

## Projects Receiving Solar Siting Technical Assistance

During Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21), the [Maryland Energy Administration \(MEA\)](#) agreed to provide solar siting assistance to two State and Local government entities under the [Solar Technical Assistance Program](#). This program provides technical assistance to State and Local government agencies to evaluate the potential for, and to site, solar arrays on or around government buildings. Funding for these programs is made possible via the MEA [Solar Technical Assistance Program](#) which is funded by the [Strategic Energy Investment Fund](#).

The [Maryland Park Service](#) will receive assistance to evaluate selected buildings at five Maryland park facilities for potential siting of solar arrays on their roofs or surrounding land. The facilities are:

Eastern Region: Assateague State Park  
Southern Region: Sandy Point State Park  
Central Region: Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area  
Southern Region: Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary  
Western Region: Deep Creek Lake State Park

Phase one of the project will consist of a building / location assessment, estimated to cost around \$7K, that will be conducted through the Maryland Environmental Service and vetted subcontractors. Additional work will depend on the results of phase one. These actions will help the Maryland Park Service evaluate possibilities to make their facilities more sustainable, and in certain cases, more resilient.

The [City of Rockville](#) will receive assistance to evaluate a renovated building at 6 Taft Court for potential use as a government building and emergency command center. The project will consider solar on the building -- and potentially on surrounding city-owned buildings and land -- to provide long-term resiliency to the building. As resiliency was identified during the application process, the initial assistance will address both solar and some resiliency considerations.

With an estimated value of \$10K, this assistance will be provided through the Maryland Environmental Service and its vetted subcontractors. Additional work and assistance will depend on the results of this study.