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Heavy machinery from Brattleboro's DMI prepares the site for array construction.

Putney solar garden breaks ground

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PUTNEY - Over the weekend Putney based SunFarm Community Solar broke ground on Vermont's first ever community owned solar garden. The project is being built in conjunction with Integrated Solar and the Clean Energy Collective.

The solar garden will consist of 588 solar panels which can be purchased by individuals, businesses or non-profits looking to offset their power usage with solar.

The solar garden allows any power customer

who had service through Green Mountain Power prior to their merger with CVPS to own panels.

Electricity from the array is credited to panel owner's utility bill each month through Vermont's group net-metering program. This allows anyone to participate, regardless of location.

For more information on Putney's community solar array visit www.vtsolargardens.com, email info@vtsolargardens.com or call (802) 536-4471.



ABOVE: The future array site pre-construction. RIGHT: Engineer Mike Whigham of integrated solar. BELOW: A bulldozer grades the site.

