

Houston Whittier - Hayes

Solar Neighborhood Check-In

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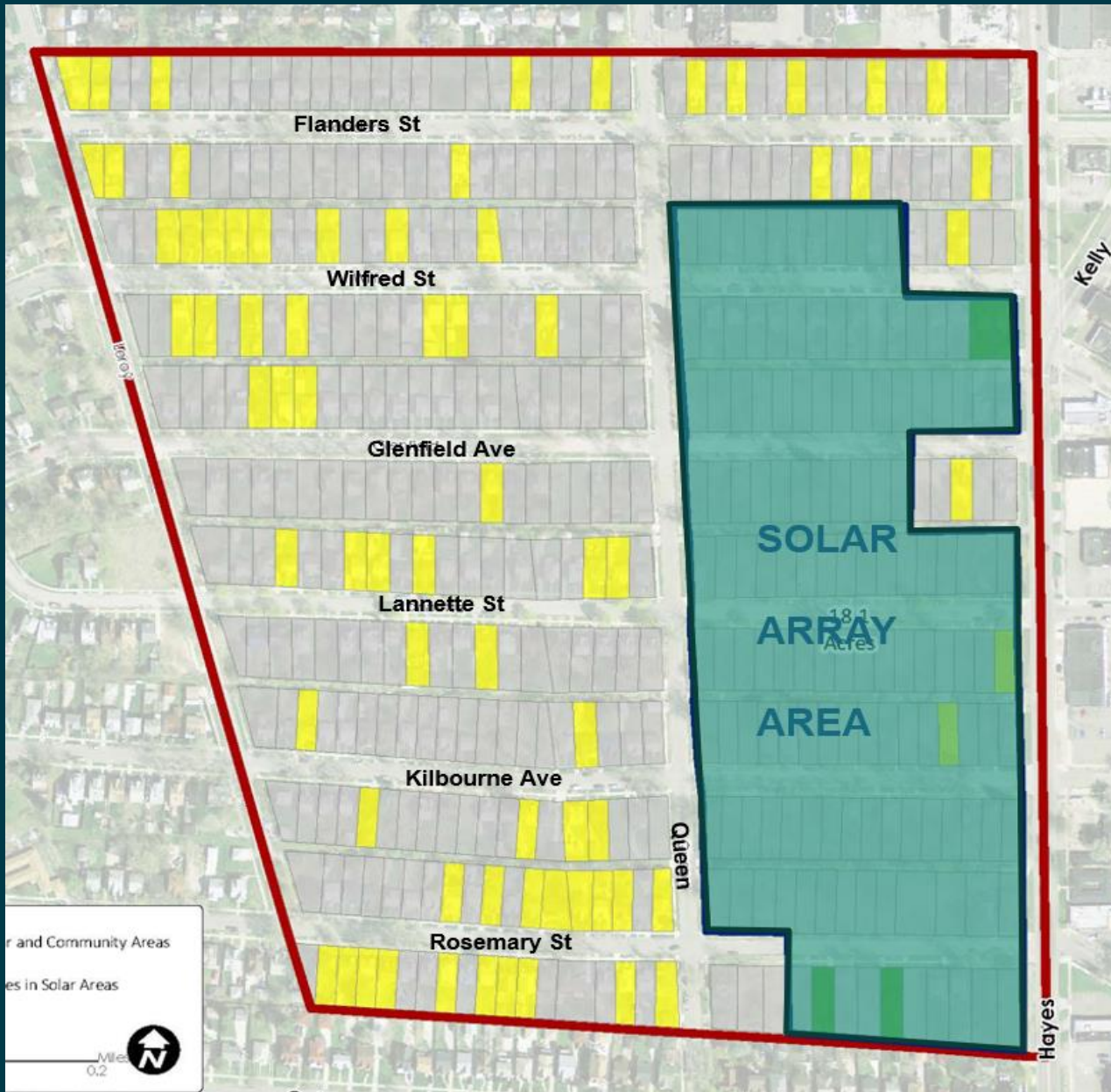


AGENDA

- Welcome/Introductions
- Updates (Developer Transfer)
- Overview & Recap
- Construction Timeline
- Update on Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Questions



Houston Whittier- Hayes Area Map



Key Points

- Size: 3.5 MW
- Fixed tilt racking
- Streets will be gated
- Fencing will be placed around the perimeter of the solar array
- Access for DTE and City of Detroit personnel only

Houston Whittier Solar Park

Landscape Buffer Type



- ✓ Evergreen 1 – Arborvitae
- ❖ Evergreen 2 – Northern White Cedar
- ❖ Evergreen 3 – Dwarf Blue Spruce
- ✓ Pink Flowering – American Redbud
- ✓ White Flowering – Serviceberry
- ❖ Non-Flowering – Rising Fire American Hornbeam

Tree Selection Key

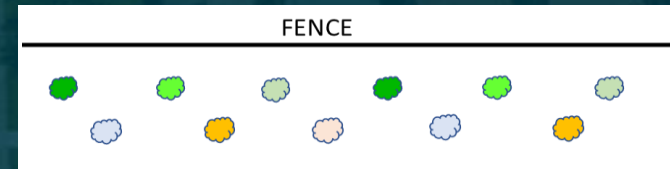
- ✓ Neighborhood Choice
- ❖ DTE Recommendation/Substitutions

*For Illustration only; Final selection of trees based on availability
Image is indicative only. Perimeter fence will have spear top finials
and ball top post caps.*

Fence Type



Ball Top Post Caps and Spear top finials



Ground Cover

- ❑ Clover and gravel was selected for ground cover by the Neighborhood residents.



- ❑ Installing gravel will require installing large detention basin per the City's Stormwater ordinance. Hence DTE has decided to move forward with Clover only for ground cover.



Perennial Beds

- Perennial beds will be placed on prominent street corners
- Provides more vibrancy to overall project
- Corners are more visible from multiple directions



Perennial Beds

- Purple Coneflower
- Lavender
- Pine leaf Penstemon
- And other varieties will be planted based on availability.

Indicative image to show perennial beds; Perimeter fence will have ball top post caps and spear top finials. Trees will match selections as indicated in previous slides.



What to expect next?

- Complete solar design
- Electrical interconnection Approval
- Tree clearing and Secure all permits
- Erosion control installation
- pole removal
- Fencing installation
- Components delivery and installation
- Testing and Commissioning
- Landscape planting



Apply for Electrical Interconnection



Deliver and Install components



Test and Commission Solar Park



Solar Construction Timelines

Time frame*	Major Activity
Fall 2026 – Spring 2027	Tree Clearing Overhead line reconfiguration design Pre-construction mobilization (Overhead pole removal, Grading and Silt Fencing) Fencing Installation
Spring 2027 – Summer 2027	Foundation and racking Installation Panel installation
Summer 2027 – Winter 2027	Electrical Distribution Infrastructure
Winter 2027 – Spring 2028	Testing and Power Up
Spring 2028	Landscaping planting

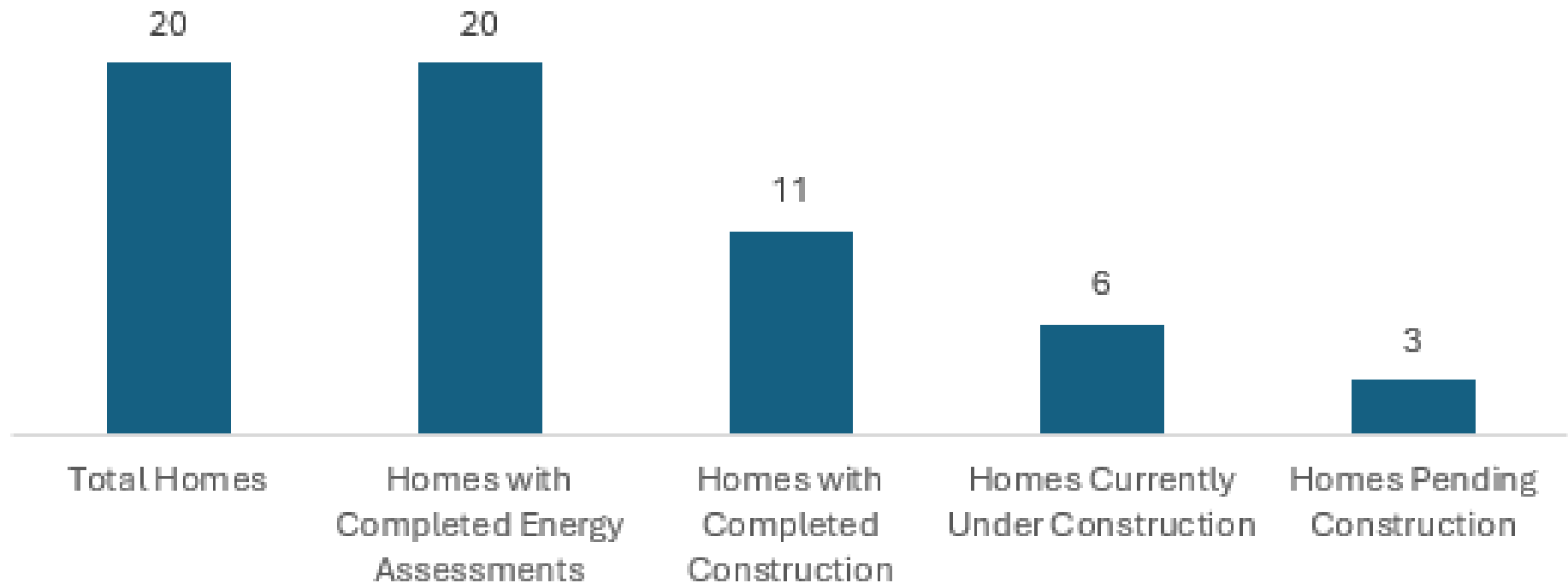
- DTE will hold additional informational sessions prior to start of construction. Construction is expected to start in Spring 2027.
- DTE will share information about truck routes, hours of operation and other details during these meetings.

*All timelines are estimates and are dependent on regulatory approvals and other variables.



Energy Efficiency Upgrades - Elevate

Houston-Whittier/Hayes Energy Efficiency Upgrades - 20 Homes



Houston-Whittier Home Transition – What Homeowners Can Expect

SEEL is working with the City of Detroit, DTE, homeowners, and contractors to move transferred homes toward construction.

1 Homeowner Outreach - *Completed*

SEEL contacts each transferred homeowner, introduces the new implementation team, and provides a point of contact.

2 Project Review - *Completed*

We review the existing assessment, approved scope of work, and project documentation received during the transition.

3 Contractor Coordination - *Completed*

Qualified contractors are onboarded and trained, then scopes and current pricing are reviewed and finalized.

4 Confirm Home Needs – *In Progress*

Based on the current approved scope of work, SEEL will contact the homeowner to review the approved measures and explain the next steps.

5 Approvals & Scheduling

Any required City/DTE approvals are confirmed, and the homeowner is contacted by the contractor to coordinate construction scheduling to begin the approved work in the home.

6 Construction & Follow-Up

Approved energy-efficiency upgrade work is completed by the assigned contractor, QAQC is completed, and homeowners will receive updates through project closeout.

Homeowner questions? Contact the SEEL Solar Team at 313-202-2288. Leave a voicemail and a team member will follow up.

Questions?



DTE Contact Information

Contact us

Please email detroitsolar@dteenergy.com with any questions or concerns

Other Useful Links

<https://empoweringmichigan.com/tree-trim-academy/>

<https://empoweringmichigan.com/energy-efficiency/>

<https://www.detroitk12.org/RandolphCTC>

<https://detroitmi.gov/government/mayors-office/office-sustainability/energy/solar-neighborhoods>



THANK YOU!



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