



## NYC Residents Want More Solar

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New York City is a politically progressive city and many people here truly want to do the right thing about global warming. At the same time, New Yorkers are notoriously pragmatic and they don't just want feel-good or impractical ideas thrust upon them. In a way New Yorkers are your savvy environmentalists. Plus, as I've explained before, NYC is a fairly energy efficient place already, just by virtue of our smaller living spaces in multiunit buildings and heavy reliance on mass transit instead of automobiles.

That's why I wasn't surprised to see in a [recent poll](#) that New Yorkers are somewhat ahead of the country on several Peak oil awareness measures, including having "heard of or read about the US Energy Crisis" and believing that it is "very serious" and they overwhelmingly believe it is "likely their city or town will face a serious critical energy crisis in the next five years".

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Also of note from the survey was that the highest preference was for more investment in Solar power over all other energy sources. For the record, the rank order of energy sources for future electricity production (p.10):

1. Solar
2. On Shore Wind
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4. Tidal / Wave Power
5. Largescale Hydro
6. Fuelcells
7. Landfill Gas
8. Waste Incineration
9. Nuclear
10. Natural Gas
11. Coal
12. Oil

And the popularity of solar was definitely good news to the co-sponsor of the Survey: [CUNY Million Solar Roofs Initiative](#)

Solar has a long, long way to go to make even a dent in NYC's vast energy consumption. But even

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gritty, pragmatic New Yorkers can be optimistic that solar can be a clean source of power in the future.



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