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Vital Communities Partners with Nine Towns to Launch Solarize Upper Valley Round Three

May 26, 2014 – White River Junction, Vt. – Vital Communities and volunteers in nine towns will launch Round Three of the successful Solarize Upper Valley program in the coming weeks. **Enfield** and **Lebanon**, New Hampshire, and **Cavendish, Chelsea, Reading, Tunbridge, Weathersfield, West Windsor**, and **Windsor**, Vermont, are participating in the third and final round of Solarize Upper Valley this summer.

The nine towns – organized into three unique Solarize campaigns – will host **public launch events** in the coming weeks. Interested residents and business owners are encouraged to attend to learn more about the program, meet their community's partner installer, and talk with neighbors interested in going solar. Vital Communities expects hundreds of residents will attend. Solarize launch events include:

Solarize Chelsea-Tunbridge Launch
Sunday, May 31, 11 am – 2 pm (brunch at 11 am; presentations at noon)
Tunbridge Central School

Solarize Makes ene Launch
(Cavendish-Reading-Weathersfield-West Windsor-Windsor)
Saturday, June 6, 10-11:30 am (presentations at 10; refreshments provided)
Weathersfield School

Solarize Lebanon-Enfield Launch
Tuesday, June 9, 5:30-7 pm (presentations at 5:30 pm; refreshments provided)
Lebanon Opera House

Open houses and other events scheduled throughout the summer will help local residents learn more about the process, costs, and benefits of going solar.

Solarize Upper Valley teams up community volunteers with competitively selected solar photovoltaic (PV) installers for 15 weeks of outreach around small-scale solar energy to offer competitive prices, accessible resources, and a simplified process for solar PV installations. As more residents go solar together, the cost goes down for everyone.

"We're on track to double the number of solar homes in the entire Upper Valley through the Solarize program," said Vital Communities Energy Program Manager Sarah Simonds, who expects to see 150 new solar homes across our region as a result of efforts this summer.

Past Solarize campaigns in 15 towns across the Upper Valley helped over 300 homes transition to solar energy. The Solarize Upper Valley Round Two Report, released in April, offers an in-depth look at the program and its results. For more information, visit VitalCommunities.org/Solarize.

Vital Communities, a nonprofit organization based in White River Junction, Vt., brings together citizens, organizations, and municipalities to take on issues where an independent voice and regional approach are essential. Working together, we make our region a better place to live, work, and play. Learn more at VitalCommunities.org

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