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Resource list for more information about multiple-purpose solar facility development

There are a number of examples of multiple-purpose solar facility development and interesting ongoing research on the best methods to achieve goals such as co-location of agriculture, pollinator vegetation, wildlife, and fisheries conservation with solar. The following is a partial listing to read more on what is being done in Louisiana and around the country to achieve multiple goals on solar generation facility locations.

Resources

Solar Development Toolkit

Center for Planning Excellence

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/536d55f1e4b07afeea8cef61/t/6696bee9f2415476f29b31d6/1721155315762/Final+CPEX+Solar+Development+Toolkit-+April+2024pdf.pdf

Utilizing the Sun for a Sustainable Future in Louisiana-A Pilot Solar Deployment Project at LSU: Exploring the Tools and Methods for Community-Engaged Solar Design and Development

Institute for Energy Innovation Louisiana State University https://www.lsu.edu/energy-innovation/files/white-paper-1-synthesis-03.pdf

Visual Guide to Agrivoltaics and Wildlife-Friendly Solar

American Planning Association

https://www.planning.org/blog/9253223/visual-guide-to-agrivoltaics-and-wildlife-friendly-solar/

Innovative Solar Practices Integrated with Rural Economies and Ecosystems

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

https://openei.org/wiki/InSPIRE

Summary: Solar Impacts on Wildlife and Ecosystems Request for Information Summary U.S. Department of Energy

 $\underline{https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/summary-solar-impacts-wildlife-and-ecosystems-request-information}$

North Carolina Technical Guidance for Native Plantings on Solar Sites

North Carolina Pollinator Conservation Alliance

 $\underline{https://ncpollinatoralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NC-Solar-Technical-Guidance-Oct-\underline{2018.pdf}}$

Agrivoltaics Primer: Low Impact Solar Development Strategies Primer

U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office https://openei.org/wiki/InSPIRE/Primer#Agricultural_Activities

A Landowner's Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fences

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/conservation/land-owner-wildlife-resources/a_landowners_guide_to_wildlife_friendly_fences.pdf

Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines

Avian Power Line Interaction Committee, Edison Electric Institute, California Energy Commission

https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1224/ML12243A391.pdf

Solar Facility Development in Virginia Best Management Practices for Wildlife

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

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 $\frac{https://ncpollinatoralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NC-Solar-Technical-Guidance-FINAL-May-2022.pdf}{}$

Recommended Practices for the Responsible Siting and Design of Solar Development in Georgia, September 2023

Georgia Department of Natural Resources: Wildlife Resources Division and Environmental Protection Division, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

 $\underline{https://georgiawildlife.com/sites/default/files/wrd/pdf/GA\%20Recommended\%20Practices\%20for\%20Solar-\%20Fall\%202023\%20-\%20V1.0.pdf$

Pollinator Habitat Aligned with Solar Energy

U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technology Office https://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/phase

AgriSolar Clearinghouse

National Center for Appropriate Technology https://www.agrisolarclearinghouse.org/

Best Conservation Practices for Solar Development Projects in Mississippi

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/project/HSRTUXE5PFE7JMAUZFFKQ5DANM/documents/generated/7127.pdf

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Best Management Practices for Wind Farm Development Colorado Parks & Wildlife

https://cpw.widencollective.com/assets/share/asset/6aulbyxclo

Research

The research around solar facilities interactions with wildlife and multiple-use designs is ongoing.

Deploying Solar with Wildlife and Ecosystem Services Benefits (SolWEB) Funding Program

U.S. Department of Energy

https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/deploying-solar-wildlife-and-ecosystem-services-benefits-solweb-funding-program

Buzzing Around Solar: Pollinator Habitat Under Solar Arrays: What is Pollinator-Friendly Solar

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What is Agrivoltaics: Solar and Agriculture Co-Location

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Innovative Solar Practices Integrated with Rural Economies and Ecosystems

U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office and National Renewable Energy Laboratory

https://openei.org/wiki/InSPIRE

Solar Energy Interactions with Wildlife and Their Habitats: A Summary of Research Results and Priority Questions

Renewable Energy Wildlife Institute

Lit-Cited-REWI-Solar-Energy-Wildlife-Interactions-Summary-2023.pdf

North Carolina Solar Land Use and Agriculture 2022 Update

NC Sustainable Energy Association

https://energync.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022_Solar_Agv2.pdf

Opportunities for agrivoltaic systems to achieve synergistic food-energy-environmental needs and address sustainability goals

Leroy Walston, et. Al. Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems, September 2022

https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sustainable-food-

systems/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2022.932018/full

Examples

Bancroft Station Solar Farm, Georgia

https://www.siliconranch.com/us-solar/ga/bancroft-station-solar-farm/

Agrivoltaics Map: Location of agrivoltaics installations across the United States

U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office and National Renewable Energy

Laboratory

https://openei.org/wiki/InSPIRE/Agrivoltaics_Map

Country Acres Solar Project moves forward, breaks ground in August

County of Placer, California

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Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center

https://www.coagrivoltaic.org/

DOE invests \$14 million to enhance environmental and wildlife benefits from solar energy infrastructure

U.S. Department of Energy

 $\underline{\text{https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-invests-14-million-enhance-environmental-and-wildlife-benefits-solar-energy}}$

Our plans to create and preserve native Louisiana habitat at Prairie Ronde Solar Lightsource BP

https://lightsourcebp.com/us/news/habitat-creation-and-preservation-at-prairie-ronde-solar/