

Renewable Energy Facilities

A compatible renewable energy ordinance (CREO) is an ordinance that provides for the development of utility-scale energy facilities within the local unit of government that is no more restrictive than the provisions included in MCL Section 226(8) of PA 233. If the local government has adopted a CREO, the applicant must go through the municipality for approval and bypass the commission. The planning commission has been reviewing a CREO that was developed by Beaver Creek and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments as a standard for townships in Crawford County. This version covers Wind, Solar and BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) and was passed on to the MTA. Once language is settled, we can move on to a public hearing.

Data Centers

The State currently has no regulations for Data Centers. This is why townships have been seeking moratoriums within their borders. Most are worded such that the township can take more time to consider the potential impacts to our Natural resources and residents. We have received sample ordinances (zoning and non-zoning) from MTA and can adapt them for our use. Once again, if we can settle on the wording, the Planning Commission can hold a public hearing and move forward.