



SOLAR ENERGY IN RURAL GEORGIA : OPPORTUNITIES FOR LANDOWNERS

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension will offer a collaborative program to help landowners understand the benefits and possible liabilities of placing solar panels on their land. Speakers from UGA Extension, Georgia Tech, USDA and the University of Tulsa will cover what landowners and communities need to consider before they decide to install solar panels or contract with a solar energy company. For questions about the workshop, please contact UGA Extension Specialist Amanda Smith (aziehl@uga.edu, 229-386-3512).

Location: UGA Tifton Conference Center

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020

*The event is free, but registration is required. Register online:

<https://events.attend.com/f/1383791650>

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Any person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate should contact the county Extension office to discuss their needs in advance.

Agenda

- 9:00-9:05 Introduction (Mark McCann, UGA)
- 9:05-9:30 Keynote – *The State of Solar in Georgia* – Ray C. Anderson Foundation
- 9:30-9:55 *Planning for Solar at Any Scale: GA's Model Solar Ordinance and Some Rooftop Experiences* (Dr. Rich Simmons, Georgia Tech Strategic Energy Institute)
- 9:55 - 10:20 *Does Solar Fit my operation?* (John Worley, UGA)
- 10:20-10:40 Break
- 10:40-11:05 *Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants* (Lance Young, USDA/Rural Business Service)
- 11:05-11:30 *Landowner's Experience and Perspective* (Donald Chase, Macon County)
- 11:30-11:55 *Real Property and Leasing Issues during the life cycle of Solar Projects* (Buford Pollett, University of Tulsa)
- 11:55-12:20 An Examination of Opportunity Costs (Amanda Smith, UGA)
- 12:20 pm Wrap-up/Takeaways (Mark McCann)
- 12:30 Adjourn