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New “Use It or Lose It” Fact Sheet: Pennsylvania Can Still Capture Billions in Federal Solar Tax Credits — But the Window Is Closing Fast

Keystone Research Center and ReImagine Appalachia release new state fact sheet and regional cover brief outlining remaining eligibility, key deadlines, and steps to accelerate projects

HARRISBURG, PA — Today, **Keystone Research Center (KRC)** and **ReImagine Appalachia** released a new Pennsylvania fact sheet, along with a regional policy brief highlighting how Pennsylvania schools, municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and developers can still access remaining federal clean energy tax credits for solar projects — but only if projects move quickly under shortened federal deadlines.

[Watch a recording of today’s webinar, “Use It or Lose It: Accelerating Solar in Appalachia,” here.](#)

Pennsylvania’s fact sheet underscores the scale of the remaining opportunity: **if half of Pennsylvania’s solar capacity currently in PJM and utility interconnection queues receives a 30% Investment Tax Credit, it could bring \$2.5 billion in federal tax credits, \$8 billion in total investment, and quadruple Pennsylvania’s solar capacity.**

“Despite recent legislative changes that curtailed the Inflation Reduction Act timelines, it is not too late — significant federal tax credit money is still on the table, and Pennsylvania needs to pursue it,” said **Stephen Herzenberg**, Economist and Executive Director Emeritus of Keystone Research Center. “Every project that gets under the wire can mean lower energy costs for a school, a municipality, a business, or a nonprofit — and more affordable power on a grid under growing strain.”

“The point of these fact sheets is practical: help decision-makers understand what still qualifies, what the deadlines are, and what steps can speed projects to the finish line,” said **Avery Spicka**, Research Analyst at Keystone Research Center. “Pennsylvania entities can still benefit

— including tax-exempt schools, local governments, and nonprofits that may qualify through elective pay — but timelines are tight, and delays are costly.”

Materials:

- **Pennsylvania fact sheet:** [click HERE for PA fact sheet](#)
- **Regional cover brief:** [click HERE for Regional cover brief](#)

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New “Use It or Lose It” Fact Sheet: Kentucky Solar Projects Still Have Time to Capture Federal Tax Credits — But Deadlines Are Rapidly Approaching

Keystone Research Center and ReImagine Appalachia release new Kentucky fact sheet and regional cover brief

APPALACHIA — Today, **Keystone Research Center (KRC)** and **ReImagine Appalachia** released a new Kentucky fact sheet, along with a regional policy brief highlighting how Kentucky schools, municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and developers can still access remaining

federal clean energy tax credits for solar projects — but only if projects move quickly under shortened federal deadlines.

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The Kentucky fact sheet highlights a major near-term opportunity: **if half of the capacity in the PJM queue in Kentucky (covering roughly half the state) receives a 40% tax credit, that could bring \$1.2 billion in tax credits, \$2.8 billion in total investment, and triple Kentucky’s solar capacity.**

“Even with Washington accelerating the phase-down, there is still time to capture significant federal support for Kentucky solar projects, but the clock is ticking,” said **Stephen Herzenberg**, an Economist at the Keystone Research Center. “These tax credits can lower costs and speed payback, which matters for communities facing rising bills and mounting affordability pressures.”

“These fact sheets are meant to help project sponsors and local leaders understand what still qualifies and how to move faster, including through elective pay for tax-exempt entities,” said **Avery Spicka**, Research Analyst at Keystone Research Center. “The bottom line is that projects that get started in time can lock in long-term savings for Kentucky ratepayers and taxpayers.”

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New “Use It or Lose It” Fact Sheet: Ohio Can Still Secure Billions in Federal Solar Tax Credits — But the Window Is Closing

Keystone Research Center and ReImagine Appalachia release new Ohio fact sheet and regional cover brief

APPALACHIA — Today, **Keystone Research Center (KRC)** and **ReImagine Appalachia** released a new Ohio fact sheet, along with a regional policy brief highlighting how Ohio schools, municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and developers can still access remaining federal clean energy tax credits for solar projects — but only if projects move quickly under shortened federal deadlines.

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The Ohio fact sheet underscores the scale of the remaining opportunity: **if half of the Ohio solar capacity in the PJM queue receives a 30% tax credit, it would bring \$4.4 billion in tax credits and nearly \$15 billion in total investment — enough to triple Ohio’s solar capacity.**

“Ohio has real momentum, and these tax credits can help keep it moving at the exact moment when families and businesses are feeling pressure from rising electricity costs,” said **Stephen Herzenberg**, Economist at the Keystone Research Center. “Letting this opportunity slip away would mean higher costs and lost investment.”

“The purpose of this fact sheet series is to turn complex rules into clear next steps,” said **Avery Spicka**, Research Analyst at Keystone Research Center. “Projects can still qualify, and many public and nonprofit sponsors may be eligible through elective pay, but timelines are tight, and interconnection and construction schedules matter more than ever.”

Materials:

- **Ohio fact sheet:** [click HERE for Ohio fact sheet](#)
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New “Use It or Lose It” Fact Sheet: West Virginia Can Still Capture Major Federal Clean Energy Tax Credits — But Deadlines Are Approaching Quickly

Keystone Research Center and ReImagine Appalachia release new West Virginia fact sheet and regional cover brief highlighting solar and wind opportunities

APPALACHIA — Today, **Keystone Research Center (KRC)** and **ReImagine Appalachia** released a new West Virginia fact sheet, along with a regional policy brief highlighting how West Virginia schools, municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and developers can still access remaining federal clean energy tax credits for solar projects — but only if projects move quickly under shortened federal deadlines.

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West Virginia’s fact sheet highlights both the state’s recent renewable growth and the magnitude of the remaining opportunity: **if half the solar capacity in the PJM queue in West Virginia receives a 40% tax credit, it could bring \$755 million in tax credits and \$1.9 billion in total**

investment — increasing West Virginia’s solar capacity six-fold. Wind tax credits could add to this.

“West Virginia communities deserve affordable, reliable power, and these tax credits can help bring projects online faster and at lower cost,” said **Stephen Herzenberg**, Economist at the Keystone Research Center. “But the deadlines are real. The projects that move in time can secure savings and investment that last for decades.”

“These fact sheets are designed to help local leaders and project sponsors act quickly, understand eligibility, meet deadlines, and connect with available technical assistance,” said **Avery Spicka**, Research Analyst at Keystone Research Center.

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- **West Virginia fact sheet:** [click HERE for West Virginia fact sheet](#)
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