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- Concord Light ratepayers are funding this solar and storage project so this borrowing will affect electricity rates, not property taxes.



In-Town Solar Goals

- It has long been a goal of the Town to increase the amount of electricity procured from renewable sources locally.
“Continue to pursue renewable energy source opportunities. There is continued interest in additional solar farms as secondary or complementary uses, including over parking areas and other passive infrastructure.” Envision Concord, Bridge to 2030
- Goal is 20 MW by 2030, this project will bring us to 8.4 MW (42%)



CMS Net-Zero Goal

- The new middle school has been designed to be ~80% more efficient than the existing Sanborn building lowering the need for renewable generation.
- This project will produce more than the new CMS building is expected to consume making the site a net producer.



Quantifiable Costs and Benefits

- The project produces benefits
 - Non-carbon emitting electricity production
 - Peak cost mitigation
 - Energy arbitrage from the battery
 - Progress toward town's solar goals
- Costs include capital and annual maintenance
- The Summary Financials below subtract the benefits from the costs to derive a net present value of the annual resulting cash flow



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- It is estimated that the monthly bill impact to CMLP residential customers will be between \$0.86 and \$1.69 in year 1 then decrease to a net savings by 2031.

12 Month Average 2022	750 kWh	1,000 kWh	Non-GHG
Eversource	\$238.16	\$315.21	20%
Concord Light	\$160.39	\$215.66	94%
Savings per month	\$77.77 (32%)	\$99.55 (32%)	Source: MMWEC



Summary Financials

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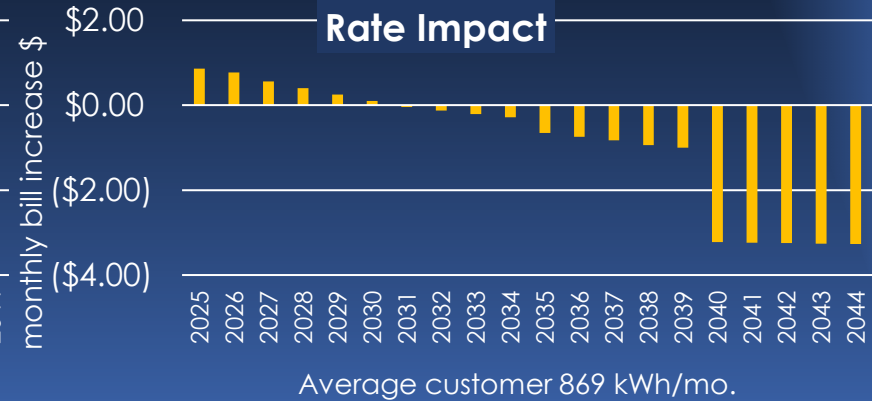
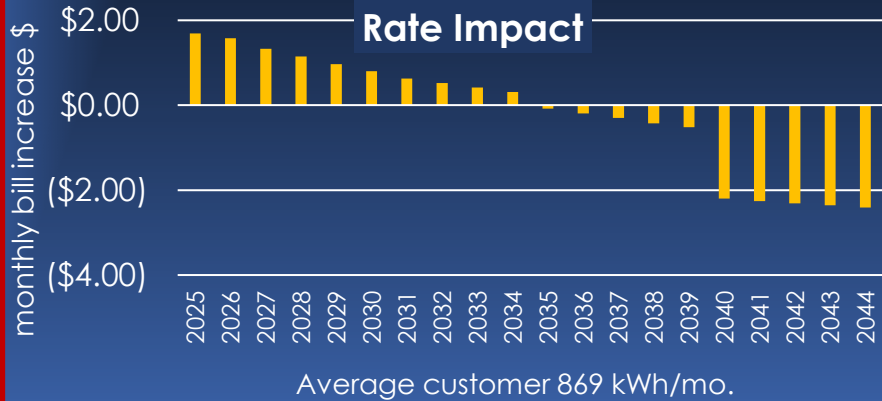


Without IRA Credit

With IRA + ARPA Credits

X 1,000	Capital Cost	20-year NPV
Solar	4,614	(2,375)
Battery	3,339	2,040
Total	7,553	(335)

X 1,000	Capital Cost	20-year NPV
Solar	3,604	(1,364)
Battery	2,668	2,644
Total	6,272	1,280





Assumptions

Solar (1.28 MW / 1,554 MWh)

- CAPEX \$4,614,450
- Rooftop 503 kW, \$2.50/watt, \$1,258,425
- Canopy 773 kW, \$3.50/watt, \$2,706,025
- Engineering & other fees \$650,000
- 15-year loan; 3.4% borrow rate
- One inverter replacement in year 10
- O&M escalation: 2.5%
- Electricity market price escalation: 1.5%
- Discount rate for net present value: 3.4%



Assumptions (con't)

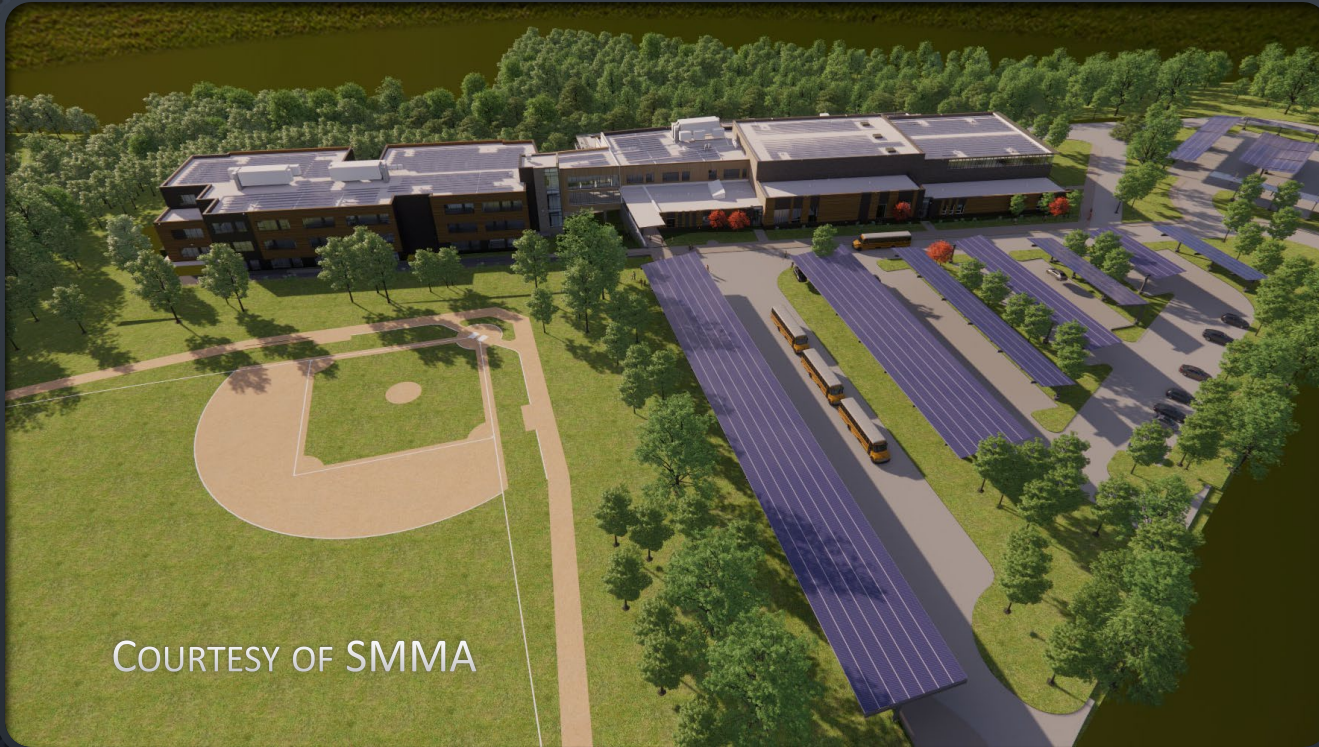
Battery (2 MW / 4 MWh)

- CAPEX \$3,338,800
- Energy Storage System \$2,628,800
- Engineering & other fees \$710,000
- 15-year loan; 3.4% borrow rate
- One inverter replacement in year 10
- O&M escalation 2.5%
- Electricity market price escalation: 1.5%
- Transmission peak reduction forecast accuracy: 83% (10 out of 12 months)
- Capacity peak reduction forecast accuracy: 90%
- Discount rate for net present value: 5%



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