# Meeting Renewable Energy Goals through the Green Source Advantage Program

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### Background

- Greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals
- Renewable energy goal for County operations

#### GSA – What is it?

- Duke Energy's Green Source Advantage program (GSA) is a renewable energy program for large North Carolina customers who want to support the development of renewable resources and lower their carbon emissions.
- The program offers large customers the flexibility of selecting and negotiating all price terms directly with a solar developer, including the purchase of renewable energy certificates generated by that facility. First come, first served

#### How Does it Work?



County pays a premium or receives a credit on energy bill for renewable energy



Duke Energy pays the solar developer for the energy that is being produced and sent to the grid



County receives the environmental, economic, and public health benefits of making our regional energy grid greener

#### Green Source Advantage

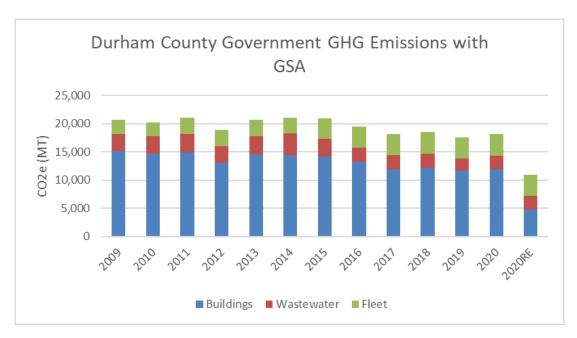


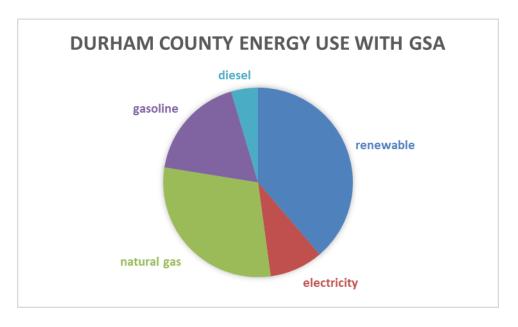
#### Benefits

- Offsite so space on roof/ground not required
- Very low upfront cost pay as you use
- Flexibility on selecting projects
- Costs reflect economies of scale
- Additionality claim
- Retention of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
- Up to 20-year term

### Why Participate?

- Participation in the GSA Program would:
  - Move County 94% of the way to our 2030 50% ghg reduction goal
  - Move County 49% of the way to our 80% renewable energy goal





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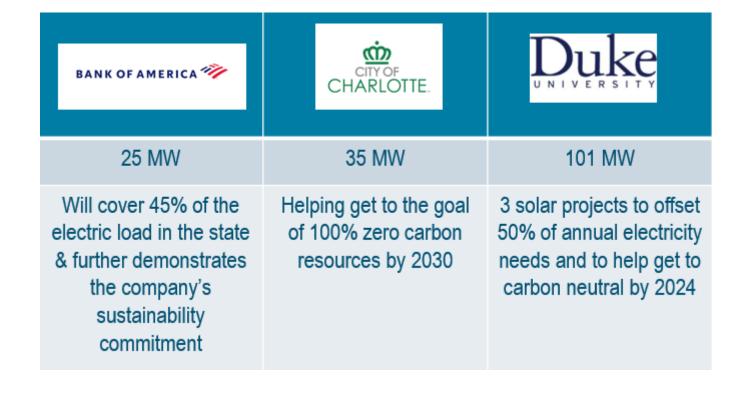
Emissions from 824 homes for one year OR 16,480 homes total



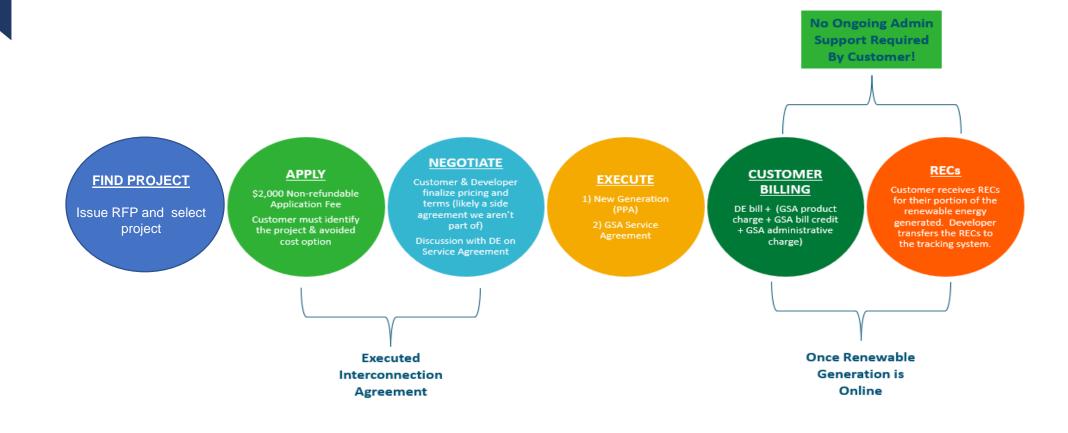
CO2 absorbed by 118,000 tree seedlings for 10 years

OR 2,360,000 tree seedlings for 10 years total

#### Program Participants



### Key Steps



# Questions?