

# Can the land used for energy storage projects be BESS



## Overview

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BESS is a land use that can have value at any point on the electric grid. As the demand for clean and reliable energy grows, BESS plays a crucial role in ensuring grid stability and optimizing energy utilization. This document provides additional information to help planning officials in Indiana understand the siting, land use, environmental, and fire safety implications of BESS, especially structural (e.g., gas pipeline, highway) resource. As a result, flexibility in site control agreements is just as critical for storage as it is for solar. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) look compact compared to solar farms — fewer acres, fewer panels. However, BESS have potential applications across the rural-to-urban transect, and most communities will need to address BESS. Deployment of battery energy storage (BESS) systems, both standalone and as part of hybrid systems paired with generation, has rapidly increased in the United States in recent years as utilities and communities have deployed storage to improve electric grid reliability and act as a cost-effective.

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### How to Navigate State and Local Permitting for Battery Energy Storage

State and local permitting are crucial steps in the development of battery energy storage projects. Each state has its own regulatory framework, and local jurisdictions may impose additional ...

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### Battery Storage Land Lease Requirements & Rates 2024

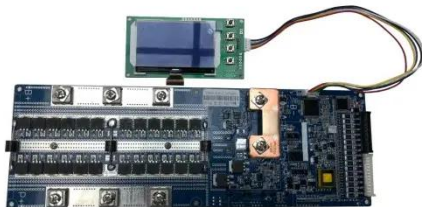
Land requirements are a significant factor in the development of BESS projects. Understanding the land needs, lease rates, and other related considerations is essential for project ...



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### Battery Planning: Siting and Other Considerations

NYSERDA Guidebook: The Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook developed by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), last updated in November 2024, ...



## **PNNL Releases Guidance on Local Battery Energy Storage Systems**

As the use of BESS grows, local planning and zoning staff are increasingly being asked to determine where the systems can be built and how their impacts on surrounding uses can be ...



### **Battery Storage Land Requirements: What Developers (and ...**

Battery energy storage systems (BESS) look compact compared to solar farms -- fewer acres, fewer panels. But that illusion hides several land and site-control challenges: Density variation: depending ...

## **Principles and Options for Designing Battery Energy Storage Zoning**

The resulting uncertainty at the local zoning level has led developers to withdraw projects in some areas and has spurred moratoria or bans on energy storage projects in others. This report ...



### **Battery Energy Storage Systems (Zoning Practice**

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## PLANNING & ZONING FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE ...

Hybrid Energy Projects: If an Off-Site BESS is to be co-located with another energy facility, such as a wind or solar energy facility, both land uses may be included in one application and each component ...



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## Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS): What are they? Why do we ...

2023 legislation in Michigan is driving the adoption of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) by changing the permitting process to help local land owners and communities pursue clean energy ...

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## Entitlements and Permitting Experts on BESS

Our experts cover the entitlement and permitting considerations that impact a battery energy storage system project.



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