

# Blackford County



**Farmland Coverage**  
87.20% land in farms

**Population Density**  
73.4 per sq. mi.

**Housing Unit Density**  
35.5 per sq. mi.

**Population (2020)**  
12,112 ↓

**County Type**  
Rural

**PCPI (2019)**  
\$38,813

## COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS

Use standards for CWECs beyond zoning district's standards unless otherwise specified.

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION
Agriculture (A1)	Special Exception
Industrial 1 (unincorporated areas only)	Special Exception
Industrial 2 (unincorporated areas only)	Special Exception
REZONE REQ: NO ADDITIONAL PROCESSES: NONE	

### DEFINITION

All equipment used in the production of electrical energy from solar resources.

### SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	50'
Municipal Buffer	None
Use Buffer	300' from residence, church or school
Reciprocal Buffer (CM)	None

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Minimum Lot Size	10 acres
Maximum Height	None
Noise Limit	None
Ground Cover Standards	None
Color Standards	None
Signage/Warnings Standards	Yes
Fencing Standards	Yes
Landscaping/Screening Standards	Yes
Glare Standards	None
Other Standards	None

### PLANS & STUDIES REQUIRED

\* Upon request

- Decommission Plan
- Economic Development Agreement
- Maintenance Plan
- Transportation/Road Use Plan
- Vegetation/Landscape Plan
- Environmental Assessment
- Emergency/Fire Safety Plan
- Drainage/Erosion Control Plan
- Liability Insurance
- Property Value Guarantee
- Certificate of Design Compliance
- Other plans or studies

# COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM STANDARDS

Use standards for CWECs beyond zoning district's standards unless otherwise specified.

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION
Agriculture (A1)	Special Exception
REZONE REQ: NO ADDITIONAL PROCESSES: NONE	

## DEFINITION

Wind energy conversion system that delivers electricity to a utility's transmission lines.

## SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	350' or 1.1x tower height
Municipal Buffer	1500'
Use Buffer	1000' from residence
Reciprocal Buffer	None

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Maximum Height	None
Minimum Blade Clearance	15'
Maximum Noise Level	41-75 dB depending on hertz
Shadow Flicker	None
Braking System Standards	Yes
Color Standards	Yes
Warnings/Hazard Protection Standards	Yes
Fence/Climb Prevention Standards	Yes
Lighting Standards	Yes
Interference	None
Other Standards	None

## PLANS & STUDIES REQUIRED

\* Upon request

- Decommission Plan
- Economic Development Agreement
- Maintenance Plan
- Transportation/Road Use Plan
- Vegetation/Landscape Plan
- Environmental Assessment
- Sound Study
- Emergency/Fire Safety Plan
- Drainage/Erosion Control Plan
- Liability Insurance
- Property Value Guarantee
- Certificate of Design Compliance
- Certification by Engineer
- Other plans or studies

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