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Opportunity to Learn About Solar Power

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Roberta, GA — Middle Georgia residents will soon have a new option to power their homes and businesses. The coalition for Solarize Middle Georgia is holding a workshop and information session for Crawford County farmers and residents on Tuesday, Feb. 19th at the Crawford County Government Complex, 640 GA Hwy 128, Roberta, GA 31078 from 5:00PM – 6:30PM. Residents of Crawford County, including Knoxville, Musella, and Roberta are invited to attend. Also, the cities of Salem, Culloden and Lizella are nearby and welcome. Solarize Middle Georgia runs for six months, through April 30, 2019.

Solarize Middle Georgia is a public awareness campaign to learn about solar opportunities that didn't exist until recently. This includes an opportunity for a free solar assessment on your home or business, And a way to potentially save money on your utility bills. There is absolutely no financial obligation or requirement to purchase a solar system. Should a family or business decide to go solar, what Solarize Middle Georgia offers is bulk-purchasing power, in addition to the 30% federal tax credit, that will begin to phase out after 2019.

The bulk-purchase model offers residents additional savings over those who install outside of the solarize program.

"Georgia ranks #10 in the nation, sums up Fabian Hollis, County Manager for Crawford County. He continues, "Let's move it up to Number #1. Solar is our future."

Ray Clark, Senior Advisor to the elected officials of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition (MGCAC) adds, "Solarize Middle Georgia is an important partner to MGCAC. While counties and municipalities in the coalition make significant contributions to improving air quality in the region, Solarize Middle Georgia is unique in that it offers every single household in Middle Georgia an opportunity to play a role in reducing air pollution.

Georgia ranks 10th in the nation for installed solar capacity but most of the energy we use in our homes still comes from coal, gas and nuclear power plants. Community Solarize programs are working to change that. Prior Solarize programs include Tybee Island, Savannah, Athens, Decatur/DeKalb, Dunwoody, Atlanta, Carroll-Carrollton, and Newton-Morgan. Over half of the rooftop solar capacity in Georgia has been generated through Solarize programs. Solarize

campaigns are supported by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Additional public meetings, workshops and lunch and learn opportunities will be held throughout the campaign. The schedule of meetings and workshops is being developed and will be publicized at the Solarize Middle Georgia website: <https://bit.ly/2CxutBo> and through social and traditional media channels.