

BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$0** upfront costs
- **300** jobs
- 2,500+ solar panels

COMMUNITY IMPACT

When the project was unveiled in 2018, former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe boasted, "Clean energy is one of the fastest growing industries in the Commonwealth... Projects like these are creating jobs of the future that will help grow local economies and create a better quality of life for families."

GREEN APPLICATIONS, DRIVING GREEN MANUFACTURING AND JOBS

In 2017, Green Applications partnered with Sun Tribe to design and build a rooftop solar energy system uniquely tailored to the manufacturer's needs. One of the largest printers and distributors of textile merchandise on the East Coast, Green Applications was eager to save big on costs at its 170,000 square foot facility. Located in the former American Press building in Gordonsville, the manufacturing facility now houses an 860-kilowatt solar system capable of powering 50% of all textile operations.

When it was built, the Green Applications solar energy system was the largest on-site project financed through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) in Virginia history. To reduce the need for upfront capital, Sun Tribe also worked with the manufacturer to enroll in <u>VirginiaSAVES</u>, a Green Community loan program, ensuring \$0 in upfront costs. As a result, Green Applications only pays for the energy it uses.

The solar installation project supported the creation of 300 jobs at the manufacturing facility, a significant number for the relatively small Orange County community. Set on using renewable energy to power its jobs and operations, Green Applications has positioned itself as a leader in sustainable manufacturing.

SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS LIKE THESE

Making the investment tax credit (ITC) for solar refundable, providing funding to state and local governments to support energy conservation programs like VirginiaSAVES, and providing funding to increase resilience and deploy more distributed energy resources can bring more projects like this to Virginia.