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Mercer school gets boost in solar power

Mercer County Community College's West Windsor campus will be 70 percent solar-powered by the end of the year, thanks to a 45-acre, 8-megawatt solar array.

The school announced the project last week. Construction is set to begin in June and take

three to four months.

The solar array is a project of the Mercer County Improvement Authority, which will own the array under a 15-year lease agreement with the college and project developer **SunLight General Mercer Solar**. As part of the agreement, SunLight will sell the energy from the solar array to the college at a rate of 3 cents per kilowatt hour, a discount from the 14 cents the school currently pays.

The school estimates it will save about \$750,000 annually thanks to the solar array.

The project is expected to become the largest solar installation on a college campus. — *Jared Kaltwasser*