

Howard County



Farmland Coverage
77.70% land in farms

Population Density
285.5 per sq. mi.

Housing Unit Density
135.1 per sq. mi.

Population (2020)
83,658 ↔

County Type
Rural/Mixed

PCPI (2019)
\$42,911

COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM STANDARDS

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

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION
Agricultural Intense Agriculture General Commercial All Industrial Districts	Permitted Use Permitted Use Permitted Use Permitted Use
REZONE REQ: NO ADDITIONAL PROCESSES: NONE	

DEFINITION

Any WECS over 189 ft

SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	1.1x tower height
Municipal Buffer	5,280'
Use Buffer	500' plus 1.1x tower height from occupied buildings and platted subdivisions 100' plus rotor length from wetlands, conservation, and riparian areas
Reciprocal Buffer	

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Maximum Height	None
Minimum Blade Clearance	30'
Maximum Noise Level	55 dBA
Shadow Flicker	Minimize shadow flicker on dwellings
Braking System Standards	Yes
Color Standards	Yes
Warnings/Hazard Protection Standards	Yes
Fence/Climb Prevention Standards	Yes
Lighting Standards	None
Interference	Yes
Other Standards	Tubular towers, no lattice type

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

COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS

This county has no additional standards for commercial solar energy systems.

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