

Media Solar

With the completion of solar photovoltaic systems at the Media Highway Department Garage and the Media Youth Center in 2010, the Borough now has solar on nine municipal and municipal partner buildings:

1. Armory (Trader Joe's/Veteran's Museum), 12 E State Street
2. Media Theatre, 104 E State Street
3. Media Elementary School, Front & Monroe Streets
4. Media Upper Providence Free Library, 1 E Front Street
5. Media Fire & Hook & Ladder Company, 11 S. Jackson Street
6. Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson Street
7. Sweney Building, Delaware County Courthouse, 313 W. Front Street
8. Media Borough Highway Department Garage, 660 W. Baltimore Pike
9. Media Youth Center, 1 Youth Way

Since 2005, when the first array was mounted on the Armory building (now the site of Trader Joe's and the PA Veterans Museum), Media solar arrays have produced over 300,000 kWh of clean, renewable energy. Now, with a capacity of 41 kW, the Media Borough solar arrays can generate nearly 45,000 kWh per year, saving about \$5,500 annually as well as CO₂ emissions equivalent to 3,635 gallons of gas consumed.

Media's solar systems were obtained through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Energy Harvest program with additional support from the TRF Sustainable Development Fund.

Look for new solar arrays on other Media roofs as well—a number of Media businesses and homes have also recently seized the opportunity to go solar and more are planned. Kathleen McGinty, former head of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, once dubbed Media Borough the “Solar Capital of PA”—we have a firm grip on the title!