

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 Statute 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