

VT Planners Association: Solar Siting Resources List

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Vermont

Addison County Regional Planning Commission Solar Siting Guidelines
Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Aesthetic and Land Use Guidelines for Siting Ground Mounted Solar Energy Projects
David Raphael, as submitted to the Solar Siting Task Force (Nov 2015 Draft)

Energy Policies & Standards: A Guide for Southern Windsor County Towns
Southern Windsor Regional Planning Commission, 2011

Siting Solar: Guidelines, Good Practices and Permits
Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, Vermont Natural Resources Council

Other States

Division 22 General Standards for Siting Facilities
Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, Energy Facility Siting Standards (Land Use)

New Hampshire Residential Rooftop Solar PV Permitting, Zoning and Interconnection Guide
NH Office of Energy and Planning, GDS Associates, Inc. and Resilience Planning & Design, 2015

Planning and Zoning Best Management Practices
Go Solar Florida, Broward County, Sep 2014

Policy Guidance for Regulating Solar Energy Systems
MA Dept. of Energy Resources, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 2014

Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Pennsylvania Municipal Officials
Governor's Solar Working Group, 2009

Solar Friendly Best Planning Practices for New Hampshire Communities
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, 2015

Solar Guidebook for New Jersey Municipalities
Solar Outreach Partnership

Solar Siting and Environmental Review Working Group: Final Report
Minnesota Dept. of Commerce, 2015

Solar Siting and Sustainable Land Use

Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, 2012

Sustainable New Jersey Solar Siting Initiatives

Sustainability Institute, College of New Jersey, John Loyer, Program Assistant

Federal

Best Practices for Siting Solar Photovoltaics on Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

National Renewable Energy Laboratory, EPA, 2013

Installing Solar Panels on Historic Buildings: A Survey of the Regulatory Environment

US DOE, North Carolina Solar Center, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2012

Secretary of the Interior Standards, Historic Properties

Incorporating Solar Panels in a Rehabilitation Project (2009), ITS Bulletin #52

Solar Panels on Historic Properties (web)

Solar Energy Resource Center (Planning, Zoning, Permitting Database)

DOE, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Solar Powering Your Community: A Guide for Local Governments

Solar Outreach Partnership, US DOE

SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership (SolarOPs)

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

National Organizations

American Planning Association: SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership (Solar Research Portal)

Website: <https://www.planning.org/research/solar/>

Solar Planning, Zoning Database (Plans, Ordinances): <https://www.planning.org/solar/data/>

Related publications, documents:

Planning for Solar Energy (2014), David Morley, AICP

APA PAS Report #575

Solar Briefing Papers:

1. Solar Community Engagement Strategies for Planners
2. Solar Mapping
3. Integrating Solar Energy into Local Plans
4. Integrating Solar Energy into Local Development Regulations
5. Balancing Solar Energy Use with Potential Competing Interests
6. Recycling Land for Solar Energy Development

Essential Information Packets (EIP-30):

[Foreword and Contents List \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar in Comprehensive Plans \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar in Subarea Plans \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar in Functional Plans \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar Permitting Guides \(pdf\)](#)

[Model Solar Ordinances \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar Easements/Access Permits \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar Access Protections \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar Orientation and Siting \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar-Ready Homes \(pdf\)](#)

[Mandatory Solar Energy System Installation \(pdf\)](#)

[Accessory Solar Energy Systems \(pdf\)](#)

[Primary-Use Solar Energy Systems \(pdf\)](#)

[Solar Energy Systems, Multiple Scales \(pdf\)](#)

[Design Guidelines for Solar Installations](#)

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Leadership Forum

[Profiles in Regional Solar Planning: A Handbook and Resource Guide](#)

National Association of Regional Councils

[Regional Solar Deployment Handbook, 3rd ed.](#)

National Association of Regional Councils

[Renewable Energy: Solar](#)

Sustainable Community Development Code Framework

Rocky Mountain Land Institute, Sturm College of Law

[Sample Guidelines for Solar Systems in Historic Districts](#)

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions

Industry/Trade

[A Comprehensive Review of Solar Access Law in the United States, Suggested Standards for a Model Statue and Ordinance](#)

Solar America Board for Codes and Standards, Colleen McCann Kettles, (2008)

[Expedited Permit Process for PV Systems: A Standardized Process for the Review of Small-Scale PV Systems](#)

Solar America Board for Codes and Standards, Bill Brooks, P.E. (2012)

International/UK

Agricultural Good Practice Guidance for Solar Farms

BRE National Solar Centre, Ed J Scurlock (2014)

Annex 3: Cumulative Impact Assessment Guidance for Cornwall – Solar Farms

Cornwall Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document, Consultation Draft 2015

Biodiversity Guidance for Solar Developments

BRE National Solar Centre, Eds G E Parker and L Greene (2014)

Planning Guidance for the Development of Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar PV Systems

BRE National Solar Centre

Solar Farms: Ten Commitments

UK Solar Trade Association

Model Ordinances

Connecticut Rooftop Solar PV Permitting Guide

Energize Connecticut, 2014

Model Ordinance for Energy Projects (v.2)

Oregon Department of Energy, 2005

Model Ordinances for Sustainable Development: Solar Energy Standards

Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, 2013

Model Small-Scale Solar Siting Ordinance

Center for Climate Change, Columbia Law School, Danielle Sugarman, 2012

Model Solar Energy Facility Permit Streamlining Ordinance

California County Planning Directors Association, 2012

Model Solar Ordinances and Commentary

American Planning Association

Model Solar Zoning Ordinance

Solar Simplified, Utah

Model Zoning for the Regulation of Solar Energy Systems

Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, December 2014

Municipal Guide to Planning for and Regulating Alternative Energy Systems
Lancaster County Planning Commission, PA, 2010

Renewable Energy Model Ordinances (Word Documents)
Model Ordinance for Larger-Scale Solar Energy Projects in Virginia
Model Ordinance for Smaller-Scale Solar Energy Projects in Virginia (By Right Permitting)
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 2012

Renewable Energy Ordinance Framework: Solar PV
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Draft

Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Pennsylvania Municipal Officials
Governor's Solar Working Group, 2009

Solar Energy Systems Model Ordinance
Cumberland County, PA

Solar Powering Your Community: Model Ordinances for Solar
National Association of Regional Councils

Solar PV Model Zoning Ordinance for Connecticut Jurisdictions, v.5.1
Energize Connecticut, 2014

Template Solar Energy Development Ordinance for North Carolina
NC Clean Energy Technology Center, NC State University, 2013

Zoning for Solar Energy: Resource Guide
NY-Sun PV Trainers Network; Jessica Bacher and John Nolon, Pace Law School

