



## Sapling Solar Project

### Community-Focused Development

Ranger Power prides itself on taking a community-first approach toward solar development. In practice, this means that Ranger Power is committed to community engagement, transparency, and responsible development.

### Permitting Process

- Gustin Township drafted a Solar Ordinance to allow for Commercial SES as a Special Use. This ordinance creates several obligations for solar projects that are above and beyond the requirements for solar project seeking permits from the MPSC as outlined in PA-233<sup>1</sup>.
- Ranger Power is committed to working with Gustin Township to permit the Sapling Solar Project locally in lieu of seeking a Certificate from the MPSC.

	Township Permitting	MPSC Permitting
<b>Sound Limits</b>	50 dBA from the residence	<b>55 dBA</b> from the residence
<b>Height</b>	15' at maximum tilt	<b>25'</b> at maximum tilt
<b>Landscaping</b>	Project is fully screened from residences and public rights-of-way	<b>No landscaping required</b>
<b>Decommissioning Security</b>	Full financial security guaranteeing removal is posted prior to construction	Full financial security <b>posted by the 10<sup>th</sup> year of commercial operations</b>
<b>EGLE Renewable Ready Communities Award ("RRCA")<sup>2</sup></b>	Up to \$1,075,000 awarded to Gustin Township	<b>Not eligible</b>

### Community Benefits

- Sapling anticipates generating over \$12 million in new tax revenue over the lifetime of the Project, which will serve the Township, local schools, and emergency responders.
- Sapling plans to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with Gustin Township totaling up to \$430,000
- Sapling will create of hundreds of jobs during construction.
- Installation of permanent ground cover underneath of solar panels will improve soil quality, reduce soil erosion, and create new pollinator-friendly habitat throughout the Township.
- Sapling will produce enough clean renewable energy to power approximately 30,000 Michigan homes<sup>3</sup>.
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<sup>1</sup> In November 2023, Governor Whitmer signed PA-233 into law, which creates an avenue for renewable energy projects to seek permits from the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC").

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/materials-management/energy/rfps-loans/renewables-ready-communities-award>

<sup>3</sup> <https://seia.org/whats-in-a-megawatt/>

### Questions or Comments?

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