

## USDA Rural Development Makes \$1.5 Million Investment in Solar Energy at Brunswick Landing



On March 21, USDA Rural Development State Director Timothy P. Hobbs announced that the agency is investing \$1,510,000 through an [Electric Loan](#) to Pegasus Solar, LLC., owned by Diversified Communications.

This USDA investment in **infrastructure** will aid in the delivery of approximately 1,971 mWh of solar power to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority annually, and help to support the Authority's long-term goal to have 100% of their power needs met by lower cost renewable energy.

The project, located at Brunswick Landing, includes 4,500 solar electric panels. It was made possible through public private **partnerships**: USDA Rural Development, ReVision Energy, Diversified Communications, Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, Maine's Congressional Delegation, and the support of an entire community, made the project possible. It is the largest solar installation to-date in the state of Maine funded through the collaboration between USDA Rural Development and ReVision Energy.

Through investments like this one, USDA Rural Development is taking an **innovative** approach to assisting rural communities with their infrastructure needs. Rural communities need a forward-focused agency that is able to assist local leaders with new and fresh solutions. USDA Rural Development is the agency that can help meet a community's needs with diverse programs from its toolkit.

USDA Rural Development can build a community from the ground up. In the past decade, Rural Development has invested over \$4 billion in Maine's rural communities. This includes over \$20 million in Electric Loans, helping rural communities to innovate and improve rural electric infrastructure.

