



TOWN OF HAMDEN

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Solarize Hamden Brings More Solar Systems to Hamden Residents

Hamden, CT —Solarize Hamden, a town and state sponsored program designed to dramatically increase residential solar, reached the end of its 10-week program on January 28, 2014. Over the course of the program, Solarize Hamden helped 37 Hamden residents go solar, generating 229 kW of power.

The Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA), The John Merck Fund, and SmartPower partnered with the town to develop Solarize Hamden. Solarize leverages community outreach and the power of group purchasing to encourage residential solar installations.

C-TEC Solar, Solarize Hamden's chosen installer, offered discounted pricing in return for support from the town. The more homeowners who participated in Solarize Hamden, the lower the price dropped for all Hamden homeowners.

Brian Lier was one of the first Hamden residents to adopt solar through Solarize. "I was very impressed with the Solarize Hamden program overall," said Lier, "I first found out about Solarize at the town information session in November, and from there decided to pursue a solar photovoltaic system for my own use. The town's chosen installer, C-TEC Solar, made a very positive impression on me and I chose to not only have a ground mount system installed, but also invited my neighbors to my home to show them what a solar installation looks like."

"We are excited that so many of our residents responded to this opportunity to lower their energy bills by going solar," said Mayor Scott Jackson, "We would also like to thank to our volunteers and C-TEC Solar who worked so hard to make these results possible. Hamden will continue to seek and provide residents with opportunities for reducing energy costs and switching to cleaner energy options."

While Solarize Hamden is formally closed, those who are interested in solar may still contact C-TEC Solar at 888-52-SOLAR (76527) to learn if discounts are still being offered to residents.

For more information on Solarize Connecticut please contact SmartPower Outreach Manager Kate Donnelly at kdonnelly@smartpower.org or 860-604-4846.

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