

2025 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Southern Pike Solar stayed deeply involved in Noble County throughout 2025 by investing in education, community partnerships, local events, and strong relationships with residents, landowners, and local leaders. The following report reflects a year of meaningful engagement across the region.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

At Southern Pike Solar, education sits at the center of how we work. Our neighbors deserve clear information, regular updates, and easy ways to get answers. Throughout the year, we've upheld our commitment and kept community members informed by providing regular updates, opportunities to learn about the project's benefits, and ways to share their feedback.

We have been proud to engage with all 5 Chambers of Commerce:

- Albion Chamber of Commerce
- Avilla Chamber of Commerce
- Kendallville Chamber of Commerce
- Ligonier Chamber of Commerce
- Rome City Chamber of Commerce

Additional education and outreach efforts included:

- A Kendallville Chamber of Commerce member profile
- Podcast interviews with WAWK FM's Behind the Mic and the Kendallville Area Chamber's Behind the Business podcast
- A project presentation to the Kendallville Common Council
- Fire safety training sessions with local responders in Albion and Rome City
- Collaborations with Solar United Neighbors and Farm to Power



OUR LOCAL PROJECT OFFICE

We held weekly office hours at our local office to make it easier for residents to stop in, ask questions, and talk directly with the project team.

Visit us at:

231 Main Kendallville Co-Working

231 S. Main Street, Kendallville, IN 46755

Tuesdays from 10 AM - 2 PM

*or anytime by appointment

COALITION BUILDING & SUPPORT MOBILIZATION

We are grateful for our supporters who put their time, energy, and voices behind this project. Their work drives everything we do. In 2025, we continued building a broad base of supporters through Letters of Support, electronic petitions, and yard signs that helped increase local visibility.

Community touchpoints include:

- Project Open House on May 8
- Open House at Sweet Church on July 23
- Supporters Meetup at Sylvan on Cellars on September 30

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At Southern Pike Solar, our commitment goes beyond energy. We actively invest in Noble County's future through community initiatives and sponsorships that create lasting benefits for local families.

EVENTS

We showed up for local traditions and gatherings that bring community members together and highlight what makes Noble County special.

Event sponsorships and participation in 2025 included:

- GOP Lincoln Day Dinner
- Ligonier Marshmallow Festival
- Apple Festival of Kendallville
- Kendallville Area Chamber Annual Banquet
- Noble County Community Fair
- Be Noble Annual Meeting
- Central Noble Schools Welcome Back Bash
- Kendallville Area Chamber Golf Outing

- West Noble Athletics Golf Benefit
- Cromwell Days Festival
- Albion Fall Celebration
- Stone's Trace Pioneer Festival
- Santa at the Kendallville Chamber
- Kendallville Christmas Parade
- VETSports at Hidden Ego Event Center

DONATIONS + SPONSORSHIPS

We invested in organizations that strengthen local families, youth, public safety, and community services.

Event sponsorships and participation in 2025 included:

- Albion Parks
- Crossroads United Way
- Junior Achievement
- VETSports
- East Noble Robotics
- Common Grace Ministries
- Drug Free Noble County
- Campus Life
- Albion Rotary Club (memorial contribution)
- Black Pine Animal Sanctuary



- Popcorn appreciation for East Noble faculty and staff
- Behind the Business podcast sponsorship
- World Tourism Art Competition
- Albion Fire Department
- Orange Township Fire Department
- Avilla Chamber of Commerce street banners

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Southern Pike Solar's **Community Grant Program** is designed to provide direct support to local organizations making a difference in Noble County. Recent grants have supported childcare, small business development, environmental education, workforce training, and programs that expand opportunities for local families.

Each quarter, **local nonprofits can apply for grants of up to \$5,000** to support their work in the community. We encourage all eligible organizations to apply.

Learn more at: www.southernpikesolar.com/grant-program.

IN Q2, WE AWARDED OVER \$14,000 IN GRANTS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Community Learning Center
- Noble County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Historic Downtown Kendallville
- Be Noble Inc.
- Noble County Bicycle Club
- Storyhouse
- Noble Early Learning
- Common Grace Ministries
- Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart Co.
- Enact Crisis Services
- Freedom Academy



IN Q3, WE AWARDED \$11,750 IN GRANTS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Apple Tree Center
- August Hills LRCC
- Stillwater Hospice
- Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart Co.
- Visit Noble County
- Loving Benjamin
- America 250 IN Noble
- Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center
- Historic Downtown Kendallville
- Noble House Ministries
- Community Foundation of Noble County
- Thrive Noble County
- Lighthouse Childcare Learning Center
- Noble Early Learning
- Freedom Festival

LANDOWNER APPRECIATION AND ENGAGEMENT

We continued building strong relationships with participating landowners by hosting gatherings and offering practical support.

This year's appreciation efforts included:

- Fun Night at Crazy Pins
- Landowner Dinner at Wings Etc.
- Notary services for authorization forms
- Landowner Holiday Celebration at the Southern Pike Solar office



We are thankful to our landowners for participating in a landowner video shoot that helps them share their story and perspective with community members.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We met regularly with local leaders to ensure open communication and stay aligned with county priorities. These conversations helped reinforce transparency and made sure we stayed connected with local public agencies that serve the community.

Stakeholders meetings were held with the following:

- Noble County Officials:
 - Assessor
 - Auditor
 - Surveyor
- Noble County Council Members
- Noble County Highway Dept.
- Central Noble Community Schools
- Noble County Public Library
- Purdue College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Kendallville Common Council



LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER

Southern Pike Solar remains committed to being a dependable partner in Noble County. Our team will keep showing up at community events while keeping residents informed at every step. We remain committed to listening, collaborating, and being a long-term partner to the people who call Noble County home.



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