

## Touring Edgecombe – Seeing What You’ve Been Missing

### QVC Solar Farm



Did you know that QVC, which has a distribution center in Edgecombe County between Tarboro and Rocky Mount, has an 18 acre solar farm? They started with 7 acres in

2008, and in 2013 added another 11 acres which can generate 5.8 million kilowatt-hours per year. That is enough to power over 500 homes. According to their press release, that is also enough green energy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions equivalent to 458,766 gallons of gasoline.

QVC is one of Edgecombe County’s largest employers. During its peak season, the company employs as many as 1,500 people. It opened at that location in 2,000 and has been going strong ever since.

Solar energy is just about the cleanest, most abundant energy resource available. The relatively high cost of the equipment to convert sun rays to power has limited its use. But new technology has lowered the costs, and renewable energy incentives have caused an up-tick in solar farm installations. QVC’s project along with the County’s landfill gas project and small fleet of natural gas vehicles are helping to paint Edgecombe County green.

So if you get a chance, you should ride by QVC on Kingsboro Rd. to see what you’ve been missing.

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