

Future land use category overlay is only applicable to large scale renewable energy projects that are proposed to be larger than 100 mw in energy produced which fall under Wisconsin Public Service Commission jurisdiction.

1. Recognize existing Portage Solar array fields as part of overlay footprint.
2. Areas to target (identify) in overlay:
 - Main areas already identified as L-1 in our existing future land use maps.
 - Large blocks of open farmland or unwooded vacant land.
3. Environmentally sensitive areas to avoid (identify) in the overlay:
 - Wetlands
 - DNR prairie chicken lands
 - Boston School Forest
4. Other areas to avoid in the overlay:
 - Areas within the established Stevens Point Area sewer service boundaries
 - Areas within the Boundary Agreement with the Village of Plover where sewer service could be extended into the Town without annexation.
5. Identify and plot existing residences contained in each section that could be considered within the overlay footprint.
 - Residences that are part of larger parcels of land that could be participating in solar leases. Possible participants should be included so that the choice becomes their own.
 - Residences that could never be part of a renewable energy project due to the small size of their parcel. Residences may need to be excluded since these are the residents that this is intended to protect.
6. Situations to avoid:
 - Fracturing a contiguous block of land under common ownership with a renewable energy overlay – i.e.; a large pivot rig area should either be “all in” or “all out”. May be hard to continue farming a subset of the original parcel.
7. To Consider:
 - Should large tracts of wooded land be included or excluded??
 - Define large tracts – 10+ acres??, 20+ acres??, other??
8. To better manage task, break the Town into Sections in order of priority:
 - South of Highway 54; west of the interstate.
 - South of Hwy 54; east of the interstate.
 - North of Hwy 54; west of the interstate.
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9. Review future land use plan map for more desirable future development – avoid those areas for the overlay. Prioritizing future land use needs may preclude renewable energy development for a particular land parcel.