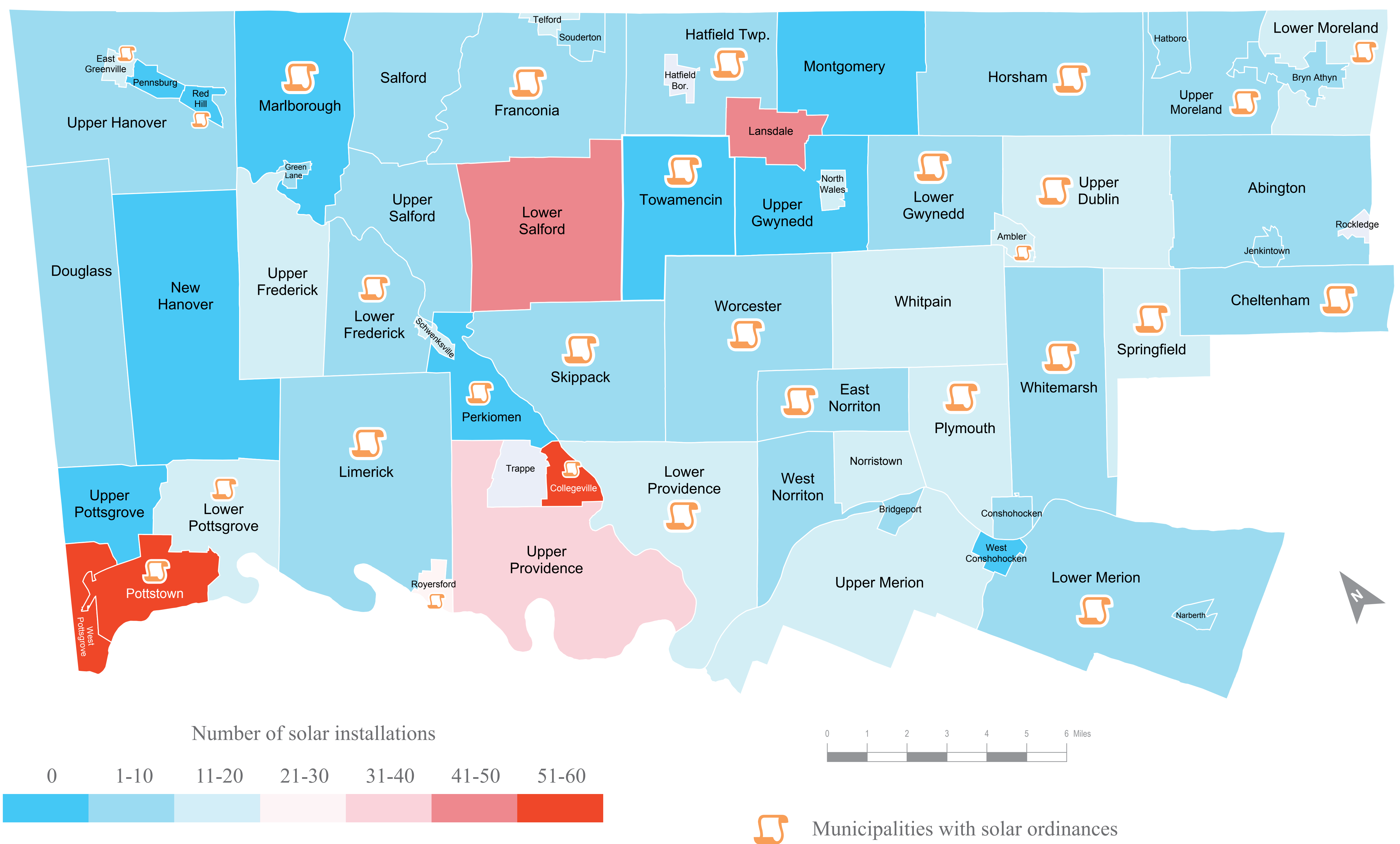
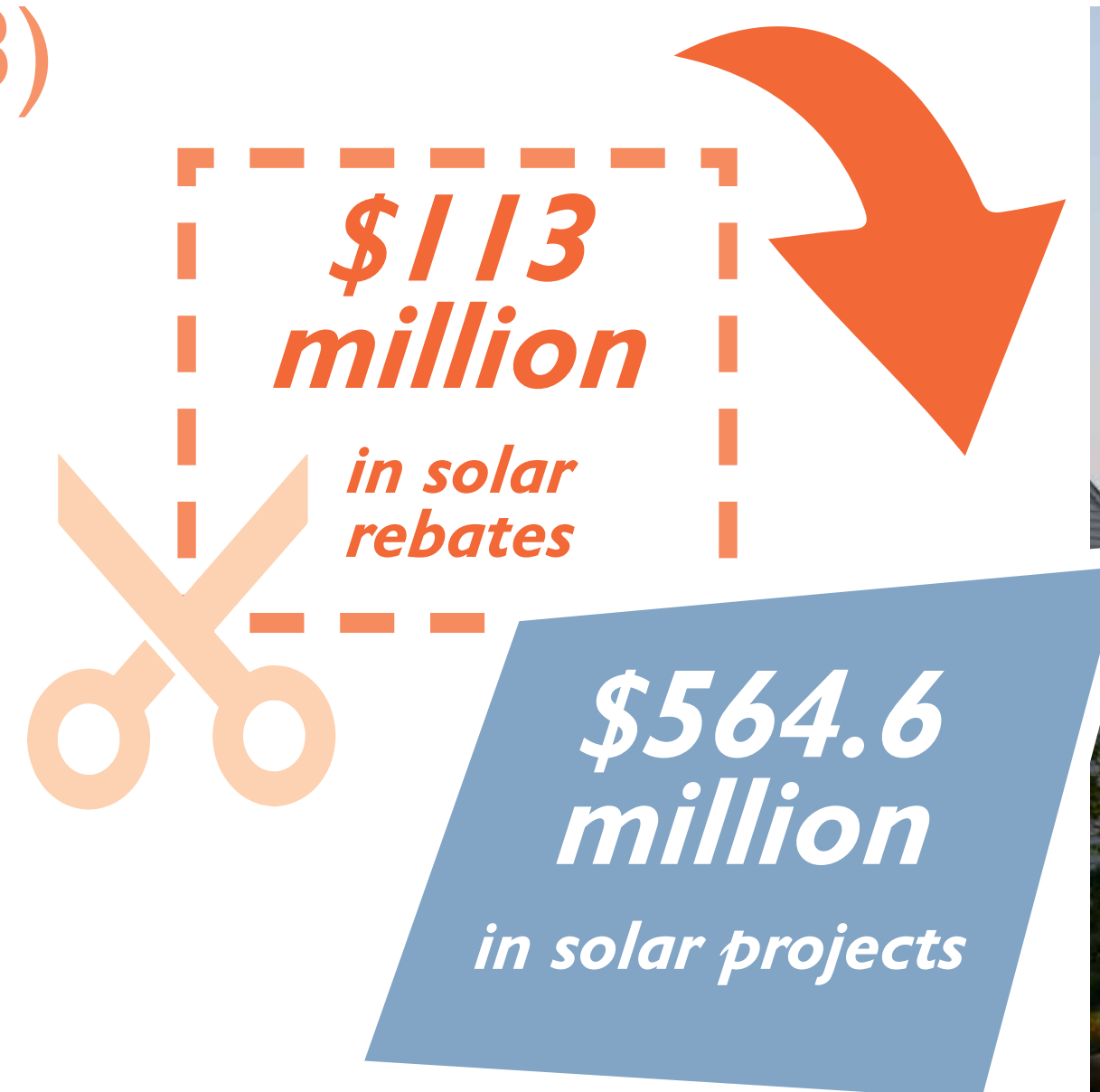


SOLAR PROGRESS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SYSTEMS INSTALLED USING THE PA SUNSHINE SOLAR PROGRAM (2009-2013)

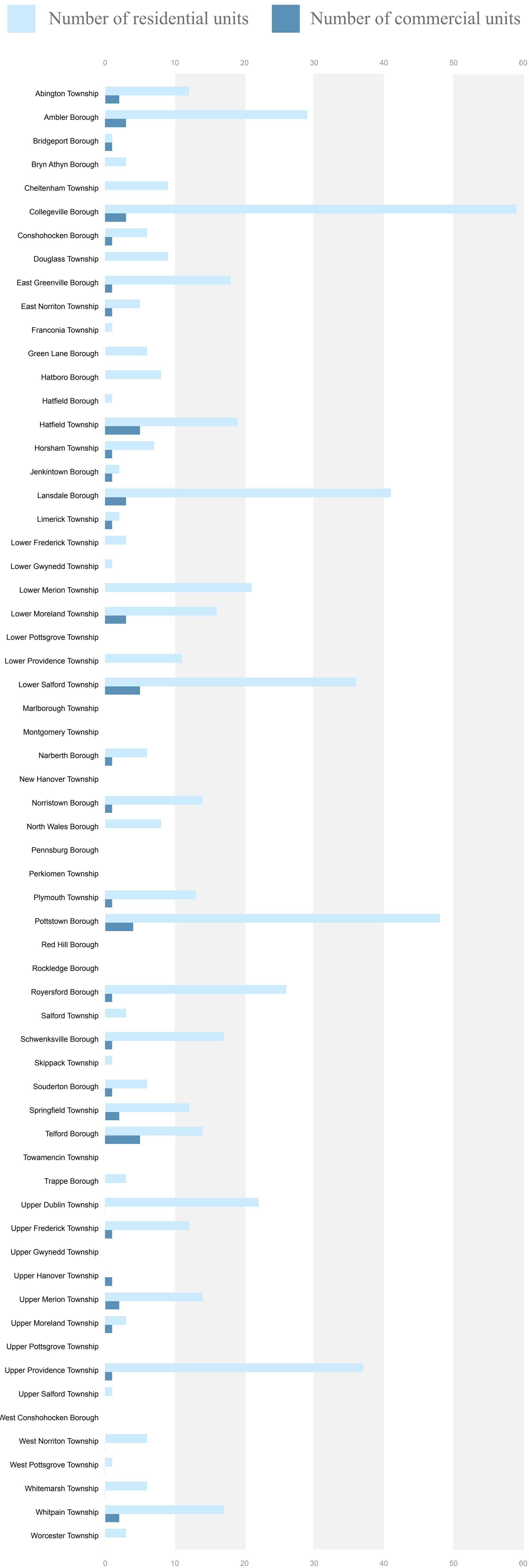
The sunshine solar program was established to help fund solar energy projects. The program ran from May 2009 until funds were exhausted in 2013. The \$113 million deployed as rebates encouraged more than \$564.6 million in renewable energy investment and resulted in 98.4 megawatts of solar installed. In the county, 675 solar systems were installed as a result of the Sunshine Solar Rebate Program. The map below shows municipalities that participated in the program and have an ordinance to regulate solar energy systems.



MUNICIPALITIES WITH SOLAR ORDINANCES

As of spring 2016, 29 of the 62 municipalities in the county have an adopted ordinance that regulates solar energy systems. Solar ordinances benefit residents and businesses who wish to pursue solar energy. Inconsistent and unpredictable land development and zoning regulations represent a significant barrier to the installation of solar energy systems and discourage the renewable energy industry from doing business here. Without an ordinance, variances are typically required. This can result in considerable time delays, increased project costs, and increased strain on limited municipal resources. The Montgomery County Planning Commission will gladly work with any municipality to help them draft and adopt a solar ordinance.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS INSTALLED USING PA SUNSHINE SOLAR PROGRAM (2009-2013)



CAPACITY IN MEGAWATTS AND NUMBER OF SYSTEMS

The chart below depicts the number of solar energy systems installed in the county and the amount of energy that can be produced by those systems. As of February 2016, Montgomery County had 725 systems installed for an energy capacity of 15.4 megawatts.

