



Planning & Zoning for Solar in Michigan: A Primer for Local Government

LOCATIONS & DATES:

Traverse City - November 8

East Lansing - November 8

Caro - November 8

Vicksburg - November 13
(5:30-8:30pm)

Hancock - November 13

Escanaba - November 13

Sault Ste. Marie - Nov. 13

TIME:

6:00 - 9:00 pm

COST:

\$55 for Regular Registrants
\$50 for Master Citizen
Planners and registrants
from groups of two or more
with the same municipality.

WHO SHOULD

ATTEND:

Planning commissioners,
professional planners, local
government elected
officials, administrators,
and municipal attorneys.



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DESCRIPTION:

In fall 2016, the Michigan legislature amended the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act requiring electric providers to achieve a renewable energy credit portfolio of at least 15% by 2021. Additionally, the cost of electricity from solar has dropped by nearly 75% since 2009, and is expected to fall 66% further by 2040, by some accounts.

With such events and trends, owners of large tracts of property in Michigan and local governments are seeing increased activity among solar energy developers exploring options for solar energy development. In response, Michigan State University Extension developed this training program for local government officials on planning and zoning for solar energy.

This workshop is an opportunity for local government officials to learn about steps and considerations for planning and zoning for solar energy development. The workshop will cover:

- The Context of Solar Energy Development
- Introduction to Types/Scales of Solar
- Local Government Planning Approaches for Solar
- Zoning Tools and Techniques for Solar

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration is required by November 1, 2017 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/PlanningSolar>

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