# NOKOMIS ENERGY Case Study: City of Green Isle

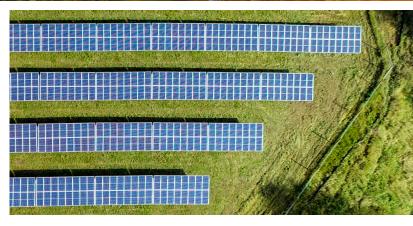
## New to Solar, Open to Change

The City of Green Isle did not have any rules in place dealing with solar development, when the idea for a community solar garden to be built in the center of town was proposed. Residents and local officials were hesitant at first, but once the benefits to the landowners, the local community school and greater Minnesota were discussed, support for the project grew. Nokomis made sure to work at the speed the community needed.

### Creating an Ordinance... Together

Nokomis held informal and formal public hearings to inform the community and receive feedback in support of crafting an ordinance that allows well-developed solar inside the city limits. Nokomis subscribed Green Isle Community School to save money on their electricity and helped upgrade their lighting to LED.

In the end, Nokomis' goal was achieved – smart community-scale clean energy development, with project benefits equitably distributed to local stakeholders.



### About the City of Green Isle, MN

Green Isle was named after the preexisting township, a name allusive of Ireland, the Emerald Isle, as many of its earliest settlers were from Ireland. With a population of around 550 people, the city boasts one of the newest and most advanced water and wastewater systems in the area, and now, a community solar garden.



"Nokomis Energy's knowledge of distributed generation and their sensible ideas on how to site solar gardens in a community made them easy to work with. They learned the needs of our community and worked alongside our city government to deliver and share the benefits of local, clean energy."

- Joe Kreger, Mayor - City of Green Isle

#### **Company Overview**

Nokomis Energy is a Minneapolis based energy developer with a mission to accelerate local energy adoption through equitable partnerships. Our approach is predicated on creating value for all stakeholders involved in a project. We specialize in understanding the full development process from origination, to technology, to long-term operation. Our value comes from our 25+ years of combined experience, in market resources and partnership approach. Through a combination of development and consulting services we use distributed energy to deliver economic and social benefits to local communities.