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What is a good setback distance for a solar array?

In our analysis of wind turbines, we found that roughly a third of ordinances governing setback distance exceeded 300 meters. However, for PV solar arrays, the setback requirements are generally far more lenient, with most having setback requirements under 100 meters.

How do local ordinances and zoning laws affect wind and solar energy projects?

Local ordinances and zoning laws can determine the parameters of wind and solar energy projects, like the mandatory required distance from other infrastructure such as roads. Photos from iStock

Can a state sit a wind energy project?

C. Local Siting. In states where projects do not trigger state siting jurisdiction, and in states with no state siting process, wind energy projects are permitted by the local jurisdiction. For typical rural wind energy projects, this is almost always a county (as opposed to a city governing body).

Are state and local ordinances limiting PV solar deployment?

While state and local ordinances for PV solar have the potential to be highly constraining to future deployment, they have not materialized to date. And while many ordinances restricting PV solar are being adopted nationwide, the degree of restriction imposed by such ordinances is generally minimal.

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