

# Preliminary review of land use for energy storage projects

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Is energy storage a land use?

The ordinance review revealed that only one jurisdiction referenced energy storage as a land use, and then only in the context of the solar ordinance (a solar +storage installation).

How much land use is used for electricity from storage?

Note that the land use impact for electricity from storage is higher than all land use impacts except biomass and hydro. Still, only a portion of the storage land use (say 0.1%) would be allocated to one GWh of renewable energy.

Does stationary battery storage fit into local land-use plans and zoning regulations?

This issue of Zoning Practice explores how stationary battery storage fits into local land-use plans and zoning regulations. It briefly summarizes the market forces and land-use issues associated with BESS development, analyzes existing regulations for these systems, and offers guidance for new regulations rooted in sound planning principles.

How will the energy transition affect land use?

The energy transition will cause drastic changes to land use, which provides barriers to adoption of renewables. Storage has relatively high use of land, which has so far been almost unexplored in the literature. Natural gas has lowest land use but there is potential for renewables to improve land use profile via mixed-use development.

Explore effective steps for implementing advanced zoning solutions for energy storage projects.

Part of establishing best practices is helping local planners and decision makers understand the local need for energy storage, the role of storage as part of renewable projects, and the basics of the ...

A new report from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory provides an overview of battery energy storage systems from a land use perspective and describes the implications for zoning and ...

This report provides an overview of BESS from a land use perspective and describes their implications for zoning and project permitting. It concludes with an analysis of current energy storage zoning ...



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Land use affects ecosystems, biodiversity, and geochemical cycles. It also affects people's well-being due to effects on views, noise, recreation, and quality of life. This means strong and ...

Washington County Development Review/Current Planning issued a conditional land use decision approving this application on May 26, 2023, - after the May 23, 2023, statutory 120-day ...

This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) through the Renewable Energy Siting through Technical ...

Land use indicators for energy storage projects encompass several critical metrics, including 1. space efficiency, 2. environmental impact, 3. integration with existing infrastructure, and ...

The U.S. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory has released a study that outlines the safety and project planning implications facing battery energy storage systems from a land use ...

To support the land use analysis in Section 4.N of the ASC, this Land Use Consistency Review has been prepared (and is included as Attachment H of the ASC) to address applicable land use ...

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