

Renewable Energy Program



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Project Overview

- Requesting \$3,535,00 to:
 - Increase Use/Production of Renewable Energy
 - Make Necessary Facility Improvements
- Up to \$270,000/Year in Operational Savings
- Up to \$95,000/Year in Capital Budget Offsets
- No Staff Requested

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Project Vision



Healthier
Communities



Decreased Energy
Expenses



Quality
Facilities

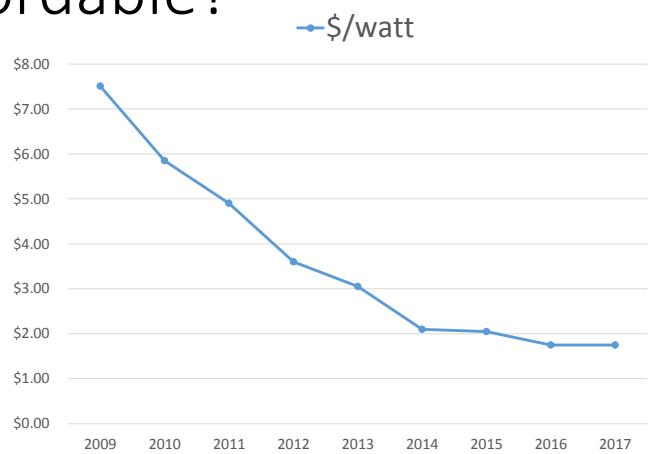
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Is Solar Even Affordable?

- Solar Prices
Decreased by 70%
Since 2010
- Utility Prices Are
Increasing
- Systems Have a
Positive ROI



Source: Solar Energies Industry Association

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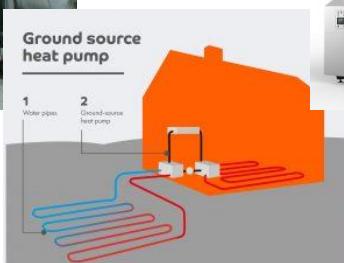
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Are We Only Talking Solar?



Biogas



Geothermal



**Food Scrap
Digester**



Energy Storage

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What's Happened So Far?

Sandy Creek
Geothermal
Transit Solar

N/A

Rocksprings Solar
Station 2 Solar
Cooperative
Extension Solar
Cedar Creek Solar

Pre 2010

2010-2012

2013-2015

2016-2018

2019

Solid Waste
Geothermal
Corrections Solar
Hot water
Landfill Gas Energy
System

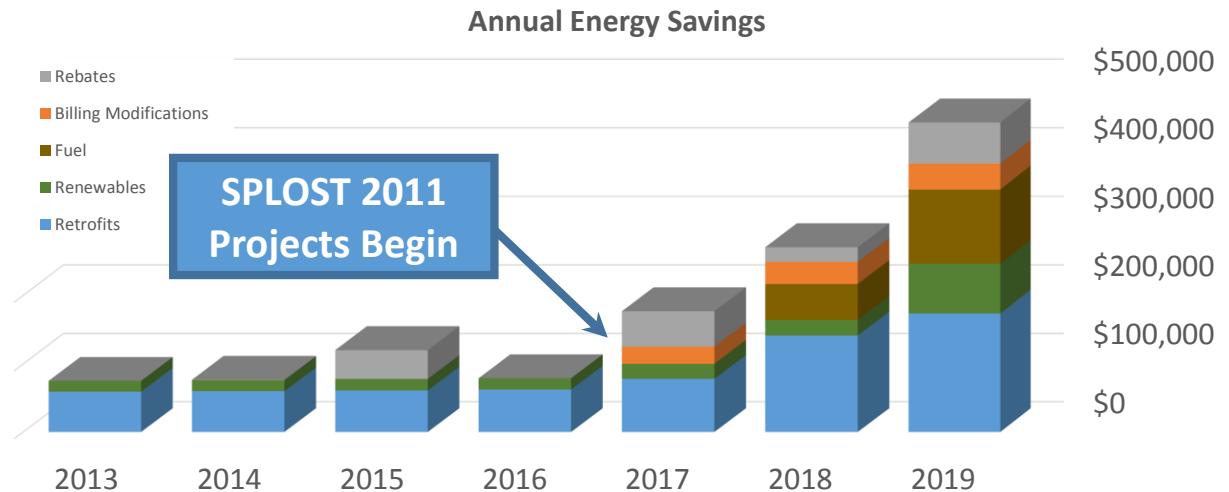
Animal Control
Geothermal
Streets & Drainage
Solar
Library Solar
Garden

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Impact of SPLOST 2011



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Leveraging SPLOST

- SPLOST 2011 (so far)
 - \$100,000 in Solar Grants
 - \$20,000 in Utility Rebates
- Private Sector Investment
 - Happening in Atlanta & Macon
 - Possible in Athens.... But Requires Sound Facilities



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Factors for Deployment

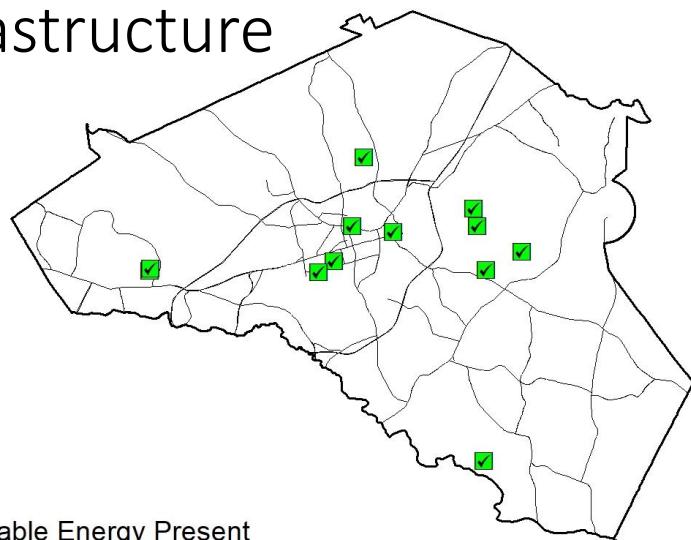
- Solar Deployment Index
 - 66 Sites
 - 12 Scoring Criteria – Energy Efficiency, Cost, Building Conditions, Hours of Use, Etc.
- Building Integrity SINGLE BIGGEST Factor
 - 80% Deferred for Roof Conditions

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Current Infrastructure



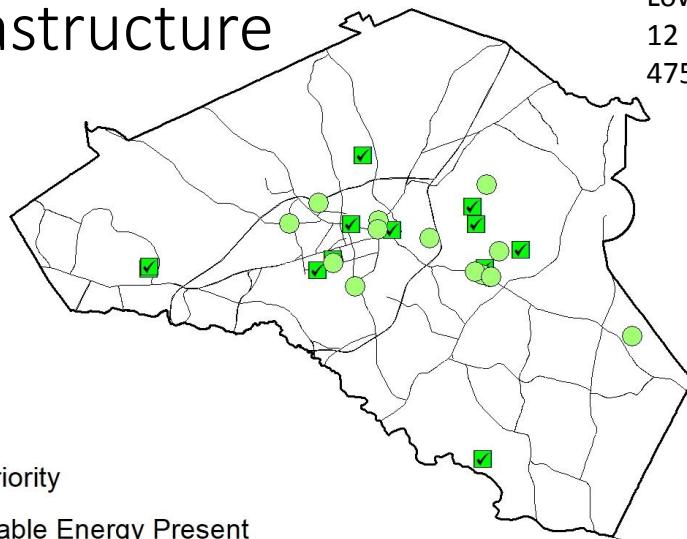
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Current Infrastructure

Low Hanging Fruit
12 Locations
475 KW of Demand



Status

- High Priority
- ✓ Renewable Energy Present

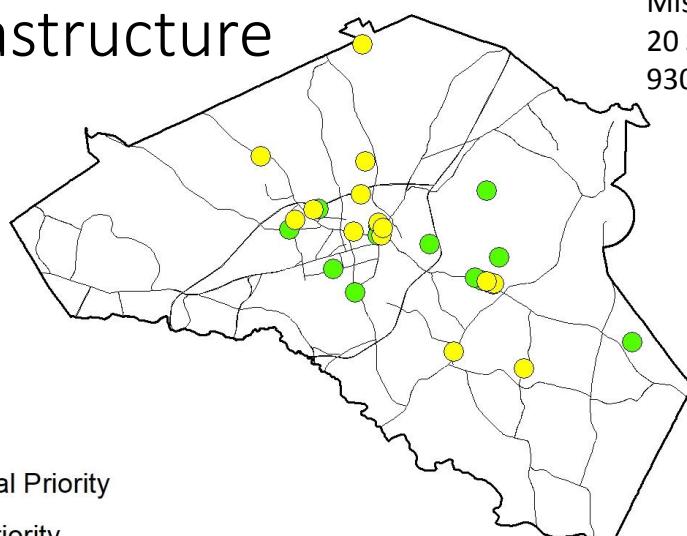
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Current Infrastructure

Missed Opportunity
20 Sites
930 KW of Demand



Status

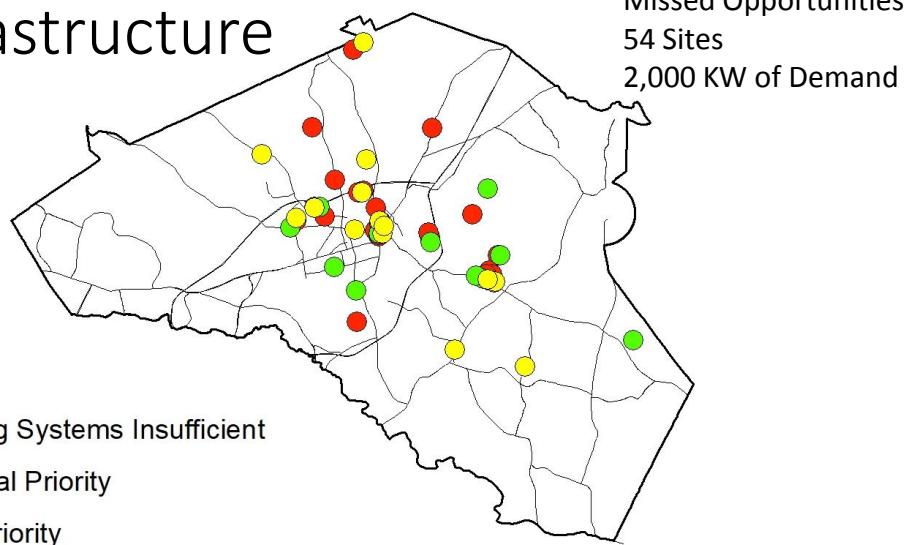
- Marginal Priority
- High Priority

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Project Implementation

- Phase I – Site Selection
 - Select Ideal Energy Type
 - Target Long-Term Buildings & Big Consumers
- Phase I – Building Preparation
 - Complete Conservation Measures
 - Make Necessary Repairs and Upgrades



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Project Implementation

- Phase III – Deployment
 - Leverage SPLOST Funding
 - Deploy Renewable Systems
- Phase IV – Reap the Rewards
 - Avoid Utility Increases
 - Mobilize Savings for Better Government



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Why Use SPLOST Funding?

- ACCGOV Energy Spending Impacts Everyone
 - Property Tax Payers
 - Water Customers
 - Sales Tax Payers
- Significant Capital Funding is Necessary
- Federal Credits Do Not Apply
- SPLOST Investment Grows Over Time



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Summary

- This Project Stewards Existing Resources
- This Project DECREASES Operating Expenses
- This Project Benefits the Whole Community
- This Project Protects the Environment
- The Time to Act is Now

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