

# 2022 Report on the Solar Project at the Episcopal Conference Center

ECRIS (Episcopal Camp Rhode Island Solar) was established as an independent corporation to bring a solar farm to the Episcopal Conference Center. The purpose of the solar project is to secure the long-term financial health of the Camp and to lower the state's carbon emissions.

This year has brought the project closer to completion. RER Energy Group, the solar developer, hopes to complete planning, permitting and technical development in early 2023. Subject to financing, construction will follow.

Thirty-eight parishes or missions of the Diocese have signed Letters of Intent to participate, as have other diocesan bodies. These entities, plus other non-profit organizations in Rhode Island who are expected to sign on, will benefit from energy cost savings and provide the assurance of success needed to attract investors.

It is not too late for other parishes to join the effort, or for Rhode Island non-profits to get involved. Participating entities will save up to 30% on their electric bills. Those eligible can learn more about the project, and sign up, by going to the website, <https://ecrisolar.com/>

The solar arrays will be buffered from public view and RER will work to ensure maximum biodiversity in the areas surrounding the installations. RER is also working with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to obtain the necessary permits.

The Project Manager is Rick Sellers. Former Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese, Dennis Burton, has continued to work with the project along with his successor, Edward Biddle. For more information, please contact Rick Sellers at [r.sellers@ecrisolar.com](mailto:r.sellers@ecrisolar.com).