



# **Grow Solar Chicagoland 2023**

**Sustainability Program Manager  
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# Group Buy Solar

- A Solar Group Buy program entails volume discounts through competitive selection of a solar installer.
- More installations = lower cost for customers
- Solar Power Hour educational events cover the basics of solar, financials, property's solar readiness, and how to participate.



# Midwest Renewable Energy Association

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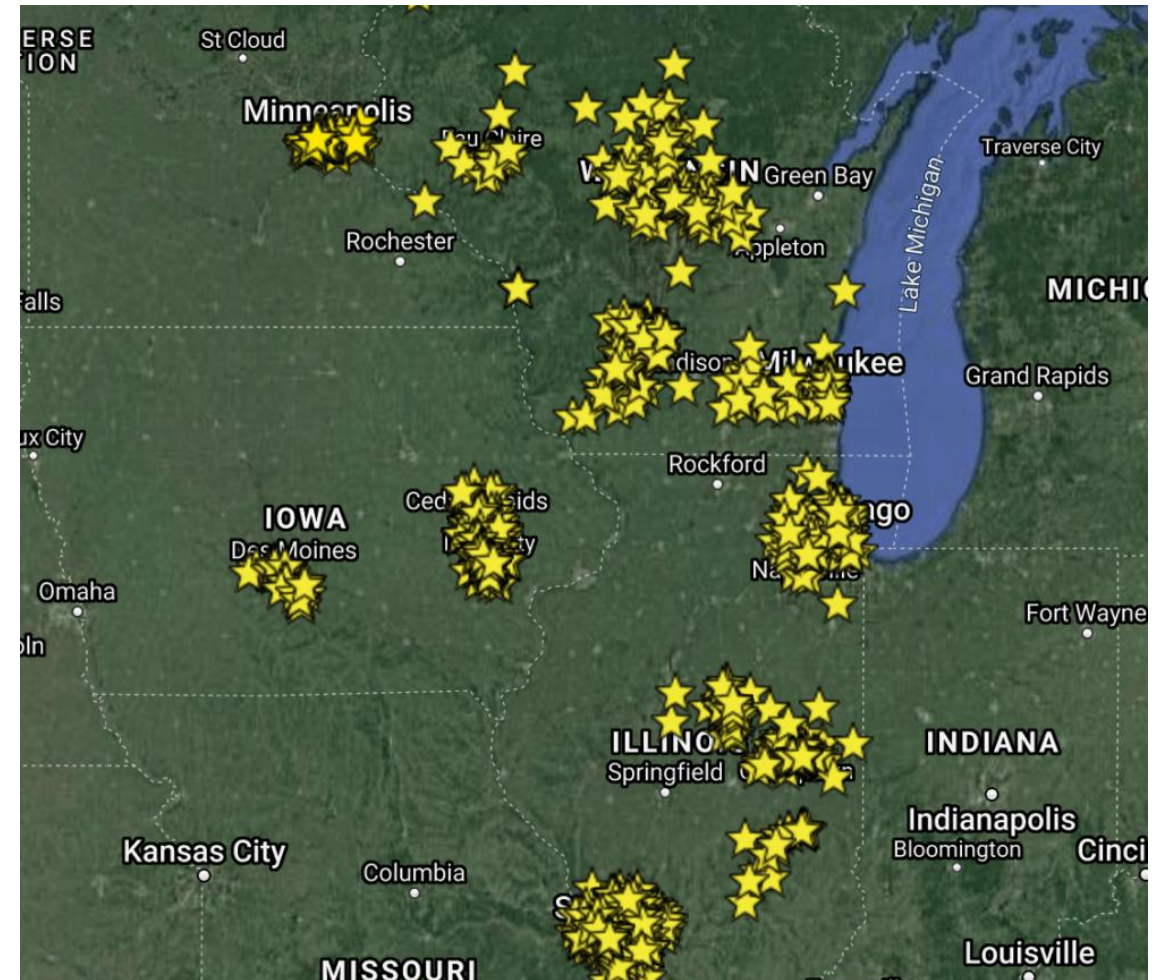


- **The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) is a 501c3 that has facilitated more than 50 Solar Group Buy programs around the Midwest between 2013 and 2021**
- **The Grow Solar Chicagoland program focuses mostly on encouraging residential installation**
- **Lake County residents are already eligible to participate in this program**
- **County Sponsors: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Will**
- **City Sponsors: Chicago, Countryside, and Villa Park**
- **Organization Sponsors:** Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition, Palatine Cool Cities Environmental Team, Elgin Sustainability Commission, Sierra Club of Illinois, DuPage Clean Energy Coalition, SAGES of Buffalo Grove, Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce, SCARCE, the Conservation Foundation, 350 Chicago, Garfield Park Community Council, Gail Borden Public Library, Maywood Public Library, Northbrook Public Library, and Indian Trails Public Library.

# Midwest Renewable Energy Association



- MREA has helped lead the installation of 17,400 kW on over 2,300 properties
- Average system size from 2013-2020 was 7.3 kW



# Other Similar Programs

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- **There are no other active group buy programs sponsored by Chicagoland communities.**
- **Illinois Solar Energy Association and Illinois Power Agency provide information for residents to find their own installer, developer, or manufacturer.**

# Lake County Involvement

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- **Committee can choose to pass a resolution of support and endorsement for 2023 program**
- **Send representative to Advisory Committee to select 2023 installer**
- **Promotion of Grow Solar Chicagoland 2023 program**
  - **Newsletters**
  - **Website**
  - **Social Media**
  - **Allow use of logo by MREA**
- **Allow Solar Power Hour events to be hosted at County facilities**



**Questions**