

### **Community & Solar**

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#### **Overview**

- Background
- Solarize/Group Purchasing: Updates, Innovation, and Challenges
- Looking Ahead



#### **Background**

- NY Unified Solar Permit
- PV Trainers Network
- NY Solar Smart
- Economic Development Growth Extension
- Climate Smart Communities
- K-Solar



#### **Solarize Background**

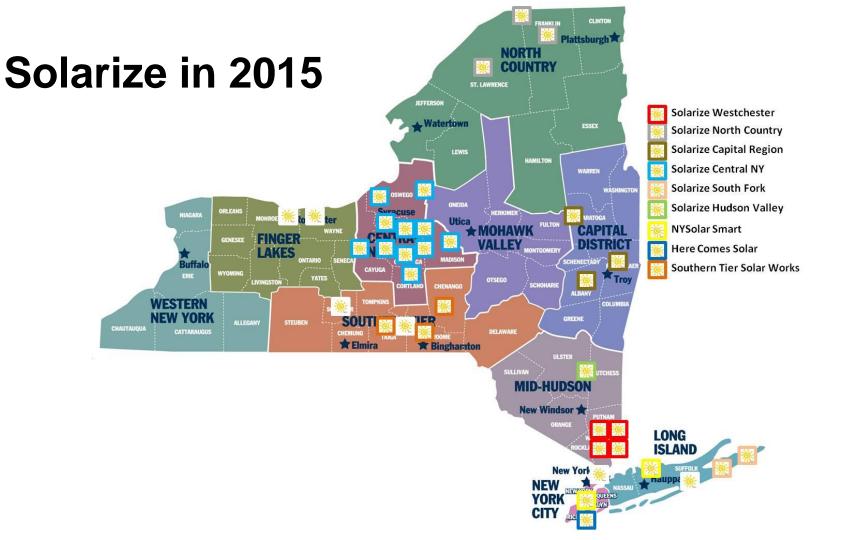
- Community-driven outreach campaign
- Competitive selection of solar installers
- Limited time (6-9 months)
- Well-established model with room for innovation



#### **Solarize Background**

- ~10 Solarize campaigns undertaken in NY between 2011 and 2014.
- Analysis of three 2014 Solarize campaigns:
   Price reduction of 7.6%-18%, significant market expansion.
- Similar results from much larger study in CT.





# Solarize: Updates, Innovation, and Challenges

- ~30 campaigns currently underway
- Wide range of local and regional organizers
- NYSERDA funding and technical support
- Data management tools and online platforms



## Solarize: Updates, Innovation, and Challenges

- K-Solar: Schools as community hubs for solar
- Multiple installer campaigns
- Commercial/agriculture focus
- Here Comes Solar: "Micro Solarize"
- Solarize alongside local permitting process improvements and municipal purchasing



## Solarize: Updates, Innovation, and Challenges

- Low-moderate income households
- Lasting soft cost reduction
- Solar thermal
- Scale





### Looking ahead

- Community Shared Solar
- Community Choice Aggregation
- Microgrids
- Continued innovation in business models and IT tools



