
PACE-Funded Solar Wins Rave Reviews



Upcoming Events

[Urban Land Institute:
Financing Energy
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July 26, 2017

White Plains, NY

The Urban Land Institute is hosting a moderated panel discussion between seasoned industry experts, including Mark Thielking of Energize NY, focused on financing options for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

[Celebration Event at
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September 7, 2017

Binghamton, NY

Ribbon cutting of the first Energize NY PACE project in Broome County

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Historic Binghamton Theater Uses PACE to Go Solar



Energize NY this month completed the first PACE financing in Broome County to fund a 5.9kW wall-mounted solar installation for the Art Mission and Theater in downtown Binghamton, NY. The historic 1840s building houses a movie theater, art gallery, community center and loft apartments.

The solar array is expected to produce 7,135 kWh each year, which will power the building's common areas, hallway heaters, signage, elevator and a new EV charging station installed next to the theater. The new solar panels are positioned to maximize the angle of the sun throughout the year and provide shade to the building during the summer.

Maggie Martin, Art Mission's founder and one of the owners of the building, had been planning to take advantage of solar for over a year, but finding funds for the project was a challenge. The theater decided to move forward with the project after Broome County began offering Energize NY PACE financing in February 2017. The theater financed the four wall-mounted solar panels using 20-year PACE financing.

"We made the solar panels very visible on the building intentionally," said Ms. Martin. "The solar installation is part of a larger plan to demonstrate how to make the building more sustainable, which includes creating a native plant demonstration garden to address storm water run-off and provide an artful shady oasis in downtown Binghamton," she added.

Here's How to Join.

There are 3 steps for a municipality to become a member:

- 1- Pass the **Local Law** which enables Energize NY (PACE) Finance
- 2- Sign a **Municipal Agreement** with EIC
- 3- Send a **letter to the EIC Board** formally requesting membership.

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Energize NY Homeowner Program

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Energize NY in the News

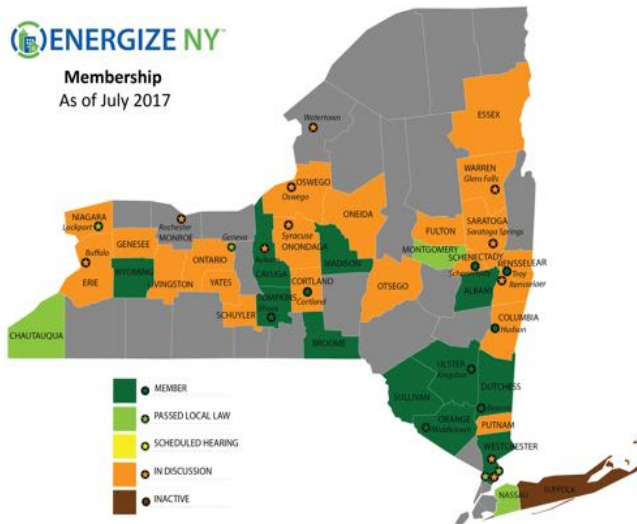
- Observer Today ["Legislators Approve Energy Loan Program"](#)
- Binghamton Homepage.com ["Solar Panels Installed on Art Mission and Theatre Building in Binghamton"](#)

The Art Mission Theater solar panels were installed by ETM Solar Works of Endicott, NY. The project is the first in the Southern Tier to receive PACE-financing. [Learn more](#) about the Art Mission solar project.



City of Geneva Joins Energize NY

The City of Geneva, which straddles Ontario and Seneca Counties, became the 38th municipality to join Energize NY and begin offering commercial PACE financing for clean energy projects. The City of Geneva is the second municipality in the Finger Lakes Region to become a member, joining Wyoming County.



Chautauqua County became the first county in the Western Region of New York and 43rd municipality to pass the local law to join Energize NY and establish commercial PACE finance. The County legislature unanimously passed the local law in late June. [Read more](#) about Chautauqua County's decision to join Energize NY.

[Click here for the Membership Map](#) and list of participating municipalities.

High School Senior Experience at Energize NY



Energize NY was lucky to host four high school interns for their Senior Experience Projects. The interns focused on a variety of energy efficiency themed projects under the direction of Lauren Brois, Energize NY Residential Director, Westchester and our fabulous volunteers, Cathy Pepe and John Flynn. Together the interns helped over 100 homeowners with the energy upgrade process.


Sammi Greenburg, a senior at North Salem High School, collaborated with North Salem Town Supervisor Warren Lucas to prepare a series of communications about home energy efficiency that the Town will send to residents.

Josh Holder from Croton Harmon High School, developed, filmed, and edited a new video series explaining the Energize NY home energy upgrade process. He also met with the Croton Sustainability Advisory Board and presented to the Croton-on-Hudson Village Board.

Lan Zhang and Zulfi Somoro, both seniors at Horace Greely High School in Chappaqua, met with New Castle Supervisor Rob Greenstein and presented at a New Castle Town Board meeting. Lan created a series of customized homeowner communications that visually represent the five steps to becoming Energized.

Bravo and thank you to our wonderful interns!

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Energize NYtm is a NY State mission-driven local development corporation that works  with its member communities and property owners to unlock the energy savings in their buildings -- saving money, fuel and greenhouse gas emissions. Energize NY drives demand for clean energy upgrades to existing buildings through community-based marketing and outreach and by providing affordable and accessible project financing. www.energizeny.org

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