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GROUND TO BE BROKEN MONDAY ON DETROIT EDISON SOLAR INSTALLATION AT MCCC

MONROE, Mich. – Ground will be broken Monday on a Detroit Edison solar installation to be constructed on the Main Campus of Monroe County Community College.

The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. next to the college's Physical Plant Building, which is located northeast of Parking Lot 3. It is open to the public. The solar installation will be built on the extreme east side of the campus beyond the Physical Plant Building.

In July, Detroit Edison – a subsidiary of DTE Energy – and MCCC announced the signing of a 20-year agreement that will provide the utility's customers with renewable energy generated from the sun. The Monroe County Planning Commission approved the site plan for the installation at its regular meeting on Monday.

The installation is part of Detroit Edison's pilot *SolarCurrents* program that calls for photovoltaic systems to be installed on customer property or rooftops over the next five years to generate 15 megawatts of electricity throughout Southeast Michigan.

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MCCC is the first educational institution to participate in the program, and its installation will be Detroit Edison's largest *Solar Currents* installation on a college campus.