AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY ENERGY

A HARRIS COUNTY PROGRAM



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The Challenge

7 in 10 lower-income Gulf Coast families can't afford their energy bills.

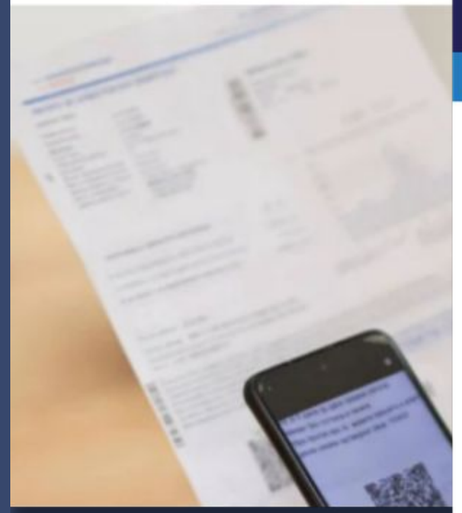


Source: TEPRI Community Voices in Energy Survey, 2025

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Rising cost of utilities adds to housing affordability woes in Harris County

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Repairing electricity infrastructure after storms usually costs customers. So could strengthening it before the next weather event.

BY ALEJANDRA MARTINEZ AND EMILY FOXHALL

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And yet...

Solar has remained out of reach for exactly the people who need savings most.



What ACE is...

ACE (Affordable Community Energy) is Harris County's **community solar program.**

The county builds solar on public land and shares the savings— about 20% off a household's monthly bill.

No panels, no cost, renters included.



But what is community solar?



How it works

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Harris County builds solar on publicly-owned land.

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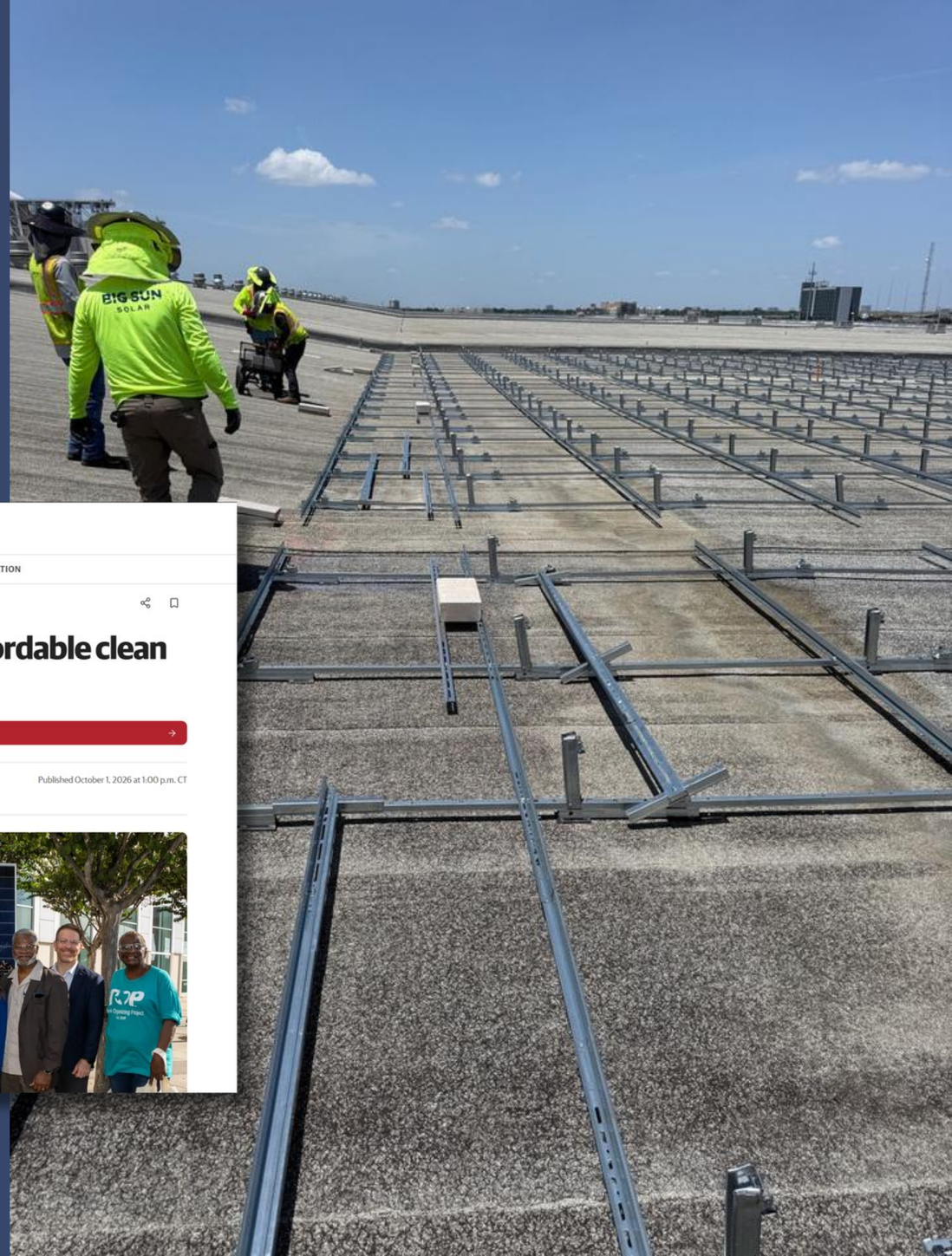
The power is sold in the retail electric market.

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Enrolled households get the savings on their monthly bill.

Where We Are Now



Harris County's New Community Solar Program Aims to Bring Electric Bill Relief to Thousands of Households

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Relief from a monthly electricity bill can mean more room for groceries, prescriptions and other essentials. A ne... savi...

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Harris County launches affordable clean energy program

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Kennedy Thomason
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SOLAR ENERGY

Harris County rolls out $88 million solar panel program to help lower 10,000 residents' bills




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