

# How will your project change your community?

## Workshops for Sustainable Energy Funding

WPPSEF is putting more money on the streets to support clean energy projects that benefit the West Penn Power ratepayers through a Request for Proposals (RFP). Meet the WPPSEF staff and have a conversation to see if your project is eligible. Join us, as WPPSEF works with the following businesses to collaborate on a series of workshops in your area.

Tell us about your project, attend a workshop near you: (Registration required | Seating is limited)

### December 7, 2017 - Fayette County

10:00 a.m. - noon Fav-Penn Business Event Center 1040 Eberly Way, Suite 151, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456 Register Here.



#### December 12, 2017 - Butler County

10:00 a.m. - noon Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002 Register Here.



### December 14, 2017 - Centre County

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, Room 106 215 Innovation Blvd., State College, PA 16803 Register Here.



### December 15, 2017 - McKean County

10:00 a.m. - noon The Laughing Owl Press Co. 59 N Fraley St, Kane, PA 16735 Register Here.



### January 9, 2018 - Franklin County

10:00 a.m. - noon

Mercersburg Inn, Great Room, 405 S Main St, Mercersburg, PA 17236 Register Here.



### January 17, 2018 - Armstrong County

10:00 a.m. - noon

Lenape Heights Golf Resort, Green Room 950 Golf Course Road, Ford City, PA 16226

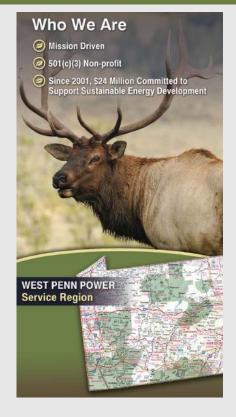




## **Projects Under Construction**

GreenBuild, a Zero Energy Ready duplex home from the State College Community Land Trust, is out of the ground and the fair winter weather is allowing crews to work on the foundation and to continue to push towards the summer showing. The State College Community Land Trust (SCCLT) was awarded a \$100,000 grant and a \$350,000 construction loan from WPPSEF to help fund the

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construction of this affordable duplex equipped with green energy technology in the Borough of State College. GreenBuild will benefit not only the people who own the homes, but also will serve as a model for builders, developers, architects and individual homeowners seeking new ways to reduce energy costs. U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home program represents a whole new level of home performance, with rigorous requirements that ensure outstanding levels of energy savings, comfort, health and durability. Learn More.



Shaver's Creek Environmental Center is moving right along with their renovation project. The Center was awarded a \$35,000 grant from the WPPSEF to install sustainable energy technologies in the center's new construction. The grant will be used for variant refrigerant flow HVAC systems that will help Shaver's Creek achieve LEED certification. "Shaver's Creek strives to connect people to each other and the natural world in all of our programming and now with our facility design," said Shaver's Creek director Mark McLaughlin. "We feel it's important for our center to model sustainable solutions for the thousands of school children, University students and community members who will visit our site now and for the generation to come." Learn More.



## PA Solar Expansion

Governor Tom Wolf joined state and local officials and environmental advocates on November 13 to announce the expansion of the use of solar energy across the commonwealth, while ensuring that the environmental and health benefits of solar energy are experienced in Pennsylvania. "This legislation is a game changer," said Governor Wolf. "We are making sure that the benefits of increased renewable jobs, a cleaner environment, and a growing renewable economy will be felt in the commonwealth."

The legislation, included in the Administrative Code (Act 40), includes key provisions that will enhance the solar energy market in Pennsylvania. This legislation requires that for a renewable facility to generate credits, the electricity the facility generates must be delivered to an electricity distributor

operating within the commonwealth. The signing took place adjacent to Elizabethtown College's 2.6-megawatt solar PV system in Elizabethtown, PA. Owned and operated by Community Energy







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**Green Building Alliance** 

**Mountain Watershed** 

PennSEF - Pennsylvania Sustainable **Energy Finance Program** 

Pennsylvania Environmental Council

Penn State New Kensington Corner LaunchBox

Pennsylvania Wilds

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

State College Community Land Trust



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### Support for PennSEF Expands in Western PA

**Green Building Alliance** is serving as the Western Pennsylvania liaison for PennSEF. This statewide program provides technical and legal assistance, as well as low-cost capital, for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects for municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals - the so-called "MUSH" sector including counties and governmental agencies. Continuing nearly a quarter century of work helping buildings become more efficient and healthier, Green Building



Alliance (GBA) is helping local organizations access lower cost capital for energy, water, and resiliency upgrades through the statewide PennSEF program. The Pennsylvania Treasury Department has partnered with the Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment (FREE), with financial support from the WPPSEF, to develop a prudent, market-based investment vehicle that promotes energy and water efficiency, clean energy generation, economic development and environmental improvement. GBA hopes to empower organizations of varying sizes and capacities to reduce their costs and resource use, increase their resiliency, and even undertake

deferred maintenance.

Learn More.

### **Breaking News**



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