

Powering Rural Illinois

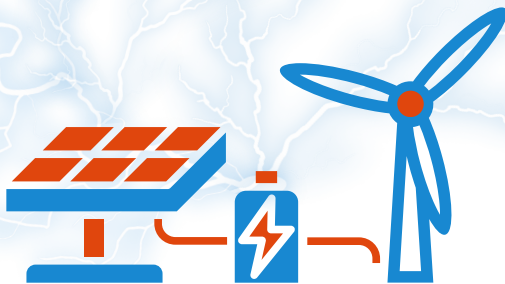
Landowners and communities deserve the full economic benefits of using land to cultivate both clean energy and crops.

Preserving landowner rights

Illinois landowners know their land best—and they should be the ones deciding how it's used.

- Clean energy projects give landowners the freedom and ability to earn year-round income, keeping family farms viable and in local hands through market swings and tough growing seasons.
- When a local ordinance bans development, it takes away a landowners right to decide what's best for their property and denies families the chance to secure stable, predictable income for generations.

Wind, solar, & storage projects generated
\$90.9 Million²
in annual lease payments
to IL landowners



"I'm a self-employed farmer. I don't have a 401-K. I don't have a retirement plan, but now [because of clean energy] I do."

Clayton Rosenberger
McLean County Farmer¹



"The income from the wind farm is very stable, as opposed to farming, which is kind of up and down. Actually, a lot of the income that we've received has gone back into the land. It's improved our farmland so we can grow more corn and soybeans."

John D.
Farmer³

Strengthening Economic Prosperity

Clean energy projects generate steady revenue streams to fund education, safety, and other essential services, strengthening local economies.

- Of the counties shown below, an average of 64% of the revenue generated from clean energy projects went toward funding local school districts.

“The project took the school district from having a tough time to being in good shape... The city makes some money on the property tax revenue from the turbines, and the school is one of the big drivers for Lexington to be an attractive place to live.”

John Franklin
McLean County Farmer⁴

2023 Property Tax Revenue Generated by IL Clean Energy⁵

County	Revenue	Allocation of Tax Revenue			
		School District	County	Community College	Fire District
Henry	\$3,638,911	\$2,366,382	\$380,553	\$254,906	\$233,935
Macon	\$3,177,573	\$1,785,905	\$415,678	\$235,697	\$114,149
Morgan	\$2,996,962	\$2,016,288	\$502,267	\$223,247	\$82,862
Douglas	\$2,211,027	\$1,185,948	\$257,854	\$170,544	\$107,943
Mason	\$2,050,778	\$1,345,246	\$293,910	\$137,968	\$66,177
McLean	\$2,016,539	\$8,374,581	\$1,417,362	\$872,569	\$676,706
Grundy	\$1,454,949	\$1,025,307	\$104,310	\$52,971	\$131,662
Ford	\$1,268,328	\$2,471,001	\$550,387	\$232,481	\$142,620

Wind, solar, & storage projects generated **\$101.5 Million²** in IL state & local taxes

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