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Chautauqua Offsets 100% of Electricity Use with Solar Through New SunShare Community Solar Partnership

Boulder, Colorado – September 14, 2025 – The Colorado Chautauqua (Chautauqua), one of the nation’s most treasured National Historic Landmarks, has taken a bold step toward a greener future. Through a new partnership with Denver-based SunShare Community Solar, Chautauqua has committed to subscribing 100% of its operations—including concerts, cultural events, lodging, and private gatherings—with clean, renewable solar energy.

This milestone marks the latest achievement in Chautauqua’s long-standing pursuit of its sustainability goals. In 2008, the organization set the ambitious goal of becoming the most environmentally sustainable National Historic Landmark in the country. Building on its 2021 Sustainability and Resilience Plan, created in partnership with the City of Boulder, Chautauqua has now delivered on one of its central directives - securing a renewable energy solution that protects the historic character of its 127-year-old campus.

“Sustainability is at the core of our mission, but preserving a historic site like Chautauqua requires innovative approaches to sustainability and resilience,” said Jason Hill, Chief Operations Officer of the Colorado Chautauqua. “This agreement furthers our renewable energy goals without impacting the site, an important consideration for us.”

By joining SunShare’s offsite community solar garden, Chautauqua can avoid rooftop installations that could compromise the site’s historic integrity, while still generating a steady supply of renewable power. Under the agreement, Chautauqua will subscribe to SunShare’s community solar program, earning solar credits that Xcel Energy will apply to offset the nonprofit’s electricity use.

“We are thrilled to welcome Colorado Chautauqua to the SunShare community,” said David Amster-Olszewski, CEO and Founder of SunShare. “Over many years, I have enjoyed hiking in beautiful Chautauqua Park, and this partnership shows how community solar can be the perfect renewable solution for historic organizations that want to embrace sustainability without altering their iconic landscapes.”

For more information about Sustainable Preservation In Action at Chautauqua, visit [Sustainability and Preservation](#)

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