

# **Press release**

# Greenburgh Central School District and RWE partner on \$20.5 million construction of distributed renewable energy solutions and energy efficiency improvements

• Groundbreaking Ceremony at Woodlands Field Kicks-Off Project

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The **Greenburgh Central School District** and **RWE**, a leading renewable energy company in the U.S., today held a groundbreaking ceremony at Woodlands High School in Hartsdale, New York to recognize the **start of construction of clean energy solutions that will result in energy cost savings for the District**.

In May 2024, the **District awarded RWE Clean Energy a \$20.5 million Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC),** which includes developing and implementing a range of renewable energy solutions and energy-efficiency improvements at eight District facilities. The estimated duration for the project is approximately 12 months.

It is common for public school districts in New York State to engage in an ESPC, which is an agreement by an Energy Service Company for the provision of energy services in which energy systems are installed, maintained or managed to improve the energy efficiency of, or produce electricity for, a facility in exchange for a portion of the energy cost savings.

**Lisa Raymond, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Greenburgh Central School District:** "Our District is excited that this ESPC will provide significant upgrades and improvements to our facilities while reducing carbon emissions at no cost to our taxpayers. We appreciate the partnership with RWE and the comprehensive solution they provided to the District."

**Thomas Sweeney, SVP of Distributed Clean Energy, RWE:** "We are proud to be Greenburgh Central School District's long-term energy partner and look forward to delivering a very impactful project that will result in significant energy savings, resiliency and improved facility performance and comfort that will benefit students and staff for years to come."

The project includes:



- The installation of a 600 kW AC carport Solar PV system integrated with 775 kW AC capacity of battery energy storage.
- Energy Conservation Measures, such as district-wide LED lighting, natural gas services, updated boiler/water heaters, building envelope measures and air quality improvements through upgraded motors and air handlers.
- \$900,000 in rebates that the District will receive from NYSERDA for the proposed solar PV system and an additional ~\$2.5 million Investment Tax Credit.

The installed solutions and efficiency improvements will be funded through the energy savings generated over the project's term, without state aid, making it a net cost-neutral initiative. This partnership will implement renewable energy systems, enhancing energy resiliency and reducing carbon emissions while improving building operations and comfort for students and teachers.

For more information, visit americas.rwe.com.

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#### **RWE in the US**

RWE is a top tier renewable energy company in the United States. With more than 15 years in the U.S. renewables business, the company has an outstanding track record in developing, constructing, and operating renewable energy facilities. The approximately 2,000-person RWE team in the U.S. is fully committed to forging ahead with the clean energy transition in North America. Together with our partners, we develop innovative solutions and drive technological progress for our customers to help re-shape the energy supply for future generations. RWE Clean Energy, a subsidiary of RWE AG, operates a renewable energy portfolio of 9.7 gigawatts (GW) installed capacity of onshore wind, solar and battery storage, making it the number three renewable energy company in the U.S. and the country's third largest solar owner and operator, present in most U.S. states. RWE Offshore Wind Holdings, a subsidiary of RWE Offshore Wind, is the only U.S. developer with offshore wind lease areas on the East, West and Gulf Coasts, including the company's first commercial scale floating wind project. As part of the RWE Group's Growing Green strategy to expand globally its green portfolio to more than 65 GW of installed capacity and to invest EUR 55 billion worldwide from 2024 to 2030, the company has earmarked about EUR 20 billion to significantly increase its operating asset base in the U.S. This is backed by a project pipeline of more than 36 GW in onshore wind, solar and battery storage and 6 GW of offshore wind, which provides for one of the largest development platforms in the U.S.