

# Clean Energy Resources

For Local Governments



**ENCOURAGE**  
responsible  
clean energy  
development

**NAVIGATE**  
clean energy  
permitting

**ACCESS**  
resources,  
workshops,  
and technical  
assistance

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## Manage clean energy responsibly in your community

NYSERDA offers resources to help local governments manage clean energy development in their communities. These resources include guidebooks with tools and step-by-step instructions to assist local governments with preparing their communities for clean energy, technical assistance available to help implement the policies and practices, and workshops for local governments to receive training on a variety of clean energy topics. Access all resources at [nyserda.ny.gov/siting](https://nyserda.ny.gov/siting).

### Clean Energy Guidebooks

There are multiple Clean Energy Guidebooks available, inclusive of solar, battery energy storage, and wind, that contain information, tools, and step-by-step instructions to plan for clean energy development in communities. The Guidebooks offer comprehensive information regarding planning and zoning, permitting, inspections, taxes, and more, to help your municipality navigate the clean energy landscape.

### Free technical assistance

Access one-on-one technical assistance from our team to help meet your clean energy goals. We work directly with municipalities to:

- Answer questions about clean energy
- Adopt a solar or battery energy storage law
- Update a comprehensive plan for clean energy
- Develop zoning procedures for solar, wind, and energy storage
- Improve and navigate the clean energy permitting process
- Adopt a Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax resolution
- Assist towns with leasing underutilized lands for solar energy



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## Workshops

NYSERDA offers free training workshops for municipalities on several topics including zoning and planning, comprehensive planning, code enforcement, and more. Our team will work with your municipality to arrange workshops and provide education on how our resources can help manage clean energy development responsibly for your community. Continuing education credits are offered with the workshops. For counties participating in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program, hosting county-wide workshops is a High Impact Action that can help earn points toward grant funding and designation. Find more information about the CEC Program at [nyserdera.ny.gov/cec](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/cec).

### Current Workshops:

#### **Clean Energy and Your Comprehensive Plan**

*Annual Training for Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals Members — 1.5–2 hours in length*

Provides an introduction to best practices and strategies for incorporating clean energy goals and objectives into a new or updated municipal comprehensive plan. Information presented in the course ranges from introductory planning and clean energy basics to detailed comprehensive planning strategies.

#### **Overview of the Model Solar Energy Law**

*Annual Training for Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals Members — 1.5–2 hours in length*

Offers a review of the Model Solar Energy Law developed by NYSERDA as a best practice guidance. NYSERDA reviewed solar laws statewide and nationally to develop an all-inclusive model for municipalities to use to adopt a solar law.

#### **Overview of the Model Battery Energy Storage Law**

*Annual Training for Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals Members — 1.5–2 hours in length*

Offers a review of the Model Battery Energy Storage Law developed by NYSERDA as best practice guidance. This course also reviews battery energy storage technology basics, along with important code considerations with regard to siting battery storage projects.

#### **Solar Permitting and Inspecting in New York State**

*Accredited by: NY Dept. of State, Division of Building Standards & Codes — 2 in-service hours*

Provides an in-depth review of the entire process of permitting and inspecting solar systems in New York State from start to finish, including the NYS Unified Solar Permit. Workshop includes topics on code enforcement and administration, uniform fire prevention, and building code.

#### **Battery Energy Storage for First Responders**

*Accredited by: NY Dept. of State, Division of Building Standards & Codes — 2 in-service hours*

Identifies potential hazards and safety considerations associated with battery energy storage systems. This course covers fire prevention, compliance with the updated New York State Uniform Code, and emergency response considerations.

## Ready to get started?

Learn more about how NYSERDA can help your local government prepare for clean energy development at [nyserdera.ny.gov/siting](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/siting) or email [cleanenergyhelp@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:cleanenergyhelp@nyserdera.ny.gov)

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