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Solar Energy Solutions for Local Governments:
*New Report Shows How Communities Can Integrate Solar Generation as
Part of Public Facilities*

BOULDER, CO -- Local governments can reap the rewards of using solar energy by incorporating creative solar power projects into public infrastructure. Buildings, airports, parks, shade structures, water supply systems, sound barriers, and even public art can feature photovoltaic (PV) solar systems that generate electricity. A new report from Western Resource Advocates (WRA), entitled "[Solar Solutions: Incorporating Photovoltaics into Public Infrastructure](#)," details how local and regional governments can, and do, integrate sustainable energy generation into their public facilities.

The report also highlights how local governments can design, build, pay for, and overcome barriers to PV installations for buildings and other public structures and landscapes. With each passing year, PV has become less expensive and more cost-competitive with other sources of electric power.

"More and more communities are creating sustainability plans. PV projects can help meet sustainability goals by providing stably priced electricity and reducing the environmental impacts of power generation," said David Berry, the report's author.

Photovoltaic electric generation is a mainstream technology. It can provide energy that is immune to sudden price fluctuations, has no fuel costs, and requires minimal water consumption. Since public infrastructure is already in place, there are few new land use impacts.

"PV is a sustainable solution for meeting energy demands," said Berry. "In states with favorable renewable energy policies, local governments are incorporating imaginative photovoltaic projects."

To read the report, click on <http://www.westernresourceadvocates.org/energy/solarsol/index.php>

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