



Green Jobs/Economic Development Qualitative Assessment

Please complete the questions below and submit the qualitative assessment as part of your action submission documentation.

1. In a few short sentences, please describe the action and identify your partners.

Solar energy will play a critical role in New Jersey achieving its goal of 100% renewable energy by 2050. The roofing and solar energy industry require a well-trained workforce to meet the growing employment need. The Solar Landscape training program will provide attendees best practices training and industry certification. Upon completion, Solar Landscape will provide graduates networking opportunities with local contractors and solar installation companies for potential employment opportunities.

2. Even if the action was performed by volunteers, or you got in-kind donations, please estimate your costs and the time commitment required to complete the action.

The course is free, over the duration of five days, six hours per day. The focus is on teaching the tools, techniques, and knowledge centered on rooftop solar PV installation. Similar courses cost approximately \$1,000.00 per participant.

3. Assess what worked and what could be done if this action is tried again in the community.

Outreach conducted by the Township was extremely successful, and aided in the ability to help reach interested parties. Especially during the pandemic, the virtual options for classes provides a great way to allow folks to participate while staying safe.

4. What are the next steps for this action?

The program will continue to be promoted, and more in-person and virtual classes are scheduled for fall 2021.