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# U S Solar Ecosystem Design





## Overview

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How does solar energy impact ecosystem services?

In the United States, solar energy is forecasted to generate roughly 45% of the electricity by 2050. Although solar energy mitigates the negative effects of climate change by providing electricity without releasing greenhouse gases, little is known about the implications of solar energy development for ecosystem services.

Should ecosystem services be included in future solar energy development decision-making?

This study provides a holistic assessment of incorporating ecosystem services in future solar energy development decision-making and presents an approach for minimizing trade-offs and maximizing sustainable outcomes.

How do utility-scale solar installations affect ecosystem services?

Utility-scale solar installations can vary widely in their effect on ecosystem services 3: land grading and removal of vegetation beneath PV panels has the strongest and most obvious negative effects.

Which ecovoltaics strategy is best for preserving biodiversity?

The co-location of solar energy and habitat restoration (i.e., habitat-friendly solar ' or solar-pollinator habitat) has become the most popular ecovoltaics strategy to safeguard biodiversity and improve the site's ecosystem services output.



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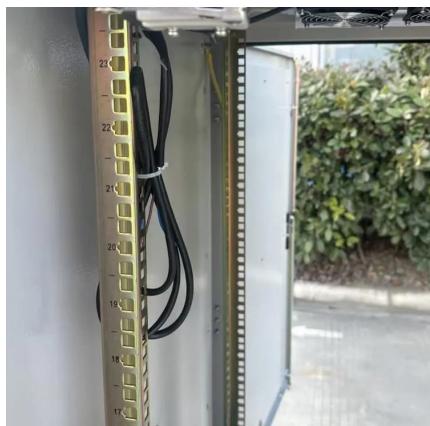


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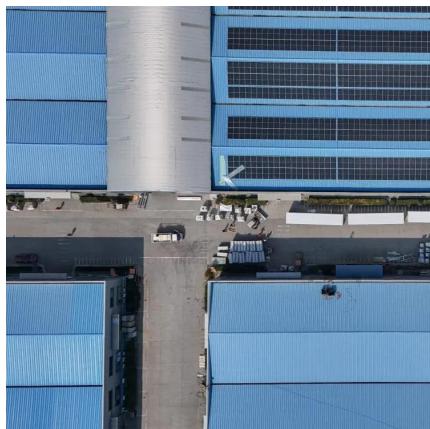
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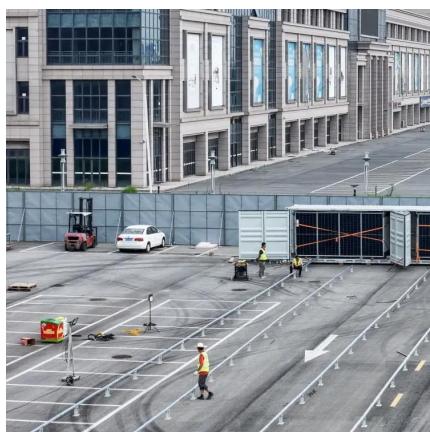
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