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## **DiPrete Engineering is working on over 30 solar projects in Mass. and R.I.**

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Cranston, RI Solar development projects in the states of Mass. and R.I. are increasing at a substantial rate. The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) documents the progress states make on efficiency measures. ACEEE ranks states in six categories including state government initiatives, building energy codes, utility incentives, combined heat and power, transportation, and appliance standards. Mass. and R.I. are now ranked number 1 and number 3 respectively.

Currently, construction of the new Gold Meadow Farm Solar Development in Cranston is taking place. The new solar facility is located on Lippitt Ave. and will take up 68 acres of the 100 acre property. Gold Meadow Farm will contain 58,000 south-facing solar panels providing affordable and clean alternative energy. It will generate 21 megawatts of electricity which is enough, on average, to power 3,000 households.

DiPrete Engineering worked with the developer Southern Sky Renewable Energy (SSRE) on all the required permitting of the site.

The city of Attleboro, Mass. has also approved a solar development that will be located on North Ave. The 2.5 megawatt solar facility has received approvals from the zoning board and the conservation commission. This development will include standard fixed solar panels and a tracking solar system which will track the movement of the sun throughout the day to increase efficiencies of the solar field. DiPrete Engineering worked with SSRE and Natural Resource Services, Inc. on all necessary state and local approvals.

DiPrete is currently working on over 30 solar projects throughout R.I. and Mass.

“Continuing expansion of solar projects in both states will allow them to remain at the forefront of energy efficiency,” says David Russo, Professional Engineer at DiPrete Engineering. “It’s extremely rewarding for us to be involved in these types of projects.”

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