

PROPERTY TAX FACT SHEET

Significant new tax revenue from the project will stay local and bring millions of additional tax dollars to schools and other community services.

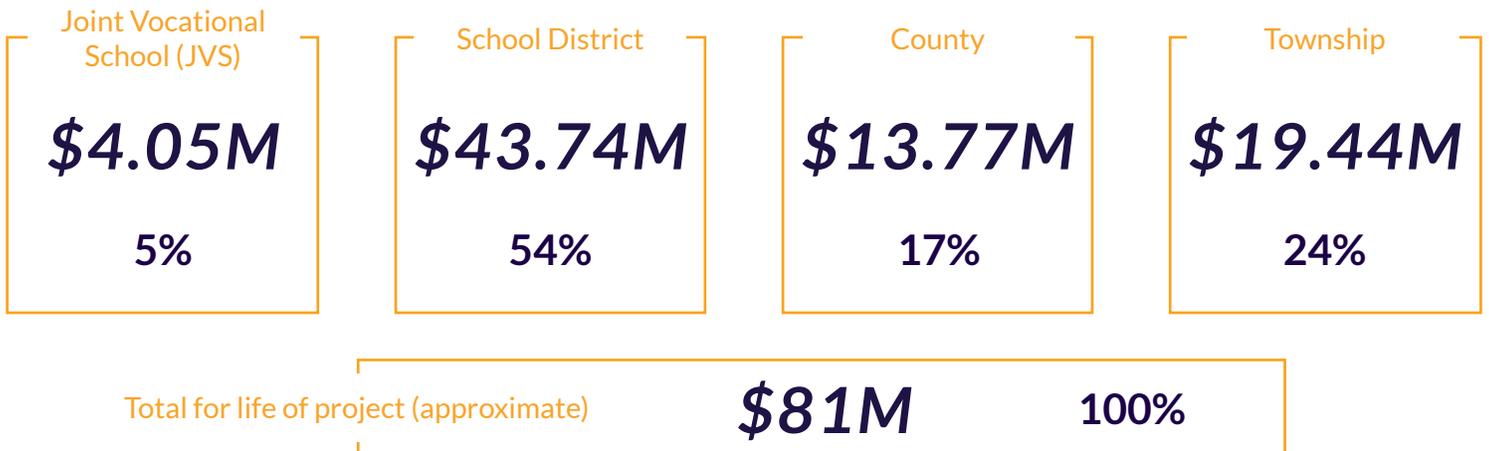
What is a PILOT?

A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) was created by the Ohio General Assembly as a mechanism to spur renewable energy development, which ultimately brings significant additional tax dollars to communities in Ohio. This mechanism is available whether or not a county is in an “Alternative Energy Zone.”

A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) allows a consistent tax payment to local entities throughout the life of a project, versus a declining tax revenue with the traditional personal property tax regime where taxes decline as the equipment depreciates. Additionally, a PILOT is in addition to the current tax base, not affecting state tax calculations.

Financial benefits of a PILOT

The current acreage being considered is paying approximately \$80,000 annually. As calculated in the Alternative Energy Tax Exemption, PILOT payments for the Birch Solar Project are estimated at approximately \$2.7M annually and approximately \$81M throughout the life of the project. That payment is split:



Other benefits of a PILOT

The benefits of a PILOT extend beyond financial. A PILOT requires:

- A minimum ratio of 80% of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees employed in the construction and installation of the project.
- A certificate from each county engineer with which the taxpayer has an agreement regarding the repair, rebuilding, and reinforcement of roads, bridges, and culverts that continues beyond the completion of construction, to the effect that the taxpayer is not in default on any of its obligations.
- Training and equipment for emergency responders in handling emergencies at the project.
- A relationship is established with a member of the university system of Ohio or with a person offering an apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor or the Ohio Apprenticeship Council to educate and train individuals for careers in the wind or solar energy industry.