
Salt Lake County sees more solar, more savings

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Salt Lake County is ramping up its commitment to renewable energy.

Mayor Peter Corroon announced Monday that the county plans to place enough solar panels on county-owned rooftops to generate 25 percent to 30 percent of the county's electricity needs.

The county will look at state and federal subsidies to help cover the cost of purchasing and installing solar panels. "It's really a way to invest in solar panel with little or no cost and conserve energy," Mayor Peter Corroon said at a news conference in front of [Clark Planetarium's](#) solar-power exhibit.

The county has installed solar panels at the [Salt Palace Convention Center](#) and the planetarium, which has cut its energy demands by 20 percent through the use of the panels and energy-efficiency measures.

Next, the county will look at adding additional photovoltaic panels at the Salt Palace and using solar power to heat water at parks and recreation facilities, said Ann Ober, the county's environmental-policy coordinator.

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