

Rooftop Solar Installation Produces Green Energy for Cox Enterprises

[Cox Enterprises](#) has completed its 10,000-square-foot solar panel installation, the largest of its kind for Georgia Power's alternative energy program in Georgia.

Located at Cox's Manheim DRIVE facility in Stockbridge, Ga., the 100-kilowatt rooftop system converts the sun's radiation to electricity and generates approximately 150-megawatt hours annually. The renewable energy is fed back into the utility grid system and reduces the amount of energy generated by Georgia Power.

"Embracing renewable energy is a key component of Cox Conserves, our national sustainability program," said Mike Mannheimer, vice president, supply chain services and chief procurement officer, Cox Enterprises. "Our Manheim DRIVE solar project is a win for Cox, the environment and the community. The project reduces our energy costs and directly feeds renewable energy back into the community."

"We take great pride in being the first Manheim location in Georgia to install rooftop solar panels," said Donald Foy, executive director, Manheim DRIVE. "Our team is committed to looking at new and different ways to conserve the resources we use every day, including energy and water, to ensure we do our part for the environment and the community."

The panels are virtually maintenance-free and have a life expectancy of more than 20 years. Manheim DRIVE joins other Cox locations harnessing solar energy in Arizona, California and New Jersey.

Cox Conserves seeks to conserve resources, embrace renewable forms of energy and reduce the company's greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by 2017. Since 2000, Cox Enterprises has reduced its energy consumption by 10 percent while growing at nearly 12 percent a year. The program also encourages Cox's 77,000 employees and their families to engage in eco-friendly practices.

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