



RENEWABLE ENERGY

A CRASH COURSE
FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS





LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Washington, DC
- Founded in 1966 to preserve, improve and enhance the environment
- Research, Scholarship, and Leadership programs
- Increase collective capacity of landscape architects to achieve sustainability:
 - Invested over **\$3 million** in research since 1986
 - Awarded over **\$1.25 million** in scholarships to over **550** students



1.0 LA CES CEU (HSW)



- Link to quiz in the chat + follow-up email
- 1.0 PDH (HSW) issued upon completion of 10-question quiz with a score of at least 75%
- Retakes allowed
- Certificate will be emailed **within 2 weeks**

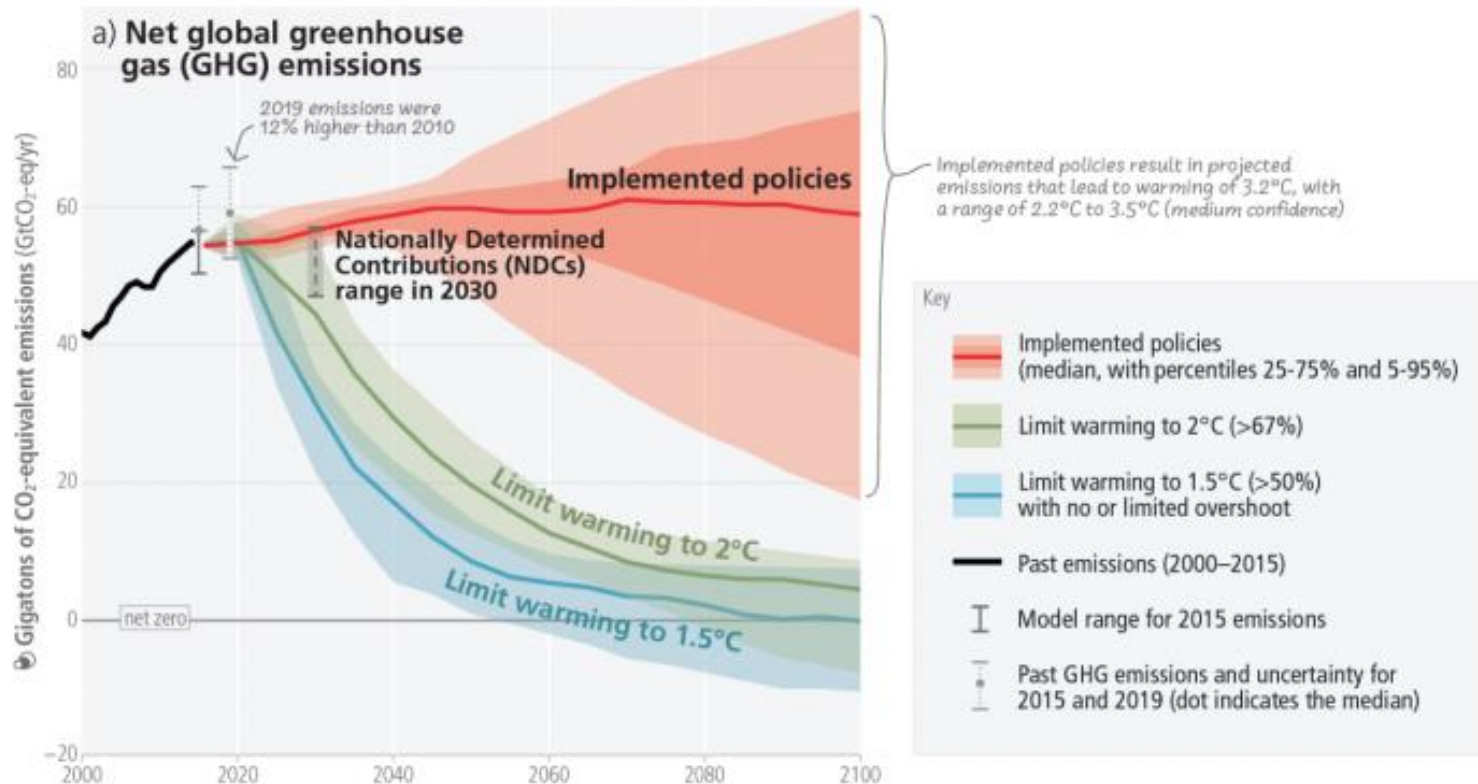
RENEWABLE ENERGY:

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Limiting warming to 1.5°C and 2°C involves rapid, deep and in most cases immediate greenhouse gas emission reductions

Net zero CO₂ and net zero GHG emissions can be achieved through strong reductions across all sectors



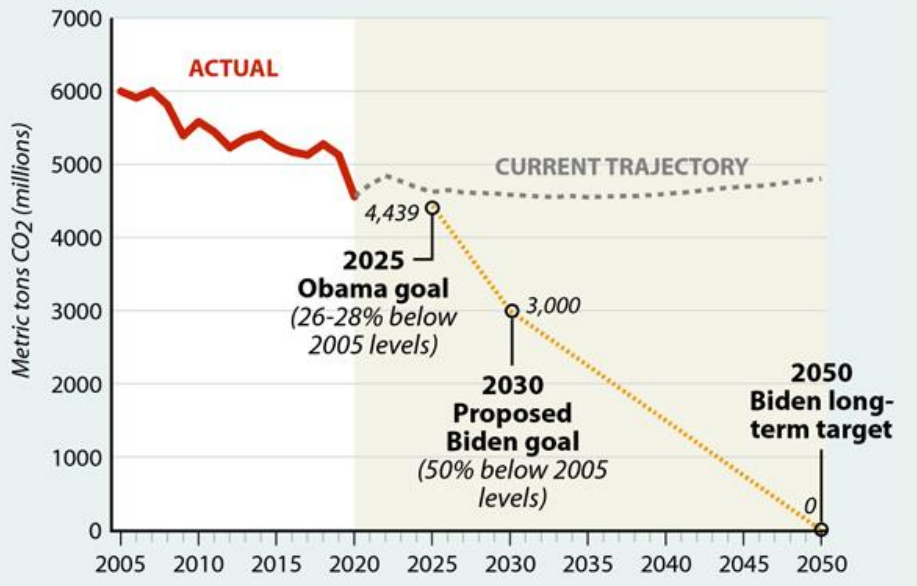
Implemented policies result in projected emissions that lead to warming of 3.2°C, with a range of 2.2°C to 3.5°C (medium confidence)

Bending the Carbon Curve

Advocates of strong climate action are urging President Biden to adopt an ambitious goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent by 2030, to put the U.S. on track to decarbonize by 2050. Without policy action, climate pollution is on course to rebound and stay level.

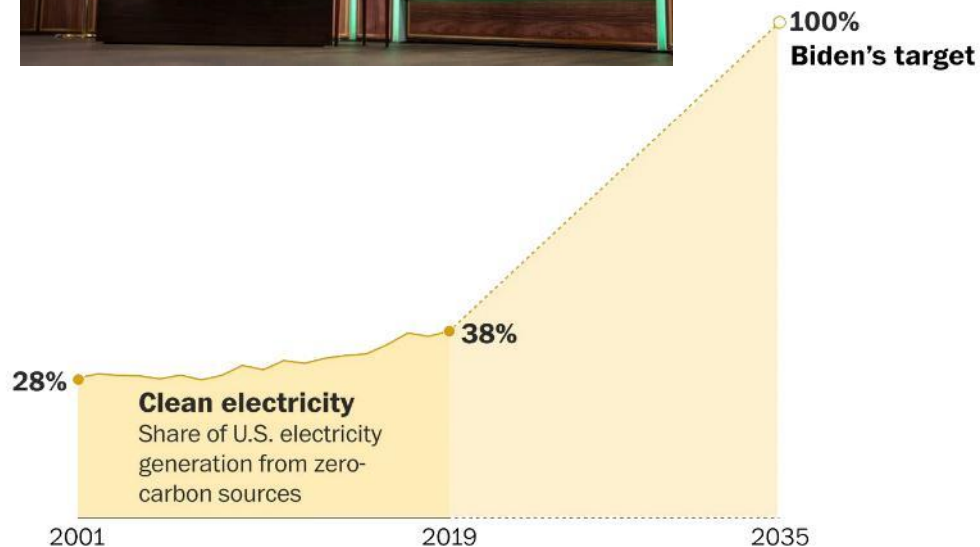
U.S. ENERGY-RELATED NET CO₂ EMISSIONS

In millions of metric tons, 2005-2020



SOURCES: U.S. Energy Information Administration; ICN research PAUL HORN / Inside Climate News

Inside Climate News, April 13, 2021



The Washington Post, July 30, 2020



An aerial photograph of a vast solar farm. The image shows numerous long, parallel rows of solar panels stretching across a flat, arid landscape. The sun is low in the sky, creating long, dark shadows and a bright, hazy glow over the panels. The layout is organized into a grid-like pattern with narrow paths between the rows. In the distance, there are some structures and more solar panels, suggesting a large-scale development. The overall scene conveys a sense of industrial scale and renewable energy production.

What is the role of design in this transition?

COURTESY OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY.



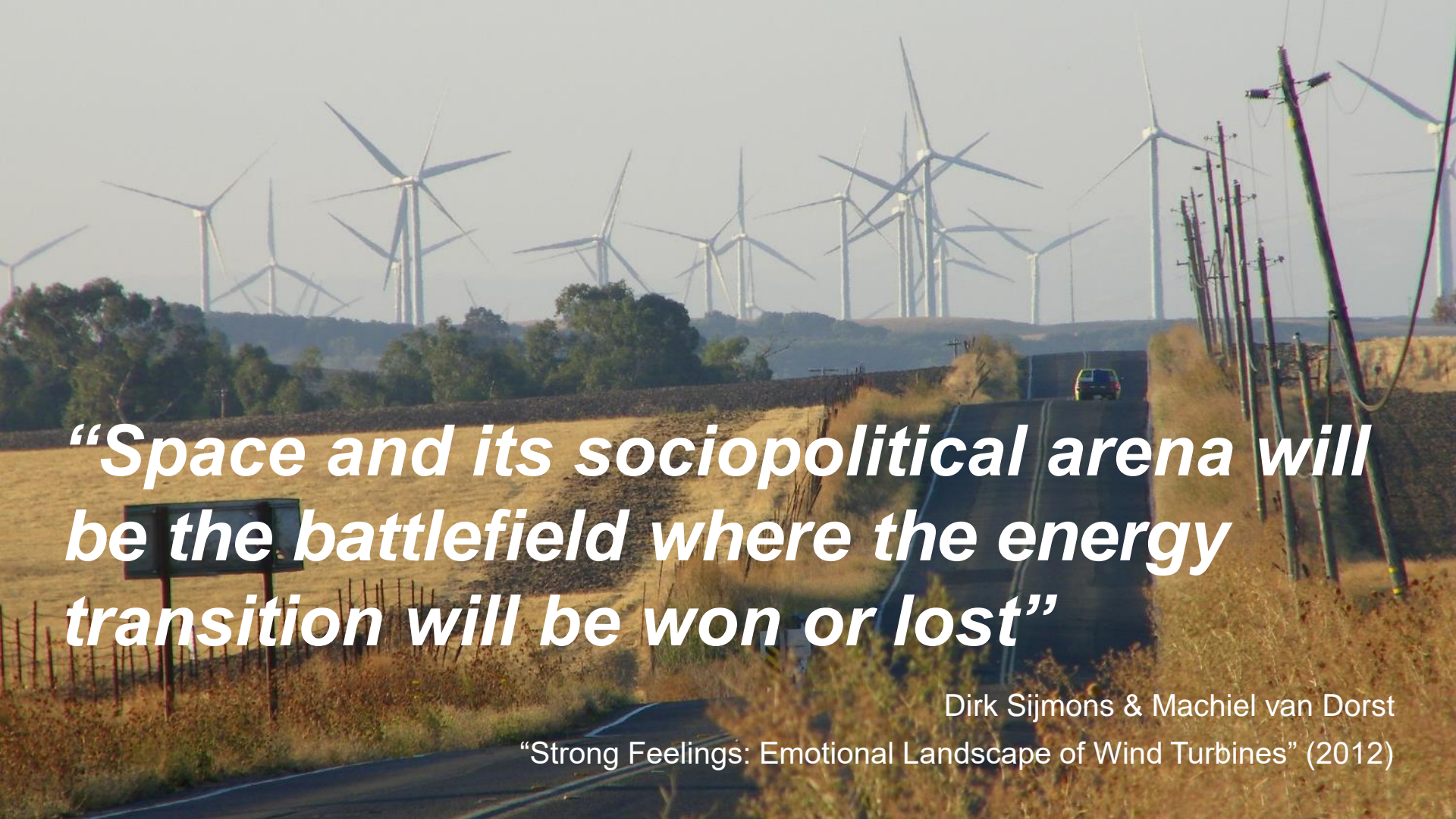
The Machine in the Garden

TECHNOLOGY
AND THE PASTORAL IDEAL
IN AMERICA

Leo Marx

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Leo Marx, *The Machine in the Garden*
(Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 1964)



“Space and its sociopolitical arena will be the battlefield where the energy transition will be won or lost”

Dirk Sijmons & Machiel van Dorst

“Strong Feelings: Emotional Landscape of Wind Turbines” (2012)

An aerial photograph of a large wind farm. The landscape is a mix of green fields and brown, tilled soil. Numerous white wind turbines are scattered across the terrain, extending towards the horizon. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text 'THE ENERGY TRANSITION IS A SPATIAL PROBLEM' is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters in the center of the image.

THE ENERGY TRANSITION IS A SPATIAL PROBLEM

Wind farm near Abilene, TX (Photo: Joel Sartore)

POWER

DESIGNING FOR JUST AND MULTIFUNCTIONAL ENERGY LANDSCAPES.

BY NICHOLAS PEVZNER, YEKANG KO, AND KIRK DIMOND, ASLA

PLAYER

RENEWABLE ENERGY IS A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S CLIMATE PLANS, a response to President Joe Biden's campaign goal of a 100 percent clean grid by 2035 and the promise of 10 million well-paying green infrastructure jobs. Renewable energy and the power sector must play a central part in this plan if the United States is to meet Biden's ambitious new national climate target. The goal, released on Earth Day as part of a virtual international climate gathering ahead of the COP26 Climate Change Conference, is to achieve a 50 percent reduction in climate emissions by 2030 measured against 2005 levels. And clean energy transmission, generation, and storage have a major presence in the American Jobs Plan, the Biden administration's \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal now making its way through Congress. All of this renewable energy would represent a major transformation of the landscape. What would it mean for landscape design, and what would the designer's role be in such a major overhaul of the energy sector?

This clean energy transition is already under way—even if the federal government were to completely back away from any new clean energy initiatives, we can expect that actors by the private sector, such as corporate power purchase agreements (PPAs), which let companies contract with specific energy generators to buy energy directly from them, will lead to the construction of many new renewable energy facilities throughout the country as companies try to meet their internal climate commitments. A number of states and municipalities, including California, New York, and New Mexico, have committed themselves to 100 percent clean electricity targets through binding legislation. Last year, the bipartisan year-end omnibus spending package, which was signed into law in the final days of 2020, provided \$35 billion in support of clean energy and climate action.

But the success of the clean energy transition will depend on the speed and scale with which new renewable infrastructure can be deployed and how much opposition and backlash it engenders. Renewable energy is politically popular in general, with increased investment in clean energy enjoying bipartisan support according to polls. Less well understood is how all this will affect vast swaths of the American landscape, but we can be sure that the spatial impacts will be dramatic—more renewable energy facilities closer to where people live, work, and play. Conflicts over land use might be the most challenging piece of the puzzle for building out clean energy at scale, and large infrastructure projects have historically faced backlash and animosity. Multiple studies have identified community opposition to visual and land-use impacts of wind, solar, and transmission projects

as one of the most likely bottlenecks on the path toward a net-zero America.

How can designers promote a rapid energy transition that avoids these bottlenecks, while supporting a cleaner and more just economy? Landscape architects must get ready to welcome this renewable energy build-out—to defend it in the face of inevitable opposition, to address communities' legitimate concerns, to improve it, and to help coax it into being.

Energy Infrastructure and the Built Environment In the American Jobs Plan

The existing state-level and private sector initiatives on renewable energy could get a major boost at the federal level thanks to the Biden administration's American Jobs Plan. The fate of this plan ultimately rests with Congress, and the final form of this legislation is still being debated at the time of this writing. But as originally proposed by President Biden in March,

Nicholas Pevzner, Yekang Ko, and Kirk Dimond. "Power Player: Designing for Just and Multifunctional Energy Landscapes." *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, June 2021

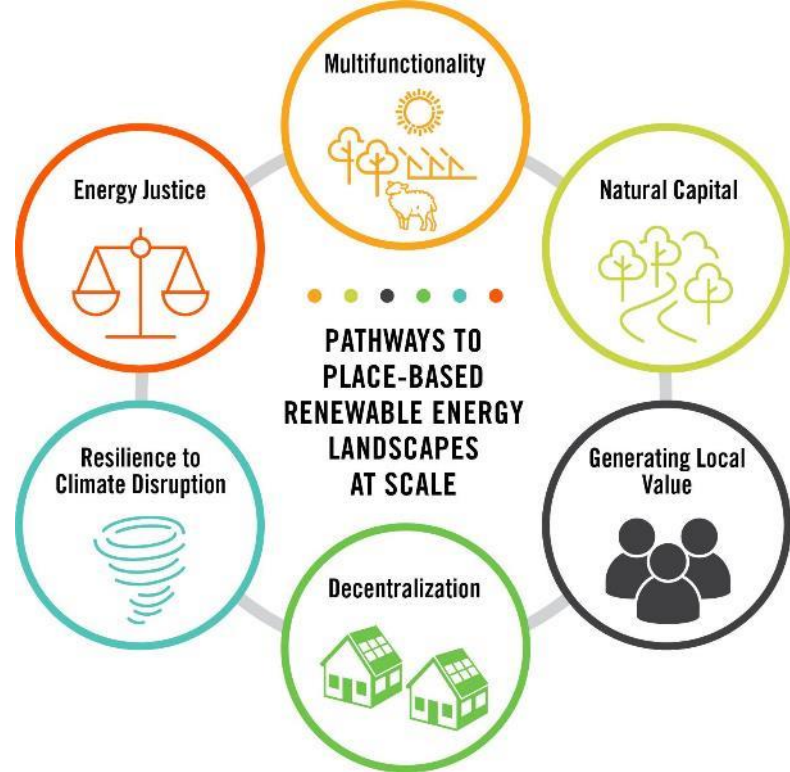
Renewable Energy Landscapes:
**DESIGNING PLACE-BASED
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCALE**



July 2022



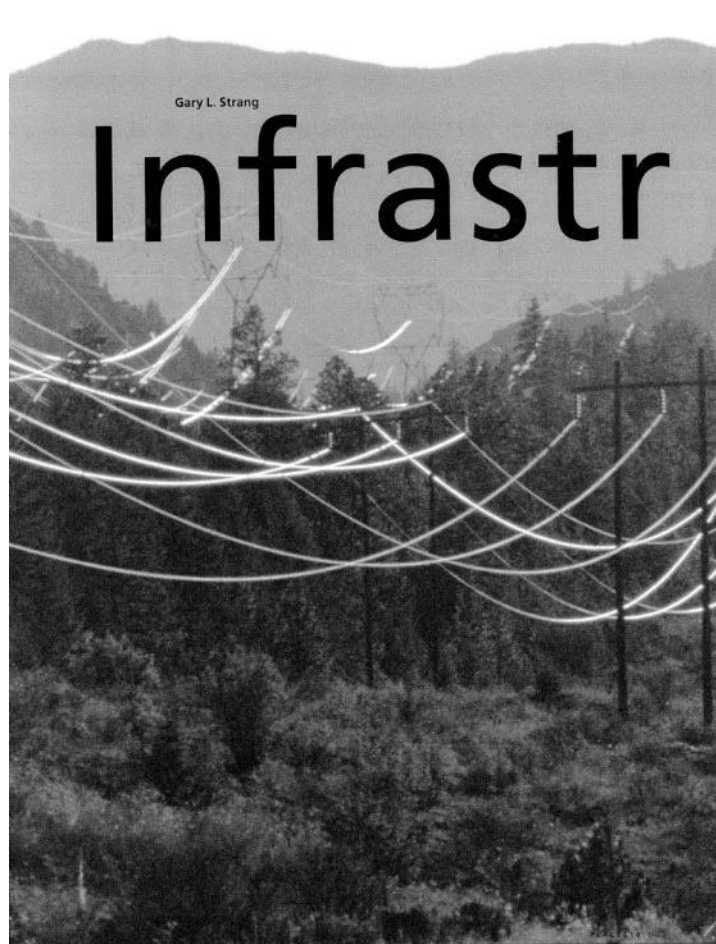
Rebecca O’Neil, Danielle Preziuso, Katie Arkema, Yekang Ko, Nicholas Pevzner, Kirk Dimond, Simon Gore, Katherine Morrice, Chris Henerson, and Devryn Powell.
“Renewable Energy Landscapes: Designing Place-Based Infrastructure for Scale.”
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (White Paper), July 2022.





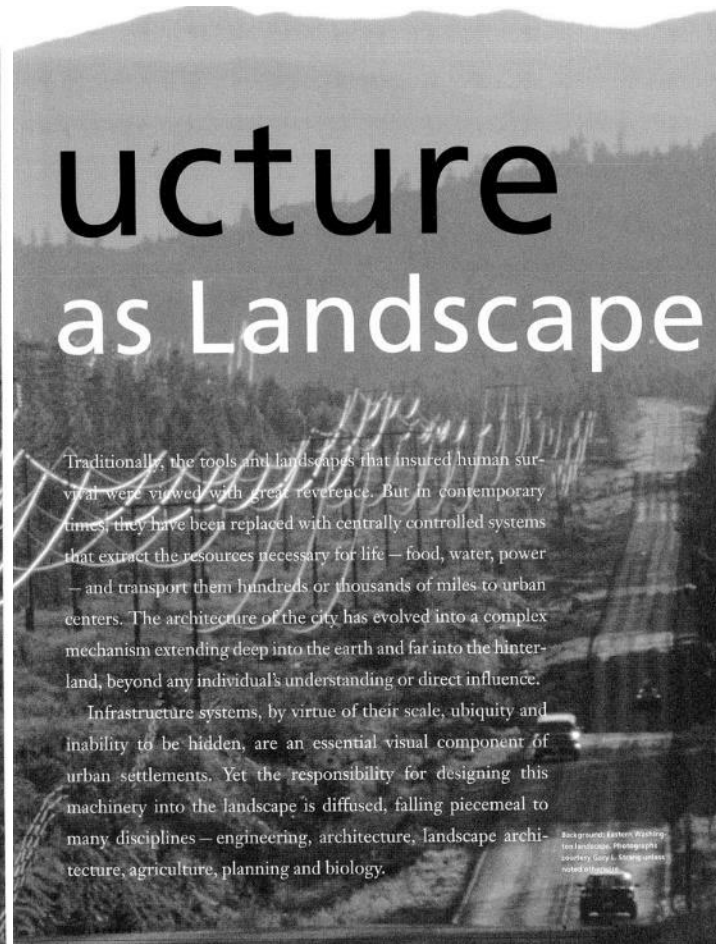
MULTIFUNCTIONALITY





Gary L. Strang

Infrastr



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as Landscape

Traditionally, the tools and landscapes that insured human survival were viewed with great reverence. But in contemporary times, they have been replaced with centrally controlled systems that extract the resources necessary for life — food, water, power — and transport them hundreds or thousands of miles to urban centers. The architecture of the city has evolved into a complex mechanism extending deep into the earth and far into the hinterland, beyond any individual's understanding or direct influence.

Infrastructure systems, by virtue of their scale, ubiquity and inability to be hidden, are an essential visual component of urban settlements. Yet the responsibility for designing this machinery into the landscape is diffused, falling piecemeal to many disciplines — engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, agriculture, planning and biology.

Background: Robert Whiting,
The Pacific Northwest
Landscape, Gary L. Strang, artist
noted in caption

Strang, G. L. (1996). Infrastructure as Landscape [Infrastructure as Landscape, Landscape as Infrastructure]. Places 10 (3)



Fontana Dam Powerhouse
(Photo: Charles Krutch, TVA)



Norris Dam (Photo: Library of Congress)



Hood Design Studio: "Solar Strand," University at Buffalo



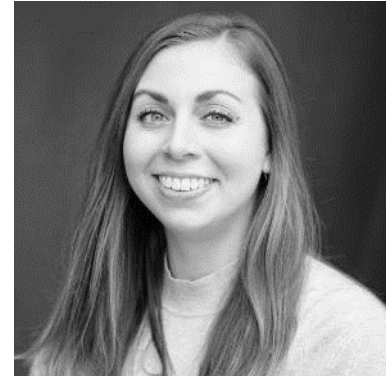
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LAF Webinar: Energy

Solar Energy



**RENEWABLE
PROPERTIES**

August 22, 2024

Gabe Landes

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Agenda

- Solar energy basics
- How projects get financed and built
- How C&I PV engages LAs
- Dual-Use, Agrivoltaics
- Challenges
 - Interconnection
 - Land use constraints
 - Opposition
 - Problems with success
- Opportunities
 - Brownfields
 - Dual-use applications
 - Cost reductions
 - Automation
 - Continued electrification
- Land use and scale
- Looking forward



Solar Energy System



Scale: Resi, Commercial and Industrial, Utility

12 kW for a house

100 MW for the grid



Other



Renewable Properties

2.5 to 10 MW solar arrays. Grid connected.

Community Solar in 15 states.

Emerging opportunities in BESS and EV charger sites



A solar project is a revenue generating asset



Development costs

Land, legal, geotech

CapEx

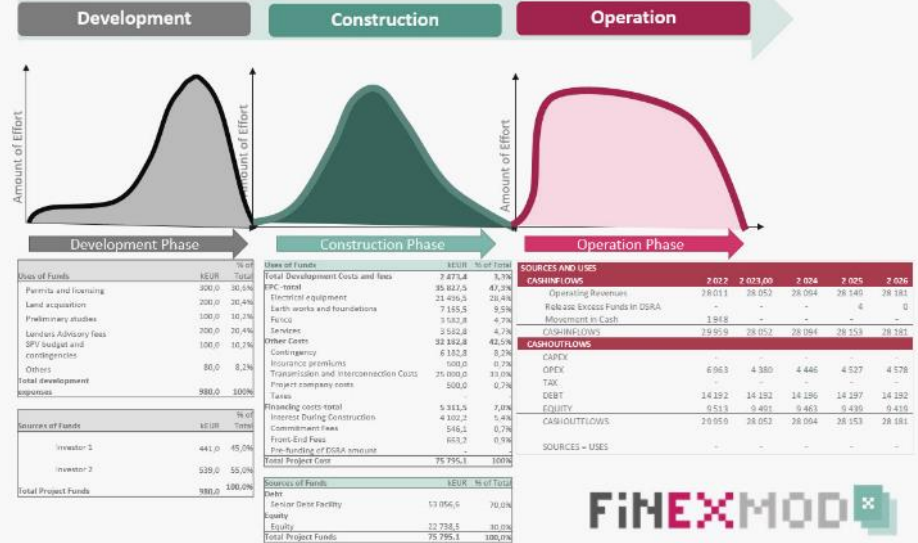
EPC, contingency, financing

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Taxes

Insurance

Profit and Overhead



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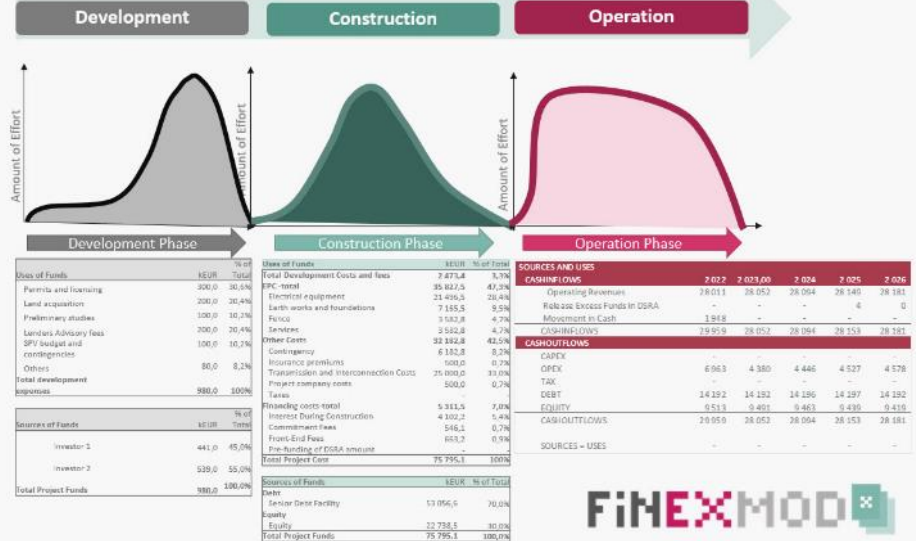
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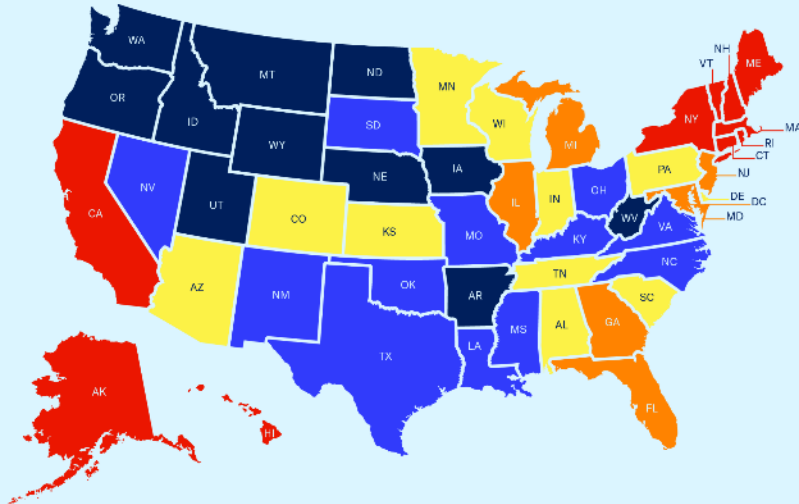


Metering kWh is metering \$\$\$

2022 Average U.S. Electricity Retail Prices

Shown in cents per kilowatt hour. The national average is 12.49.

● 8.00-9.99 ● 10.00-10.99 ● 11.00-11.99 ● 12.00-14.99 ● 15.00+



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration; Electric Power Monthly: February 2023



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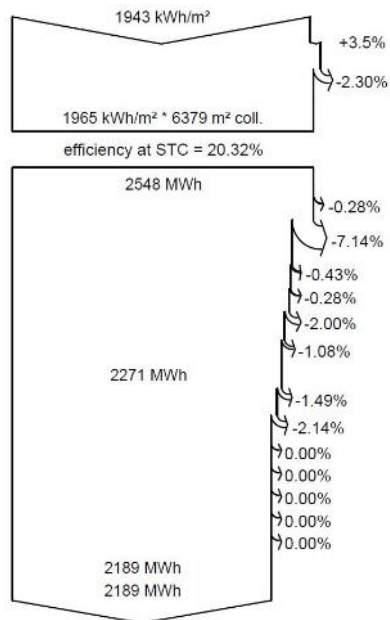


EEP ENERGY FACTS

Modeling energy production



AC Energy
&
Cost Savings



Global horizontal irradiation
Global incident in coll. plane

IAM factor on global

Effective irradiation on collectors

PV conversion

Array nominal energy (at STC effic.)

PV loss due to irradiance level

PV loss due to temperature

Module quality loss

LID - Light induced degradation

Module array mismatch loss

Ohmic wiring loss

Array virtual energy at MPP

Inverter Loss during operation (efficiency)

Inverter Loss over nominal inv. power

Inverter Loss due to max. input current

Inverter Loss over nominal inv. voltage

Inverter Loss due to power threshold

Inverter Loss due to voltage threshold

Night consumption

Available Energy at Inverter Output
Energy injected into grid

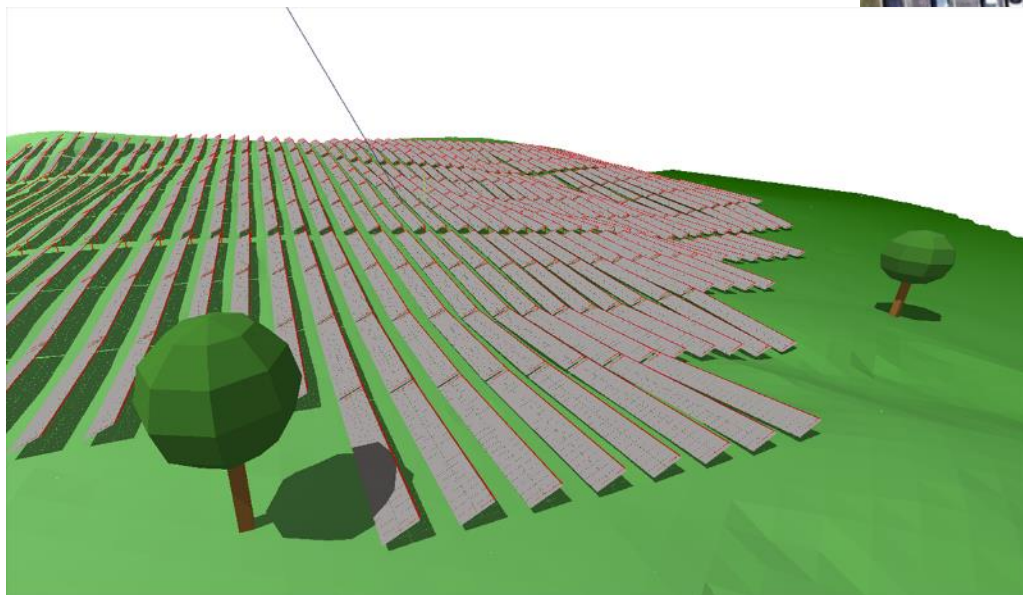
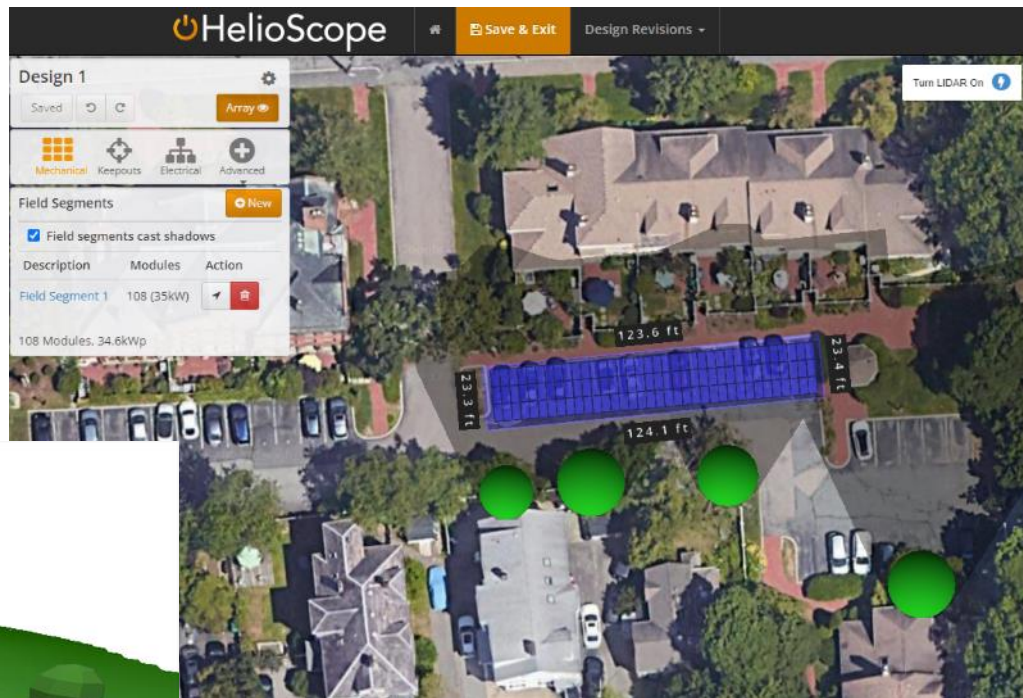
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Station Identification	
City:	Sacramento
State:	California
Latitude:	38.52° N
Longitude:	121.50° W
Elevation:	8 m
PV System Specifications	
DC Rating:	4.0 kW
DC to AC Derate Factor:	0.770
AC Rating:	3.1 kW
Array Type:	Fixed Tilt
Array Tilt:	38.5°
Array Azimuth:	180.0°
Energy Specifications	
Cost of Electricity:	12.5 ¢/kWh

Results			
Month	Solar Radiation (kWh/m ² /day)	AC Energy (kWh)	Energy Value (\$)
1	2.75	252	31.50
2	4.23	348	43.50
3	5.27	477	59.62
4	6.33	543	67.88
5	6.83	584	73.00
6	6.93	563	70.38
7	7.23	599	74.88
8	7.30	607	75.88
9	6.96	568	71.00
10	5.67	494	61.75
11	3.68	317	39.62
12	2.71	243	30.38
Year	5.50	5597	699.62

System design

Layout, Equipment selection,
and Shading



Evaluate impacts to
LCOE, IRR, NPV, ROI

System construction

1.5 yrs of Development

Construction: 3 to 6 months

20 to 35 yr life



LA involvement

Often brought in as a sub to the Civil Engineer.

Work output can impact Site biodiversity.



LEGEND

	ARRAY NATIVE SEED MIX (SEE SHEET 2 FOR MIX DESIGN)
	PERIMETER NATIVE SEED MIX (SEE SHEET 3 FOR MIX DESIGN)
	EASTERN RED CEDAR (LUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA)
	JACK PINE (PINUS BANKSIANA)
	SHRUBS (SEE NOTES BELOW)

PLANT QUANTITIES

PLANT TYPES:	QUANTITIES
NATIVE SEED MIX - SOLAR ARRAY	3.5 AC.
NATIVE SEED MIX - PERIMETER	0.8 AC.
EASTERN RED CEDAR (LUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA)	18
JACK PINE (PINUS BANKSIANA)	15
SHRUBS	32

- NOTES**
- SHRUBS SHALL BE CONTAINER SIZE #5 WITH 6" SPACING
 - SHRUB GROUPINGS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
 - DOWNY SERVICEBERRY (AMELANCHER ARBOREA)
 - GRAY DOGWOOD (CORNUS RACEMOSE)
 - AMERICAN FLUM (PRUNUS AMERICANA)
 - AMERICAN HAZELNUT (CORYLUS AMERICANA)



Ernst Conservation Seeds
 8884 Mercer Pike
 Meadville, PA 16335
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www.ernstseed.com

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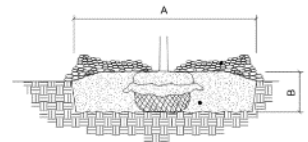
Ernst Native/Naturalized Solar Farm Seed Mix - ERNMX-186-1

Botanical Name	Common Name	Price/Lb
34.00 % <i>Festuca rubra</i>	Creeping Red Fescue	3.30
33.00 % <i>Festuca ovina</i> , Variety Not Stated	Sheep Fescue, Variety Not Stated	5.52
10.00 % <i>Festuca ovina</i> var. <i>divinucula</i> , 'Jetty'	Hard Fescue, 'Jetty'	5.10
5.00 % <i>Festuca brevipila</i> , 'Beacon'	Hard Fescue, 'Beacon'	5.10
5.00 % <i>Festuca ovina</i> var. <i>glauca</i> , 'Blue Ray'	Blue Fescue, 'Blue Ray'	5.40
5.00 % <i>Poa pratensis</i> , 'Maverick'	Kentucky Bluegrass, 'Maverick'	3.78
5.00 % <i>Poa pratensis</i> , 'Wildhorse'	Kentucky Bluegrass, 'Wildhorse'	3.78
3.00 % <i>Agrostis pennsylvanica</i> , Albany Pine Bush-NY Ecotype	Autumn Bentgrass, Albany Pine Bush-NY Ecotype	16.80

100.00 % Mix Price/Lb Bulk: \$4.86

Seeding Rate: 4 lb per 1,000 sq ft
 Grasses & Grass-like Species - Herbaceous Perennial; Lawn & Turfgrass Sites; Solar Sites

Provide a 2' clearance between the ground and the solar panels. Mix formulations are subject to change without notice depending on the availability of existing and new products. While the formula may change, the guiding philosophy and function of the mix will not.



- SCAFFLE SIDES AND BOTTOM OF HOLE.
- PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTIVE PLANNING.
- SET FRONT OR REAR/USED NATIVE SOIL OR THROUGHBREY COMPACTED PLANTING SOIL. PLACE PLANT ON THE BOTTOM FLANGE OR SET UP TO 2" ABOVE THE FINISHED GRADE WITH BURLAP AND WIRE BARS. IF USED, INTACT.
- SET REMAINING TREATED BURLAP AT 6" INTERVALS.
- BACKFILL TO WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 12" OF THE TOP OF THE FOOTBALL. THEN WATER PLANT.
- REMOVE THE TOP 1/3 OF THE BACKFILL ON THE TOP TWO HORIZONTAL RINGS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. REDUCING ALL BURFLAP AND MALES FROM THE 1/3 OF THE BALL. REMOVE ALL TWINE, REMOVE OR CORRECT STEM GIRDLING INSECTS.
- PLUMB AND BACKFILL WITH PLANTING SOIL.
- WATER THOROUGHLY WITHIN 2 HOURS TO SETTLE PLANTS AND FILL VOIDS.
- BACK FILL VOIDS AND WATER A SECOND TIME.
- PLACE MULCH WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE SECOND WATERING UNLESS SOIL MOISTURE IS EXCESSIVE.

Local knowledge is valuable

“Dual Use”

Agrivoltaics

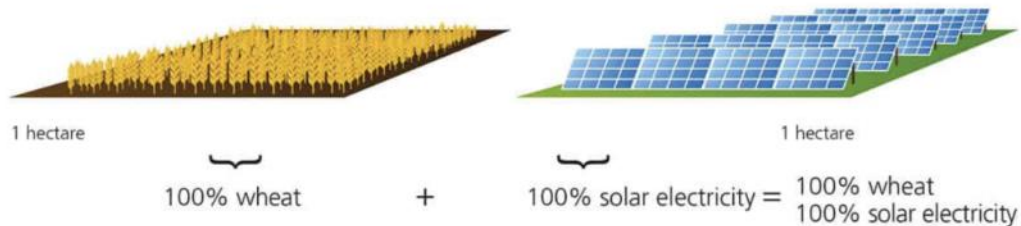


Agrivoltaics

Benefits from AgPV:

80% times two

Separate Land Use on 2 Hectare Cropland



Combined Land Use on 2 Hectare Cropland: Efficiency increases over 60%

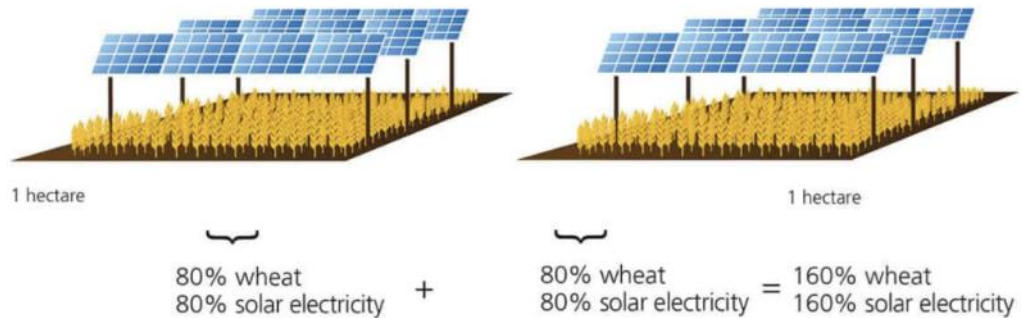


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AgPV - diverse array of crops

Jack's Solar Garden in Boulder, Colorado.

1.2 MW

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Jack's Solar Garden - community use

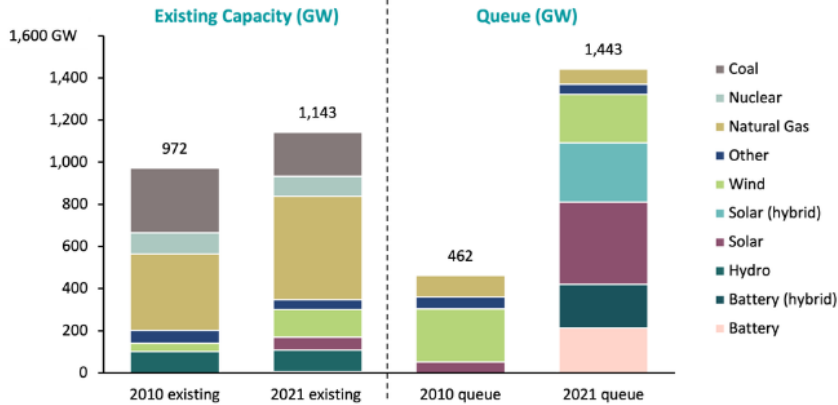


Challenges

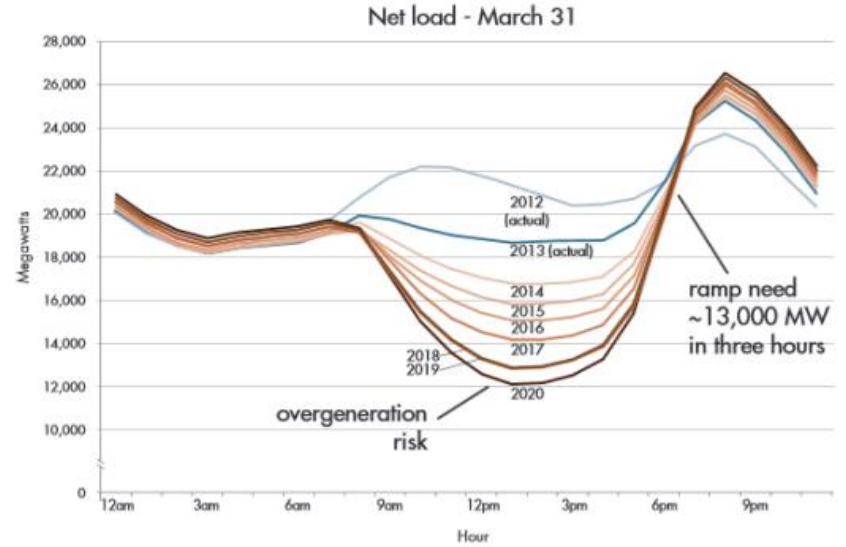
Interconnection

Backlogged queue is greater than the existing capacity of the US power generation fleet

Existing Capacity vs Interconnection Queues in GW (2010 and 2021)



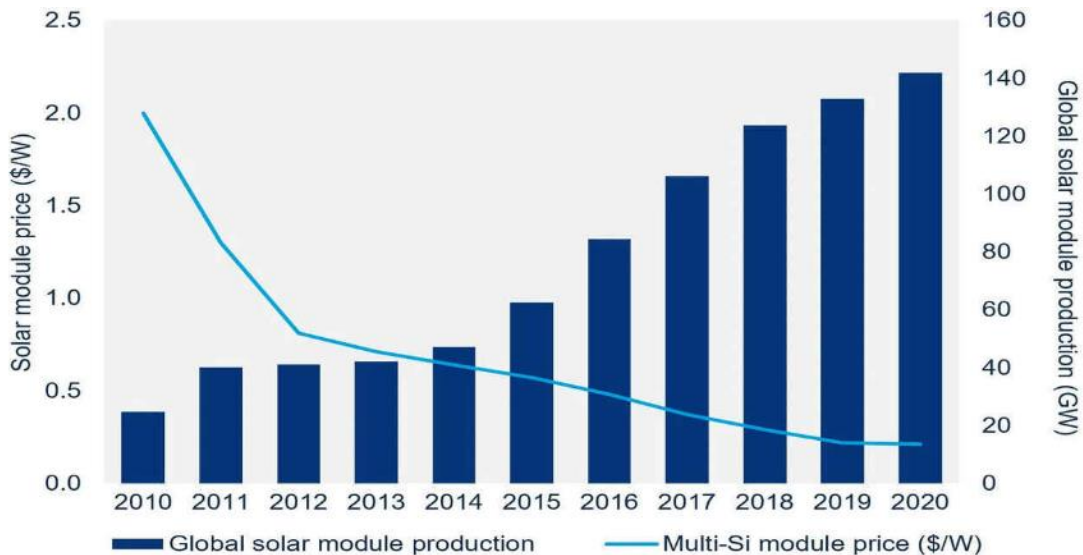
US power generation, storage, and capacity in interconnection queues (Source: [LBNL](#))



Too much solar

Opportunities

Cost reductions



Big steel goes big solar in the US

A deal between Xcel Energy and steelmaker EVRAZ includes the building of a 240 MW solar project near the company's Rocky Mountain Steel mill in Pueblo, Colorado. This is by far the largest behind-the-meter solar project **pv magazine** staff has heard of to date.

AUGUST 20, 2018 **CHRISTIAN ROSELUND**

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PV HIGHLIGHTS INSTALLATIONS UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



Xcel Energy and steel maker EVRAZ signed a deal which includes a solar project that could redefine the scope of behind-the-meter solar.

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Too much solar

Opportunities

Automation



Dual-use installations

Land use and scale

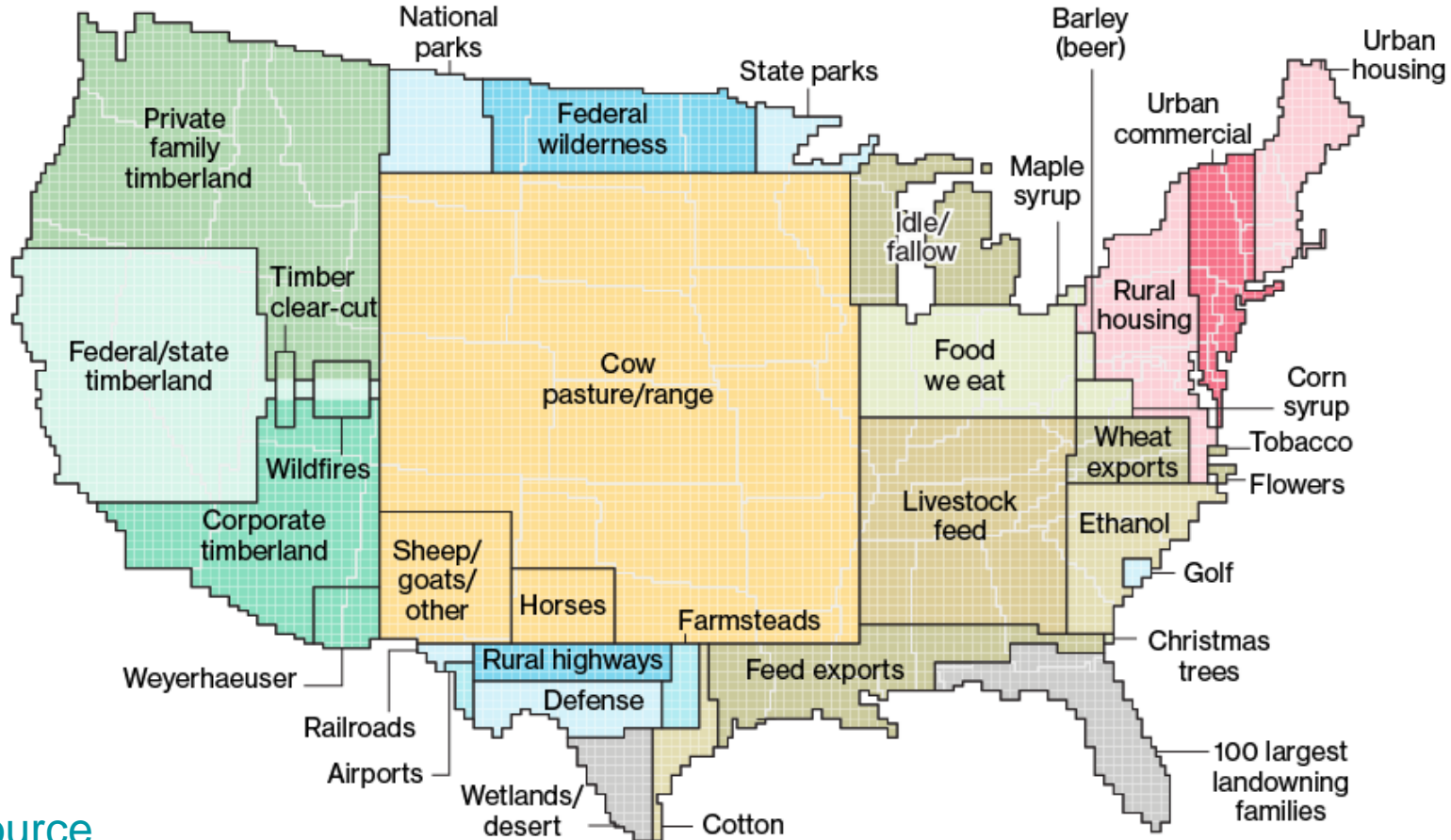


All the panels for all the electricity needs in USA

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Land use map: note Ethanol



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2018

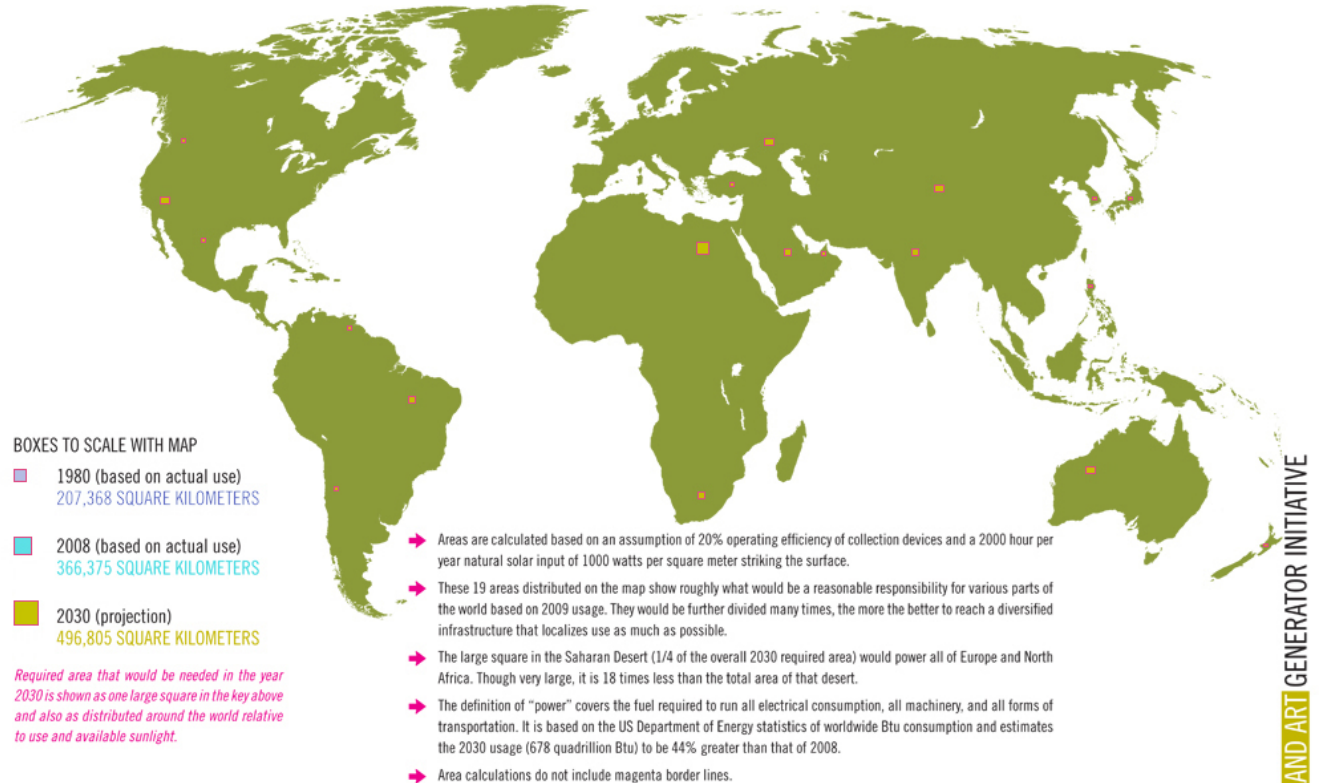
For the World's energy needs

SURFACE AREA REQUIRED TO POWER THE WORLD WITH ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS AND WITH SOLAR ALONE

→ www.landartgenerator.org

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We can do better

Avoid 'monoculture'



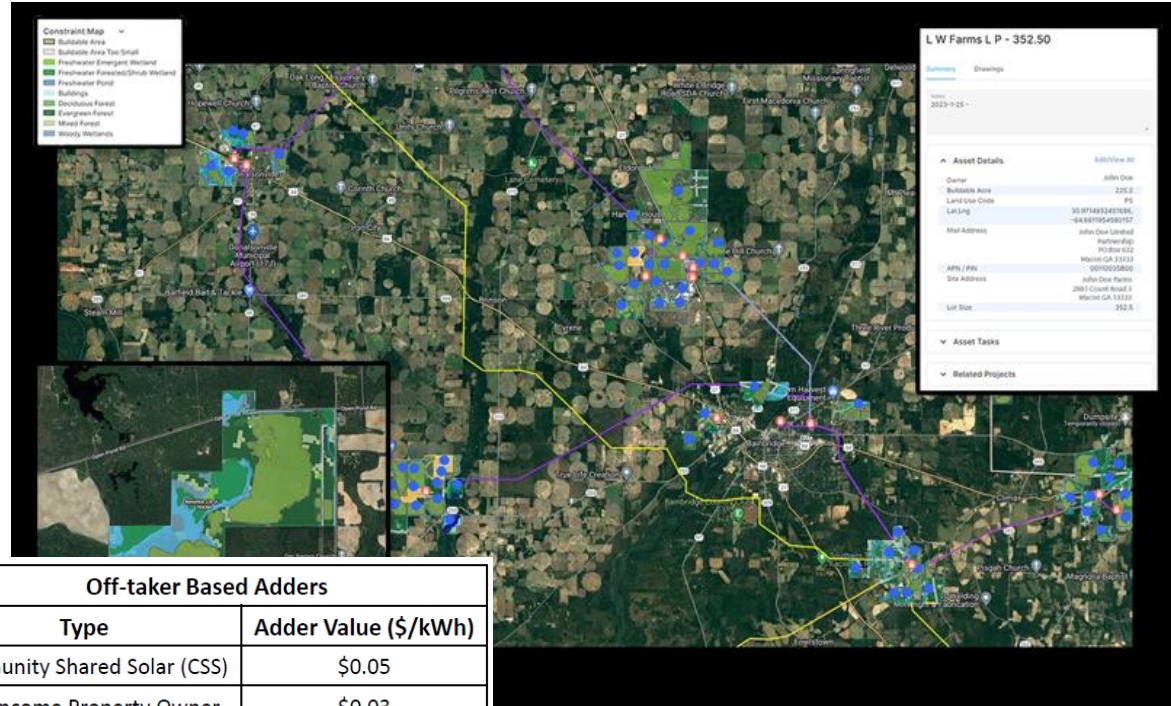
Better site management



Improving site acquisition

And incentivizing
'Preferred project types'

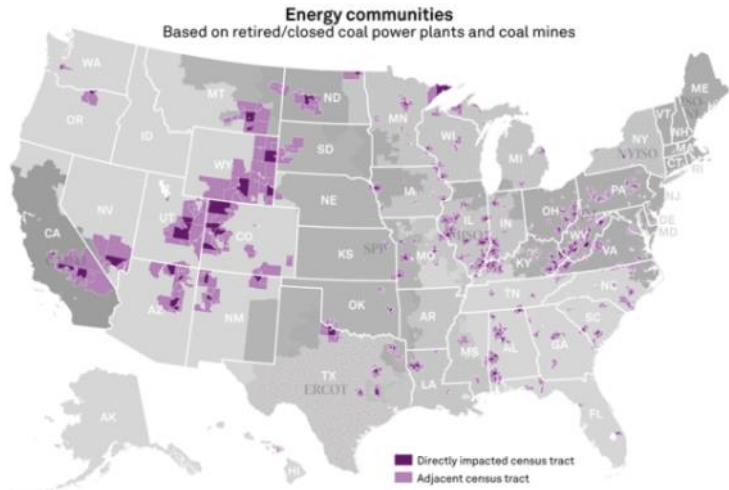
SMART in MA



Location Based Adders	
Type	Adder Value (\$/kWh)
Agricultural	\$0.06
Building Mounted	\$0.02
Brownfield	\$0.03
Floating Solar	\$0.03
Landfill	\$0.04
Solar Canopy	\$0.06

Off-taker Based Adders	
Type	Adder Value (\$/kWh)
Community Shared Solar (CSS)	\$0.05
Low Income Property Owner	\$0.03
Low Income CSS	\$0.06
Public Entity	\$0.02

Integrating other stakeholders and values



As of Sep. 14, 2022.
Census tracts — and all adjacent ones — in which any coal mine has closed after Dec. 31, 1999,
or any coal power plant has been retired after Dec. 31, 2009.
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Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence.
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Deploying Solar with Wildlife and
Ecosystem Services Benefits (SolWEB)

[Biodiversity](#) and [Ecosystem Services](#)

Tax benefits for locating
a project in an [‘Energy Community’](#)

Thank you



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Geothermal in Landscapes

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Geothermal Technologies Office

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Agenda

- Geothermal Energy Overview
- Benefits
- Geothermal District Heating and Cooling Overview and Examples
- Opportunities for landscape architects and designers
- How to Engage with GTO

What is Geothermal Energy?



Geothermal Energy: So Many Hats!

Electric Power

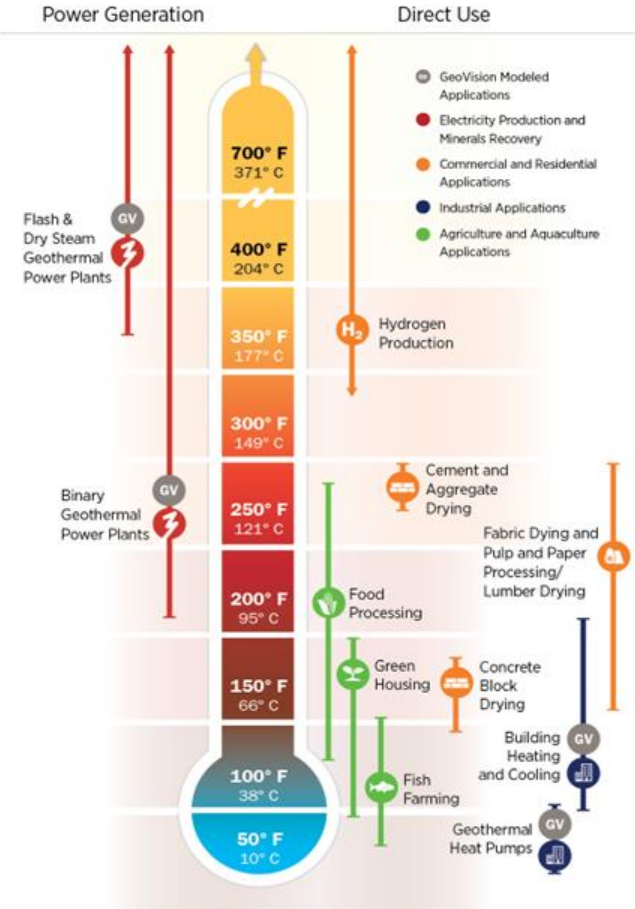
- **High temperatures (>300°F)**
- Wells up to many thousands of feet deep
- Reliable, flexible, baseload grid power

Direct Use

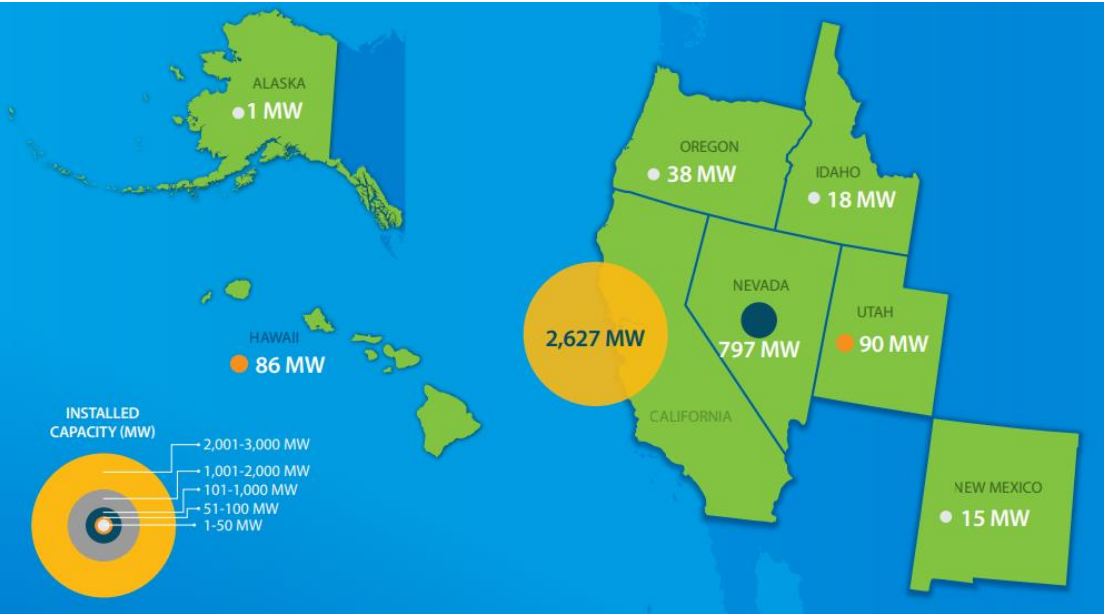
- **Moderate temperatures (80-300°F)**
- Wells hundreds to thousands of feet deep
- Large buildings, agriculture

Heating & Cooling

- **Near-ambient temperatures (40-80°F)**
- Shallow trenches to wells hundreds of feet deep
- Residential, light commercial



Electricity Production



Renewable

Heat in Earth's interior is continually replenished and will be for billions of years.



Reliable and consistent

Geothermal is always available, regardless of the weather.



Clean

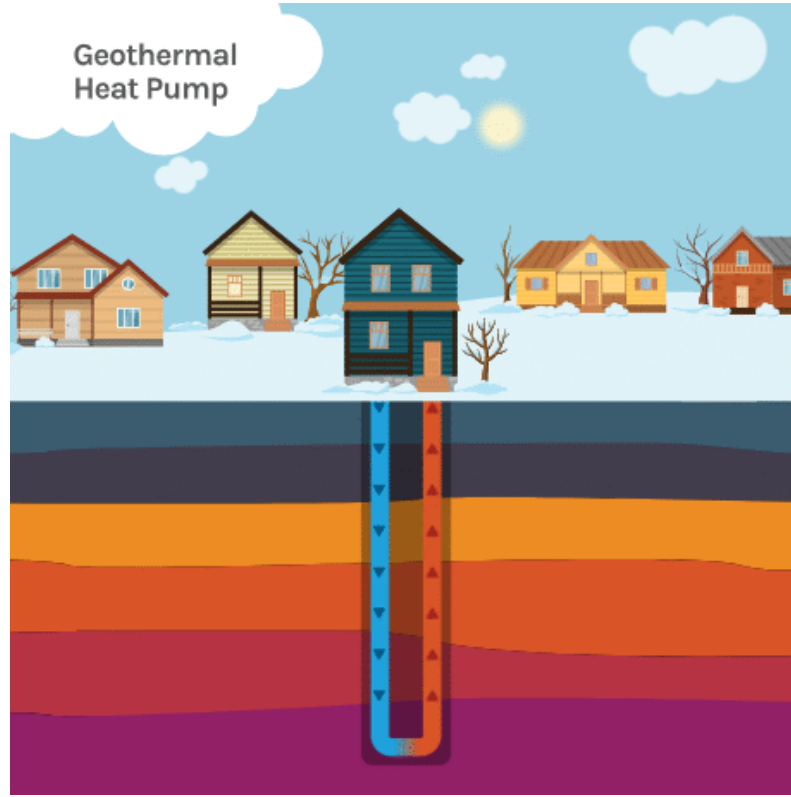
Using geothermal for power or heating and cooling emits little to no carbon.



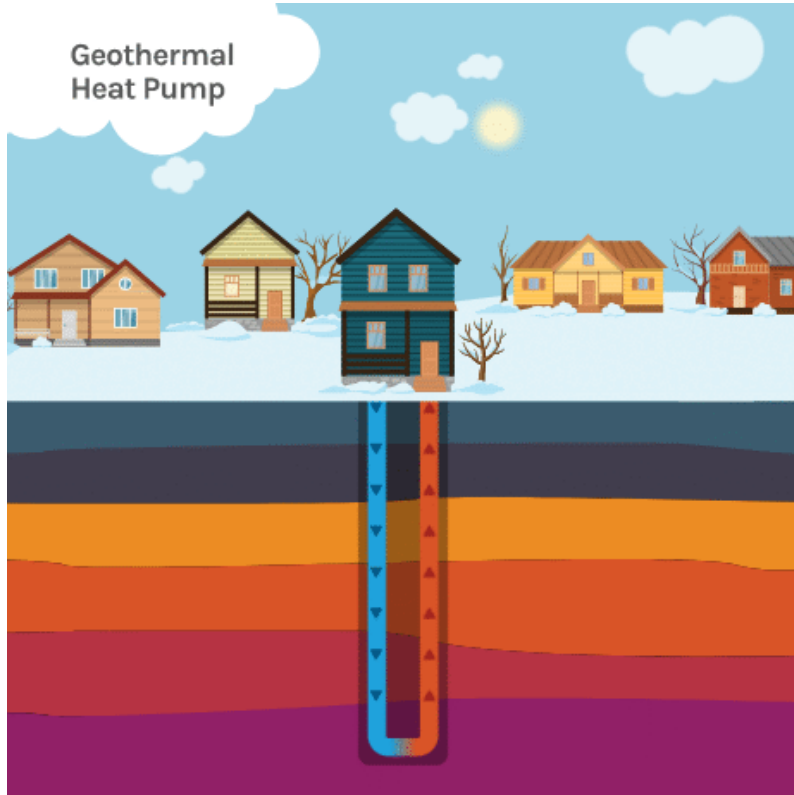
Nationwide

Geothermal heat exists everywhere in the United States!

Geothermal Heat Pumps



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energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geothermal-heat-pumps

Take advantage of constant underground temperatures to efficiently exchange temperatures

- "Heat sink" in summer
- "Heat source" in winter

Three key elements in a GHP system:

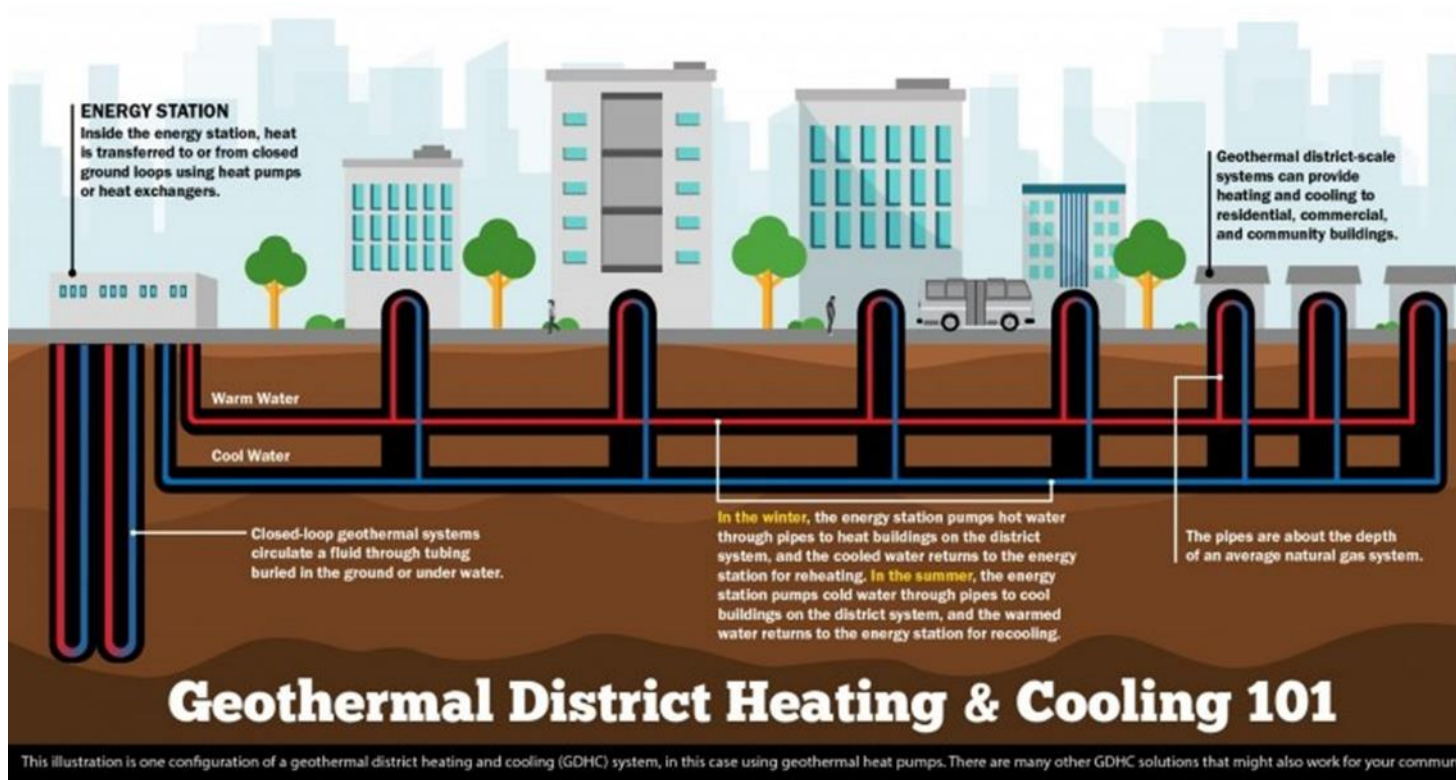
1. An underground heat collector
2. An indoor heat pump
3. A heat distribution subsystem (e.g., ductwork)



Not Seen and Not Heard

- Very little visual space is consumed by GHPs
- Outdoor component is buried (loops of pipes)
- Indoor component is a compact heat pump
- Vents and grates that you see in interior rooms are clean and unobtrusive
- No outdoor condenser
- Quiet operation with no need for sound barriers and acoustic treatments
- Preserves building aesthetics inside and out

These Can Scale UP!



Whisper Valley, Texas

- Residential development near Austin, TX
- Geothermal hybrid system
- Distributed vertical boreholes connected to centralized pump house and cooling tower
- Coupled with solar power to electrify homes
- Reduces energy consumption of up to 80%
- Supports 700 acres of green space, wildlife habitat, organic gardens, pool/gym

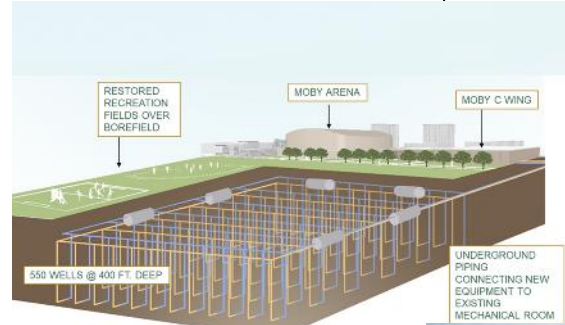
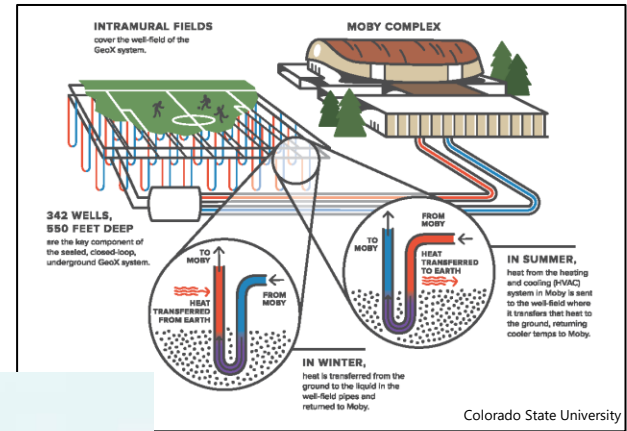


<https://ecosmartsolution.com/>



Colorado State University

- Carbon neutral by 2040 and 100% renewable electricity by 2030
- 44 LEED certified buildings and 43 solar arrays
- GHP network installed in 2020
- Provides heating and cooling for 380,000 square feet of building space
 - 342 boreholes, 550' deep
 - 80 miles of pipe
- Lowest life cycle option for CSU when looking at replacing aging infrastructure



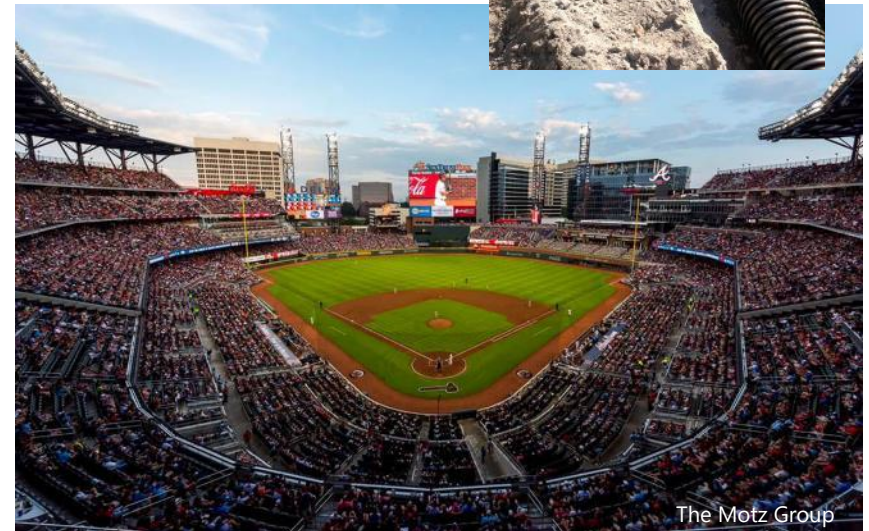
<https://source.colostate.edu/moby-geothermal-exchange/>



<https://www.coloradocan.com>

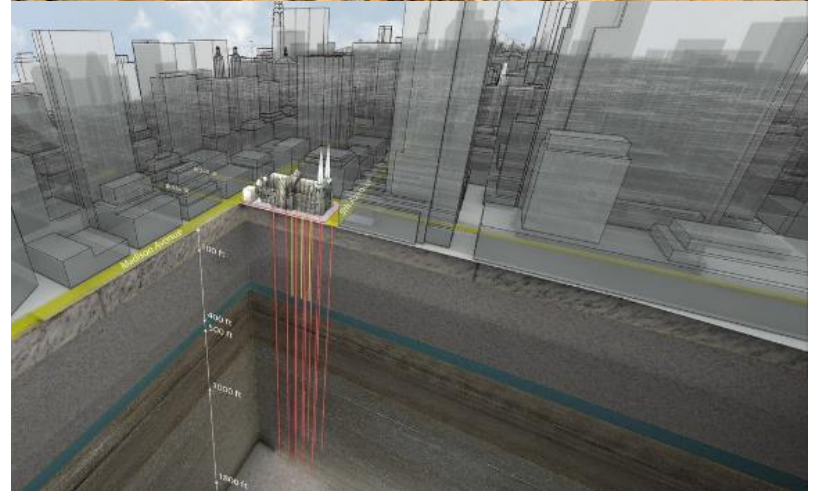
Atlanta Braves Truist Park, Atlanta, GA

- Drainage, aeration, and geothermal-fed temperature moderation of the root zone for the nearly 130,000 square feet of sod.
- 20,600 linear feet of drainage pipe and 4,100 linear feet of irrigation pipe were installed along with more than a thousand feet of pipe for the geothermal system



Saint Patrick's Cathedral

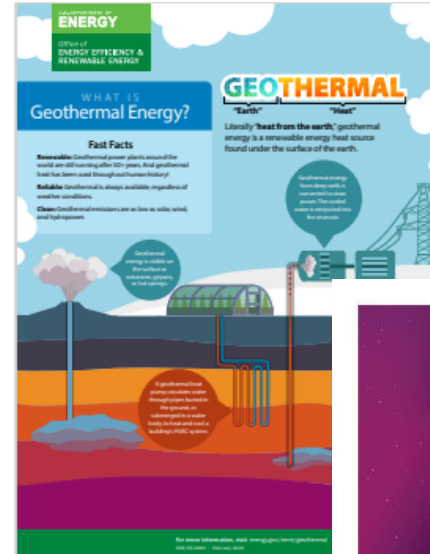
- Construction started 1858; completed 1879
- 5 million+ annual visitors today; 76,000 square feet of space
- Oil-powered steam radiators installed ~1957
- GHP heating and cooling system replaced aging system in 2017
- 10-well standing column well system; depth of 2,200 feet
- Four wells run along 51st Street; remaining six run along 50th Street
- Eliminates cost of burning ~218 barrels of oil per year and reduces CO₂ emissions by 30%



How to Engage with GTO

GTO is using multiple tools and resources to help spread the word about geothermal energy and engage with stakeholders.

- Funding Opportunities
- Updated Website
- Funding Opportunity Quick Guides
- The Drill Down
- Lithium Storymap
- Stakeholder Toolkits
- Infographics
- Project Postcards



Thank You!

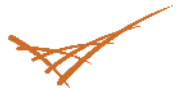
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Distributed Wind Energy

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Distributed Wind??

Distributed energy resources are technologies used to generate, store, and manage energy consumption for nearby energy customers.



Rooftop Solar Panels

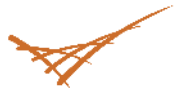


Battery Storage

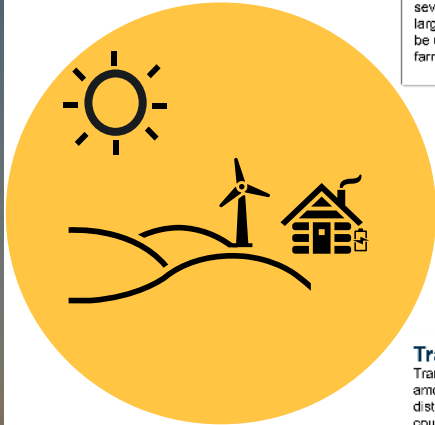


Smart Thermostats

And wind turbines!



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Wind Farm

A wind farm is a group of utility-scale wind turbines in the same location used to produce electricity sent over transmission lines. Wind farms are typically greater than 20 MW and may consist of dozens to several hundred individual wind turbines over a large area, but the land between the turbines may be used for agriculture or other purposes. A wind farm may also be located offshore.

Transmission

Transmission lines conduct large amounts of electricity across long distances, linking various regions of the country together. The transmission system connects to the distribution system through a substation.

Substation

Steps voltage down from transmission system to distribution system.

Distribution

The electric distribution system moves energy from a transmission substation to houses, businesses, and other energy users within a local area.

Larger wind turbines can also be connected directly to the distribution system by a local co-op or utility.

Distributed Wind

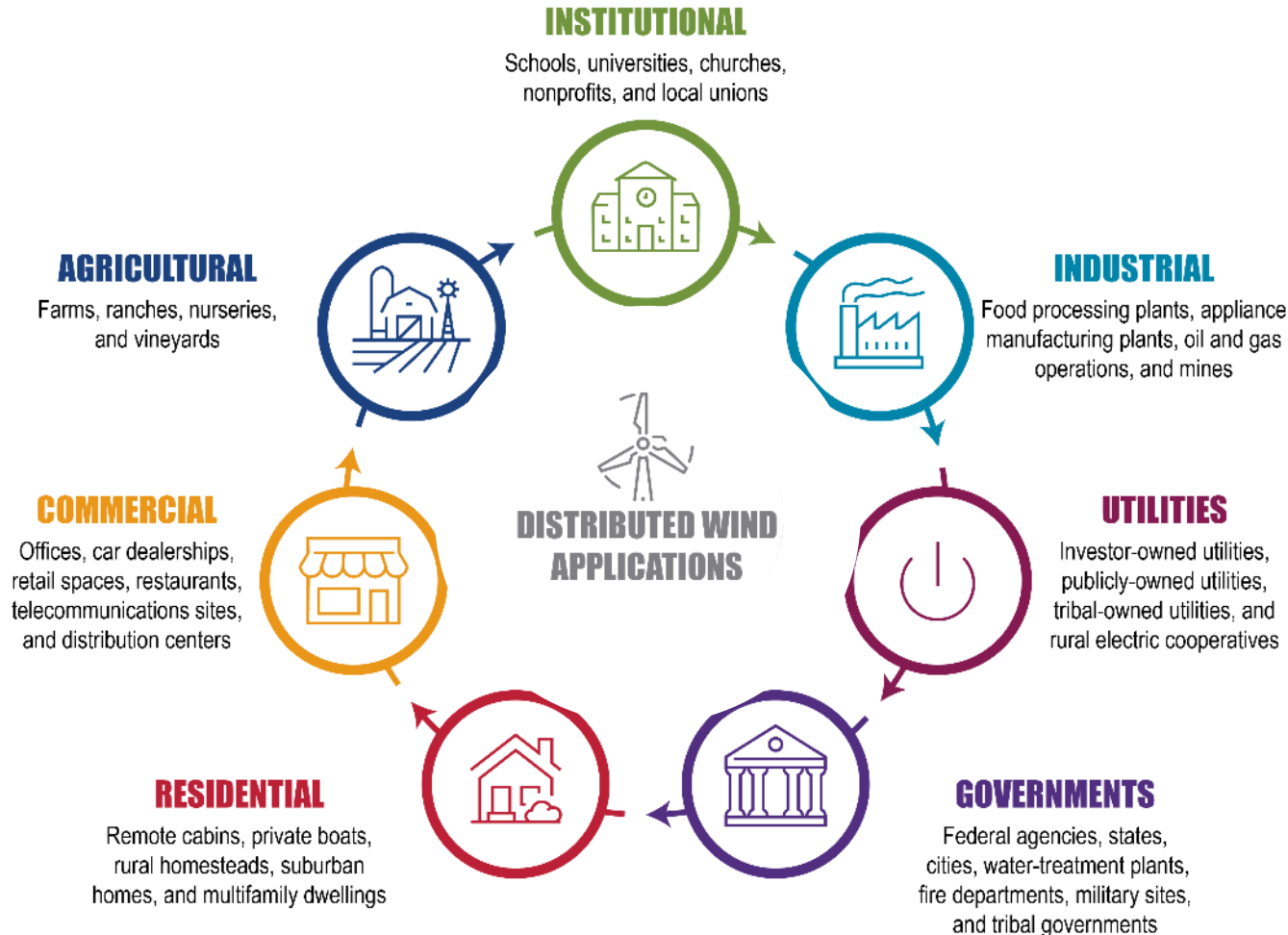
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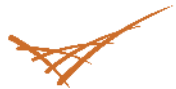
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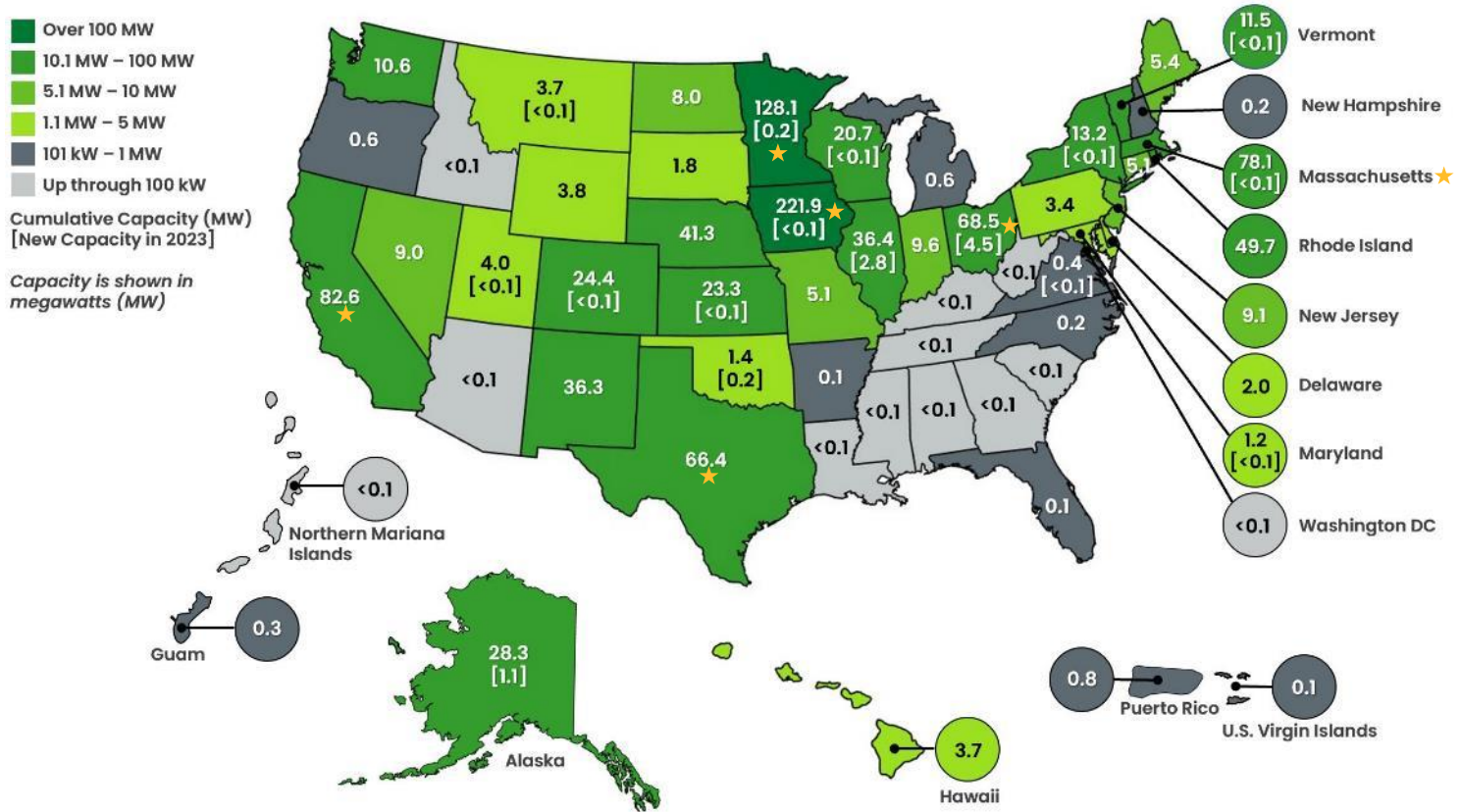
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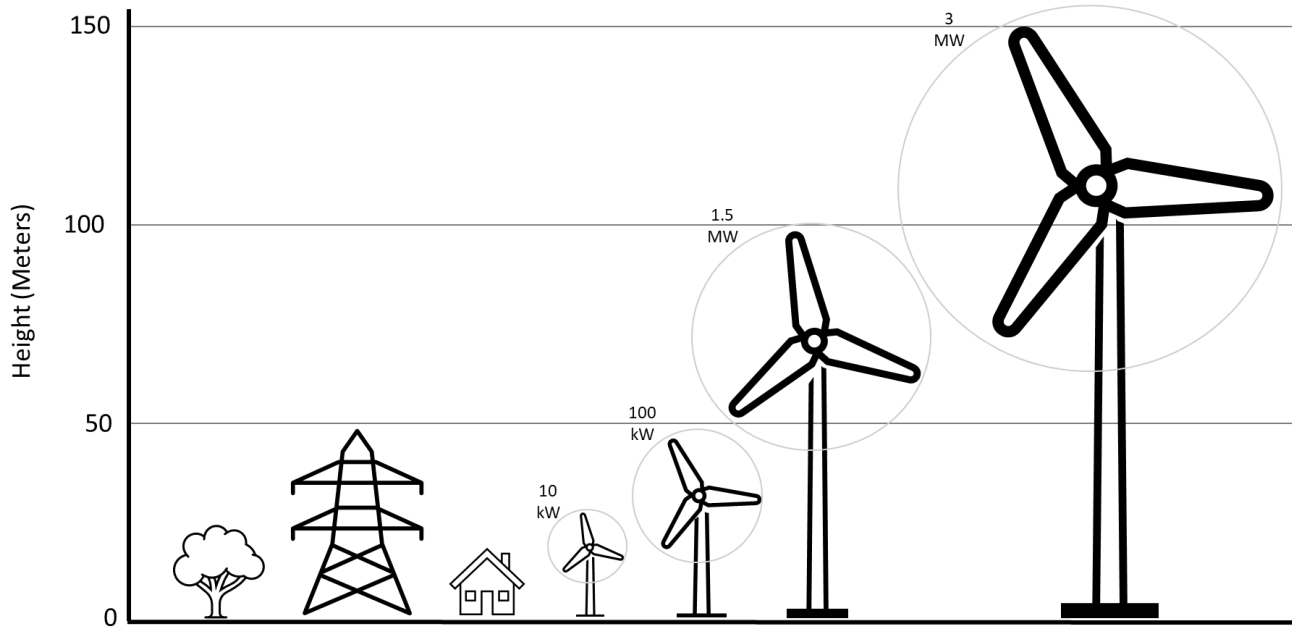


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Current Deployment



Turbine Sizes



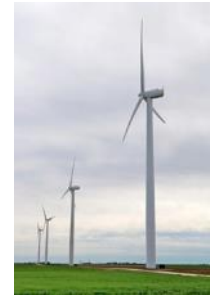
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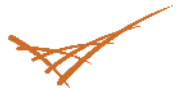
Small (≤ 100 kW)



Midsize (101 – 1,000 kW)



Large-scale, land-based (1,001 – 5,000 kW)



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**Small wind turbines
are often deployed in
rural settings and
remote locations.**





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**Small wind turbines
can also be located
near infrastructure
when properly sited.**



Important Notes on Small Wind Turbines

Building-Integrated and Rooftop Installations



Certification


Small Wind Certification Council (ICC-SWCC™)
Small Wind Certification Program

Manufacturer:

Wind Turbine Model:

Electronics Hardware:

SWCC:



Rated Annual Energy
Estimate of rated energy production assuming an annual average wind speed of 7 m/s (15.7 mph), a 10-m high, soft speed distribution, constant air density and IEC25 wind class, actual production will vary depending on site conditions.

13800
kW/year

Rated Sound Level
The sound level that will be exceeded 90% of the time, assuming an annual average wind speed of 5 m/s (11.2 mph), a 10-m high, soft speed distribution, sea level air density, 100% availability and an observer location 10 m (33 ft) from the tower base.

42.9
db(A)

Rated Power
The rated turbine power class at 11 m/s (24.6 mph) or equivalent maximum conditions.

8.9
kW

The ICC-SWCC Summary Report, Certificate and number certificate or status is at: www.iccswcc.com/certifier

Building-Integrated and Rooftop Installations

Most turbines deployed on buildings and rooftops perform below expectations



- **Estimated Generation for 192 days:** 6,269 kWh
- **Actual Generation for 192 days:** 127 kWh
- **Cost:** \$39,000
- **Payback:** None



- **Estimated Monthly Generation:** 100 kWh
- **Actual Monthly Generation (March 2015):** < 1 kWh
- **Cost:** ~\$100,000
- **Payback:** None

Small Wind Certification

Small Wind Standards



Test Facilities

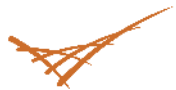


Certification Bodies



Applicant	Turbine Model	Certified Power Rating @ 11 m/s (kW)	Certification Standard
Bergey Windpower Company	Excel 10	8.9	AWEA 9.1
Bergey Windpower Company	Excel 15	15.6	AWEA 9.1
Eveready Diversified Products (Pty) Ltd.	Kestrel e400nb	2.5	AWEA 9.1
Eocycle Technologies, Inc.	EOX S-16	22.5/28.9	AWEA 9.1
HI-VAWT Technology Corporation/Colite Technologies	DS3000	1.4	AWEA 9.1
SD Wind Energy, Ltd.	SD6	5.2	AWEA 9.1
Wind Resource, LLC	Skystream 3.7	2.1	AWEA 9.1

<https://www.pnnl.gov/distributed-wind/market-report/small-wind-turbine-certifications>



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**Midsized distributed
wind turbines are
often deployed to
support
commercial and
industrial
applications.**



Mike Craft



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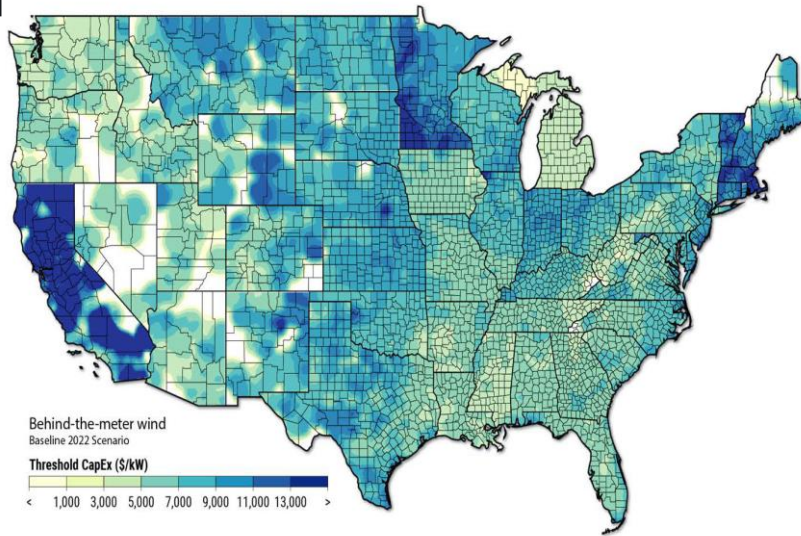


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Large-scale wind turbines can be used in distributed applications; they have categorically fewer turbines relative to wind farms.



Opportunities and Challenges



Source: <https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/distributed-wind-futures.html>



- Lack of consideration of distributed wind
- Continued need for cost reductions and reliability improvements
- Local zoning and permitting ordinances
- Projects require breaking ground



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