

Compilation of resources to help in planning and zoning for renewable energy

Thanks to a grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, University of Michigan is helping communities across Michigan plan for energy infrastructure. We assist communities by providing templates, case studies, and answers to common questions about how clean energy infrastructure impacts communities. We can also provide technical assistance through in-person presentations, phone and email consultations, and webinars.

For more information or to request technical assistance, contact Dr. Sarah Mills at 734-763-0726 or by email to sbmills@umich.edu.

Resources on Wind Energy

[MSU Land Use Guidelines](#) (provides an excellent explanation of pros and cons of alternate zoning approaches)

[Is Wind Energy Right for Your Community?](#) (A webinar with the results and recommendations from Sarah's research)

[MSUE's sample zoning for wind energy systems](#)

Department of Energy's [FAQs about Wind Energy](#)

Center for Rural Affairs' fact sheet on [property value impacts](#) and [zoning information guide](#)

NREL's [Wind Energy Guide for County Commissioners](#)

[Summary of Conclusions of 25 Reviews of Research Literature on Wind Farms and Health](#)

LBNL [Property Value Study](#)

National Wind Coordinating Collaborative [Research on Birds and Bats](#)

Resources on Solar Energy

NREL's [Best Practices in Zoning for Solar](#)

APA's [Planning for Solar Energy](#) (covers Master Plans & Ordinance regulations)

Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs [Model Zoning for the Regulation of Solar Energy Systems](#) (offers model ordinance text with commentary and discussion on components of the language)

DVRPC [Renewable Energy Ordinance Framework – Solar PV](#) (a good resource for rooftop and small systems)