

# Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO)

**Definition:** A CREO is considered a "workable" ordinance and will likely not shift to state-level approval. The project is permitted through local zoning ordinance with criteria and timeline restrained by Public Act 233, which is very permissive.

**Benefits:** Retains local review authority for qualifying projects. | Developer provides intervenor funds for negotiation of community benefits and site-specific conditions. | Developer provides Host Community Agreement funds (\$2,000 per megawatt) for public safety, infrastructure, or other community needs.

**Limitations:** Cannot block projects outright if they meet PA 233 standards. | Cannot impose stricter rules than PA 233 (e.g., larger setbacks or lower noise thresholds).

