



Cheryl Dinolfo

Monroe County Executive

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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF COST-SAVING GREEN PROJECTS, LAUNCHES SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

County to save over \$1 million annually through four major sustainability projects; new Sustainability Team will implement additional cost-saving green initiatives

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced the completion of several major sustainability initiatives that will generate over \$1 million in annual energy savings for County government. These initiatives, which include 13 megawatts (MW) of county-owned solar arrays, LED lighting, energy efficient windows and advanced climate control systems, will cut costs for local taxpayers while better protecting Monroe County's vital natural resources.

*"Monroe County's focus on sustainability reinforces two of my top priorities – growing more good-paying jobs and building better, flat-tax budgets for local taxpayers," said **Dinolfo**. "Our new cost-cutting green projects will not only yield \$1 million in savings for local taxpayers, they'll also better protect the vital natural resources that help us attract more jobs and investment here. I thank the members of our new Sustainability Team for their service, which will support Monroe County's work to grow more jobs, build better budgets, and support stronger families across our community."*

The four projects represent an investment of \$3.865 million that will now achieve \$1.036 million in annual savings for local taxpayers, yielding a full return on investment in less than four years.

Sustainability Initiative	Investment Cost	Annual Cost Savings
Renewable Energy - Solar Arrays	\$0 – private funding	\$367,000
LED Lighting – Pure Waters Districts, Frontier Field	\$3.044,000	\$387,000
Energy Efficient Windows – Hall of Justice	\$820,000	\$62,000
Energy Monitoring/HVAC Control	\$0 – Federal grant	\$220,000
Total	\$3.865 million	\$1.036 million

Dinolfo also announced the creation of the first Monroe County Sustainability Team, consisting of representatives from a wide array of County Departments, they will evaluate current and future opportunities to implement sustainable best practices in County operations. The goal will be to preserve natural resources by reducing the County's ecological footprint while identifying operational efficiencies to produce cost savings for local taxpayers.

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MAJOR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES**

The Sustainability Team will begin meeting immediately and will serve in an advisory capacity to the County Executive and each County Department. It will focus its attention on five major action areas: Facilities and Infrastructure; Fleet; Energy; Resource Recovery; and Education and Outreach.

Monroe County also launched a new centralized source of information on sustainability-related initiatives in County government. More information is available at www.monroecounty.gov/sustainability.

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