

# Technical Support for Integrated Community Energy Solutions

## *Task 1 Outline and Approach Integrating Energy into Local Regulations and Programs*

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## **Integrating Energy into Local Regulations and Programs**

The deliverable of this task is a report on best practices for integrating energy-related requirements into local regulations and programs. This report provides an outline of the final report.

There will be three major elements in the final report:

- Existing Local Policies -- Compile information on existing policy and program approaches in the region. Include information on legislation, regulations, local ordinances, and local policies and programs.
- National and International Policy Framework – Describe key national and international policies and issues that are relevant to potential action by COG members to facilitate implementation of district energy, CHP and microgrids.
- Best Practice Recommendations – In the context of current local policies and programs, recommend best practices from review of national and international practices to identify the types of energy-related requirements (issues/considerations) that can be considered/included in local program approaches.

### **Existing Local Policies**

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#### **County Energy Policy Frameworks**

#### **Education and Outreach Programs**

#### **Land Use Planning**

#### **Community Master Planning**

#### **Integrated Community Energy Planning**

#### **Eco-District Planning**

### **Community Energy Systems**

#### **Utility Franchising**

(Establishing geographic areas for delivery of energy services by specific public or private entities)

## **Energy Facility Siting**

(Criteria and processes for siting power plants and other energy facilities)

## **Municipal Utilities**

(Direct role by local government in financing, owning and/or operating energy infrastructure)

## **Financing Assistance**

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-exempt bonding

fee deferral

## **Tax incentives**

tax relief

tax relief

## **Energy Infrastructure Permitting**

rights of way

permits

## **Compatibility**

### **Zoning**

definitions and categories

of development types

requirements

bonuses

(Allow relief from zoning restrictions on number of floors if certain energy system requirements are met.)

### **Building Codes**

(Prescriptive requirements for design and/or performance of building systems)

### **Review of Building Plans**

(Review of building energy plans for compatibility with County energy goals and plans.)

### **Energy Performance Labeling**

(Require or encourage high-performance buildings through labeling programs such as LEED)

### **Community Energy Compatibility Standards**

(Require or encourage design of building energy systems to be compatible with district energy service)

## **National and International Policy Framework**

### **.S. Energy Policy**

#### **Overview**

#### **Portfolio Standards**

#### **Tax Incentives**

#### **Finance programs**

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-exempt bonding

### **Energy Policies**

#### **Policy**

#### **Air Quality**

Source Review

MACT

MACT

/Institutional Solid Waste Incinerators

**Climate Change**

**Regulation**

**Rate Regulation**

**Grid Access and Interconnection**

**Power Plant Siting**

**Operations**

**Procurement Policies**

**Energy targets**

**Codes**

**Best Practice Recommendations**

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**County Energy Policy Frameworks**

**Education and Outreach Programs**

**Land Use Planning**

**Community Master Planning**



## **Integrated Community Energy Planning**

### **Eco-District Planning**

#### **Community Energy Systems**

##### **Utility Franchising**

##### **Energy Facility Siting**

criteria

-specific issues

##### **Municipal Utilities**

##### **Financing Assistance**

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-exempt bonding

fee deferral

##### **Tax incentives**

tax relief

tax relief

##### **Energy Infrastructure Permitting**

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#### **Compatibility**

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definitions and categories

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load mapping

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## **Building Codes**

### **Review of Building Plans**

### **Energy Performance Labeling**

### **Community Energy Compatibility Standards**