

Planning of land use around photovoltaic panels



Overview

This toolkit provides information on how local governments can incorporate solar energy goals into local planning documents and identifies best practices for addressing solar development in zoning codes. Related Resource: [View SolSmart Best Practices in Planning & Zoning](#). Localities are struggling with how to evaluate utility-scale solar facility applications, how to update their land-use regulations, and how to achieve positive benefits for hosting these clean energy facilities. As a land-use application, utility-scale solar facilities are processed as any other. Abstract—The rapid deployment of large numbers of utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) plants in the United States, combined with heightened expectations of future deployment, has raised concerns about land requirements and associated land-use impacts. 6 million acres of land, roughly equivalent to the size of Massachusetts.

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Land Requirements for Utility-Scale PV:

We used ArcGIS to draw polygons around satellite imagery (from Google Earth and Maxar/Digital Globe) of each plant's PV array(s) and to calculate the polygons' acreage

Maximizing Renewable Energy Land Use: Strategies and Best Practices

In this article, we delve into case studies that highlight strategies for efficient land use, best practices in siting and permitting, spatial planning techniques, sustainable practices in solar ...



Conservation Guidance for Utility-Scale Solar Projects

There are many considerations that can go into the design, installation and maintenance of solar array equipment and facilities, including an opportunity to consider natural resource conservation at the ...

Land Requirements for Utility-Scale

PV: An Empirical Update on ...

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Solar Energy Toolkit: Planning, Zoning, & Development

This guide highlights the key components for organized, transparent, and consistent accessory use solar energy regulations for zoning or land use codes. A local government's approach ...

Land Use Planning for Large-Scale Solar

An NREL and Argonne National Laboratory InSPIRE study identified over 3,500 km² (800,000 acres) of agricultural land near existing and planned large-scale PV facilities that may benefit from insect ...



Quantifying land-use metrics for solar photovoltaic projects in the

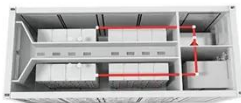
We develop a consistent, replicable framework to quantify land-solar interactions and apply it to annotated

aerial imagery covering 719 solar photovoltaic projects (13,272 megawatts of



Smart Solar Zoning: How Land Use Planning Maximizes Your Solar

Consider using elevated mounting systems that allow for dual land use, such as grazing or growing shade-tolerant plants underneath the panels. Proper drainage planning helps prevent soil ...



Planning for Utility-Scale Solar Energy Facilities

This PAS Memo examines utility-scale solar facility uses and related land-use issues. It defines and classifies these facilities, analyzes their land-use impacts, and makes recommendations for how to ...

Harvesting the Sun-Twice: Agrivoltaics and Rural Land-Use

With thoughtful planning and effective

policymaking, agrivoltaics has the potential to provide more flexibility for landowners, contribute to state and national energy goals, and contribute ...



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