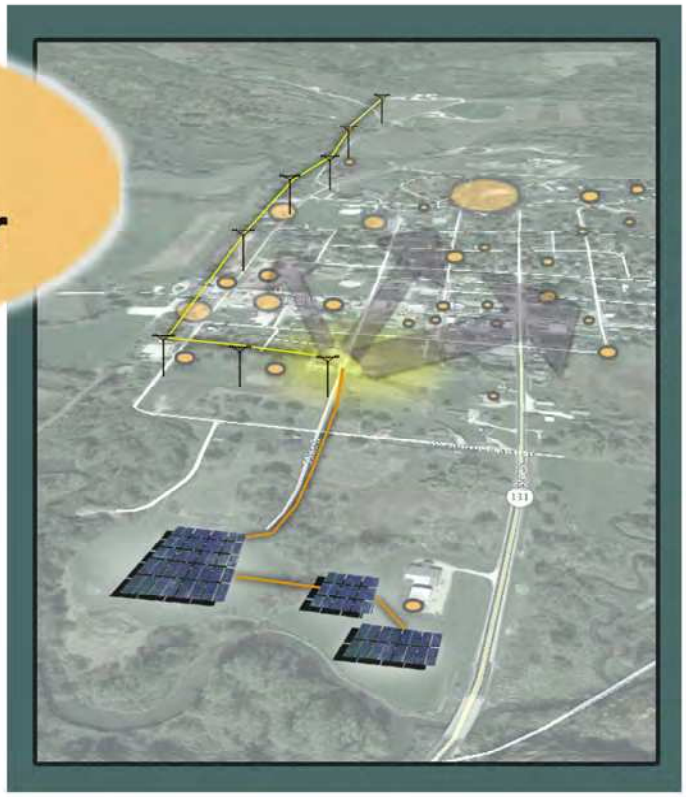
La Farge
Community Solar



Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 27
6:30 pm
La Farge Community Center
202 N State St; La Farge, WI

We invite you to join us for information and discussion about the feasibility of creating a Community Solar Farm within the La Farge Municipal Utility service territory with savings and arrangements similar to those offered by the Vernon Electric Coop community solar farm near Westby.

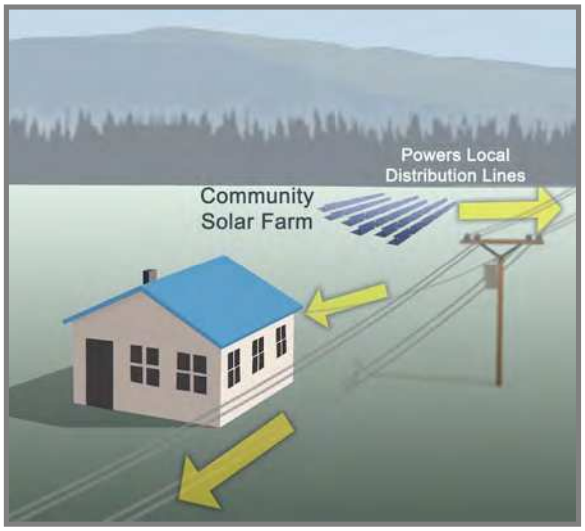
La Farge Municipal Utility, Organic Valley, Town of Stark Energy Planning Committee and Local Energy Group (LEG Up) have been exploring factors for the past few weeks and would like to gauge residential and businesses interest before proceeding.

It is anticipated that all customers of La Farge Municipal Utility would be eligible to purchase solar panels and that customers who cannot make the commitment would benefit from improving the village's abilities to control demand, negotiate energy contracts and provide back-up power.

We are still in early stages of outlining options. A sheet with preliminary information and estimates is attached. If you bring along a recent utility bill we can better estimate implications for your home or business. Snacks and coffee will be served.

Thank you for considering joining us!

What is Community Solar?



Community Solar is a very cost-effective means of providing low maintenance, renewable energy to local distribution electric lines for the entire community to consume. Businesses and households who can afford to buy solar panels save on their electric bills over time as the price of power increases. Our long-term utility debt in Wisconsin makes it highly likely that electricity costs will increase at a rate of about 4.5% per year in coming years.

How much would the solar panels cost and how many would I need?

We are still in the planning stages but we anticipate a single, 300 watt panel would cost about $600. Families and businesses would be able to buy just a few panels or many depending on how much energy they use and their budgets. The more panels you own, the fewer number of energy units you pay for on your utility bill. An attached sheet shows examples for different numbers of panels under a fixed amount of use. Because fewer dollars would be paid to our utility and we'd still have considerable utility operation expenses to meet, we expect we will have to cap the maximum number of panels, perhaps at 125% of one's use.

How long do solar panels last and how safe would my investment be?

Solar panels are very durable, can withstand hail, wind, snow and heavy rain. They are guaranteed by the manufacturer for 20-25 years and are known to last much longer. Our investments would be safe by all measures because the farm would be owned and operated by the panel buyers-- probably under a non-profit cooperative model. Our farm would be the first such arrangement under a municipal utility in Wisconsin-- and perhaps used by other communities in Wisconsin after us!

Where would the farm be located and how soon would this happen?

We are looking at possible sites now including land owned by the village. If we move now, construction would like be next year which is the last year federal tax credit up to 30% of the cost can be taken. Organic Valley, for certain, probably wants to take advantage of this savings.

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Please keep me updated about this project:

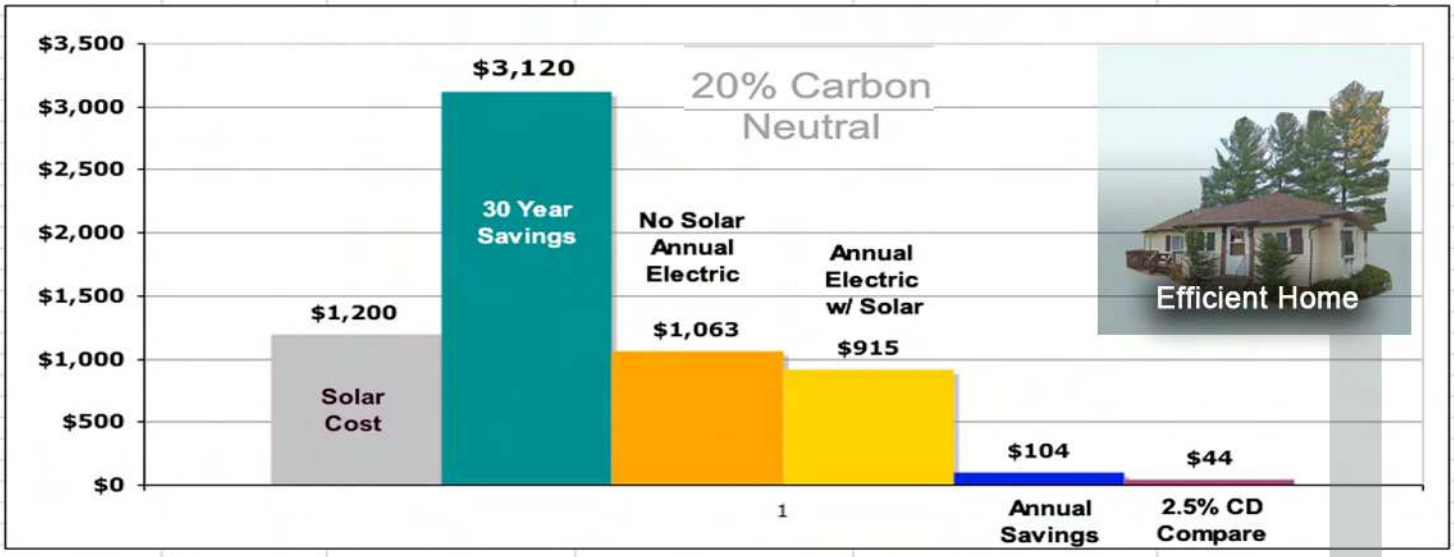
Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____Phone _____

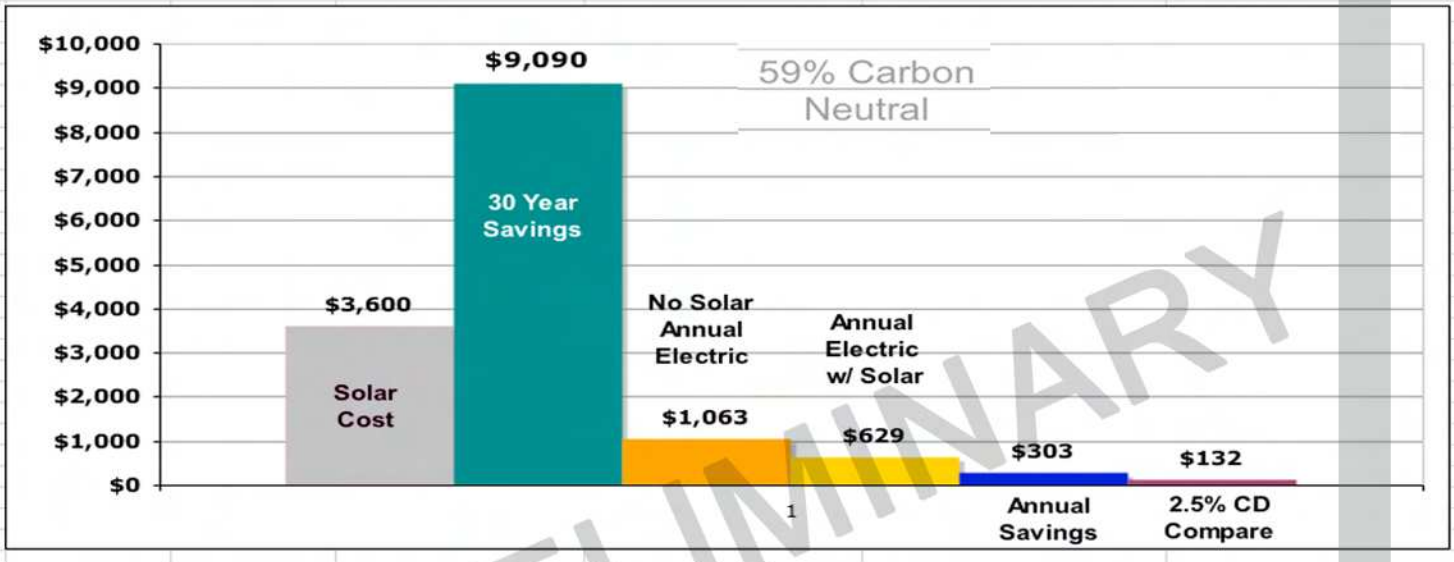
For My Home [ ] For My Business [ ] Both [ ]

330 kWh Per Month - 2 Solar Panels

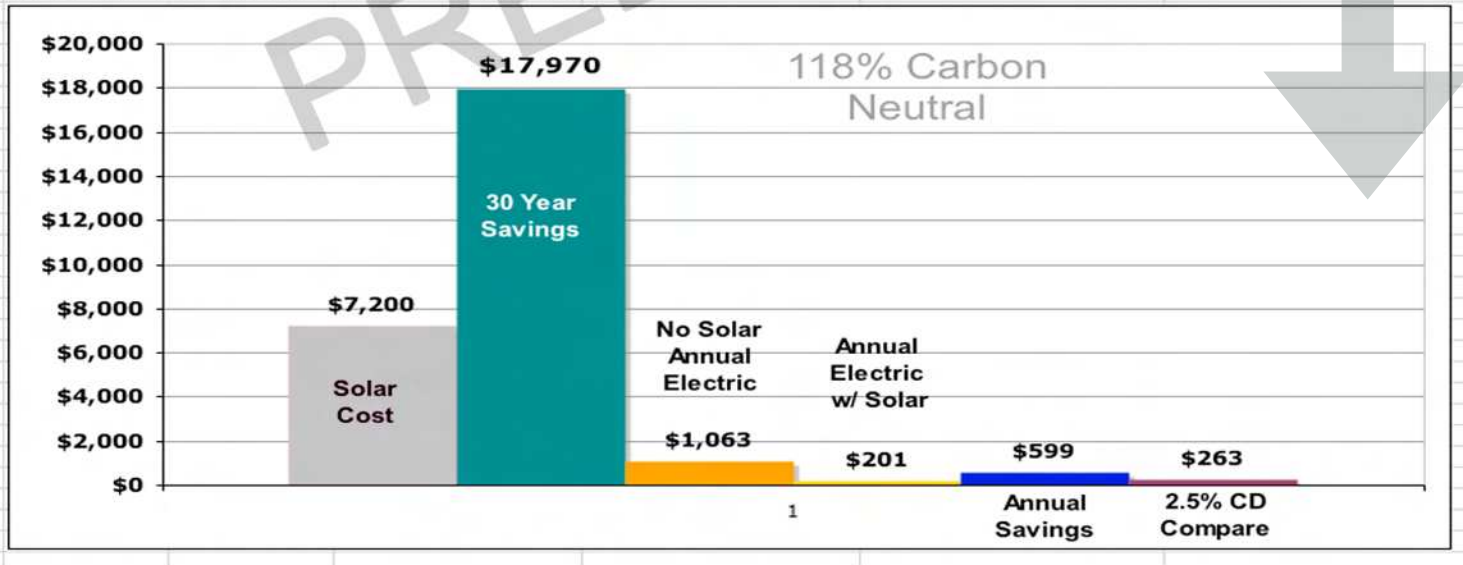
15th Year of 30 Year Investment (Average)



330 kWh Per Month -6 Solar Panels



330 kWh Per Month - 12 Solar Panels



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640 kWh Per Month - 4 Solar Panels

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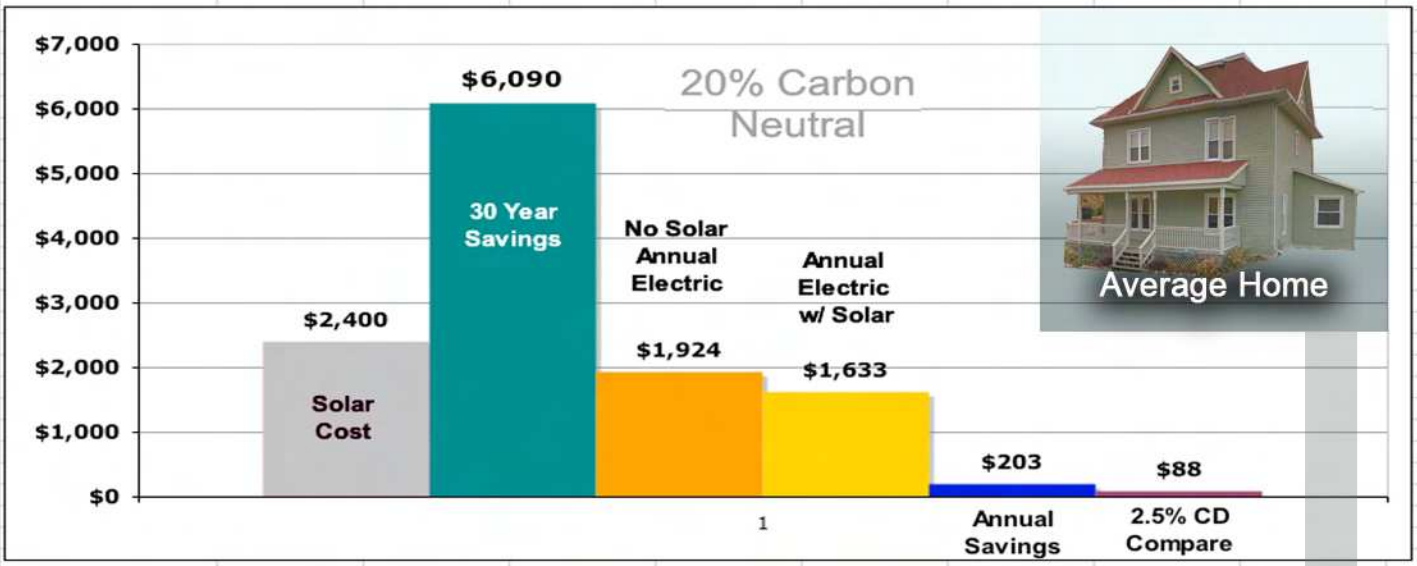

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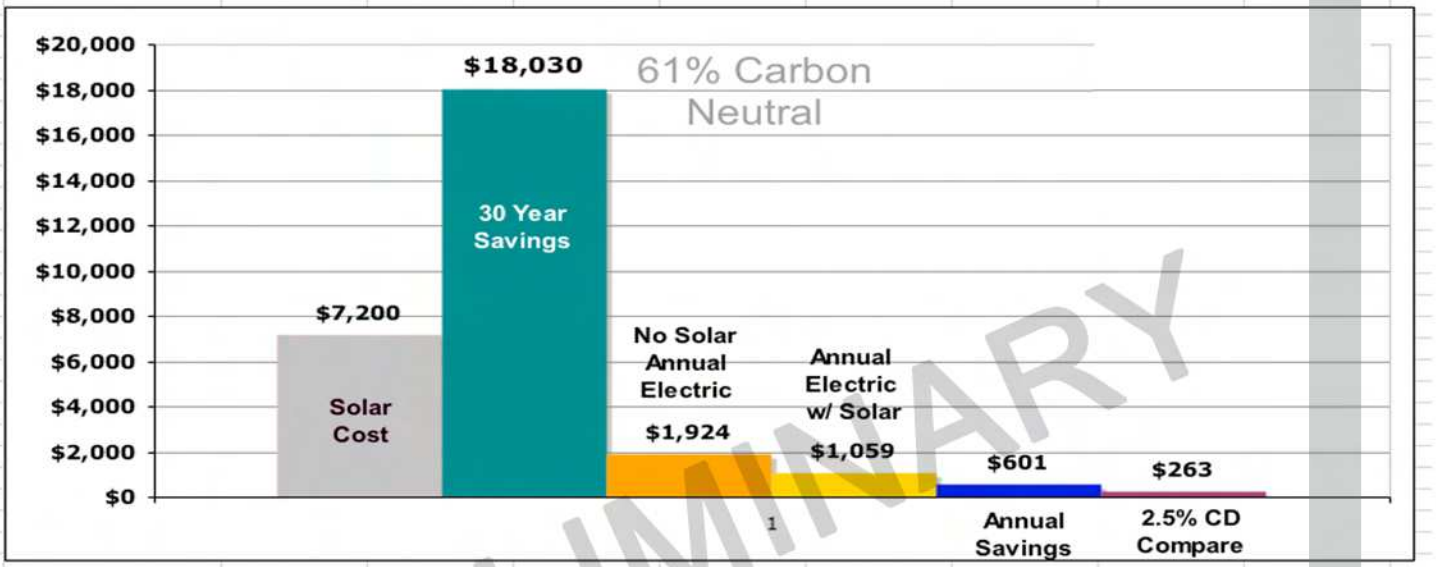

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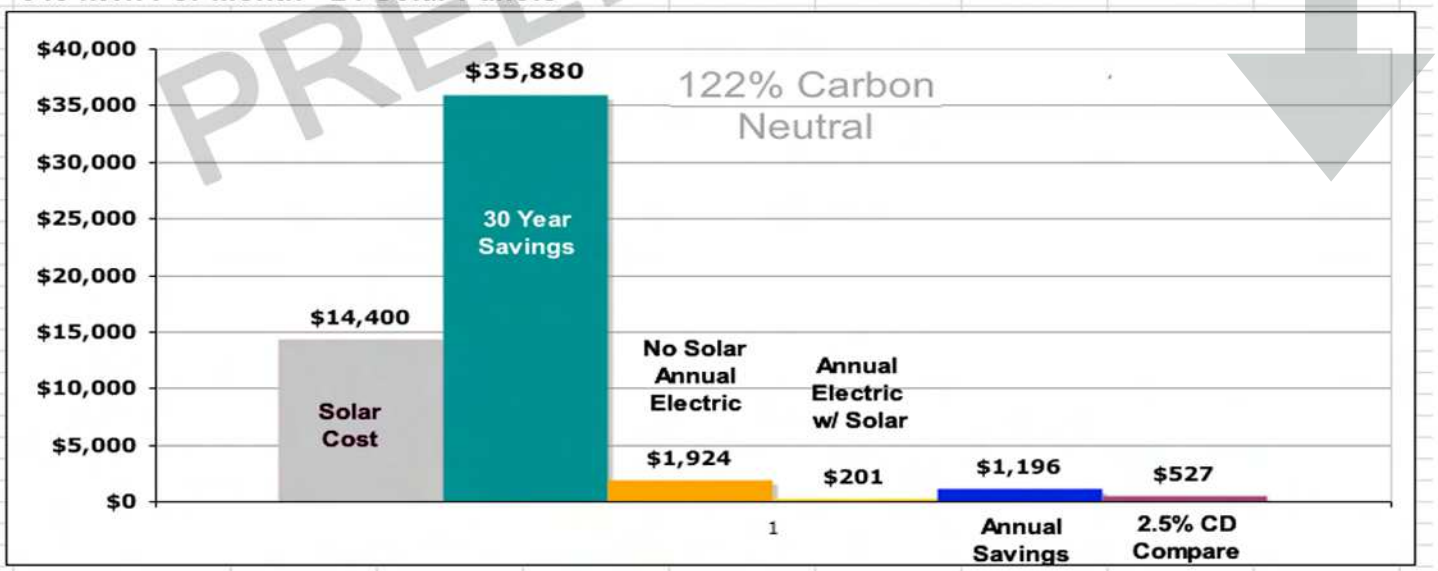
640 kWh Per Month - 24 Solar Panels



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1800 kWh Per Month - 16 Solar Panels

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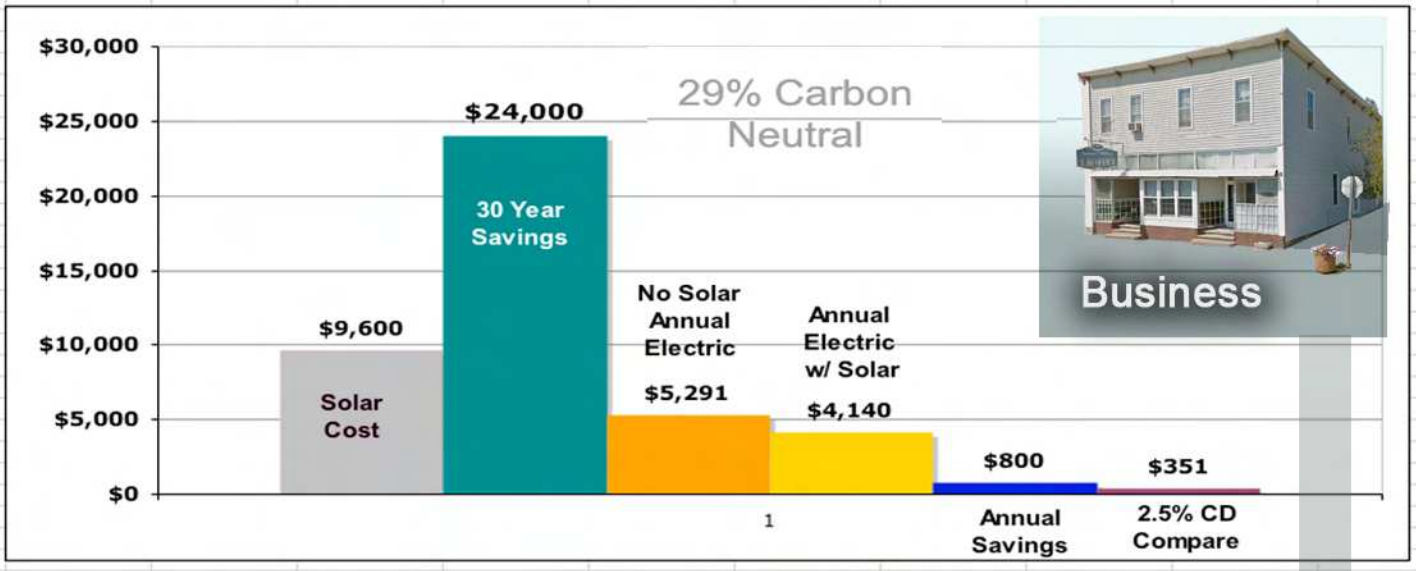
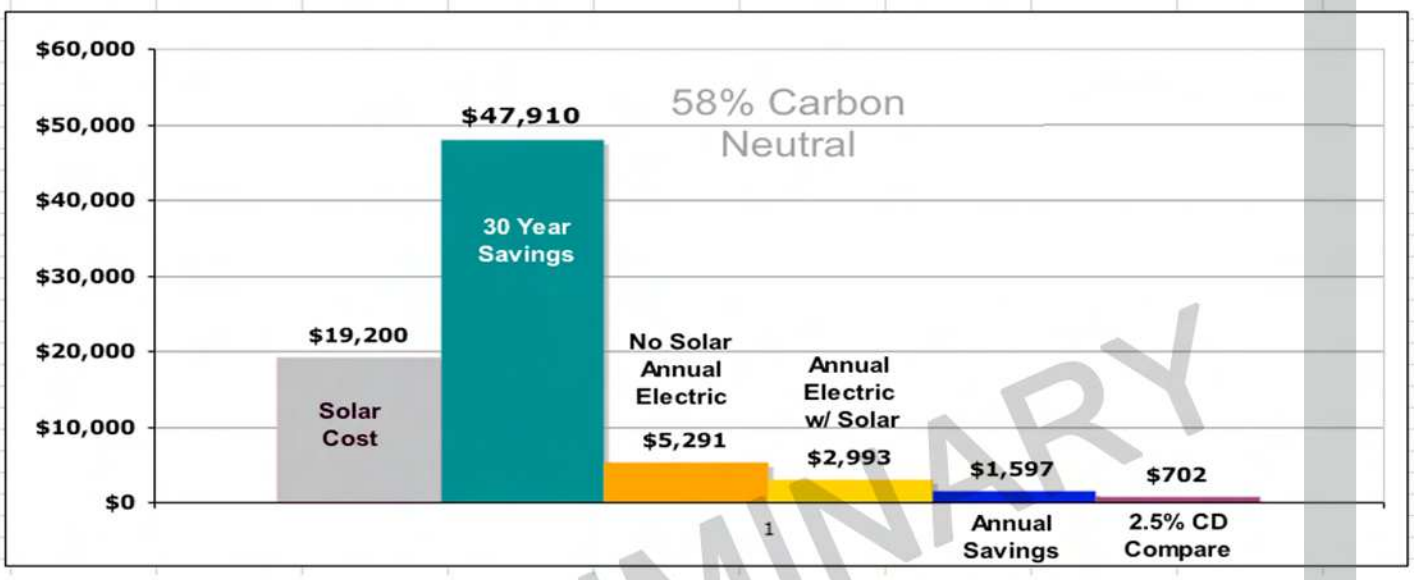
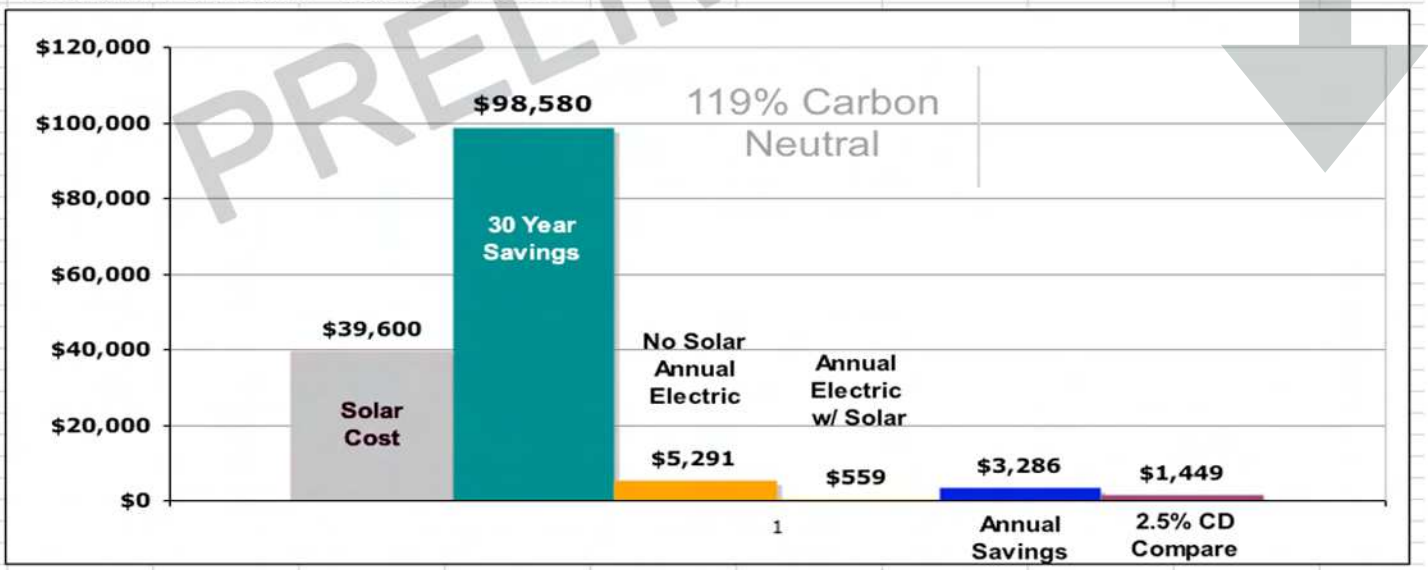


1800 kWh Per Month - 32 Solar Panels



1800 kWh Per Month - 66 Solar Panels



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