



Summit County Alternative Energy Zone

A tool to reduce taxes on your qualified alternative energy generation facility



COUNTY OF SUMMIT
THE HIGH POINT OF OHIO

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Interested companies needing additional information or assistance with the submittal process may also contact
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For More Information: <http://development.ohio.gov/Business/AlternativeEnergyTaxExemption.htm>

WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ZONE (AEZ)?

An AEZ is a designation adopted by the legislative authority of a county that provides for ongoing approval of qualified energy projects with a nameplate capacity of 5 megawatts or greater, for the life of the AEZ. Qualified energy projects within an AEZ receive special tax treatment such as exemption from public utility tangible personal property and real property taxes, and make annual service payments in lieu of taxes.

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED ENERGY PROJECT?

A qualified energy project includes any renewable energy generation resource as defined in the State of Ohio's renewable portfolio standard, including solar, as well as clean coal, advanced nuclear, and co-generation technology.

HOW DOES A PROJECT QUALIFY?

An application for designation as a qualified energy project must be submitted to the Director of the Ohio Department of Development. Applications may be completed online at the Ohio Department of Development website. Visit www.development.ohio.gov for more information, application instructions, or to apply.

WHAT DOES AN AEZ ACCOMPLISH?

- Exempts from property taxation the public utility tangible personal property of qualified energy projects
- Extends the tax exemption to the real property of an energy facility that is a qualified energy project
- Provides for ongoing approval by county governments that have declared the county to be an Alternative Energy Zone
- Provides for certain criteria to be met by owners/lessees of qualified energy projects in order to qualify for tax exemption and provides criteria for the Director of Development of the State of Ohio to certify projects as qualified energy projects
- Provides for annual service payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs), based on a sliding scale per megawatt of nameplate capacity and the ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time employees to total full-time employees, significantly reducing the tax burden on renewable and advanced energy facilities
- Permits counties to require additional service payments so long as the total annual PILOT does not exceed \$9,000