

# Mount Saint John's Solar Project

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*Bro. Mitchell Schweickart, SM, sends us this inspiring update.*

In the fall of 2022, Mount Saint John entered a contract with Melink Corp Solar Development to convert the property to solar power. The project, although quite expensive, will pay for itself within 14 years. Mount Saint John will be energy neutral at that time.

The site work began in the "front forty" meadow along Shakertown Rd. in mid-December, clearing an area larger than a football field. The site was bush hogged to remove the existing plant growth, except for a few trees that needed moving. Next, with the help of UD facilities, the area was sprayed to inhibit new growth, and the soil was tested for suitability.

A new access road was constructed this past week (Feb. 20, 2023), leading down from the Novitiate to the installation site. Framing material was delivered the next day and hauled down to the site.

The next stage of the project will involve the installation of the framework for the panels.

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All the frames for the solar panels have been installed. The transformer and wire have arrived, and the 1900 panels will be delivered.



