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Guide to the Ohio Power Siting Board Utility Scale Solar Farm Resources

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) was established in 1972 to guide the development of major energy infrastructure projects based on public need, environmental implications, land use considerations and economic impact. Before constructing a major utility facility in Ohio, developers must acquire a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need from the OPSB. The OPSB has jurisdiction over electric generation facilities of 50 megawatts (MW) or more, including solar; electric transmission lines and associated facilities of 100 kilovolts or more; economically significant wind farms; and gas pipelines longer than 500 feet with an outside diameter greater than 9 inches designed for transporting gas at a maximum operating pressure in excess of 125 pounds per square inch.

The OPSB publishes a monthly *Solar Farm Map and Statistics* report. The report provides a map with locations and the status of utility scale solar farms before the OPSB. Steps to download the OPSB monthly *Solar Farm Map and Statistics* report and investigate details of a specific project are provided below.

Image A: Solar Farm Map and Statistics Webpage

- **Step 1:** Go to the OPSB *Solar Farm Map and Statistics* website. To find this website you can open a web browser and search "OPSB solar" or you can copy and paste the direct URL listed below.

  - https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/about-us/resources/solar-farm-map-and-statistics

- **Step 2:** As illustrated in Image A, scroll to the bottom right section of the webpage and click download button.
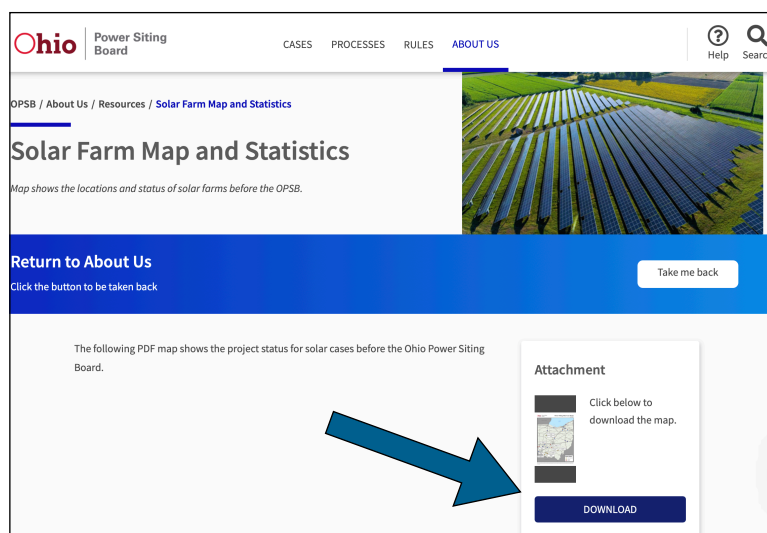
Image B: Solar Farm Application Table

- **Step 3:** The first few pages use a series of maps to summarize the current projects submitted to the OPSB for review. To investigate a specific project, scroll to the table located towards the end of the report and identify the project that you are interested in gathering additional details. As illustrated in Image B, click on the case record number in the left hand column to view public records for that project.

Approved Solar Facilities				Potential Solar Facilities (Pending and Pre-application)	
Approved Megawatts (MW):		2,089.6		**Potential Megawatts (MW):**	4,558.9
Approved Solar Facilities (50 MW or greater)					
Case Number	**Related Cases**	**Project Name**	**Approval Date**	**County**	**MW**
17-0773-EL-BGN	NA	Hardin I*	12/31/20	Hardin	150
17-0774-EL-BGN	NA	Vinton	9/20/18	Vinton	125
17-1152-EL-BGN	18-1267-EL-BGA	Hillcrest*	2/15/18, 2/21/19	Brown	200
18-1024-EL-BGN	NA	Willowbrook I	9/17/18	Brown, Highland	150
18-1334-EL-BGN	NA	Highland	5/16/19	Highland	300
18-1360-EL-BGN	20-1321-EL-BGA	Hardin II*	5/16/19, 1/21/21	Hardin	170
18-1546-EL-BGN	NA	Nestlewood	4/16/20	Brown, Clermont	80
19-1823-EL-BGN	NA	Madison	3/18/21	Madison	196
19-1880-EL-BGN	NA	Atlanta Farms	12/22/20	Pickaway	199.6
19-1881-EL-BGN	NA	Madison Fields	1/21/21	Madison	180
20-0972-EL-BGN	NA	Yellowbud	2/18/21	Pickaway, Ross	274
20-1288-EL-BGN	NA	New Market	3/18/21	Highland	65
*under construction				**TOTALS:**	2,089.6
Pending and Pre-application Solar Facilities (50 MW or greater)					
Case Number		**Project Name**	**Filing Date**	**County**	**MW**
18-1578-EL-BGN		Alamo	12/10/18	Preble	69.9
18-1579-EL-BGN		Angelina	12/3/18	Preble	80
20-1084-EL-BGN		Powell Creek	10/7/20	Putnam	150
20-0931-EL-BGN			10/14/20	Madison	577
20-0979-EL-BGN			7/30/20	Fulton	107
20-1362-EL-BGN		Fairview	12/18/20	Champaign	144
20-1380-EL-BGN		Ross County	10/30/20	Ross	120
20-1405-EL-BGN		Union County	12/24/20	Union	325
20-1529-EL-BGN		Wheatsborough	2/11/21	Erie	125
20-1605-EL-BGN		Birch	2/12/21	Allen, Auglaize	300
20-1612-EL-BGN		Mark Center	12/18/2020	Defiance	110
20-1677-EL-BGN		Cadence	2/1/2021	Union	275
20-1678-EL-BGN		Hardin III	2/11/2021	Hardin	300
20-1679-EL-BGN		Pleasant Prairie	2/19/2021	Franklin	250
20-1680-EL-BGN		Yellow Wood	2/24/2021	Clinton	300
20-1757-EL-BGN		Union Ridge	pre-application	Licking	108
20-1760-EL-BGN		Juliet	3/12/2021	Wood	101
20-1762-EL-BGN		Sycamore Creek	2/12/2021	Crawford	117
20-1814-EL-BGN		Dodson Creek	pre-application	Highland	117
21-0004-EL-BGN		Tymochtee	pre-application	Wyandot	120
		Marion County	3/5/2021	Marion	100

- **Step 4:** From the main "Case Record" page, you can view formal applications, staff reports, project technical studies, and other filings submitted to the OPSB. In addition, you can review public comments, identify key parties of record for the case, and file a public comment online for the case record (Image C).

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Search PUCO Website

Case Lookup 00-0000

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File a Public Comment

Case Record For: 20-1680-EL-BGN

Case Title:	In the Matter of the Application of Yellow Wood Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar
Status:	OPEN-OPEN
Industry Code:	EL-ELECTRIC
Purpose Code:	BGN-Application for a certificate/ generating station
Date Opened:	11/12/2020 1:01:19 PM

Case Documents | Public Comments | Parties of Record | Related Cases

Printable Docket Card   Service List

View per page

Date Filed	Summary	Pages
03/22/2021	Service Notice.	2
03/22/2021	Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that Applicant's February 24, 2021 motion for waiver be granted as it pertains to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-4-08(D)(2) through (4), as stated in Paragraph 13; granting Applicant's motion for protective order and ordering	7

- **Step 5:** If you are only interested in projects near your community, you can conduct a simple search to filter projects by county. From the OPSB homepage (www.OPSB.ohio.gov) select "Cases" from the top menu bar (Image D).

Ohio | **Power Siting Board**

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Welcome to the Ohio Power Siting Board

How can we help you today?

Pre-Application | Pending Cases | Approved Cases | Operational Cases

- **Step 6:** From the cases search page you can find information about approved, operational, pending and pre-application cases in your county. In the advanced filter section, place your cursor in the filter "By County" box and select your county from the drop down options (Image E). If you scroll to the bottom of the page, all of the active projects in that county will be displayed by project name and case record number listed in individual boxes. Click on the project box you are interested in to get additional details.

  - (Note: you can also filter by county by typing the name of your county in the "Search by Keyword" filter)

Cases

Find information about approved, operational, pending and pre-application cases.

OPSB HOME
Click the button to navigate back to the homepage.

Take me back

Filter by Case Number or Name

Search by keyword... | FILTER | MM/DD/YYYY | to | MM/DD/YYYY

| By Type of Case | By Type of Project | By County |
| ALL CASES × | ALL PROJECTS × | ALL COUNTIES × |

We found 136 results

RESET FILTERS

| Hog Creek Wind Farm I, Hog Creek Wind Farm | Hardin Wind Farm | Timber Road I Wind Farm | Blue Creek Wind Farm |
| 09-0277-EL-BGN | 09-0479-EL-BGN | 09-0980-EL-BGN | 09-1066-EL-BGN |

- **Step 6:** From the case record summary page (Image F), you can click "Open Case Record" to access public documents such as formal applications, staff reports, project technical studies, and other filings submitted to the OPSB. In addition, you can select the link towards the bottom center of the page to learn specific details about the OPSB application process and ways to stay informed to make your voice heard at the OPSB through public participation. Finally, at any point, you can use the help button located in the lower right hand side of the webpage to file a public comment, contact the OPSB staff, or go to the OPSB help center.

Image F: Case Record Summary Page