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Solar One is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide education and resources that create more sustainable and resilient urban environments. We empower learning that changes the way people think about energy, sustainability, and resilience by engaging and educating a diverse set of stakeholders and beneficiaries. Our programs help individuals and communities explore new ways of living and working that are more adaptive to a changing world.

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Director's Letter

April 9, 2018

If there were ever a year that evoked the ancient Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times," surely 2017 was that year. At the Federal level, you'd have to look back to the Bush administration – when Solar One first got started–to find so much opposition to renewable energy, climate action and environmental protection. But we didn't give up then, and we're certainly not giving up now.

For so many organizations and individuals, the theme of 2017 was resistance, not just to a hostile administration, but to the temptation to lose hope, to see the current setbacks as insurmountable, to give in to despair. But at Solar One, we're looking beyond resistance to perseverance, because we now have the track record that proves that staying the course we laid out when almost no one wanted to listen to us is still our best strategy.

That course means offering the most current, relevant and honest information, connecting with other innovative organizations and opportunities to offer the very best programs possible, and helping to keep the conversation focused on meaningful changes that make our city and world better for all of us.

And if there is one project that shows our willingness to persevere, it's the design and construction of our new environmental education center, now scheduled to begin construction in 2019. After numerous redesigns, cost escalations and setbacks like Hurricane Sandy, considering and then rejecting various visons, plans and features, we will be able to invite you all to a real ribbon cutting ceremony a year from now. That is a testament to how far we've come over the past dozen years.

In addition, our programs, which started out as upstarts just trying to get some traction, have grown into institutions of their own. We now have longstanding partnerships with NYSERDA, the NYC Department of Education, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, DCAS, EDC, as well as major workforce agencies like STRIVE, the Fortune Society and Green City Force and housing developers like the Fifth Avenue Committee, Housing Works and JOENYC.

Director's Letter

We are working on multiple fronts to help New York reach its clean energy and carbon reduction goals. The details of our achievements are what you will read about on the upcoming pages, but here's a brief sketch of what we've accomplished in 2017:

- In 2017, the Green Design Lab K-12 Education program reached over 14,000 students, 800 teachers and 300 schools. Since the program's inception in 2010, we have reached almost 800 schools or about 47% of all of the public schools in NYC.
- The Here Comes Solar program has facilitated multi-family and community shared solar PV installations that, once online, will generate close to 9 MW of solar electricity, much of it in low-income neighborhoods.
- Our Workforce Training program trained 596 individuals in a host of green building related courses and launched a green construction, electrical and plumbing training program at Rikers Island for inmates expected to be released with the year.
- The NYC Retrofit Accelerator team participated in 34 events, engaged 35 partner organizations and generated more than 250 qualified leads for undertaking building energy efficiency measures.
- Stuyvesant Cove Park engaged more than 750 volunteers who worked more than 2,000 hours during the 2017 season, and more than 12,000 people attended events at Solar One.
- We assisted in the development of the Mayor's 1.5 Degree Climate Action Plan for New York City.

Many changes, upheavals, setbacks and challenges have been overcome along the way. Throughout them all, we have persevered, and are now set to offer even more help, guidance, inspiration, and opportunity to the widest variety of people across the city, state and ultimately, the world. The stakes are no less than the future itself.

Sincerely,

Christopher Collins **Executive Director**

2017 By the Numbers

Workforce Training Program



596 Students



323 Entry-Level Unemployed Individuals



195 Building Staff



(7) 78 Individuals at Rikers

Here Comes Solar



2 MW Installed To Date



6.3 MW Committed Projects



2 MW Committed Affordable Projects

Green Design Lab



320 Schools



841 Teachers



14,610 Students



5.4% Reduction in Electricity Use



\$234,249 saved



 \bigcirc 2,224,747 Lbs. of \mathbb{CO}_2 Avoided

2017 By the Numbers

Energy Connections



34 Events Presented or Exhibited

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254 Clean Energy Connections Attendees

Stuyvesant Cove Park

769 Volunteers

2,353 Volunteer Hours

1,841 New Plants

23 New Species

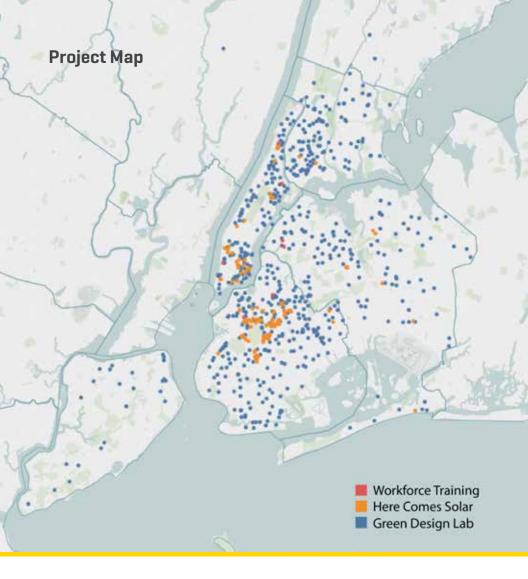
55,000+ Joggers, Bikers, Stroller Pushers, and Other Visitors

Events

16 Solar Powered Events

110 Artists Performed and Presented

12,915 People Attended



n 2017, Solar One really began to expand our reach and deliver programs to a growing number of people across New York City and surrounding areas. We are pleased to be able to help people learn about and enjoy the benefits of energy efficiency and solar power throughout the five boroughs and beyond. Our Workforce Training program reached over 500 students in various locations around NYC, our Green Design Lab programs impacted over 14,000 students in over 18% of NYC public schools, and our Here Comes Solar program facilitated dozens of solar projects throughout the area. The map above shows where we've been in 2017.



olar One's Workforce Training Program helps hundreds of unemployed New Yorkers secure meaningful employment in the growing clean energy job market by offering hard-skills technical training in energy efficiency, green building operations and maintenance, and renewables.

ur Workforce Training Program also works with building operations and maintenance staff and property managers in New York City's large building sector to empower them to make efficiency improvements that can significantly reduce energy use in their buildings. Our program has successfully



trained almost 3,000 individuals in a wide array of training courses and industry recognized certifications over the past eight years. Our state-of-the-art training lab in Queens contains two classrooms, as well as equipment and space for hands-on training activities. Among the many courses of study we offer are:

- Green Building Operations and Maintenance
- Basic Green Construction (Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry)
- Solar Panel Installation

BY THE NUMBERS

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2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

Training for Unemployed NYers

In 2017, Solar One Workforce Instructors provided practical hard skills training to 323 entry-level unemployed individuals. Our participants come to us from NYC workforce agencies that serve unemployed individuals including the formerly incarcerated and/or addicted, disconnected youth, veterans, the homeless, and residents of public housing.

Hard Skills Training for Incarcerated Individuals

In 2017, Solar One helped prepare 78 individuals incarcerated at Rikers Island for re-entry under The Fortune Society's I-CAN program. We built participants' hard skills in Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Building Maintenance, and Solar for successful transition upon release from prison.

Training for NYC Building Staff

Solar One supports the NYC Retrofit Accelerator by providing energy efficiency training for superintendents, building maintenance staff and property managers. Training helps these building staff make informed decisions about how to operate their buildings efficiently, reduce cost and increase tenant comfort. We also provide building walkthroughs to highlight opportunities for energy savings.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 250,000

Americans work in solar - more than 2X the number in 2012.



ere Comes Solar envisions a New York City where solar power is accessible, affordable, and incredibly common. We are working to make this vision a reality by helping affordable housing providers, multifamily co-ops, environmental justice groups, and community centers advance their solar projects.

resiliency centers in NYC – community buildings with solar and energy storage – that can keep the lights on in blackouts to serve neighbors during emergencies. We are developing financing models to make solar installation viable for more New Yorkers than ever before.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Solar for Affordable Housing

In 2017, Here Comes Solar focused its efforts on addressing market barriers in NYC's affordable housing sector. We facilitated solar installations on two supportive housing facilities with zero-down financing and secured competitive pricing for solar installation on several low-income cooperatives and affordable rental properties owned and managed by non-profits. In 2017 we developed a pipeline of 2 MW of affordable housing solar projects to be installed in 2018.

Solar on Stuytown

Solar One provided technical assistance to help make the case for solar on Stuyvesant Town's rooftops. Construction is in progress and upon completion the system will be able to generate 3.8 MW, making it the largest private multifamily rooftop solar array in the United States. The project will generate enough energy to power 1,035 typical NYC apartments, reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 62,472 tons, or the equivalent of removing 11,972 cars from the road for one year.

Energy Storage + Solar

Solar One is working with the NY Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to install solar + energy storage systems at 15-17 community centers located in Superstorm Sandy-affected areas. These systems will power critical loads in the event of future emergencies, allowing the community centers to serve as resiliency hubs for these frontline communities. Installation will begin in 2018, and the solar + energy storage systems will be among the first of their kind in NYC.

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So what do all these numbers mean? As an example, the Stuyvesant Town rooftop project will generate aout 3.8 MW of energy. So that will be the equivalent of:

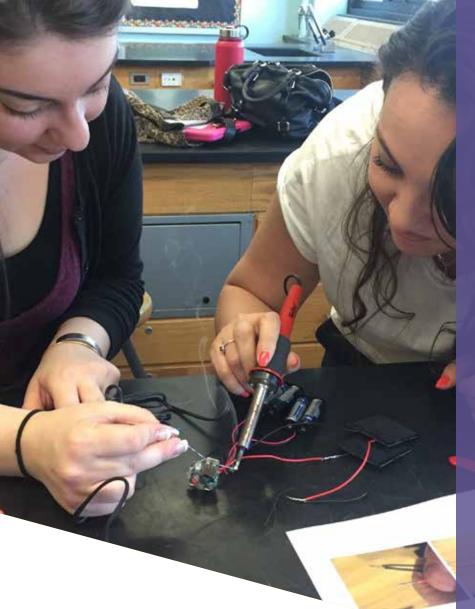


Since 2014, Here Comes Solar has helped more than 150 New York City buildings adopt solar. We facilitate solar adoption in hard-to-serve markets by providing comprehensive technical assistance to building owners so they can identify and implement cost-effective solar projects. We work with strategic partners and qualified solar installers in the New York City area to implement our programs and provide the best possible results for our clients.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 1 in every 283 Americans is a NYC Public School student.



GREEN DESIGN LAB

olar One's Green Design Lab™ (GDL) is the only curricular blueprint of its kind that utilizes the school building as both a laboratory for learning and a tool for environmental change. Over the past seven years, our program has developed into NYC DOE's "go-to" program for environmental STEM education.



DL inspires and prepares students to contribute to the clean energy economy through creative problem-solving, experiential learning, sustainable behavioral change, and real-world application of environmental STEM skills. GDL targets a diverse array of public elementary, middle and high schools. GDL's four curricular units - clean energy, water, materials, and food – prepare students for career pathways in green industries.

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And our 2017 Energy Challenge yielded the following results:



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2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

Sustainable Schools Network

Solar One Educators have worked with 797 schools through the Sustainable Schools Network (SSN) since its creation in 2012. Through the SSN, teachers from near and far are provided with educational resources to green their courses and school buildings including access to curriculum, technical support, tutorials for hands-on activities, and more. Last year, 320 of those schools actively participated in a GDL activity including classroom residencies and professional development.

CareerCLUE (Community Learning, Understanding & Experience)

In 2017, we doubled the number of CareerCLUE schools we served to 6 high schools (from 3 high schools in 2016). The CareerCLUE summer program, a partnership of the NYC Department of Education (DOE) Office of Community Schools and the NYC Center for Youth Employment (CYE), engages students from high-risk high schools in programming that blends foundational academics, career exploration, field trips, personal development, and service learning projects.

NYC Solar Schools Education

For the third year in a row, Solar One partnered with NYC DOE's Division of School Facilities Office of Sustainability, the STEM Office, and the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services, to deliver NYC Solar Schools Education. Solar One provided training on energy, climate change, and solar to 203 teachers. We also launched an intensive solar education program for electrical classes at four Career and Technical Education schools in collaboration with our Green Workforce training program.

New York Power Authority Environmental Justice Program

In 2017, we launched a new program with the New York Power Authority's Environmental Justice program to provide intensive STEM workshops, afterschool programs and community educator training throughout New York State.

Energy Challenge

Students, teachers and custodial staff in 126 New York City schools worked together last year to reduce electricity usage in their school buildings over a three-month period with an overall average reduction of 5.4%. The top ten winners of the challenge saved an average of 24%.

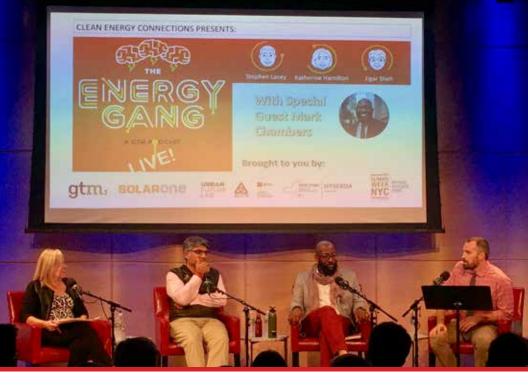
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DID YOU KNOW?

In the last 5 years, most solar panels have increased efficiency by over 50%.



nergy Connections supports local State and City climate and clean energy initiatives. We use targeted outreach, education, and planning assistance strategies to advance the implementation of high impact actions to meet climate change goals.



nergy Connections creates awareness amongst building decision makers, residents, and businesses to drive investment in energy efficiency. The program works with NYC agencies to provide planning and technical assistance. And it forms and leverages strategic partnerships through boots on the ground outreach to community-based organizations in the City's diverse communities, real estate industry groups, and other stakeholders.

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2017 HIGHLIGHTS

NYC Retrofit Accelerator

Since 2015, Solar One has provided outreach, educational, and training services as part of the NYC Retrofit Accelerator team, an initiative of the NYC Mayor's Office of Sustainability. The program offers direct one-to-one independent, customized technical assistance to building decision makers at no cost to help accelerate the process for energy and water efficiency upgrades. Solar One staff present, exhibit, and leverage partnerships with industry organizations to generate leads for projects to drive investment in clean energy upgrades.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program (CECP)

Under NYSERDA CECP, Solar One is assisting the City of New York with implementing high impact actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including benchmarking implementation and a host of clean energy upgrades. Through the NYSERDA CECP, we also assisted NYC in developing its climate action plan, titled "1.5C: Aligning New York City with the Paris Climate Agreement" issued on October 3rd, 2017. In reaction to the United States pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, Mayor de Blasio committed NYC to the principles of the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. To meet these goals, the plan puts forth dozens of climate actions that City agencies have committed to begin to implement by 2020.

Clean Energy Connections

This live discussion series at WNYC, featuring thought leaders and innovators in the energy field, sparks dialogue on the state of the evolving cleantech industry. In 2017, we produced 2 events in collaboration with our partner, NYC ACRE:

Waste to Biogas: Unlocking the Value of NYC's Food Waste

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Energy Gang Live with Special Guest Mark Chambers, Director, Mayor's Office of Sustainability

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, Stuyvesant Cove Park had over 55,000 people visit and enjoy the park.



tuyvesant Cove Park is a 1.8-acre jewel of a sustainably-managed, native plant park, located on the banks of the East River between 18th and 22nd Streets. More than 15 years after it first opened, the Park is more lush and beautiful than ever, with more than a hundred species of native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees.



ome to a wide variety of wildlife including seafowl, butterflies and birds, the Park also provides fruits, shade and beautiful views of Brooklyn and Queens to the more the 55,000 visitors who walk, skip, stroll or bike through during the summer months.

Education Garden

The outdoor classroom invites students into the park through both informal exploration and formal lessons that support a STEM curriculum focused on park ecology. In the Soil Zone, what began as an old compost heap has become a place for hands-on exploration of soils where New York City students have the opportunity to dig for terrestrial invertebrates and develop observation skills through tactile discovery. In the Plant Nursery, volunteers and students are an integral part of our working plant nursery, where we propagate by seed and cutting as well as pot up seedlings that have spread from plants in the park for projects off-site.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

City-As-School

Con Edison

Credit Suisse

Gowanus Canal Conservancy

New York Cares

NYC Wildflower Week

Poly Prep

PS226

Riverkeeper

StuyTown Property Services

United Nations International School

Wavestone

BY THE NUMBERS



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DID YOU KNOW?

Solar has ranked 1st or 2^{md} in new electric capacity additions in each of the last 5 years.



uring the summer months, the blacktop area surrounding the Solar One building serves as a gathering and event space for the community and beyond. Using solar power generated by the rooftop photovoltaic array, music, film, spoken word, Fourth of July fireworks and even an authentic Bavarian Oktoberfest are held, and these events generate revenue that helps maintain the park.



SOLAR ONE WORKS WITH DIVERSE ARTISTS AND **PARTNERS, INCLUDING:**

BRUJAS NYC

Jewish Latin Center

Loving Day

NYC Writer's League

Texas Exes

Rooftop Films

Stuyvesant Cove Park Association

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olar One's Environmental Education Center will be the first energy positive and resilient education center in New York City. As unique as New York City itself, the center will serve as an extension of our green energy education programs, a real-world exhibit of sustainable design and green technology, and a center for the vibrant Stuyvesant Cove community.



ocated along the East River between 18th and 23rd streets, the building will be perfectly situated to take advantage of ideal solar orientation.

The center will be adaptable to changing conditions and technological developments, and we have established resiliency goals and standards that will allow for future upgrading of the technologies integral to the building's design.

The location of the center, only steps from the East River, presents both challenges as well as opportunities for innovative flood protection design, especially considering the lessons learned from Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Prior to the installation of full flood protection, the building will employ a passive resiliency strategy with a permeable ground floor of mostly unconditioned space, and a second floor elevated out of the floodplain.

With little to no equipment or permanent installations on the ground floor, the space can still be easily activated as a café/gallery, recreational facility or event space as needed. The second floor can be partitioned for quiet work spaces or opened up to create larger classrooms or event space.

Solar One anticipates the integration of the future East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) flood protection, allowing a landscaped berm to wrap around the building, nestling it into the surroundings and using the berm for additional second level access. With this design, classrooms are connected to a series of learning landscapes throughout Stuyvesant Cove Park.



Exterior Program

By integrating the surrounding urban environment into the Education Center's programs, the facility can function as a classroom as well as an innovation space. The Center's programs are supported by two complementary areas: the built interior architecture of the building and the exterior space of the site. Select exterior elements are required and included in the ESCR mandate, while others will also be added including the outdoor learning gardens and the kayak launch facility.

Interior Program

The interior accommodates the Education Center's core needs while remaining as compact as possible, lowering energy demand and maximizing quality of materials and systems. Level 1 can be used as exhibition space and includes a warming kitchen to support an external café and special events. This level also houses storage and recreational equipment including the kayak amenities. Level 2 houses the learning facilities with two large, multifunctional areas that can be combined after hours to host events. There is also an office and associated support space for Solar One and other park related staff.

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- · Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning, English Language Learners
- · Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning, STEM
- · Office of Post Secondary Readiness
- · Office of Sustainability

New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development

New York City Economic Development Corp.

New York City Energy Efficiency Corp.

New York City Environmental Justice Alliance

New York City Mayor's Office Center for Youth Employment

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"Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow