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East Lansing elected officials, MSU, Michigan LCV host roundtable discussion on climate change, clean energy

EAST LANSING – **Mayor Nathan Triplett** was joined by **Rep. Sam Singh**, **Sen. Curtis Hertel**, **Dr. Wolfgang Bauer** of MSU, and **Jack Schmitt**, deputy director of the **Michigan League of Conservation Voters** for a roundtable discussion on climate change, clean energy and the Clean Power Plan today in East Lansing.

"I'm proud of the work the City of East Lansing has done to utilize clean energy and reduce carbon pollution," said Mayor Triplett. "Climate change affects communities across the country every day. That's why it's so important that we transition to more renewable energy sources, including providing access to homeowners and businesses through community solar."

The panel discussed two new solar projects coming to East Lansing. Mayor Triplett previewed a soon-to-be announced community solar project, stating, "It's no longer a question of if East Lansing will have community solar, but when." Dr. Bauer announced that the [MSU Board of Trustees approved](#) a 10-megawatt solar project this morning. The new solar project will generate 13-15 percent of MSU's electricity. Both projects will be an important part of reducing carbon pollution, the goal of the Clean Power Plan.

"The city of East Lansing is leading by example and the state should follow suit by increasing our renewable energy and energy efficiency standards," said Schmitt. "The Clean Power Plan will reduce dangerous pollution that threatens the health of our children, seniors and families and our Great Lakes. It's time for Michigan to lead the way on clean energy."

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