Solar power generation in the development zone

Overview

This toolkit provides information on how local governments can incorporate solar energy goals into local planning documents and identifies best practices for addressing solar development in zoning codes. Related Resource: View SolSmart Best Practices in Planning & Zoning. Local government approaches to planning, zoning, and development can have a very significant impact on solar energy growth. When done right, planning and zoning can help expand energy options and reduce costs for residents and businesses, while balancing other development priorities in the. Across the 245 million acres of public land it manages, the BLM maintains more than 19 million acres as open for potential solar development, subject to a variance process. The best locations for solar development combine strong solar potential, accessible infrastructure, minimal land constraints, and favorable market conditions. Using renewable energy criteria developed in collaboration with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, EPA has pre-screened over. In 2022, solar power generation increased by a record 270 terawatt-hours (TWh), marking a 26% rise from the previous year. 5% of total global electricity generation. For landowners, this surge presents an exciting opportunity.

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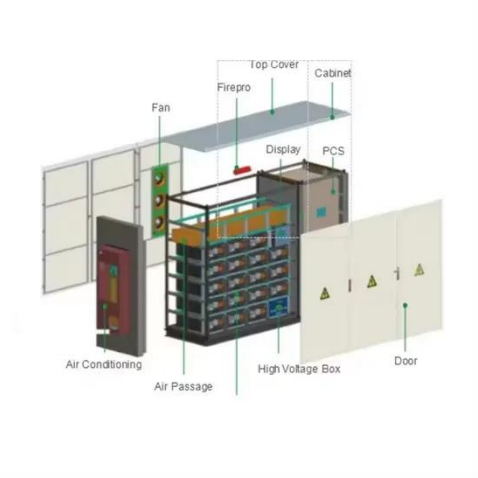

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