

# Community Update



Happy Spring!

It has been a busy spring at BrightNight. The Ragland Solar Project team has been hard at work and I'm excited to share a few updates.

- **Welcome Brandi Harless!** We couldn't be happier to have Brandi Harless, former Paducah Mayor, join the Ragland Solar Project team. As our Community Lead, Brandi will draw on her experience leading local public and private investment, improving resident City Hall customer experience, and encouraging community development and infrastructure redevelopment projects by creating Paducah's first Tax Incremental Financial or "TIF" District. In her role at BrightNight, Brandi will help establish our community partnerships and support our upcoming project permitting process.
- **New Website.** Not only does BrightNight have a pretty sharp new website, the [Ragland Solar Project](#) has its very own page. This will be a great one-stop-shop for all things Ragland Solar. As we progress through development, we'll be updating the page with the latest information, ways you can support our work, and what we're doing to give back to the community.
- **Thanks to our Landowner Partners!** As many of you know, a successful solar project begins with passionate partners interested in leasing their land to BrightNight. We're continuing to grow our footprint in the region and couldn't be happier with the support we've received from every one of our partners. Landowners represent a critical group of residents eager to utilize their land for valuable income generation via our land lease arrangement. As we move through permitting, their vocal support will be an important part of the overall economic development value BrightNight is eager to bring to the community.
- **Agrivoltaics is Coming to Ragland!** You may not have seen this word before, but it's an exciting way solar projects can provide even more value to their communities. What does it mean? Well, it's the combination of agriculture + photovoltaics or "PV," the technical term for solar power. Agrivoltaic sites accommodate the coexistence of wildlife and/or livestock alongside the project. This comes in many forms; sometimes grazing sheep, bee boxes, pollinator gardens, or other types of livestock. The Ragland Solar Project is an ideal candidate for this type of innovative approach so we're working with landowners to learn more about how they might like to plan for a dual use site.

As I shared last month, I'm committed to keeping you updated as we work in partnership toward bringing this valuable renewable power investment to your community. We're moving into an especially busy project phase with permitting as well as economic and environmental studies. So, if anyone has a question or an idea for how we can continue to foster strong community partnership, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

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