electricity generation required to meet the total community demand accounting for the intrinsic energy efficiency projections from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). These projections are pulled from the 2019 U.S. EIA Annual Energy Outlook.
- The green dotted line represents forecasted electricity generation required to meet the community demand accounting for EIA energy efficiency projections and an additional 15%²⁵ of energy efficiency gains due to potential energy efficiency actions in the West Chester Area.

²⁵ The number selected for energy efficiency should be interpreted as a placeholder. Indeed, it could be lower or higher depending on the time and resources invested towards energy efficiency measures. Potential high-level strategies for energy efficiency are noted in Appendix D. The placeholder value was selected to be realistic and as referenced it aligns with Boise, Idaho's energy plan. https://www.cityofboise.org/media/7676/ef-report.pdf

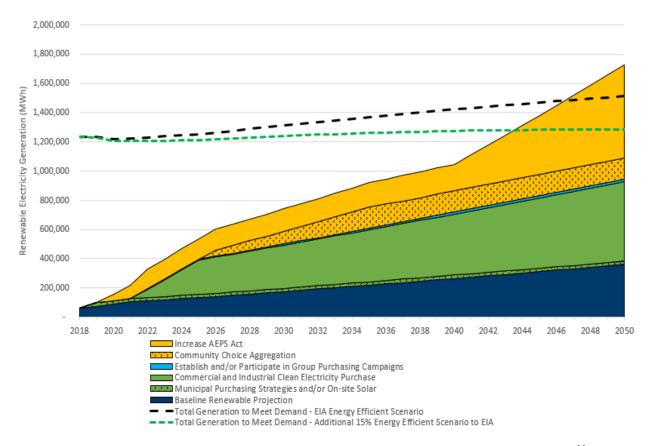


Figure 6: Projected Power Mix by Year: Effect on Renewable Share by Strategy Type²⁶

Key takeaways based on the modeling outputs include:

- In Figure 6, per our assumptions, the West Chester Area's electricity demand will be met by 100% renewable sources by 2043 and 2047 if all strategies are implemented for cases with and without additional efficiency measures by the townships, respectively.
- As shown in the stacked individual projected impacts of each policy in Figure 6, the strategies
 having the greatest effect on increasing renewable generation are establishing a community
 choice aggregation program, coordinating clean electricity purchasing for commercial and

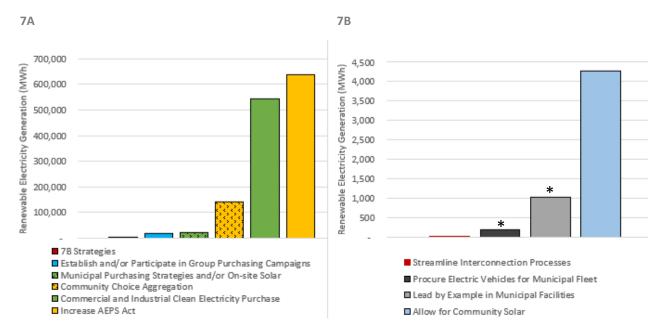
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²⁶ Municipal purchasing accounts for a limited percent of the West Chester Area's electricity demand. This demand can be met through a variety of strategies. For simplicity, the municipal purchasing policy wedge is currently represented assuming the entirety of municipal electricity demand, approximately 2% of total electricity demand by the community. Strategies that could be chosen to meet municipal electricity demand include procuring renewable energy from retail electricity providers, purchasing renewable energy credits, setting up an off-site PPA, and installing renewable energy on-site to supply municipal operations. Note that we assume that RECs are retired from all strategies for which RECs or SRECs would be created or purchased.

industrial customers, increasing the alternative energy portfolio standard, and a purchasing strategy that gets the municipal to 100% clean energy. Establishing and/or participating in group purchasing campaigns also can be seen in Figure 6 and has a as small yet visible contribution to increasing renewable electricity.

• Though not visible in Figure 6, a strategy that adds over 1,000 MWh of additional renewable electricity per year by 2050 includes allowing for community solar.

Figure 7 provides a snapshot view of the effect that each strategy has on increasing the level of renewable electricity, as illustrated Figure 6. Note that there are two bar plots separating high-impact strategies (greater than 10,000 MWh) and additional strategies (less than 10,000 MWh) into two categories. The additional strategies are also shown in Figure 7A as an aggregate value named "7B".



Columns marked with an asterisk (*) indicate strategies that are not generating renewable electricity. These bars instead represent the quantity of renewable electricity that would be demanded by these strategies as assumed. The share of renewable energy that contributes to their electricity demand is dependent on the share of renewable energy in the electricity mix. The cleaner the electricity mix, the cleaner these strategies will become.

Figure 7: Renewable Energy Generation by Strategy in 2050 7A. High Impact Strategies (Greater than 10,000 MWh impact) 7B. Additional Strategies (Less than 10,000 MWh Impact)

Given the importance of adding renewables to the supply mix in advance of pursuing electrification, this analysis largely focused on near-term opportunities to increase the amount of renewables within the electricity supply, in addition to a few select strategies that aim to electrify municipal buildings and the municipally owned vehicle fleet. Yet, in addition to what the townships can focus on in the next 5 to 10 years, and being mindful of the full renewable energy goal by 2050, Figure 8 below represents a scenario in which broader electrification occurs in the townships. Figure 8 shows electricity consumption by

sector due to the electrification of the building and transportation sectors. The solid colors represent the forecasted electricity consumption by sector in the baseline while the cross-hatched wedges forecast the additional electricity consumption under the accelerated electrification scenarios. A key take-away from this electrification sensitivity scenario is to further emphasize the importance of near-term actions to enable and facilitate increasing renewables supplying the electricity mix.

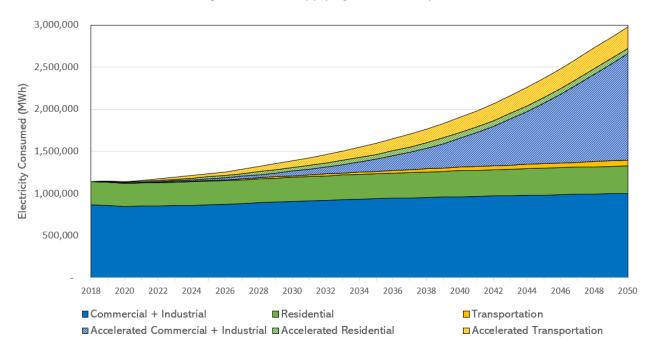


Figure 8: Effect on Electricity Consumption by Sector due to Electrification of Buildings and Transportation

Next Steps & Conclusion

WCA-Wide Collaboration

While maintaining individual local government decision-making, participating municipalities can increase both impact and resource efficiency through collaboration. Continued collaboration of local-level action may take several forms:

- Continued connection. The WCACOG Advisory Group that has supported preparation of this
 Renewable Energy study can continue to meet to share best practices and potential for
 collaboration by preserving regular meetings and sharing mutual learnings with COG members.
- Aligning on strategy-specific inputs. Fostering alignment on areas such as procurement requirements, building codes, and other areas can increase ease of doing business across the municipalities, which can support streamlined interaction with other parties such as solar installers, PECO, or others.
- Direct partnership on procurement. WCA municipalities may be able to benefit from economies
 of scale through joining energy or EV fleet procurements in the event that participating
 municipalities choose to implement these strategies. The WCACOG may choose to set up a
 standing joint procurement vehicle to enable ease of pursuing this type of partnership.

State-Level Collaboration

When extending beyond action under the direct control of WCA municipalities, collaboration at the WCACOG-level or even at the County-level would provide for a stronger and unified voice to advance supportive policy implementation at the state-level. Potential pathways and resources follow below:

- **Joint WCACOG or County perspectives.** At the state-level, representing a joint perspective can offer a greater opportunity for impact.
- Connect with municipalities outside of WCA. WCACOG municipalities can consider collaborating through forums such as Sierra Club forums, or the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN).

Initial Next Steps

While strategy-specific implementation steps are provided earlier in the report, Table 1 provides a set of initial steps that can set the groundwork for strategy-level implementation.

Table 1: Strategy-Level Implementation Next Steps

Near-Term Step	Enabling	Community Engagement	Municipal Supply Mix	State-Level
WCACOG to consult with the Advisory Group on their recommendations based on the Cadmus Report.	~	~	~	~

Near-Term Step	Enabling	Community Engagement	Municipal Supply Mix	State-Level
Engage the community to review the findings of this study and offer avenues for engagement on strategies that each municipality prioritizes. Ensure engagements include previously consulted stakeholders.		~		~
Review the results of the Cadmus Team's solar siting exercise with decision-makers.			~	
Access technical assistance by joining SolSmart.	~	~	~	
Engage with other local governments and groups (e.g. Sierra Club or Solar United Neighbors) to uncover how WCACOG municipalities can collaborate on existing efforts at the state-level, and learn from others' local-level efforts.	~	~	~	~

Conclusion

This report acknowledges that the municipalities are some of many important actors in the WCA. As such, the report is oriented around supporting the WCA municipalities with an actionable set of strategies to illuminate, inspire, and facilitate the transition of the broader WCA community's energy system. The WCA municipalities participating in this study have taken a critical step by supporting the development of this report and review of potential pathways to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy by 2050. While the current energy trajectory (without additional action by the municipalities) is not expected to support the achievement of these goals, concerted action from the municipalities can support achieving these goals. This report outlines a suite of 18 first steps and no-regret actions that the WCA municipalities can undertake to make strong progress against these goals. The near-term opportunity for the West Chester Area lies primarily in increasing the renewable electricity supply. In the medium and long-term, electrifying the transportation and building sectors can enable a deeper shift to renewable energy. As such, most of the strategies in this report focus on increasing the renewable electricity supply, and a subset begin to lay the groundwork for electrification. Across strategies targeting both electricity supply and electrification, the strategies aim to enable local action, engage the community, demonstrate municipal leadership on renewable energy, and engage the municipalities at the state-level. In executing these strategies, the West Chester Area municipalities have the opportunity to build upon successes of other local governments in pursuing similar renewable energy goals; many of these examples are noted in this report. Lastly, as the West Chester Area continues to work towards its goals, it is recommended that this study should be

periodically revised to account for technological, political, and economic shifts and local progress against renewable energy goals.

Appendix A. Summary of Findings from Stakeholder and Community Engagement Process

Overview of WCACOG's Energy Planning Process Stakeholder and Community Engagement

The Cadmus Team is supporting the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) with a study to inform the development of the West Chester Area Regional Community Energy Transition Plan. Throughout the research and planning process, the Cadmus Team is engaging with an Advisory Group comprised of representatives from each WCACOG municipality that is participating in the study as well as the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The purpose of the Advisory Group is to provide critical input, feedback, and local knowledge to the Cadmus Team throughout the Renewable Energy Planning process.

In addition to the ongoing input from the Advisory Group, the Cadmus Team recently conducted a series of engagement efforts to ensure that forthcoming research and analysis is grounded in local goals and perspectives. These engagements included:

• Interviews: Conducted one-hour intake interviews with six Advisory Group members and one additional stakeholder. During these conversations, interviewees provided feedback on what excites them and concerns them about the transition to 100% renewable energy, as well as their vision for the West Chester Area's energy future and strategies they feel will help them reach their goals. A full list of interviewees is included in the table below:

Name	Title	Organization	
Vorm Comphall	Environmental Program	Pennsylvania Department of	
Kerry Campbell	Manager	Environmental Protection	
Liz Compitello	Manager, Local Initiatives	DVRPC	
Mimi Gleason	Township Manager	West Whiteland Township	
Dianne Herrin	Mayor	West Chester Borough	
Scott Neumann	External Affairs Manager	PECO	
Shaun Walsh	Supervisor	West Goshen Township	
Will Williams	Sustainability Director	West Chester Borough	
Jim Wylie	Executive Committee	Sierra Club, Southeastern PA	
Jilli vvylle	Chair	Chapter	

- Advisory Group workshop: Facilitated an in-person 2.5-hour workshop with the full Advisory Group on July 11th to solicit further feedback from members and prepare for a Community Visioning Workshop held in West Whiteland Township later that day. The workshop provided a forum for the group to discuss their priorities for the Renewable Energy Plan, determine an appropriate bounding definition of clean energy for the purposes of this study, and consider renewable energy pathways the West Chester Area may pursue.
- **Community workshop**: Held a Community Visioning Workshop during which the Advisory Group members and the Cadmus Team facilitated conversations with community members to

begin defining a community energy vision for 2050, to identify different community priorities for municipal energy goals and priorities, and to discuss the community's specific needs, challenges, and desired outcome for the project. The workshop had approximately 60 attendees, who were divided into seven breakout groups for discussions.

Advisory Group conducted stakeholder interviews: To further complement Cadmus Team's
above-listed engagements, the Advisory Group members also conducted additional interviews
with several stakeholders from local businesses, institutions, and municipalities.

Key Themes from the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Process

The key themes from the above engagement efforts are grouped into five categories that together comprise the remainder of the document:

- 1. Energy Planning Process
- 2. Results of the Energy Planning Process
- 3. Vision for the West Chester Area's Energy Future
- 4. Barriers and Solutions to Vision for the West Chester Area's Energy Future
- 5. Pathways and Policies to Enable the West Chester Area's Energy Future

Energy Planning Process

This section covers the key priorities and opportunities shared by stakeholders and community members related to the study and associated energy planning process. The following qualities of an ideal energy planning process emerged from the discussions:

- Collaborative and fostering a sense of community. Stakeholders and community members
 envisioned municipalities within the COG working together to achieve shared goals and
 fostering a greater sense of community in the process.
- Transparent. A clear priority for the process of renewable energy planning and execution was openness and transparency. Community members would like to be informed on the process and involved where possible.
- Leading. The planning process offers the chance for the WCACOG jurisdictions to become local and regional leaders on climate action. Stakeholders and community members expressed hope that this process can serve as a model for other communities working towards similar goals and as an opportunity to be creative to address barriers. Due to their role on the energy planning process, Advisory Group members expressed excitement to be a part of the process by providing local context and, in some instances, technical expertise. Most Advisory Group members view this as a learning process for themselves and expect to bring this knowledge back to their communities.
- Addressing climate change. Constituents have expressed growing concern over climate change due to increasingly unusual weather and greater awareness of the issue. This greater awareness is partially due to the efforts of an active Ready for 100 Team that is dedicated to educating the community on the importance of renewable energy. As such, it will be critical to ensure that the energy transition serves as an opportunity to address climate change and communicate on that topic with community members.

Characteristics of the Energy Plan

This section highlights key priorities voiced by stakeholders and community members related to the renewable energy transition plan itself (e.g. what they envision for the overall structure of the plan). Key priorities include:

- Action-oriented. Advisory Group members articulated that they would like a Renewable Energy transition plan that includes both a long-term roadmap, and concrete, actionable, feasible, short-term steps they can take. They would like the plan to be collaborative and sufficiently granular by party so that they can begin advancing their transition immediately. Advisory Group members also feel like an actionable plan with clear steps will set them up best for success. One component of an actionable plan is clearly denoting what actions lie within as well as beyond local control or sphere of influence. Some discussions provided specific examples of what actions may entail, such as updating building codes or drafting new legislation with specific renewable energy goals.
- Includes both near-term and long-term strategies. In line with their vision of a plan that includes a long-term roadmap and short-term steps, Advisory Group members discussed strategies, policies, and programs that they expect will come out of the energy transition planning process in both the near-term and the long-term. In the near-term, they envision pursuing strategies within the electricity sector, such as public education, energy purchasing options, and a solar PPA that is similar to the City of Philadelphia's PPA. In the long-term, Advisory Group members envision pursuing strategies focused on decarbonizing other sectors, including buildings and transportation. Relatedly, the long-term strategies would necessarily involve building institutional infrastructure for meeting local renewable energy goals.
- Emphasizes consensus and community engagement. Advisory Group members stated that they hoped the plan would help develop consensus and drive community engagement with residents and businesses. They hope that the regional collaboration would drive continued meetings on implementation. Similarly, both community members and Advisory Group members emphasized that to build consensus, it will be important to frame this work as generating more energy options, rather than a mandate for individual-level actions.

Vision for the West Chester Area's Energy Future

The below section outlines themes that arose regarding what an ideal energy future would look like for the West Chester Area.

- Utilization of renewable sources of energy generation. Stakeholders and community members described an energy future in which conventional sources of electricity have been retired, and clean renewable energies dominate the industry. Wind and solar energy were frequently cited as the leading energy sources in West Chester's energy future.
- Large-scale electrification. Discussions highlighted the importance of transitioning to a greater reliance on electricity as a means to improve the utilization of renewable energy sources.
 Community members also described complimentary key advancements, such as improved

- energy efficiency and grid reliability, that will support such a transition. Transportation and building electrification were noted as likely challenges given the region's context.
- Improved quality of life and public health. Improved public health and quality of life came up in several breakout groups and interview discussions. Key concepts such as clean air, clean water, less pollution (including noise pollution), and easily accessible and efficient public transit systems were often mentioned, in addition to a sense of community pride and accomplishment.
- Affordable and equitably distributed resources. Financially viable energy sources that enabled
 equitable access to renewable energy and technologies was another key theme. Equity was
 defined to encompass both equitable outreach in target communities and equitable access to
 renewable energy resources. Community members envisioned a future in which clean energy
 resources are affordable and cost-effective, perhaps supported by local incentives.
- Enhanced resilience. Advisory Group members highlighted the importance of a resilient energy supply system that will remain constant and reliable even in the face of natural disasters or other potential threats.

Barriers and Solutions to the Vision for the West Chester Area Energy Future

Throughout the community and stakeholder engagement process, the Cadmus Team sought input on what barriers may exist to achieving the community's envisioned energy future. Additionally, the Cadmus Team solicited input on the types of solutions that could address key barriers. Table 1 outlines the key barriers and solutions discussed.

Table 1: Key Barriers and Potential Solutions

Table 1. Rey Barriers and Fotential Solutions				
Category	Barriers	Solutions/Strategies		
Technological Barriers	Technological barriers of renewable energy were described as a principal roadblock to a successful energy transition. These	Solutions to many of these key barriers, like intermittency and storage, were not always identified. To address the land requirements barrier,		
	barriers include intermittency and siting issues with wind and solar, storage	participants proposed more abundant and accessible federal and state grants for land purchase or		
	capacity, the amount of renewable energy that would be necessary to replace the	conservation easements for solar arrays. One suggestion was establishing community solar when		
	nuclear baseload, and how to manage excess energy, land requirements, and aging infrastructure.	rooftop solar is unattainable, due to climatic/geographic variables or otherwise.		
Dual Barriers of Lack of	The general lack of awareness for existing renewable energy programs, benefits, and	Many participants proposed community outreach efforts to promote greater awareness and		
Awareness and	alternatives was noted as a key barrier.	incentivize action. These educational events would		
Technical	Additionally, there was a concern that the	bring greater understanding of renewable energy, its		
Complexity	challenge is complex and could overwhelm people who are new to the issue, thereby	costs and benefits, what incentives or programs are available, etc. Suggestions for increasing awareness		
	derailing action.	ranged from public campaigns led by local representatives, establishing a sustainability		
	The information gap spans from property	coordinator or committee, greater social media		
	owners, who may not know where to start	outreach and digital marketing (e.g. factsheets or		

or have fundamental questions about cost, to elected officials with insufficient knowledge of the industry. Some participants also highlighted the lack of education and even misinformation around climate change and renewable energy technologies as a barrier.

videos with easily reproducible steps). Additionally, some participants mentioned energy and environmental education in schools. To bridge the knowledge gap on climate change, participants suggested clearly outlining the consequences of climate change and relating the impact in monetary values.

Political Barriers

Political barriers, particularly at the state and national government levels, were cited as a chief barrier to largescale adoption of renewable energy. For example, lack of support from the federal government and pushback from climate change opposers makes it challenging to draft effective policies.

Political barriers also exist at the local level. Advisory Group members pointed out that some local officials are wary of clean energy investments and that additional political buy-in from these officials is necessary. Furthermore, limited ability to drive change at the local government level, and the challenge of working across jurisdictions were also cited as political barriers.

Holding open discussions with elected officials was mentioned as a strategy to generate greater awareness and attention that could lay the groundwork for political action. Greater outreach and education for the general public was consistently posed as means of reducing resistance for climate change legislature. Additionally, queued State Bill 630,²⁷ currently pending in the legislature, was mentioned as a favorable example of forward thinking and proactive policies.

Fostering a sense of generational responsibility frequently came up as a priority and value. Community members noted a sense of obligation to preserve the planet for future generations. Building on this sentiment may help address barriers of political will among the general population.

Additional solutions include hiring a sustainability coordinator and/or establishing a legal body that is responsible for executing the solutions identified in the plan.

Regulatory Barriers

Some stakeholders flagged that due to Pennsylvania's deregulated electricity market context, PECO does not own electricity generation, and its energy procurement process is highly regulated. These factors pose some limitations to the utility's ability to support renewable energy goals (note: these limitations do not apply to all pathways to support renewable energy goals, such as opportunities to

Stakeholders cited actions the utility has taken to support renewables. These actions include: starting both a Distributed Energy Group that facilitates the installation of renewables and a Utility of the Future team that is studying the implications of distributed energy on the utility business model, as well as the future needs of the grid, which may be impacted by the integration of distributed energy resources, aging infrastructure, or extreme climate events.

This Bill paves the way for the transition to renewable energy by imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies regarding energy consumption and renewable energy generation. Bill 630 also establishes a Clean Energy Transition Task Force, Just Transition Advisory Committee, Clean Energy Workforce Development Fund, among others, and provides for interim limits on energy produced from nonrenewable resources.

	improve interconnection of distributed generation).	Stakeholders also raised that PECO's ability to support renewables is largely influenced by the regulatory environment in which it is operating. Changes to the regulatory environment may enable, or in some cases require, PECO to take more action. One example cited by stakeholders is Act 129. This Act currently focuses on energy efficiency, but some stakeholders expect it may be expanded to include renewable energy targets as well. This may be an opportunity for West Chester Area jurisdictions to collaborate with the utility to advance renewables. Stakeholders flag, however, that changes to the regulatory environment are often under the authority of decisionmakers, such as the Public Utility Commission. Stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds also indicated an interest in open communication and collaboration between the utility, local
Cost Barrier	Cost arose as a barrier that prevents households, particularly low-to-moderate households, from participating in renewable energy programs. In addition to the high upfront costs, economic uncertainty from financial incentive programs and technologies were also presented as deterring participation.	governments, and community members. Technological improvements and innovations were often cited as a means of improving performance and therefore minimizing the costs. Furthermore, community members proposed more funding for financial incentives and subsidies, in addition to federal grants for land purchase, to increase access to renewable energy for a broad spectrum of the population.

Pathways and Policies to Enable the Vision for the West Chester Area's Energy Future

While the focus of community and stakeholder engagement efforts was not to generate specific policy options for increasing renewable energy, one aspect of the Advisory Group workshop was a focused policy discussion. Table 2 summarizes core areas of interest from the Advisory Group, segmented into three categories (represented by three columns). These areas will be researched in depth during the policy and strategy analysis that the Cadmus Team will undertake during the coming months.

²⁸ Act 129, passed by the General Assembly and implemented by the PUC, requires electric distribution companies, such as PECO, to develop energy efficiency and conservation plans to achieve electricity consumption and peak demand reduction targets. The Act is implemented in phases, and is currently in Phase III until 2021. Stakeholders interviewed shared the Phase IV negotiations will begin soon.

Table 2: Advisory Group Areas of Interest

Local Government	Collaboration Beyond Local Government	Alternative Purchasing Options
 Building permit form changes Local incentives Zoning ordinances (uniform) Incentives Multi-municipal aggregation Aggregation with universities, shopping complexes SolSmart participation Simplify permitting and inspection processes for renewable energy installations 	 Work with developers Work with the state legislature Bulk purchasing Demonstration project with PECO Educational Institutions 	 Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

Finally, the Advisory Group workshop also included a brief discussion on the appropriate definition of renewable energy in the context of this study. While the Advisory Group recognized that it is a nuanced question, it recommended focusing less on nuclear, biomass, and RECs for the purposes of this study. In contrast, some other stakeholders highlighted the role of nuclear in the renewable energy transition and expect it will be necessary to fill some of the gaps caused by the intermittency of renewables. One nuance raised was that the low cost of natural gas may forestall use of nuclear and renewables.

Next Steps

The Cadmus Team will utilize the results from the stakeholder and community engagement exercises to inform its policy and strategy research and evaluation process the WCACOG.

In the immediate term, a survey will be distributed to community members as a follow-up to the community workshop. In the Fall, the Cadmus Team and the Advisory Group will host a second open workshop to share the results of the research and analysis.

Appendix B. Full List of Potential Renewable Energy Strategies

The project Advisory Group prioritized 18 strategy options from an initial list of 42 strategy options, listed below:

ID	Strategy	Description		
Electricity Sector Strategies				
1	and Inspection Barriers to	Streamline the permitting, zoning and inspection processes so that processing time and expenses are reduced. This may include streamlining permitting processes for specific technologies that meet certain standards, and eliminating redundancies from inspection protocols.		
2	Adopt or Promote Solar Ready Guidelines	Encourage or require new buildings to be built in a way that accommodates future solar installations.		
3	•	Require renewable energy development in certain cases, such as new construction. This may be implemented through zoning code review, which SolSmart technical assistance could support.		
4	Lease Public Land for Renewable Energy Development	Offer property for lease to utilities or developers to host renewable energy projects.		
5	Purchase Renewable Energy On-Site to Supply City Operations	Install renewable energy projects on municipal facilities and land.		
6	Establish Renewable Energy Educational Campaigns	Employ education campaigns to create community support for other RE strategies and to encourage voluntary action at an individual or private business level.		
7	Engage the Community in Setting Energy Goals	Convene, facilitate, and/or support on-going public discussions with the community around energy goals		
8	Establish and/or Participate in Group Purchasing Campaigns	Host or support group purchasing programs for renewable electricity (e.g. Solarize campaigns) to reduce costs and support market development.		
9		Participating municipalities establish programs to incentivize renewable energy for residents and businesses. These programs may include local competitions where the primary incentive would be public recognition of achievement.		
10	Local Renewable Energy Financial Incentive Program(s)	Establish programs to incentivize renewable energy for residents and businesses. Such programs could include tax rebates for renewable energy installations, tax credits, exemptions from property taxes, and zero interest and forgivable loans.		

Procure Renewable Energy from Retail Electricity Providers	Purchase electricity from a competitive supplier to supply municipal operations with renewable energy.
Partner with a Third Party to Procure Renewable Energy	Partner with an independent power producer to directly procure renewable energy for municipal operations through a power purchase agreement.
Virtual Power Purchase Agreements (VPPAs) (aka Financial PPAs)	"A financial PPA (Financial PPA) is a financial arrangement between a renewable electricity generator (the seller) and a customer, that enables both parties to hedge against electricity market price volatility. Unlike with a physical power purchase agreement (PPPA), there is no physical delivery of power from the seller to the customer. Rather, it is a hedge arrangement that offers buyers cost predictability for their electricity use and promotes growth in the renewable energy sector by offering project developers long-term contracts with predictable revenues — a key element to attracting project financing and investment. Financial PPAs are also sometimes known as virtual or synthetic PPAs, a contract for differences, or a fixed-for-floating swap. Financial PPAs are an innovative and useful procurement option for organizations, particularly those in traditionally regulated electricity markets that generally do not permit PPPAs" - EPA definition
Renewable Energy Credit (REC)-based Purchasing	Purchase RECs as a means to realize local energy targets. Participating municipalities could also provide information to residents and businesses to consider them to purchase RECs.
Allow for Community Solar	The State enacts legislation that allows for community solar in Pennsylvania.
Allow for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)	The State enacts legislation that allows for community choice aggregation in Pennsylvania.
Increase Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act	The State enacts legislation increasing utility commitments for renewable energy purchasing.
Establish formal COG-Utility Partnership	Form a partnership with PECO to jointly set goals and develop programs for implementation locally.
Work with PECO to Develop a Demonstration Project	Collaborate with PECO to develop a demonstration project. A demonstration project could alleviate distribution-level congestion, reduce peak demand, and install storage.
Streamline Interconnection Processes	Interconnection is the process by which a new distributed energy generation resource such as a solar, wind or hydropower system, is connected to the utility's grid. Once a renewable energy project has been built, it can be interconnected in order to provide power to the grid. This interconnection enables off-takers from the
	from Retail Electricity Providers Partner with a Third Party to Procure Renewable Energy Virtual Power Purchase Agreements (VPPAs) (aka Financial PPAs) Renewable Energy Credit (REC)-based Purchasing Allow for Community Solar Allow for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Increase Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act Establish formal COG-Utility Partnership Work with PECO to Develop a Demonstration Project Streamline Interconnection

project to receive credit for their project's energy contributions to the grid through a process called net metering (described in the Electricity Landscape section of this report). Interconnection requires approval from the utility and can involve a lengthy process, depending on whether any grid improvements are needed to support the additional load or the number of additional applications that are in the queue. Participating municipalities could collaborate with PECO to develop more transparent, standardized, and in some cases automated utility interconnection procedures.

Transportation Sector Strategies **Reduce Permitting Costs and** Participating municipalities can streamline permitting and **Timeline** inspection processes for the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) so processing time and expenses are reduced. Some best practices for streamlining EVSE permitting include 1) Making permits available online or over-the-counter, 2) Issuing 21 required permits in under 48 hours, 3) Offering reduced or free permitting fees, 4) Creating guidance documents such as a checklist to guide applicants through the process, 5) Limiting the number of inspections required, 6) Limiting requirements for supporting materials and site plans. **Pass EV-Ready Ordinances** Participating municipalities can require (through their building code) new buildings and/or major renovations to require certain 22 levels of EV readiness, such as requirements for pre-wiring, full circuit installations, sufficient electric panel capacity and/or actual charger installation in a certain percentage of parking spaces. **EV-Ready Zoning** Participating municipalities can use their zoning code to incentivize or require additional EV readiness actions. The city could enable EV parking (or e-bike and e-scooter parking/charging) to count towards minimum parking requirements, or count for multiple 23 parking spaces to combine objectives for lower parking and EV use. Additionally, the city could utilize the zoning code to incentivize developers to install more chargers (e.g. through density bonuses) or require charger installations (in addition to just pre-wiring and other provisions required by the building code). **Procure Electric Vehicles for** Participating municipalities can integrate EVs as part of their **Municipal Fleet** municipal fleets. Multiple municipalities could consider making an aggregated purchase or lease of EVs for their public fleet. These 24 purchases may also capture the full value of incentives at the state and federal level via leasing arrangements with private entities. This may also include efforts to electrify school bus fleets, and/or

		support electrification of transit bus fleets if not owned/controlled by the municipality.
25	Install Public Charging Stations	Participating municipalities could build out EV charging infrastructure in publicly owned buildings, parking lots, or in the right-of-way. Increased availability could spark public interest, reduce range anxiety, and present an opportunity to educate municipal employees and public stakeholders about the benefits of EVs.
26	Establish Electric Vehicle Educational Campaigns	Participating municipalities establish a variety of educational campaigns to increase consumer awareness and interest in EVs. This may entail activities, such as "ride and drives" where EV owners, dealers, or manufacturers showcase vehicles and allow interested participants to drive an EV.
27	Establish and/or Support EV Group Purchasing Programs	Participating municipalities could organize or support group purchasing programs for EVs to reduce costs and support market development.
28	Workplace Charging Challenge	Participating municipalities could develop a workplace charging challenge, or an awareness and information campaign focused on expanding EV charging access in commercial buildings, targeting employers and building managers of commercial properties. The program would recognize employers who commit to workplace charging and could highlight employers who have done the most to increase EV charging. The program could also provide technical assistance to workplaces.
29	Establish Local EV Financial Incentive Program(s)	Participating municipalities can establish programs, such as rebates, to incentivize EVs or EVSE for residents, multi-family residential building owners, and businesses/institutions.
30	Integrate Utility into Interconnection Procedures	Participating municipalities can engage PECO throughout permitting and related interconnection process to identify premium locations that require minimal electrical infrastructure updates.
31	Establish and/or Support Electric Carsharing Program	Through public-private partnerships with car-sharing business entities and local community stakeholder groups, participating municipalities can pilot an electric car-sharing program that allows individuals with a license to access a network of shared EVs and chargers at a low rate.
32	Electrifying Taxis and Ridesharing Companies	In partnership with transportation commissions, COG/participating municipalities could establish pilot programs for the integration of, or provide financial incentive for, the electrification of taxis and/or ridesharing vehicles.

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Build	Sector Strategies	Participating municipalities create an inventory of city-wide
	Complete a Building & Market Segmentation	buildings drawing from a variety of sources, including utility,
33	Analysis	assessor, permitting, census, and other datasets to conduct a
33	Allalysis	segmentation analysis of building inventory to identify key barriers
		and opportunities for heat pump deployment.
	Develop Local Building	Participating municipalities create a plan to guide building
	Electrification Roadmap	electrification efforts, including policy and program
34	Liceti incution Rodaliap	recommendations, as well as near and/or long-term targets for
		building electrification, along with metrics for success.
	Lead by Example in Municipal	Participating municipalities establish "lead by example" programs
35	Facilities	to design and implement electrification projects and retrofit
		strategies in public facilities.
	Support Building	Participating municipalities design and implement programs and
	Electrification Supply Chain	policies that will support the development of a building
26	Development	electrification supply chain that can support market development.
36		Relevant programs could include, contractor training and
		recruitment, the standardization of contractor qualification
		requirements, or contractor pipeline development programs.
	Renewable Heating and	COG/participating municipalities establish and/or strengthen
37	Cooling Marketing and	marketing and educational campaigns to raise awareness and
	Educational Campaigns	understanding of building electrification technologies.
	Renewable Heating and	COG/participating municipalities host or support a community
	Cooling Group Purchasing	group purchasing campaign that aims to raise awareness, educate
38	Campaigns	residents, and connect prospective customers with qualified
		contractors that may be able to offer heat pump installations at a
		discounted rate.
39	Renewable Heating and	Participating municipalities provide incentives to reduce the
	Cooling Financial Incentives	upfront costs of building electrification technologies.
	Implement District (Large- or	Participating municipalities develop distribution networks to supply
	Micro-Scale) Geothermal	buildings with heat from geothermal energy. District geothermal
40		could be implemented on a large- or micro-scale. A preliminary
		step may involve hiring a geothermal consultant to perform district feasibility assessments.
	Fetablish a Formal City I Itility	Participating municipalities establish a formal partnership with
41	Partnership	PECO to create a framework for shared municipality-utility building
7.1	. a. a.ici oiiip	electrification goals.
42	Collaborate to Advance State	Collaborate with other actors to advance exploration of code-
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based interventions to encourage electrification of buildings.

Appendix C. Modeling Assumptions

The tables on the following pages summarize the energy modeling methodology and the assumptions related to both the energy impact modeling and financial calculations of the modeled strategies.

Strategy 2: Install Renewable Energy On-Site to Supply Municipal Operations
Install renewable energy projects on municipal facilities and land. The municipality could directly own the installation or consider a third-party ownership model via a solar lease or power purchase agreement (PPA).

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

- Assume we install rooftop solar.
- Assume average solar potential of municipal buildings of 100 MWh (sourced from Cadmus siting task excluding the Public Works Annex & Court which is the largest building at 400 MWh). This is about equal to an 81.5 kW system per building.
- Assume each roof has a solar capacity factor equal to PA solar availability of 14%.
- Assume each municipality adds solar to 10 buildings (60 installations total)
- Assume solar is added to municipal buildings over a 5-year period. This results in adding solar to two buildings in each township every year.

This strategy first establishes estimates for rooftop solar installation using average solar potential of municipal

buildings. Then we assume that each municipality adds solar to two buildings each year for five years.

Direct Ownership Financial Assumptions

- Assume the cost of installing commercial scale municipal solar systems is \$2.1/watt (NREL).
- Calculate levelized cost of energy assuming a 30-year solar system lifespan, a 3% discount rate, and using the installation cost as the only cost.
- Assume the total municipal electricity rate is \$0.079/kWh (Rate is sourced from supply and distribution rate data provided by the townships: supply rate from Constellation Energy of \$0.057/kWh and a distribution rate from PECO of ~\$0.022/kWh).
- While SRECs could lower the cost of owning and installing solar systems at a rate of ~\$40/MWh, this potential source of revenue is not included because selling SRECS would preclude the municipalities from claiming the renewable generation.
- Assume that net metering (and therefore savings) applies only to the energy supply portion of the electricity bill (\$0.057/kWh) per the commercial tariff. Assume there is no Federal Investment Tax Credit (FITC) as, per law, it does not apply to municipalities.

Lease Solar Panels from Developer Financial Assumptions

- Assume the total municipal electricity rate is \$0.079/kWh (Rate is sourced from supply and distribution rate data provided by the townships: supply rate from Constellation Energy of \$0.057/kWh and a distribution rate from PECO of ~\$0.022/kWh).
- Note that we only consider the energy supply rate of \$0.057/kWh when comparing to the fixed price PPA, given that the commercial tariff in PA only allows commercial solar projects to be credited for supply and not distribution charges.
- Assume that the townships set up a fixed price PPA that comes in 35% higher than the City of Philadelphia's PPA established in late 2018.
- Given that the Philadelphia PPA is \$0.0445/kWh, assume that the townships pay \$0.06/kWh over the lifetime of the project for all municipal facility electricity use.
- Thus, for leasing a solar PPA, the townships will pay an extra \$0.003/kWh.

Strategy 5: Establish and/or Participate in Group Purchasing Campaigns Host or support group purchasing programs for renewable electricity (e.g. Solarize campaigns) to reduce costs and support market development.

Energy Modeling Methodology Mod

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

The effect of this strategy is based on the annual solar installation rate for the townships in 2018. From this installation rate we assumed that a Solarize program would be designed to increase the solar installation rate by 50%.

- Find the rate of solar installations in Chester County in 2018 using PJM Generation Attribute Tracking Systems (GATS) data
- Scale this rate of new installations to the West Chester Area by population.
- Estimate that a solar system installation is 5 kW on average.
- Assume that the program is designed to increase installation over the baseline growth rate by 50%. (Note that increasing the solar installation rate by 50% results in an installation of ~116 residential systems across the townships per year.)
- Assume that this program occurs every year through 2050.
- Assume that the program installation rate increases by 0.5% each year due to improved solar technology, reduced costs, streamlined permitting, and program popularity.
- Assume the townships partner with a non-profit to run the solarize campaign and that municipal costs will be due to time spent selecting a non-profit, coordinate action with them, and outreach in community for solarize program. Otherwise the cost to the townships to run the entire program themselves may be about \$15,000 per campaign.

Strategy 6: Procure Renewable Energy from Retail Electricity ProvidersPurchase electricity from a competitive supplier to supply municipal operations with renewable energy.

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Modeling and Financial Assumptions

The effect of this strategy is determined by setting a target of municipal electricity to be purchased through retail providers. This target is then met through retail electricity provider procurement.

- Assume that the township municipalities purchase renewable energy from retail electricity providers to meet 100% of their municipal operations.
- Assume these purchases start in 2019 and go through 2050.
- Assume that the townships choose an electric supplier which
 offers a 100% renewable electricity supply option. Assume that
 the cost of this supply is a pass-on of the PA Tier 1 REC cost of
 \$6/MWh.
- Thus, the rate increase to purchase 100% renewable supply is \$0.006/kWh.

Strategy 7A: Power Purchase Agreement - Partner with a Third Party to Procure Renewable Energy Participating municipality(s) partner with an independent power producer (IPP) to procure renewable electricity for municipal operations through a power purchase agreement. There are multiple strategies for engaging in a power purchase agreement, including a physical PPA versus a virtual PPA. For the purpose of this analysis, the Project Team focused on physical PPAs.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

The effect of this strategy is determined by setting a target of municipal electricity to be purchased through a PPA. This target quantity is procured and incorporated into the renewable energy mix supplying

the townships.

- Municipal facility electricity demand in 2018 is ~23 GWh (township data scaled by population from West Chester Borough municipal facility electricity load in 2018).
- Assume WCA wishes to purchase 100% of existing nonrenewable electricity share through PPAs by 2035.
- Assume municipal non-renewable electricity demand is ~22
 GWh.
- Assume first PPA purchase occurs in 2025 and covers all municipal facility electricity.
- Assume that PPA prices are stable through 2050.
- Assume that the townships set up a fixed price PPA similar to the City of Philadelphia's PPA established in late 2018.
- Assume the townships pay the same rate as the Philadelphia PPA of \$0.0445/kWh over the lifetime of the project for all municipal facility electricity use.
- Assume the total municipal electricity rate is \$0.079/kWh
 (Rate is sourced from supply and distribution rate data
 provided by the townships: supply rate from Constellation
 Energy of \$0.057/kWh and a distribution rate from PECO of
 ~\$0.022/kWh).
- Assume that only the supply portion of the rate (\$0.057/kWh)

is credited from an offsite PPA.

Strategy 7B: Commercial and Industrial Purchasing*

Assume that the actions and encouragement of the townships inspire C&I customers to set up clean purchasing strategies for meeting a share of C&I electricity demand.

*Note that energy modeling was conducted for C&I sector purchasing at the request of the Advisory Group; corresponding policy feasibility or financial analysis were not included given that the C&I sector may pursue renewable purchasing through a variety of avenues as outlined in other strategy options for the participating municipalities.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling Assumptions

The effect of this strategy is determined by setting targets for commercial and industrial electricity to become clean through some renewable energy purchasing mechanism (RECs, Offsite PPA, etc).

- In 2015, DVRPC data shows C&I users representing ~76% of total electricity demand for the townships.
- Assume that C&I customers start purchasing clean electricity in 2021 with a linear rate of increase until 25% of C&I customers purchase 100% clean electricity by 2025.
- Assume that by 2050, 50% of C&I customers purchase 100% clean electricity.
- Note that 10% of C&I electricity load is equal to ~86,200 MWh, which would require a PPA about the size of the Philadelphia Adams PPA (a 70 MW solar plant), which produces about 86,000 MWh of electricity per year.

Strategy 8: Renewable Energy Credit (REC)-based Purchasing

Purchase RECs as a means to realize local energy targets. Participating municipalities could also provide information to residents and businesses to consider them to purchase RECs.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

The effect of this strategy is determined by setting a target of municipal electricity to be purchased through internal RECs. Apply the RECs purchased to the electricity mix as renewable energy.

- Assume WCA purchases 100% of existing non-renewable electricity share through internal RECs by 2035.
- Assume that REC purchases increase linearly by 10% year over year to reach 100% by 2035.
- Assume that each REC purchase contract lasts 1 year, and that prices are stable through 2050.
- Assume the price of a PA Tier 1 REC of \$6/MWh (2019 Evolution Markets Data)
- Assume the price of a TX Wind REC of \$0.75/MWh (2019 Evolution Markets Data)

Strategy 9: Allow for Community Solar

The State enacts legislation that allows for community solar in Pennsylvania.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

The effect of this strategy is

Assume that community solar is enacted in 2021 and the first

determined by assuming a consistent level of involvement from residents in the townships. The number of residents involved in a program each year is scaled per residential electricity use to determine the size of the community solar installation each year.

- program begins in 2022.
- Assume that one community solar program occurs every year from 2022 to 2050.
- Assume that in the first year 100 residents sign up and that, by 2050, the number of residents participating each year increases to 200 per year.
- Assume the increase in participation occurs linearly over the 28 years from 2022 to 2050.
- Assume that the average resident in the townships has an annual electricity consumption of ~2.6 MWh (based on DVRPC data) and that they enroll in the community solar program to cover half of their electricity use.
- Determine the community solar to add per program each year based on the number of people and their energy consumption.
- Cost depends on how community solar program is implemented. One option is for community members to subscribe to the project and receive a rebate on their electricity rate through net-metering. This results in about a 10% decrease on average in their electricity rate.

Strategy 10: Allow for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

The State enacts legislation that allows for community choice aggregation in Pennsylvania.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

- Assume an opt-in program is enacted in the townships in 2023 and 200 residents sign on each year from 2023 to 2026.
- Assume the opt-in program provides a 30% renewable premium above the baseline mix.
- Assume an opt-out program is enacted in the townships in 2026.
- Assume that the townships renegotiate their CCA every year in an aggressive manner to reach a 100% CCA mix by 2035. This results in the townships increasing their CCA mix by 7% each year until it is 100% renewable in 2035.
- Assume that 50% of residents continue participation in the CCA, 50% of residents opt-out.
- Assume that the opt-out mix is equivalent to the baseline renewables mix in each year.
- Assume the electric supplier to provide 100% renewable electricity passes on the renewables premium at the same rate as the price for PA Tier 1 REC in 2019 of \$6/MWh (Evolution Markets Data).
- Assume the average monthly consumption for a residential home in PA is 568 kWh (2018 DVRPC data on residential electricity use and residential household building count).
- Assume the municipal facility electricity demand in 2018 is ~23

The effect of this strategy is determined by using opt-in and opt-out CCA program timeline and residential adoption information based on feedback from the WCA Advisory Group.

GWh (township data scaled by population from West Chester Borough municipal facility electricity load in 2018).

Strategy 11: Increase Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard

The State enacts legislation increasing utility commitments for renewable energy purchasing.

Energy Modeling Methodology

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Modeling and Financial Assumptions

- Assume that the PA state legislature increases the AEPS targets as follows:
 - o 20% Tier 1 by 2030 enacted by 2022
 - o 50% renewable by 2040 enacted by 2028
 - o 80% Tier 1 by 2050 enacted by 2035
- Given the above, we model the energy impacts of the AEPS to increase renewables to 40% by 2040 and 80% by 2050.
- Note that NREL/LBNL estimates that electricity price increase due to a high renewables RPS for the Middle Atlantic region is anticipated to range from \$0.004/kWh to \$0.036/kWh.
- Assume the median of the lower and upper bounds of electricity price increase resulting in \$0.020/kWh. This represents an increase in electricity prices for all electricity rates.
- Assume the average monthly consumption for a residential home in PA is 568 kWh (2018 DVRPC data on residential electricity use and residential household building count).

Strategy 12: Streamline Interconnection ProcessesCollaborate with PECO to simplify utility interconnection procedures.

Energy Modeling Methodology

The effect of this strategy is determined by finding the cost savings through streamlining interconnection processes. These savings are converted to an increase in solar demand which is applied as an increase in the renewables mix.

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

- Assume that streamlining interconnection processes decreases the interconnection cost of new solar by 50%.
- Assume the solar energy price elasticity of demand is -0.65. (2017 Yale study on solar PV)
- Current costs for residential solar PV systems for interconnection are \$0.05/W (NREL). Commercial costs differ for this strategy and are not modeled.
- We assume a 50% decrease in this cost resulting in a cost decrease in solar PV installation of \$0.025/W.
- This cost savings is applied on top of any solar installation.

Strategy 14: Procure Electric Vehicles for Municipal Fleet

Participating municipalities can integrate EVs as part of their municipal fleets. Multiple municipalities could consider making an aggregated purchase or lease of EVs for their public fleet. These purchases may also capture the full value of incentives at the state and federal level via leasing arrangements with private entities. This may also include efforts to electrify school bus fleets, and/or support electrification of transit bus fleets if not owned/controlled by the municipality.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

- Assume EV procurement applies to only the municipal fleet.
- Assume a desire to electrify 100% of the municipal fleet by 2050.
- Note that electrifying the entire fleet results in the need for ~10 municipal vehicles to be electrified per year each year until 2050. To reflect improving technology and decreasing costs, we model this by assuming that 5 vehicles are electrified per year for the first 10 years, then 10 vehicles per year for the following 10 years, and 15 vehicles per year for the years leading up to 2050.
- Note that we consider an EV to be plug-in or full electric vehicles but do not consider hybrid vehicles to be EVs. Given this, the townships currently have 4 EV vehicles.
- The 2019 Nissan Leaf was chosen as the electric vehicle to model in consultation with the Advisory Group. The AG also suggested using Nissan Kicks for the gas counterpart, but there is no total cost of ownership (TCO) data available to use for financial estimations (as it is a relatively new car). The reasoning for changing the vehicles we compare was driven by 1) price comparability and 2) trim/features comparability. While there weren't other vehicles with comparable trim in the Nissan line to the Nissan Leaf, we chose the most comparable car with respect to price for the analysis, the 2019 Nissan Sentra. Note that we also considered the Nissan Versa, however based on price comparability with the Nissan Leaf, chose the Sentra.
- Project the costs of these vehicles out to 2050 (using existing data to establish the compound annual growth rates for cost).
- Calculate the difference in costs based on our projections.
- For the Total Cost to Own (TCO) analysis, we looked at factors that would differ between gasoline and electric vehicles. These factors include upfront price, maintenance and repairs, fuel, and depreciation.
- Upfront price forecasts projected using a compound annual growth rate determined by using the last six years of data.

This effect of this strategy is based on how many municipal vehicles the townships wish to electrify. These inputs are used to determine the number of vehicles to procure each year. The effect on the energy mix is directly related to the share of vehicles being electrified with a corresponding decrease in municipal vehicle gas use.

 All remaining factors calculated using Edmunds 5-year TCO studies as foundations for the 2050 projections. Edmunds conducted the study for both the 2019 Nissan Leaf and the 2019 Nissan Sentra.

Strategy 17: Lead by Example in Municipal Facilities

Participating municipalities establish "lead by example" programs to design and implement electrification projects and retrofit strategies in public facilities.

Energy Modeling Methodology

Modeling and Financial Assumptions

- Use the "1st Fire" building in West Chester Borough as the model for a mid-sized building. 1st Fire has approximately median gas and electricity use of all West Chester Borough buildings.
- Assume that each township electrifies one similar sized building every four years.
- Note that this results in a total of 48 municipal buildings being retrofit between 2020 and 2048 (one building retrofit per township every four years).
- Assume the municipalities replace the entire existing heating system for 100% electrification.
- Assume that the typical municipal building uses gas (boiler or furnace) for space heating and water heating (standalone system) and does not have central cooling (may have window units in offices).
- Assume electrification of space heating to air source heat pumps (ASHP)/variable refrigerant flows (VRFs) and water heating through heat pump water heating.
- Assume the 1st Fire building is 6500 square feet.
- Assume heat pump water heater costs \$6,000/unit (commercial scale 100 gallon)
- Assume ASHP/VRF cost of \$5,000/ton, which does not include heat recovery for simultaneous heating/cooling (30+% premium)
- Heat pump technologies for heating/cooling are expected to be double or more of the cost of a baseline gas system.
 However, the incremental cost difference would be expected to be closer to 20-50% if the municipality were also planning on retrofitting buildings for central cooling. Given the age of some of municipal buildings, installation of ductless ASHP systems to provide cooling may be a driver for encouraging electrification of heating.
- Pairing heating electrification with cost-effective energy efficiency retrofits (focused on building envelope improvements) can reduce the installed and operating cost of the systems.
- Assume that buildings being electrified have heating systems

This effect of this strategy is based on retrofitting a midsized municipal building. Assume that each township electrifies a similar building every four years through 2050. The effect on the energy mix is directly related to the fuel use replaced by electricity. that are at end of life to reduce stranded asset costs.

Appendix D. Energy Efficiency Strategies

Energy Efficiency

Although not a focus of this report, energy efficiency (EE) is a key first step in achieving RE targets as it reduces the overall amount of energy consumed at the economy-wide level. There are opportunities for efficiency improvements in all sectors of the economy that the WCA could consider pursuing. High-level guidance and resources on some key areas for EE advancement at the local level are summarized below:

Buildings

Buildings constitute a high proportion of energy usage in West Chester, as is true throughout the country. A selection of strategies for increasing efficiency (and associated resources) in both new and existing buildings are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Efficiency Strategies for New and Existing Buildings

ш	Building Type	Potential Strategies	Resources

Building Type	Potential Strategies	Resources
New Buildings	 Building Energy Codes: WCA can consider revising building codes to ensure the most stringent codes are adopted. These include: For the residential sector, the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is already in place in Pennsylvania. The 2021 IECC is expected to be released later in 2020, at which time WCA can consider opportunities to align with the updated code. 29,30 For the commercial sector, The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1-2016 Code Compliance: WCA can pursue a baseline study of EE, develop compliance goals, and continuously assess progress against goals. Pittsburgh is an example of a city that has dedicated staff to EE code compliance. 	The US Department of Energy tracks state level commercial and residential adoption of building codes at the state level through quantitative progress on energy savings impacts. ACEE tracks code compliance by different cities that WCA may seek to connect with.
Existing Buildings	Improvement Measures: WCA can build on its benchmarking ordinance to include improvement measures, such as energy audits and retrofits/retro-commissioning projects. Energy audits identify potential for energy savings, and retro-commissioning projects implement the energy savings. Benchmarking and Transparency Rules: WCA can also consider encouraging or requiring buildings (or segments of building types) to publicly disclose consumption data.	American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Strategies for Energy Savings in Buildings. PECO provides various incentives for business customers as well as for its residential customers to support implementation of EE measures.

²⁹ Smart Energy International. January 2020. U.S. Local Governments Vote in Favour of New 2021 Buildings Efficiency Code. https://www.smart-energy.com/industry-sectors/business-finance-regulation/us-local-governments-vote-in-favour-ofnew-2021-buildings-efficiency-code/

New Buildings Institute. 2021 IECC national Model Energy Code. https://newbuildings.org/code policy/2021-iecc-base-codes/

Future of Mobility

Reducing energy usage in the transportation sector will come through increasing mobility in a variety of less energy-intensive sectors, such as ridesharing, mass transit, and active transit, as outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Transit Strategies

Transit Mode	Potential Strategies	Resources
Ridesharing	Ridesharing: Implementing ridesharing programs encourage people to travel together and to reduce traffic and travel costs. There are multiple avenues to pursue ridesharing, including WCA encouraging Employee Rideshare programs with financial incentives, or preferred parking spots for carpooling. Additionally, popular ridesharing apps such as Uber and Lyft can allow commuters traveling similar directions to carpool and thereby reduce traffic.	Shared Used Mobility Center overview of shared mobility
Mass Transit	Bus routes: WCA and SEPTA can devote resources and improvements to the bus systems, with ideas such as dedicated bus lanes and the use of HOV lanes. Employee passes and transit subsidies can be effective methods in encouraging greater mass transit use.	Alternative Fuels Data Center overview of mass transit
Active Transit	Study viability of active transit (e.g. walking, biking) in select places and promote development where possible: West Chester Borough is currently pursuing a potential Bike Lane Demonstration, and has conducted a Multimodal Traffic and Circulation Study with DVRPC. Participating municipalities could consider expanding on these initiatives to. Active transportation creates significant co-benefits such as healthier public spaces.	

Additional Resources

Further details on the guidance in this section as well as additional resources for pursuing EE can be found at the below links.

Table 3: Energy Efficiency Resources

Resource	Description
American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy: Local Technical Assistance Toolkit	In addition to the buildings and electricity sector guidance, this toolkit also contains implementation support related to on EE in specific sectors and settings. Highlights include EE at lighting in public outdoor spaces, EE at wastewater treatment plants, increasing participation in utility EE programs and more. Of particular note is the Energy Efficiency Calculator that allows a user to evaluate the impact of potential EE actions in their locale.
American Council for an Energy Efficiency Economy: State and Local Policy Database	This database provides information on energy policies enacted by state and local governments across the US. These include policies for buildings and transportation sectors, as well as information on combined heat and power, utilities, and appliance standards.
American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy: Energy Efficiency Portals	This is a list of ACEEE's portals focused on energy efficiency. They cover state and local policies, but also programs in the commercial and industrial sectors.
State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network (SEE Action)	SEE Action, a state and local-led effort, is facilitated by the US DOE and EPA. It builds off of the EPA's <u>National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency</u> , and provides resources and technical assistance to state and local policy makers who intend to focus on energy efficiency.

Appendix E. Solar Siting Analysis

Introduction

Cadmus generated an overview of nine preliminary solar photovoltaic (PV) array designs for multiple municipally-owned sites in the Townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen, Westtown, and West Whiteland, and the Borough of West Chester, Pennsylvania. This memo details both the physical design and pertinent technical details at this stage of the project, such as estimated capacity, production, and performance, based on publicly available satellite images and site-specific information provided by the communities mentioned above. The estimated annual production offered in this analysis is used to project annual energy savings across all potential PV arrays. Finally, note that this analysis intends to support municipalities with decision-making regarding near-term solar developments. For this reason, the assumptions used in the analysis reflect current PV market conditions, and do not project potential future changes in the regulatory framework or available incentives.

Technical Specifications for the Proposed Solar Sites

This analysis was conducted using Helioscope,³¹ a web-based PV design software, to generate a conceptual PV system design for each of the nine sites. For the models, Cadmus assumed industry standard LG 365W panels and Solectria or Enphase inverters depending upon the system's size. It is important to note that Cadmus did not try to maximize the total number of panels at each site, but instead aimed to design arrays that maximize solar efficiency and effective use of each space. Table 1 below displays a compiled list of all nine sites for which Cadmus designed arrays, as well as key system assumptions derived from the spatial design modeling exercise.

Table 1: Estimated PV Potential by Site

Township/Borough	Site Name	Location	Capacity (kW-DC)	Annual Solar Production (kWh)
East Bradford	Township Office	666 Copeland School Road	8.76	12,000
East Goshen	Public Works Annex	1570 Paoli Pike	78.8 ³²	102,144
West Chester	Borough Hall	401 E Gay Street	178.1	247,100
West Goshen	Public Works Building	1025 Paoli Pike	145.6	197,200
west dosnen	Wastewater Treatment Plant	848 S Concord Road	215.7	281,300
	House at Boot Road Park	110 W Boot Road	8.76	12,250
West Whiteland	Municipal Building	101 Commerce Drive	47.5	62,990
Westtown	Sewer Co. Inc.	950 Westtown Road	27.7	38,580

³¹ <u>Helioscope</u> is a cloud-based solar photovoltaic design modeling software that integrates system design and performance modeling to develop preliminary layouts and energy yield calculations for measuring solar PV feasibility.

³² Sized to onsite load, as detailed in Technical Analysis section

Township/Borough	Site Name	Location	Capacity (kW-DC)	Annual Solar Production (kWh)
	Pleasant Grove Pump Station	1147 S Concord Road	90.5 ³³	124,600

The total collective capacity of the sites as currently designed is estimated to total approximately 800 kW-DC, with a projected annual production potential of over 1,000 MWh. These projections take into consideration an average performance ratio of roughly 84%, which represents the total efficiency of a system considering electrical conversion, local weather patterns, shading, and typical panel degradation. The remaining assumptions we made surrounding PV in Pennsylvania are summarized in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Summary of Key Assumptions

Annual Utility Escalation Rate	1% ³⁴
Discount Rate	4%
Install Cost/Watt	\$2.50 ³⁵
Annual O&M Cost/kW	\$20.00
Annual Performance Degradation	0.5% ³⁶
Project Term Years	25
State Tax Rate	9.990% ³⁷
Federal Tax Credit in 2020	26% ³⁸
Value of SRECs in PA per MWh	\$40.00 ³⁹
Retail Rate of Electricity per kWh	\$0.057

Technical Analysis

The section below lists the findings of a site-by-site solar feasibility analysis. The analysis aims to provide decision-makers with support to better understand the extent to which solar development is technically and economically feasible. For each site, Cadmus provides a summary of key takeaways, including images representing potential PV array designs at each of the municipal sites and a table on the estimated PV potential. In the designs, each panel is represented by a single blue rectangle, while any orange zones have been identified as "keepouts" due to visible obstructions, standard setback restrictions, or necessary maintenance corridors. The financial details included in this section are calculated assuming the project is financed through a fixed price power purchase agreement (PPA) at a site-specific rate financially reasonable for a developer to pursue. Projected PPA savings figures are

³³ Sized to onsite load, as detailed in *Technical Analysis* section

³⁴ Cadmus assumed a conservative 1% annual utility escalation rate given recent market trends. However, if electricity prices rise at a faster rate, it will result in additional savings to the municipalities. https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/pdf/AEO2018.pdf

³⁵ Average between PA residential and commercial install cost/Watt. <a href="https://www.energysage.com/solar-panels/sol

³⁶ https://financere.nrel.gov/finance/content/insights-pv-lcoe-through-new-degradation-study

³⁷ http://www.tax-rates.org/pennsylvania/corporate-income-tax

³⁸ https://seia.org/initiatives/solar-investment-tax-credit-itc

³⁹ SREC Trade in Pennsylvania. https://www.srectrade.com/markets/rps/srec/pennsylvania

detailed in this section, as this financing option is most common for municipally owned properties. However, more details on power purchase agreements, direct purchasing, and incentives are explained in greater depth in the *Ownership Options and Incentives* section.

1. East Bradford Township Office

The East Bradford Township Office has limited roof space compatible with solar development given the unique roof shape and the presence of large trees over the northeast facing side of the roof. Despite this shading, the Township Office still has enough roof space to support an array of nearly 9 kW-DC capacity, with the potential to produce roughly 12,000 kWh of electricity annually. This generation is enough to offset approximately 29% of the current onsite electricity usage. Given the estimated production potential of an array at the Township Office, pursuing a PPA at this time will be less attractive until the value of SRECs and other incentives increase, or

electricity rates rise.



Site 1. East Bradford Township Office Estimated PV Potential

DC Capacity (kW)	8.76
AC Capacity (kW)	6.96
No. Modules	24
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	12,000
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	29%

2. East Goshen Public Works Annex

DC Capacity (kW)	78.8
AC Capacity (kW)	62.6
No. Modules	216

The southwest orientation of the East Goshen Public Works Annex makes it an excellent candidate for solar development. The Public Works Annex can support an array at least 78.8 kW-DC in size with the electricity generating potential of 102,144 kWh annually. The

Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	102,144
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	100%

system's generation potential is enough to offset 100% of onsite electricity consumption, which currently costs East Goshen \$7,527 each year. Given the estimated production potential of an array at the Public Works Annex, pursuing a PPA at this time will

be less attractive until the value of SRECs and other

Site 2. East Goshen Public Works Annex Estimated PV Potential

incentives increase, or electricity rates rise. It is important to note that this system was scaled to onsite load. If solar incentives do improve, further development may be financially viable in the future.



3. West Chester Borough Hall

Two of the three primary roof structures at the West Chester Borough Hall site are optimal for a PV installation. The third roof space seems a less-likely candidate for a developer to pursue development atop due to its dimensions and visible obstructions. However, the parking lot offers West Chester Borough the opportunity to install a solar carport, which could produce roughly 160,000 kWh annually, while simultaneously providing other benefits like shading in the summer and snow cover during winter months. As designed, the roof-mounted arrays could likely support an additional 60 kW-DC of PV, as they are positioned well for clean energy generation. The arrays modeled below have the potential to offset about 75% of onsite electricity consumption, saving the municipality an estimated \$1,600 each year.

DC Capacity (kW)	178.1
AC Capacity (kW)	141.5
No. Modules	488
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	247,100



Site 3. West Chester Borough Hall Estimated PV

4. West Goshen Public Works Building

The West Goshen Public Works Building has the available roof space to support a 145.6 kW-DC solar installation. In total, the arrays designed on the three best positioned roof spaces could hold about 400 panels, enough to generate nearly 200,000 kWh of clean energy each year. The site currently consumes approximately 224,000 kWh of electricity annually, which could be reduced by approximately 88% if a PV installation of this magnitude is pursued. Currently, a PPA could save the municipality upwards of \$920 each year over the lifetime of the system.



Site 4. West Goshen Public Works Building Estimated PV
Potential

DC Capacity (kW)	145.6
AC Capacity (kW)	115.7
No. Modules	399
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	197,200
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	88%

5. West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant

The West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant has enough space onsite to support two ground-mounted arrays. The array currently modeled at the top of the site plan is sized at 117 kW-DC, and the southwest array is estimated at about 100 kW-DC. This image appears to show the site during the winter months, when there is minimal shading from surrounding trees, so it is important to note that the generation capabilities of some panels currently included in the design may be compromised in the summer and excluded by a developer as a result. Fortunately, this would likely only impact a few panels, so the annual solar production estimate of roughly 280,000 kWh is within reason. This level of generation has the potential to offset 10% of the Plant's large electricity load, enough to save West Goshen about \$265 each year under a PPA.

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DC Capacity (kW)	215.7
AC Capacity (kW)	171.4
No. Modules	591
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	281,300
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	10%

6. West Whiteland House at Boot Road Park

The small building at the center of West Whiteland Boot Road Park could likely support an 8.76 kW-DC roof-mounted array. This system would have the electricity generating capacity to produce 12,250 kWh annually, which is 100% of the site's current consumption. Given the estimated production potential of an array atop the House at Boot Road Park, pursuing a PPA at this time will be less attractive until the value of SRECs and other incentives increase, or electricity rates rise.



Site 6. West Whiteland Boot Road Park Estimated PV
Potential

DC Capacity (kW)	8.76
AC Capacity (kW)	6.96
No. Modules	24
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	12,250
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	100%

7. West Whiteland Municipal Building

The flat roof space at the West Whiteland Municipal Building could support two arrays, with one installed on each of the two buildings depicted. Though moderate in size, the simplicity of the design and lack of roof obstructions leave few barriers to an installation at the location. A developer would likely be able to install 47.5 kW-DC of PV, capable of producing over 60,000 kWh of electricity annually. This electricity production would offset roughly 9% of the site's current 682,000 kWh annual electricity load. However, pursuing a PPA at this time will be less attractive due to the current incentives available and low electricity rates.

Site 7. West Whiteland Municipal Building Estimated PV Potential

DC Capacity (kW)	47.5

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AC Capacity (kW)	37.7
No. Modules	130
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	62,470
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	9%

8. Westtown Sewer Co. Inc.

The Westtown Township Sewer Co. Inc. is a relatively small site with significant tree cover, as shown in the image below. Despite visible shading, it is possible a small ground-mounted system could be successful at the southern edge of the property, though a developer would have to ensure the facility's tanks and surrounding trees would not significantly shade the panels. If the system could exist as currently designed, it would generate 38,850 kWh of electricity annually. This 6% electricity offset at a site that uses upwards of 650,000 kWh of electricity each year is not enough to save Westtown significantly on an annual basis under a PPA until incentives or electricity rates change.

Site 8. Westtown Township Sewer Co. Inc.
Estimated PV Potential

DC Capacity (kW)	27.7
AC Capacity (kW)	22.0
No. Modules	76
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	38,580
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	6%



9. Westtown Pleasant Grove Pump Station

The 18-acre open space at Westtown Township's Pleasant Grove Pump Station is capable of supporting a large ground-mounted array with a capacity over 700 kW-DC. However, developing a site of this size would involve high upfront costs. Moreover, the land appears to be neighboring both a residential area and possibly wetlands, which are often accompanied by development restrictions regarding zoning and permitting, which a developer would have to navigate. As such, Cadmus has provided two analyses. The first shows the theoretical potential of the large site as modeled in **Figure A**. In this case, the system would generate almost 1,000 MWh annually, nearly 800% of the Station's current onsite load. Based on this analysis, the Station could be a potential candidate for a community solar project. Separately, as an example that would help the municipality meet its current load while avoiding navigating land development restrictions, PECO net metering regulations, and potential limits to available funding, Cadmus also modeled a system at the site capped at 100% of the 124,600 kWh onsite load. This smaller system, represented in **Figure B**, will meet regulatory and zoning requirements and come in at a fraction of the cost. The projections associated with **Figure B were used for all financial projections, as this system faces fewer barriers to entry.**

Site 9A. Westtown Township Pleasant Grove Pump Station Estimated PV Potential

DC Capacity (kW)	719.4
AC Capacity (kW)	571.9
No. Modules	1,971
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	984,000
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	790%

Figure A: Solar PV Potential

Site 9B. Westtown Township Pleasant Grove Pump Station PV Scaled to Onsite Usage

DC Capacity (kW)	90.5

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AC Capacity (kW)	71.9
No. Modules	248
Estimated Annual Production (kWh)	124,600
Percent of Current Electricity Load Offset	100%

Figure B: Solar PV Scaled to Onsite Usage



Ownership Options and Incentives

Given that it is common for municipalities to opt for a PPA financing structure, this option has been used for the findings outlined in the section above. However, installing solar PV at the nine sites could be pursued through other mechanisms. The two most likely financing methods, direct purchase and PPA are outlined below, accompanied by savings breakdowns for each site and additional information on key solar incentives in Pennsylvania.

Direct Ownership

Purchasing the PV arrays directly would allow the municipality to accrue all the savings from the electricity generated onsite, while simultaneously maximizing the value of incentives available to public entities. If purchased directly, savings would be generated through:

- Collecting full value of electricity produced at each site, thereby offsetting a greater percentage
 of utility bills than possible under other financing methods
- Selling SRECS, which are accrued based on electricity production and currently sold at a rate of \$40/MWh in Pennsylvania ⁴⁰. The value of SRECs in the state are projected to rise, as long as current legislative trends continue to benefit the Pennsylvania SREC market. For more information on the Pennsylvania SREC market, see <u>Solar Siting Analysis Appendix</u>.
- Net metering revenues when applicable.⁴¹ This assumes each site will be able to net meter at the \$0.057 retail rate of electricity specified by the municipalities.

Table 3 below represents savings estimates if the municipalities choose to purchase PV arrays directly, accounting for the estimated capital costs of installing a solar PV array in Pennsylvania. Cadmus assumed an install cost of \$2.5/Watt and standard operations and management expenses for the purposes of this analysis. The *25-Year Estimated Savings* column provides an estimate based on each site's annual electricity savings and the current value of SRECs. It should be noted that solar PV installations have repeatedly proven they benefit from economies of scale, with larger commercial systems in PA costing nearly \$2.00/Watt and smaller residential systems costing over \$3.00/Watt on average.

Table 3: Projected Savings Generated if Systems are Purchased Directly

Site Name	Annual Solar Production Potential (kWh)	Current Annual Electricity Usage (kWh)	Annual Electricity Usage Offset by Solar PV System	Annual Projected SREC Revenue	Annual Electricity Value Generated by Solar PV System ⁴³	25-Year Estimated Savings 44
East Bradford Township Office	12,000	42,080	29%	\$480	\$994	\$13,762
East Goshen Public Works Annex	102,144	102,144	100%	\$4,085	\$7,353	\$81,842
West Chester Borough Hall	247,100	322,240	77%	\$9,884	\$16,879	\$205,912
West Goshen Public Works Building	197,200	224,064	88%	\$7,888	\$19,281	\$289,997
West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant	281,300	2,831,540	10%	\$11,252	\$19,058	\$201,020
West Whiteland House at Boot Road Park	12,250	12,250	100%	\$498	\$858	\$11,046
West Whiteland Municipal Building	62,990	692,400	9%	\$2,520	\$4,351	\$48,777
Westtown Sewer Co. Inc.	38,580	653,952	6%	\$1,543	\$2,548	\$30,392
Westtown Pleasant Grove	124,600	124,600	100%	\$4,984	\$10,437	\$146,536

⁴⁰ SREC Trade in Pennsylvania. https://www.srectrade.com/markets/rps/srec/pennsylvania

⁴¹ PECO. Net Metering. https://www.peco.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/January%201,%202016%20-%20Rate%20RS-2.pdf

⁴³ This value represents nominal dollars not real dollars, as it has not been adjusted for depreciation over time.

⁴⁴ This value represents nominal dollars not real dollars, as it has not been adjusted for depreciation over time.

Pump Station

Power Purchase Agreement

A PPA is a contract between a private third-party developer and a property owner, the municipality in this case. Under a PPA, the developer installs, owns, and operates the PV system on the property at no cost to the property owner. Upon completion of the array installation, the third-party developer then serves as the electricity provider to the municipality. The PPA rate is often lower than what can be expected from the retail electric rate offered by the utility, though this is not always economically feasible for a developer. The lower rate (and municipal electricity savings) are created because the third-party financier is able to monetize:

- The Federal Investment Tax Credit, which will cover 26% of a PV system's cost in 2020
- SRECS, which are accrued based on electricity production and currently sold at a rate of \$40/MWh, though projected to rise. For more information on the Pennsylvania SREC market, see Solar Siting Analysis Appendix.
- Net Metering revenues when applicable.⁴⁵

Table 4 provides estimated PPA savings and the projected 25-year net value of installing PV at each of the nine locations, accounting for major incentives like the ITC and SRECs. Cadmus estimated a likely PPA rate for each of the nine sites based on what would produce a realistic and acceptable return on investment for a developer. The target return, or IRR, for the developer was set between 10%-11%, as this is likely the minimum threshold that must be met in order for a developer to consider pursuing a project. The target IRR value was used to estimate a feasible PPA rate, regardless of whether or not it resulted in a lucrative 25-year investment for the municipality. Under a PPA, the municipality realizes savings when the PPA rate they pay, coupled with the value of SRECs, falls below the utility rate they would otherwise pay the utility for electricity. For example, \$0.09/kWh (PPA value) - \$0.04/kWh (value of SRECs) = \$0.05/kWh, which means the municipality will save approximately \$0.007/kWh given their current electric utility rate of \$0.057/kWh.

⁴⁵ PECO. Net Metering. https://www.peco.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/January%201,%202016%20-%20Rate%20RS-2.pdf

Table 4: Projected Savings Generated by the System Under a PPA

Site Name	Potential Solar Production (kWh)	Fixed \$/kWh PPA Rate/Net Metering Credit Agreement 46	25-Year Value of the PV Installation ⁴⁷
East Bradford Township Office	12,000	\$0.076	-\$5,371
East Goshen Public Works Annex	102,144	\$0.060	-\$7,218
West Chester Borough Hall	247,100	\$0.050	\$40,745
West Goshen Public Works Building	197,200	\$0.052	\$23,226
West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant	281,300	\$0.056	\$6,626
West Whiteland House at Boot Road Park	12,460	\$0.070	-\$3,816
West Whiteland Municipal Building	62,990	\$0.058	-\$1,484
Westtown Sewer Co. Inc.	38,580	\$0.055	\$1,818
Westtown Pump Station Open Space	124,600	\$0.054	\$10,272

Summary & Conclusion

Each of the nine sites highlighted by the participating municipalities are potential candidates for solar development, as each site can support a solar PV array capable of producing at least 12,000 kWh annually. Each of the municipalities will have to decide which financing option is most suitable for its needs, and the information provided in this memo can support the decision-making process. It can be informative to note that most municipalities around the country pursuing solar PV opt for a PPA given the value of the ITC and the added benefits of eliminating operations and management burdens. Additionally, it is uncommon for municipalities to have adequate funding to finance a significant investment like a large solar PV installation. However, given the value of SRECs and net metering regulations in Pennsylvania, it is difficult for developers to offer PPA rates lower than the current electric utility rates. Until in-state generation is made economically viable through higher SREC values, or electricity prices increase, purchasing solar PV systems directly will likely continue to generate significantly more savings over a 25-year timeline than available under a PPA, if funding is available.

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⁴⁶ This value represents a rate assuming the developer is monetizing the value of the SRECs available.

⁴⁷ This value represents nominal dollars, not real dollars, as it has not been adjusted for depreciation over time.

Solar Siting Analysis Appendix: Pennsylvania SREC Market Background Information

Pennsylvania is one of 7 U.S. states that utilize Solar Renewable Energy Credits as a method of meeting their energy portfolio standards. The Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS) was established in part to incentivize the adoption of clean energy resources, setting minimum clean energy standards that electricity distribution companies (EDCs) and electric generation suppliers (EGS) must comply with or face a penalty. The Pennsylvania AEPS currently requires 18% of the state's electricity supply to come from alternative energy sources, with a small carve-out specifically for solar generation. One way EDCs and EGSs meet the state's solar RPS standards is through the purchasing of SRECs. One SREC is generated for every MWh of solar electricity produced by a PV system, which can then be sold on the SREC market. The value of SRECs varies depending upon market supply and demand at any given time, but Cadmus' estimates in the *Annual Projected SREC Revenue* column in Table 3 and 4 assume a \$40/MWh SREC value based on recent market trends.

It should also be noted that recent and potential changes within the Pennsylvania SREC market will likely increase the value of SRECs in the state. First, the recently implemented *2017 Act 40* ⁵² minimizes the ability for out of state electricity generators to participate in the Pennsylvania SREC market. Previously, out of state electricity generator participation was high in the Pennsylvania the market, which drove down prices. Pennsylvania SRECs will likely increase in value as it becomes more difficult to purchase cheaper out of state SRECs. This more lucrative revenue stream produced from SRECs is expected to make in-state solar more economically viable. Additionally, the state has recently indicated it will likely implement further regulations that will only work to increase the value of SRECs moving forward, including aspirations to raise the standards defined in the state AEPS to incentivize more rapid adoption of solar technology and other renewables.⁵³

⁴⁸ NC Clean Energy Technology Center. DSIRE. Solar Alternative Energy Credits. https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/5682

⁴⁹ EnergySage. SRECs in Pennsylvania: prices, projections, and program status. https://news.energysage.com/srecs-in-pennsylvania-prices-projections-and-program-status/

⁵⁰ SRECTrade. *Pennsylvania*. https://www.srectrade.com/markets/rps/srec/pennsylvania

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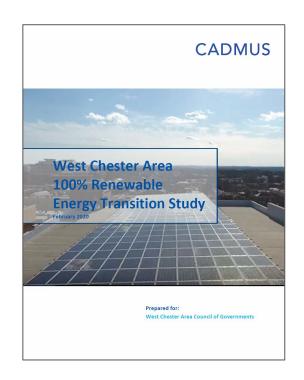
⁵² Pennsylvania General Assembly. 2017 Act 40. https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2017&sessInd=0&act=40

⁵³ EnergySage. *SRECs in Pennsylvania: prices, projections, and program status*. https://news.energysage.com/srecs-in-pennsylvania-prices-projections-and-program-status/

West Chester Area 100% Renewable Energy Transition Study

Summary of Cadmus Report July 2020

Prepared by Jim Wylie & Henry Alexander



Agenda

- 1. Introductions, people and roles
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- 3. Context
- 4. Role of Municipal Gov
- 5. Cadmus List
- 6. Recommendations
- 7. Role of Community
- 8. Q & A

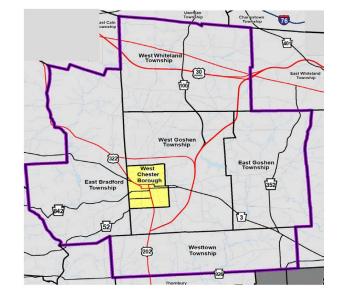
Introductions, people and roles

What is the COG?

What is the Advisory Group?

Who is Cadmus?

Glossary of terms/jargon - distributed before meeting



cadmusgroup.com/

Brief History of the West Chester Area Energy Transition Planning Project

- RFP issued by COG 9 proposals Cadmus Group contract for \$75k
- Approved by 6 municipalities (Thornbury opts out) fee split by population %
- 4 month project planned (turned into 9 month effort)
- Stakeholder intake interviews and public visioning
- Advisory Group provides oversight and feedback to study development
- Final report and overview presentations are here sites.google.com/view/wcacog-100-re-transition/home

Stakeholder Interviews

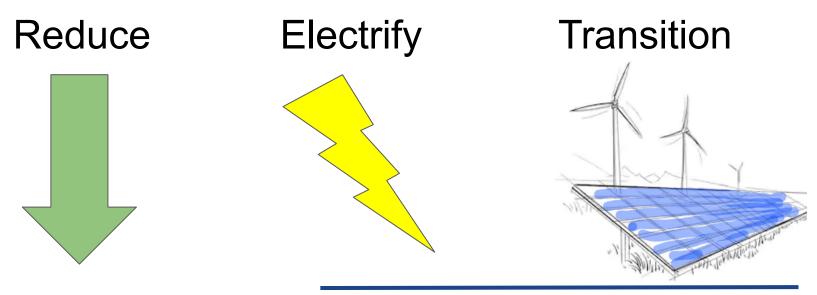
Stakeholder Contacted

- County Commissioners
- All township supervisors
- Diane Lebold
- PECO
- PA Dept. of Env. Protection
- West Chester University
- West Chester Area School District
- SEPTA
- West Goshen Twp. Sewer Authority

- Synthes (Johnson & Johnson)
- The Hankin Group
- QVC
- West Chester Area Chamber of Commerce
- Chester County Hospital
- Chester County Housing Authority
- E. Khan Development
- Main Street at Exton

Context

To achieve 100% renewable energy, the West Chester Community must:



Focus of Cadmus Study

Context

West Chester is not doing this alone.



30 municipalities in greater Phila area have passed 100% RE resolutions. 15 more expected in 2020.

Chester County Commissioners Approve Environmental and Energy Advisory Board Appointments - Feb 12, 2020

www.chesco.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid=1052

Radnor Twp Renewable Energy and Conservation Planning Services Contract - Jan, 2020

Cheltenham Twp subcommittee puts together an outline of a Renewable Energy Transition Plan for Cheltenham and establishes a Transition Plan Taskforce - March, 2019

Phoenixville Area Clean Energy Working Group Established to do community outreach and support PRPC planning efforts. Spring, 2019 www.pat.community/clean-energy

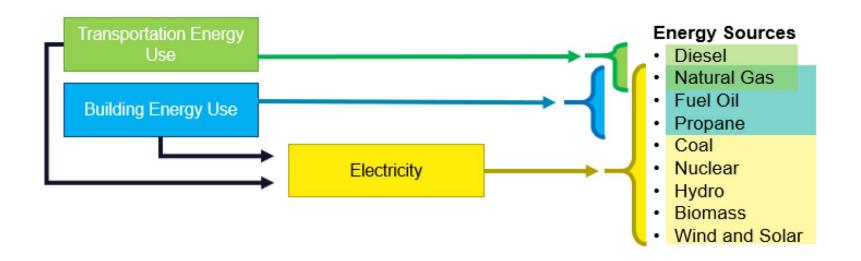


Figure 2: Energy Model Workflow

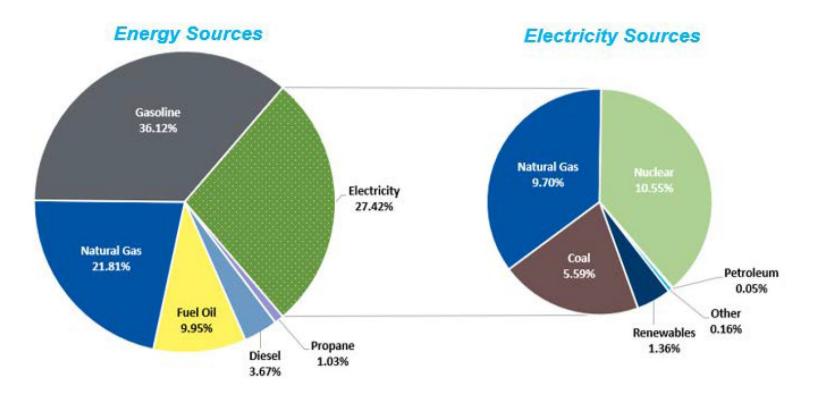


Figure 3: Energy Consumption by Fuel Type

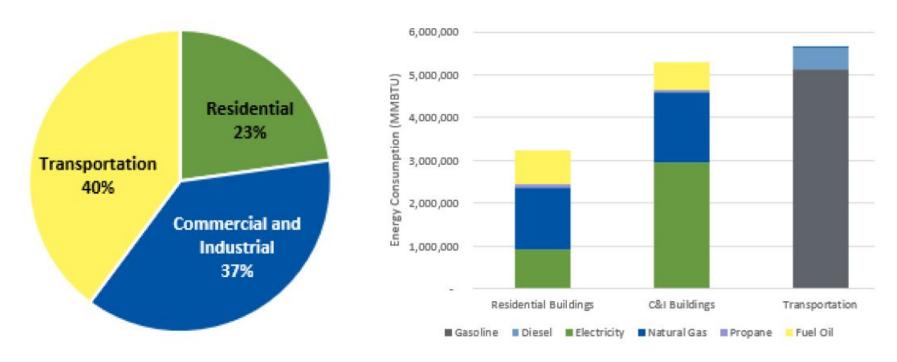


Figure 4: Breakdown of Energy Consumption by Sector and Fuel Source in 2018

Role of Municipal Gov

Lead by example Reduce/Electrify/Transition Muni Facilities

Educate Communicate to community: goals, options, motivation

Encourage Zoning, preferential permitting, other incentives

Facilitate Convene task forces, play matchmaker, organize

aggregated purchasing

Regulate New construction restrictions, benchmarking &

disclosure

Collaborate With other COG munis, county, DVRPC, state

Cadmus Recommended Strategies

Category 1: Enabling Strategies

Things that open the door to systemic changes in the community - Solar guidelines, EV readiness, electrification planning

Category 2: Community Engagement Strategies

Things that educate the community about goals and opportunities

Category 3: Municipal Supply Mix Strategies

Things that help transition the municipal facilities and fleets to 100% renewable energy sources

Category 4: State Level Options

Things that we could benefit from PA legislative changes to help us reach our goals - like Community Solar

Energy Reduction Strategies

Things that reduce our energy demand and save \$ to invest in long term EE/RE opportunities - like geothermal and on-site solar

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That's the summary of all of the Cadmus strategies.

Two questions:

- 1) What's missing?
- 2) What should we do first?



Energy Efficiency at Municipal Facilities

- Benchmark facilities
- Identify, plan & complete EE Projects
- Green building (NZ)
- LED street lights



Electrify Fleets and Municipal Facilities

- Electrification plan
- Evaluate solar PV
- Fleet analysis and EV/PHEV transition plan
- Public EV stations



<u>Transition to</u>

<u>Renewable Energy</u>

- Determine future electric demand
- Pursue PPA for collective municipal demand



Institute an Authority
for Municipal
Electricity Purchasing

- Create or leverage an existing Authority for group purchasing
- Issue RFP, solicit and approve contracts



Simplify Permitting & Inspection Process for Solar, EV Charging

- Join Solsmart
- Standardize permitting, zoning, inspection
- Staff resources to facilitate adoption

Table 1: Strategy-Level Implementation Next Steps

Near-Term Step	Enabling	Community Engagement	Municipal Supply Mix	State-Level
WCACOG to consult with the Advisory Group on their recommendations based on the Cadmus Report.	~	~	~	~
Engage the community to review the findings of this study and offer avenues for engagement on strategies that each municipality prioritizes. Ensure engagements include previously consulted stakeholders.		~		~
Review the results of the Cadmus Team's solar siting exercise with decision-makers.			~	
Access technical assistance by joining SolSmart.	~	~	~	
Engage with other local governments and groups (e.g. Sierra Club or Solar United Neighbors) to uncover how WCACOG municipalities can collaborate on existing efforts at the state-level, and learn from others' local-level efforts.	~	~	~	~

Questions from Westtown Supervisors

1) What was the purpose of the Cadmus report?

West Chester Council of Government initiated a planning process to improve energy efficiency and promote renewable energy to make our communities safer, healthier, more economically stable and more resilient in the face of climate change as well as other shocks and stresses.

2) What are 3-4 main findings/conclusions from the report?

18 strategies fit into these 4 categories:

Enabling Strategies Community Engagement Strategies

Municipal Supply Mix Strategies State Level Options

3) Why is it important for Westtown NOW at this time when every municipality is dealing with other pressing issues? Is it time sensitive?

As the impacts of the pandemic have emerged, the action list for multi-municipal collaboration was reduced to just 2 items:

Explore a collective solar Power Purchase Agreement for municipal operations

Start to organize a community engagement strategy and materials which likely will be common across the region

4) What is the BOS being asked to decide on? Define, describe, and provide various options if they exist.

See example resolution (WCB) that other WC area municipalities have passed

Example Resolution - West Chester Borough

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Borough Council:

- 1. Accepts the Energy Study;
- 2. Authorizes the Borough's involvement as a member of the WCACOG in a project to implement the Community Engagement strategies set forth in the Energy Study; and
- 3. Authorizes the Borough's involvement as a member of WCACOG in the issuance of an RFP for a power purchase agreement.

https://west-chester.com/DocumentCenter/View/13440/Item-07-A---Clean-Energy-Transition-Resolution?bidId=

West Chester Borough SAC Energy Transition Team

Municipal Government Focus

Lead By Example

Policy

Projects

- Facilities: Benchmark, Reduce, Electrify
- Fleets: Benchmark,
 Reduce, Electrify
- Purchase Renewable Electricity

- Zoning
- Ordinances
 - Permitting: SolSmart

- On-Site Solar
- ChargingStations

Collaborate With Other Munis As Appropriate

Community Focus

Marketing Strategy

- Information Resources
- Priority Targets

Public Engagement

Progress Monitoring

- Reconnecting w/ Key Stakeholders
- Public Hearings & Community Dialogues

Coordinate w/ reps from EACs of each muni

Responses to Westtown Supervisors Questions Prepared by Advisory Group Members

Why municipalities need to move on renewable energy transition

President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990 after a sustained effort by disabilities groups to achieve a society free of the barriers that held them back. It took until 2015, a full 25 years, for the changes mandated by the Act to fully take effect. Now we take for granted the design of buildings, streets, and buses and trains that accommodate the disabled, facilities that did not exist in 1990.

In January of this year, the corona virus changed American life overnight. Again, whole new social arrangements and architectures are emerging to cope with this scourge. We social distance and will do so for the foreseeable future. Suddenly new equipment is being installed to protect shoppers and store employees and workers in offices and in industry. And the very concept of the office is being reevaluated. Yet in 2005, President George W. Bush addressed the National Institute of Health with these words: "if we wait for a pandemic to appear, it will be too late to prepare." We knew about the dangers, but did not take the action to prepare.

So let's consider the issue of climate change. Scientific evidence clearly indicates that we will need to eliminate the emissions of carbon dioxide and methane by 2045 or 2050 at the latest. The changes that will be needed will be considerably greater than the changes to comply with the ADA Act. It will take all of the time we have in the next 25 years and emission reductions of greenhouse gases must start dropping immediately. Like President Bush's warning, the scientific community has been warning society for decades with increasing urgency. We cannot afford to kick this can down the road any longer. Unfortunately, the federal government has refused so far to take the lead in this effort. But there is nothing new about that. The antislavery movement, womens' suffrage campaign, and the civil rights movement all started at the local and state levels before federal legislation was enacted.

Much of the change that will be needed will require actions at the local level.

- Municipal buildings will be highly energy efficient and be heated and cooled with heat pumps.
- Municipal vehicle will be electric.
- The electricity used by the municipality will be from renewable energy sources.
- Updated energy codes will be enforced by the building inspectors.
- Land use patterns will change to allow for reduced travel between home, shopping, and work.
- Gas stations will essentially cease to exist and a system of EV charging stations will be installed.

- Utility services to homes and businesses will be transformed.
- Traffic patterns and street design will change.
- The residents, businesses, and utilities within the municipality will need education on the changes and will want to have their voices heard regarding the changes.

We need to start planning for these changes.

1) What was the purpose of the Cadmus report?

The Cadmus study is the first study to address these issues in the greater West Chester area, consisting of West Chester Borough, and the townships of Westtown, East Goshen, West Goshen, East Bradford, and West Whiteland. It identified the current energy usage patterns based on data from the U.S. Energy Information Agency and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, projected energy use under a business-as-usual scenario and various energy transition scenarios, and identified initial steps either to reduce our energy needs and transition to renewable sources of energy, or to lay the groundwork for future energy transition activities.

2) What are 3-4 main findings/conclusions from the report?

In the most basic terms, the Advisory Group (representing each WCCOG members) learned that transitioning our communities to renewable energy sources involves 3 parallel strategic approaches: **Reduce** - the amount of energy used. We can reduce demand through efficiency and conservation initiatives. This has the side effect of also saving money that can be used for other energy projects. Efficiency reduces our vulnerability to extreme weather hazards by strengthening grid reliability and builds community capacity to cope with stresses by providing public health, safety, quality of life, and equity benefits.

Electrify - while there are some renewable sources of liquid fuels, they are not considered to be mainstream at this time. So we are recommending that all energy uses, including cooking, heating and transportation convert to electricity as quickly as possible.

Transition - change the source of our electricity to clean renewable sources. Renewable energy reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and mitigates the long term impacts of climate change as well as helping achieve resilience objectives like restoring power quickly after outages.

On a broader level, the main conclusions that can be drawn from the Cadmus report are that:

- (1) The municipalities have an important role in the transition to renewable energy,
- (2) but that state and federal actions will be needed before the large scale shifts can really get underway.
- (3) Nevertheless, local government will be critical to the success of the transition and can start making meaningful changes now.

The report identified the following strategies, each of which is discussed and analyzed in detail:

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The Council of Government's Advisory Group, which oversaw the contract, prepared a list of steps that it thinks the COG municipalities should consider first. All are felt to be politically feasible and are low cost measures. Some will save the municipalities money. They were transmitted to the COG along with the Cadmus report.

3) Why is it important for Westtown NOW at this time when every municipality is dealing with other pressing issues? Is it time sensitive?

There is an African riddle which asks the best time to plant a tree. The answer is 10 year ago.

What is the second best time to plant a tree. Now.

The things that are being asked of you are not large steps, but it is an important to start to the process.

4) What is the BOS being asked to decide on? Define, describe, and provide various options if they exist.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to pass a resolution similar to that passed by the other five municipalities with a focus primarily on the two specific multi-municipal actions in the near term. These are:

• Exploration of a collective solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) which could result in the construction of a utility solar facility that would supply electricity to the COG members together with other local government and school systems. It has the potential to significantly reduce energy expenses (due to collective buying power) and would follow the examples of

Philadelphia, the State College area, the University of Pennsylvania, and University of Pennsylvania hospital complex. Such a PPA will require a couple of years of planning.

Planning for community education around voluntary programs to start the transition.

No funding and only minimal commitment of staff time is requested for either item at this time. Westtown is invited to participate in the creation of each of these projects along with the other members of the COG.

In addition, it is hoped that Westtown, as other communities are doing, will seriously examine the other recommendations made by the Cadmus report and Advisory Group and consider implementing initial measures which it judges are appropriate at this time.

Brief history of the WCA Energy Transition Project

The Townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen, Westtown, West Whiteland and the West Chester Borough, Pennsylvania, are working with the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) to study the pathways for utilization of:

- 100% renewable electricity by 2035
- 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050.

West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township have formally adopted these goals via a 100% Renewable Energy Vision Resolution and plan to utilize this report to consider pathways for achieving these goals. The remaining Townships plan to utilize the findings of this report in evaluating the potential adoption of these goals.

- An RFP was issued in the fall of 2018 to develop achievable Clean Energy Transition Plan for the WCACOG area. Cadmus was chosen and approved in April 2019 and a contract for \$75k was agreed to.
- 2. The 6 municipalities approved and agreed to share the fee based on population.
- 3. It was expected to be a 4 month project with a final report in Sept. 2019. Due to key personnel changes at Cadmus, it turned into a 9 month project.
- 4. A public visioning event was held in July 2019 and one-on-one interviews were conducted with representatives from about 20 key stakeholders over the summer.
- 5. The Advisory Group with representatives from each municipality and community representation provided feedback all along the way.

In addition to the final report which you have, the visioning session presentation, stakeholder report and final presentation and report can be found on the project website - https://sites.google.com/view/wcacog-100-re-transition/ho

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July 17, 2020

Robert Pingar, P.E., Township Manager Westtown Township 1039 Wilmington Pike West Chester, PA 19382

RE: Recommendation & Bid Tabulation

Oakbourne Restoration Phase II – Carriage House & Water Tower

1014 S. Concord Rd. West Chester, PA 19382

Dear Rob,

As you are aware, Linn Architects was retained to design and document the exterior painting and repair work needed for Oakbourne Park's Carriage House and Water Tower. With the construction documents completed, we placed the plans out to bid on Friday, June 26, 2020. Bid proposals were requested via print ad in the Daily Local News and Daily Local News Digital on Friday, June 26, 2020 and Wednesday, June 29, 2020.

During the bidding process we received interest from multiple contractors and ultimately had three bidders submit bids for the project. The bid opening was held at Westtown Township Building on Friday, July 10, 2020, where we received three total bids from R.C. Legnini Company Inc., Uhrig Construction Inc., and Donald E. Reisinger Inc. Each of the three bid packages have been reviewed for completeness with the bid specifications and the bid tabulation is enclosed for your reference.

The required information submitted by Uhrig Construction was evaluated by Linn Architects and all materials and references have been reviewed. Linn Architects has found the bid presented to be acceptable and recommends that Westtown Township awards a contract to **Uhrig Construction Inc.** at a bid amount of **\$129,230.00**.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Linn, AIA
Registered Architect

Principal - Linn Architects

RHL/dr

Enclosure: Bid Tabulation

BID TABULATION - Friday, July 10, 2020

OAKBOURNE RESTORATION PHASE II – CARRIAGE HOUSE AND WATER TOWER

R.C. LEGNINI COMPANY, INC. \$163,768.00 DONALD E. REISINGER, INC. \$141,400.00 UHRIG CONSTRUCTION INC. \$129,230.00	CONTRACTOR	BID
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15632	6/16/2020	406320	Kathleen Hood	\$98.93	R	
15633	6/16/2020	928	Mingis, Gutowski & Co,.LLP	\$14,241.00	R	
15634	6/16/2020	406052	Pennoni	\$1,729.97	R	
15635	6/16/2020	860	TrueNet, Inc	\$132.85	R	
15636	6/19/2020	6958	Capital One Bank	\$90,241.76	R	
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15641	6/23/2020	1201	Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc	\$4,177.94	R	
15642	6/23/2020	58	East Goshen Township	\$6,538.69	R	
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15644	6/23/2020	31	Gawthrop Greenwood, Attorn	\$7,545.00	R	
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15655	7/14/2020	1009	Ann Marie Cassidy	\$680.00	0	
15656	7/14/2020	6552	Best Line Equipment	\$1,000.00	0	
15657	7/14/2020	222	Brandywine Valley SPCA	\$45.00	0	
15658	7/14/2020	7178	Buckley Brion	\$484.00	0	
15659	7/14/2020	6995	Ferguson Enterprises Inc #501	\$52.32	0	
15660	7/14/2020	751	General Code	\$1,195.00	0	
15661	7/14/2020	7196	GreatAmerica Financial Svcs	\$171.00	0	
15662	7/14/2020	876	Highway Materials, Inc	\$372.55	0	
15663	7/14/2020	405997	Hoffmans Exterminating Co., I	\$210.00	0	
15664	7/14/2020	405884	JHL Landscaping	\$143.10	0	
15665	7/14/2020	406320	Kathleen Hood	\$148.40	0	
15666	7/14/2020	799	KELLY INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$40.75	0	
15667	7/14/2020	173	KNOX EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$222.50	0	
15668	7/14/2020	15	Office Basics, Inc.	\$404.81	0	
15669	7/14/2020	406052	Pennoni	\$270.00	0	

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Check No	Check Date	VendorNo	Vendor	Check Amount	Status	
15670	7/14/2020	148	PIRMA	\$108,135.00	0	
15671	7/14/2020	153	Rothwell Document Solutions	\$611.00	0	
15672	7/14/2020	860	TrueNet, Inc	\$132.85	0	
15673	7/20/2020	406260	Detwiler Roofing	\$151,200.00	0	
			Bank Total:	\$677,629.07		
Bank Acco	ount: 8 En	iterprise Fur	nd			
1014	6/16/2020	6468	Carroll Engineering Corp	\$362.50	R	
1015	6/16/2020	6468	Carroll Engineering Corp	\$181.25	R	
1016	6/22/2020	406319	Stephen Costa	\$1,457.16	R	
1017	6/25/2020	405677	Aqua PA General Accounting	\$75.00	0	
1018	6/25/2020	5477	Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.	\$450.00	R	
1019	6/25/2020	6468	Carroll Engineering Corp	\$4,306.75	R	
1020	7/1/2020	1196	McGovern, Inc.	\$1,716.00	0	
1021	7/1/2020	1164	Univar USA, Inc.	\$2,827.87	0	
1022	7/1/2020	980	USPS- Postmaster	\$1,615.06	0	
1023	7/14/2020	405677	Aqua PA General Accounting	\$75.00	0	
1024	7/14/2020	5666	M&B Environmental, Inc.	\$2,993.20	0	
1025	7/14/2020	86	PRESTIGE MAILING SERVIC	\$415.00	0	
			Bank Total:	\$16,474.79		
Bank Account: 18 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
1216	7/14/2020	7234	Linn Architects	\$1,633.92	0	
			Bank Total:	\$1,633.92		
			Total Of Checks:	\$695,737.78		