

Require future mega-warehouse developments to dedicate rooftop space for solar generation

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[EAC's solar panel entreaty](#) got me thinking. Given that the Lehigh Valley and especially Bethlehem with close proximity to I-78 is such a desirable (profitable) location for mega-warehouse development, it should be a requirement for future developments to dedicate rooftop space for solar generation. The added cost should be minimal (or zero with a PPA) and well within the developer's feasibility requirements. It should also be possible to purchase rooftop easements on existing buildings to allow installation by solar companies as well as municipalities.

Bill

Hmmm, Gadfly seems to recall an article or study on this subject that passed through the blog, but he can't find it now. Can anybody give us a reference?

And isn't the sentiment Bill provided in his by-line sooooo good!