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## New London's Flying Goose Going Solar

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**NEW LONDON** — An Upper Valley brew pub is teaming up with groSolar to establish New Hampshire's first solar-powered brewery.

Construction soon will begin on a 126-panel solar electric system at the Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille in New London. When finished, it is expected to lower Flying Goose's \$24,000 annual electric bill by 25 percent.

The project is part of the brewery's \$250,000 renewable energy investment, which includes air sealing, insulation, kitchen air balancing, lighting and compressor motor upgrades.

Flying Goose is making the investment now, in part, to take advantage a 30 percent federal tax credit and New Hampshire rebates that reduce the expense.

"The environmental benefit is significant," said Flying Goose owner Tom Mills in a statement, "but we would not be making a \$250,000 investment unless it made good

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business sense."

White River Junction-based groSolar was one of five companies that bid on the job. Mills chose the winner based on "company experience and depth, value-added components, and price."

There will also be an educational component to the project. Mills wants to work with the installation companies to offer solar education seminars and provide a kiosk that shows the real-time performance of the solar power systems.

GroSolar CEO Jeff Wolfe applaud-

ed the brewery for moving toward a renewable source of energy.

"It's truly commendable for an establishment as well-known and respected as the Flying Goose to take the lead as the first solar electric powered brewer in the state," Wolfe said in a statement.

"We look forward to a long-term partnership with Tom and his management team to help educate businesses and homeowners in the Upper Valley and across New Hampshire about the benefits of going solar."