

## Community Story



### **Sustained Progress: Andy Bauer's Commitment to Clean Energy and Community Impact.**

**Andy Bauer has been a driving force behind the town's clean energy transformation for over two decades.** His early advocacy began with the successful campaign to retire Connecticut's "Sooty Six" power plants, and he's since championed solar adoption, energy efficiency, and public education across the region. As founder of the Portland Clean Energy Task Force, Andy helped make Portland a leader in the Clean Energy Communities program. He has helped mobilize hundreds of residents to support clean energy, including championing a successful Solarize Portland campaign.

Andy's leadership continues to shape Portland's energy future. He influenced the installation of a 67 kW solar array at Brownstone Intermediate School in 2023 through the SolarMAP+ program, projected to save the town over \$106,000. His story is a testament to the power of grassroots leadership in building a cleaner, more resilient Connecticut.

### **Location**

Portland, CT

### **Andy's Accolades:**

2025 Outstanding Community Partner, Solarize Campaigns, Clean Energy Communities, Portland Clean Energy Task Force, Sooty Six Campaign, Early Solar & Storage Adopter, CT Energy Network

**"Clean Energy task forces and community groups are incredibly important in combating misinformation, launching successful campaigns, and advocacy that moves through state leadership."**

*Andy Bauer*



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