



The City of  
**PERTH AMBOY**  
Helmin J. Caba, Honorable Mayor  
& City Council Members

## **“SOLAR SANTA” COMES BEARING GIFTS FOR PERTH AMBOY HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENTS**

### ***City and Perth Amboy Housing Authority Team Up with Solar Landscape to Bring Holiday Cheer***

**PERTH AMBOY - Monday, December 20** – With the city’s community solar panels on nearby warehouses, the rooftops on Perth Amboy homes will be clear for Santa Claus and his reindeer this holiday season.

As part of its community solar partnership with the City of Perth Amboy, the Perth Amboy Housing Authority and the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.), Solar Landscape hosted a “Selfies with Santa” event on Sunday and provided gift cards to more than 200 Housing Authority residents.

“Community solar continues to pay dividends for Perth Amboy residents,” said **Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin J. Caba**. “They advance our fight against climate change, promote workforce development and make energy more affordable. And, this year, it brought Santa. We’re grateful for the partnership with Solar Landscape and our other organizations to bring this transformational program to Perth Amboy.”



“Community solar engages our most vulnerable residents into the goal toward 100 percent clean energy,” said **Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy Executive Director Douglas G. Dzema**. “We’re proud to bring community solar to Perth Amboy and the Housing Authority to provide access to solar energy for all our residents. Today’s event is a great example of how strong partnerships can come through for those in need.”

“We are grateful for the award-winning partnership we’ve formed with Perth Amboy and proud to be able to give back to the community,” said **Solar Landscape CEO Shaun Keegan**. “The vision and leadership of the Perth Amboy team have truly put the city on the map when it comes to clean energy equity, cost savings and a healthier environment.”

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Earlier this year, the groups came together to bring affordable, clean renewable solar energy to Perth Amboy through the state’s Community Solar Energy Pilot program. In January, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy joined Perth Amboy leadership and Solar Landscape at the activation of the state’s first community solar project, hosted on Duke Realty warehouses in Perth Amboy. Those warehouses were part of a portfolio that [was later named “Community Solar Project of the Year” by Solar Builder magazine.](#)

### **2021: A Landmark Year for Community Solar in New Jersey**

In October 2021, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities approved Solar Landscape to begin 46 new community solar projects as part of the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy’s Community Solar Pilot Program Year Two. The projects are expected to generate nearly 51 megawatts of solar energy that will be accessible to New Jersey residents -- particularly low- to moderate-income families.

As part of the program, Solar Landscape has partnered with nonprofits and community partners to train dozens of New Jersey residents to install solar panels on rooftops at week-long training sessions across the state. That work earned Solar Landscape’s director of community engagement Kate Gold the “Top Solar Changemaker” designation from Solar Power World. Recently, Gold shared her experiences in creating the company’s workforce development program with Nico Johnson on a recent episode of his podcast, SunCast.

Solar Landscape has also partnered with New Jersey community colleges, technical schools and nonprofits to introduce schoolchildren and college students to the potential of working in the solar energy industry as part of its Green Ambassador Program. Most recently, Solar Landscape and nonprofit Sustainable Jersey City awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to high school seniors through its Community Sustainability Challenge scholarships.

To learn more about Solar Landscape’s community solar projects and its commitment to New Jersey’s clean energy economy, visit [www.SolarLandscape.com](http://www.SolarLandscape.com).

### **About the City of Perth Amboy**

Perth Amboy, an urban community with rich cultural history and a three hundred year old maritime and industrial legacy, is an interconnection point for major highways, roadways and waterways. The City’s position at the confluence of the Raritan River, Arthur Kill, and Raritan Bay provides deep-water access to the Atlantic Ocean for national and international marine traffic. Perth Amboy, presently known for its beautiful waterfront area is located in the center of the State, midway between New York and Philadelphia. Perth Amboy comprises a land area of 4.55 square miles and has a population of 55,436 residents. For more information, visit <https://www.perthamboynj.org/>

### **About the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy**

Our mission is to provide a safe, secure, clean and quiet community environment, to maintain the property in good condition, offer services and resources to assist in becoming self-sufficient and to ensure the enjoyment of family life, for all residents. For more information, visit <https://perthamboynha.org/>

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## **About Solar Landscape**

Based in Asbury Park, New Jersey, [Solar Landscape](#) is a leading New Jersey developer, designer, installer, owner, and operator of community solar and solar energy solutions for the commercial/industrial, municipal, public school and non-profit marketplace. The company has installed more than 110 megawatts of commercial solar energy projects in the Northeast. For more updates on Solar Landscape, visit the website ([www.solarlandscape.com](http://www.solarlandscape.com)) or on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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