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Clean Energy Co-op Announces Two Solar Projects for 2019

Honesdale, PA— The Clean Energy Cooperative Inc. (Co-op) announces plans for two solar installation projects in Wayne County for 2019.

Today the Wayne County Commissioners and the Co-op's president, Jack Barnett, signed a memorandum of understanding for the Co-op to entirely fund, design, construct, own and maintain a solar photovoltaic array on the roof of the 1928 Stourbridge Elementary School, better known currently as the Stourbridge Project, at 646 Park Street in Honesdale. Pending due diligence, a successful grant application and additional fundraising, a 34.5kilowatt 115-panel array at an estimated cost of \$65,000 is to be installed before the end of the year and will generate enough electricity to provide about 60% of the building's usage. Wayne County would pay only for the electricity generated by the array at a fixed price locked-in for the next 25 years under a "solar lease" or power purchase agreement to be negotiated. Susan Shaffer, director of the Stourbridge Project, said "*This is an exciting partnership that embodies technology and community, and utilizing renewable energy is an investment in the future. This aligns with the mission of the Stourbridge Project and having a display to explain and monitor the solar array will be engaging for those who visit or work at our innovation center.*"

The Co-op also announced today its second solar project for 2019 with Von Oechsler Farm LLC of Damascus PA. With help from the Co-op, the owner of the farm George Oechsler, has already applied for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) grant. If awarded, the Co-op will provide a modest 15-year loan for the necessary matching funds to construct a 22.7kilowatt ground-mount solar array on the farm, similar to previous Co-op projects in 2017 and 2018 at two other farms in the county. Mr. Oechsler said why he wants to have solar on his farm, "*In a nutshell, we must end our addiction to fossil fuels and other energy sources that damage Mother Earth irrevocably.*"

For more information about the Stourbridge Project, please visit www.StourbridgeProject.com, and for more information about the Clean Energy Co-op and its current or past projects, please visit www.CleanEnergy.Coop.