



For Immediate Release

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Contact: Daniel van Hoogstraten, dvanhoog@amplifirestrategies.com

Eastern Cottontail Solar Project Receives OPSB Approval

The up to 220-megawatt solar project in Fairfield County will boost the local economy, create hundreds of jobs, and generate clean, affordable energy to help meet central Ohio's growing demand for power

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, Ohio (Aug. 21, 2025) – Today, the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) approved the [Eastern Cottontail Solar Project](#), granting its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The up to 220-megawatt utility-scale solar facility, developed by [EDF power solutions](#), is now permitted to commence construction at its site located within Walnut Township in Fairfield County, Ohio.

“We’re thrilled to see the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project move forward with today’s approval,” **said Nick Lucania, lead developer of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.** “This milestone is a result of years of engagement with the Fairfield County community, farmers and landowners, and local officials to align the project with community priorities and long-term growth. We’re committed to maintaining an open dialogue as we move into construction and operations, and to being a trusted partner in the community for years to come.”

Eastern Cottontail is estimated to create approximately 500 construction jobs, as well as long-term jobs in operations and maintenance. This is in addition to a projected 270 indirect jobs created across local supporting industries. Over the life of the project, Eastern Cottontail is expected to generate up to \$80 million in stable, long-term revenue for schools, police and fire departments, and local services throughout Fairfield County.

Eastern Cottontail will generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 42,000 average American homes. Once operational, it will help support central Ohio’s increasing demand for power, which is [expected to double in the decade leading up to 2028](#).

The project is [committed to implementing sheep grazing](#) to assist with vegetation management at its project site, thereby helping to keep the land in agricultural use. This commitment was [filed](#) as a supplement to its permit application with the OPSB. The project will seek to partner with local shepherds to supply and manage the flock.

###