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## **Mayor Madden Announces Completion of Phase One of Troy Solar Energy Project**

*2.1 megawatt solar installation meets 20 percent of City's electric power needs*

*City announces plans to expand landfill site with additional 2.6 megawatt array*

*Event part of first-ever Troy Earth Week to highlight City's efforts to promote renewable energy, sustainability, and climate smart initiatives*

**TROY, NY** – Mayor Patrick Madden, the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), and representatives of Monolith Solar today announced the completion of the first phase of the City of Troy's solar energy project during a ribbon cutting ceremony at the City's Frear Park Ice Arena. The 2.1 megawatt solar network, which includes over 6,700 solar panels across six locations within and outside Troy, provides 20 percent of the City's annual electric needs and saves an estimated \$2M in municipal energy costs over the next decade.

**Mayor Patrick Madden said**, "By diversifying our energy portfolio to include clean renewable sources like solar, the City of Troy is doing our part to build a more sustainable future for our community. Completion of the first phase of our solar installation project is a win-win for our city, reducing costs for taxpayers while meeting our energy needs through renewable energy opportunities. With assistance of NYSERDA's NY-Sun Program, and in cooperation with Monolith Solar, the City of Troy will continue to pursue new energy-saving initiatives and act responsibly to confront the challenges of global climate change."

The City's solar project was developed in partnership with Monolith Solar, with assistance from NYSERDA's NY-Sun Program which offers resources and assistance to make solar energy more accessible to homes, businesses and communities across New York. The Troy solar project was

made possible through a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with Monolith Solar which offsets energy costs throughout the term of the PPA at no cost to city taxpayers.

**David Sandbank, Director of NY-Sun, NYSERDA** said, “Congratulations to the City of Troy for having the foresight to make the best use of city property by developing a clean energy source property that will lower energy costs for its residents. This innovative way of using different city facilities to house renewable energy projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions helps support Governor Cuomo’s initiative to derive 50 percent of our electricity from renewable resources by 2030.”

**Mike Hickey, CEO of Monolith Solar** said, “The City of Troy has demonstrated extraordinary leadership on the issue of energy-related pollution with this initiative. It’s almost poetic that the landfill, a highly visible reminder of the human impact on our environment, is hosting the largest of Troy’s solar farms to reduce the hidden, yet no less serious, effects of non-renewable power generation. Our mission is to empower communities to choose clean, accessible energy to build a sustainable future together, and our partnership with the City of Troy is that mission coming to life.”

Additionally, the City announced it will add an additional 2.6 megawatt solar array at the landfill site. Expansion of the landfill site will include the addition of 8,000 solar panel modules, expected to be completed by the end of 2018. Upon completion, the combined output of the entire Troy solar network will provide over 40 percent of the City’s electrical energy needs.

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