

# Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems



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## LOCATIONS & DATES:

Zoom Webinar – May 12  
6:30-8:00pm

Marquette – May 16  
6:30-8:30pm

Traverse City – May 18  
3:00-5:00pm

Clinton Twp. (Macomb County) – May 23  
3:00-5:00pm

Jackson – May 24  
3:00-5:00pm

Big Rapids – May 24  
3:00-5:00pm

Lawrence (Van Buren County) – May 25  
1:00-3:00pm

Zoom Webinar – June 1  
11:30-1:00pm

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Local government elected and appointed officials; local government staff, consulting planners, and attorneys.

1.5 AICP CM credits

1.5 MCP hours

## DESCRIPTION:

Michigan's diverse energy future is set in motion. Utility companies have bold plans to expand solar options and other forms of renewable energy over the next two decades and beyond. The shift in the utility sector from centralized power generation to a higher number of accessory and principal use solar energy systems (SES) means nearly every jurisdiction in Michigan will be approached about a solar installation within the next five years. However, relatively few of Michigan's 1,850 local government jurisdictions are prepared with policy or regulation. The purpose of this training is to help Michigan communities meet the challenge of becoming solar-ready by addressing SES within their planning policies and zoning regulations.

This training is based on the newly-released Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Michigan Local Governments and will explain:

- The context for solar energy development in Michigan;
- How various components, scales, and configurations of SES fit into landscape patterns ranging between rural, suburban, and urban;
- Planning and siting considerations for solar energy systems including colocation with other land uses; and
- Sample zoning approaches that attempt to balance the interests of property owners and the community as a whole.

Participants of in-person events will receive a printed version of *Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Michigan Local Governments*.

This is a unique training opportunity that will serve as the basis for future, more technical education offered for practitioners in Michigan in the coming months.

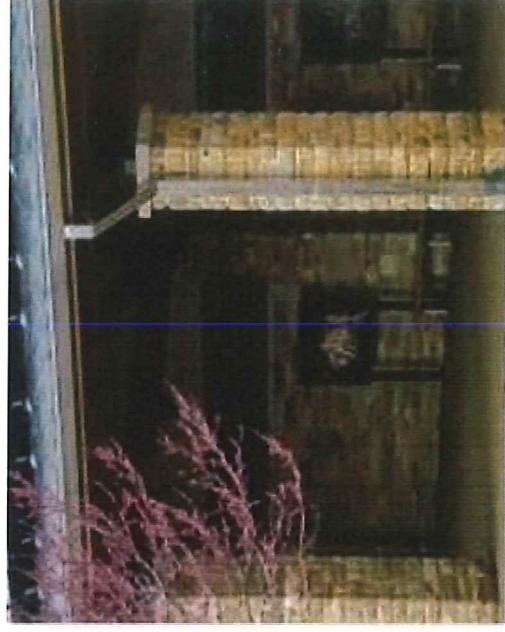
**There is no cost to attend this training thanks to a generous grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Registration is required. To learn more and register, go to:**

**<https://events.anr.msu.edu/pzsolar>**

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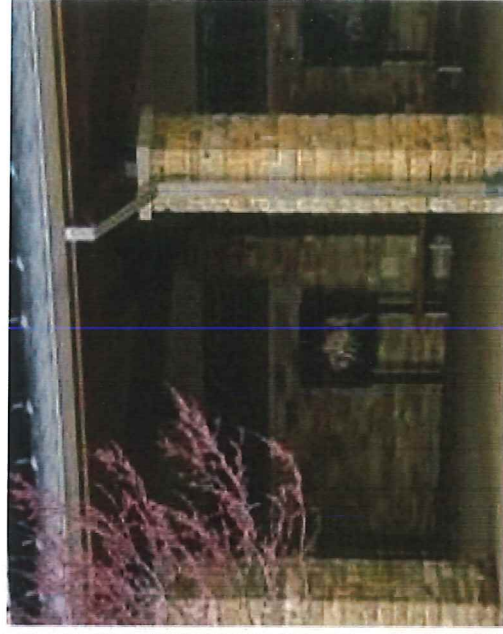
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or

June 1st, 2022 11:30am-1:00pm

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Join Us At Three Southern Michigan Locations!

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