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Solar Development in Ohio Webinar Series

Hardin County – Do you want to learn more about Ohio solar energy development? If so, consider dropping in on OSU Extension’s upcoming webinar series, where Eric Romich, OSU Extension Energy Development field specialist and Peggy Kirk Hall, OSU Agricultural and Resource Law Program director will discuss trends, procedures, and legal issues in Ohio solar development. The five-part webinar series covers solar development from start to finish and will take place May 23, 24, 25, 30, and 31 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The series will begin on May 23 with “Solar Development Overview and Trends.” This first session will discuss Ohio solar development, industry and technology trends, dual use of land for solar energy and agriculture, community, and regulatory issues.

The second session will be on May 24 and will focus on “Leasing Land for Solar Development.” This session will include pre-leasing considerations, solar lease phases, common legal terms, and best management practices for leasing.

The third session will be May 25 with “Connecting to the Electric Grid.” Topics will include overview of the electric utility system, regulatory jurisdiction, and interconnection procedures and timelines.

The fourth session will be on May 30 with “Solar Project Approval in Ohio.” Romich and Hall will discuss solar project application procedures, state oversight, and new laws allowing county and township oversight of solar development.

The fifth and final session will be on May 31. During this session, construction and post-construction will be the focus. The construction process, common issues, regulatory oversight, and decommissioning a project in the future will be addressed.

Registration and additional information about the free Zoom webinar series is available at go.osu.edu/solarwebinars. Those unable to attend can view webinar recordings on the Farm Office energy law library at <https://farmoffice.osu.edu/our-library/energy-law>.

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