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Overview

Sod-forming or rhizomatous grasses (such as those found in a typical yard) are preferred, as is a mix of warm and cool-season plants, if the site and climate allow. When practical, include native forbs that attract pollinators, promote soil health, and offer aesthetic value. -invasive species), there are several variables site managers should consider. While the clearance between the lowest edge of a solar panel and the ground is a primary consideration when crafting a mix of native seeds for the site, managers should also look at these steps wh n designing. Solar arrays are land-intensive, projected to take up 3 million acres by 2030, which has sparked some to find solutions that lower the impact of solar sites on the land. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) is working to better understand the economic, ecological, and performance impacts of co-locating pollinator habitat and solar arrays. This research is part of our broader agrivoltaics research, which studies how solar and. This technical guide serves as a starting point for the establishment and management of pollinator-friendly native seed plantings at ground-mounted solar photovoltaic arrays. Image by Monarch Vegetation Services. Ernst Seeds' Solar Farm Seed Mixes are.

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Technical Guide: Establishment and Maintenance of Pollinator

A minimum panel height of 3 feet from grade to the lower edge of the panels will allow for a lower cost seed mix, while also reducing the risk of panel shading and panel damage due to debris ...

Resource Guide: Native Seed Supply and Seed Mixes for Pollinator

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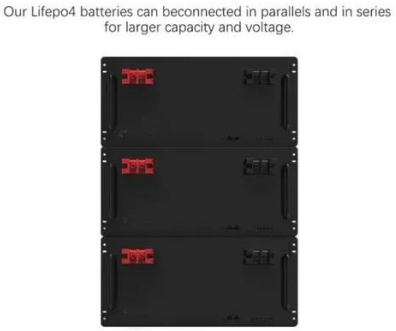

A Practitioner's Guide to Pollinator-Friendly Solar Development

An experienced local contractor can shed light on trade-offs and timelines for various site decisions -- for instance, the appropriate seed mix and erosion control plan. Other considerations ...

Native Seed Mixes Low-Impact Solar Energy Installation Sites

This land would be monopolized for one single use -- energy production. The solution? Low-impact solar development. This solar energy installation practice preserves some of the topsoil during ...

[Solar Array Mesic Soils South and West Seed Mix 39-241]

This mix has been designed to establish native plantings under solar panels that provide habitat for pollinators and other invertebrates, enhances water management, improves habitat for beneficial soil ...

Conservation Considerations for Solar Farms

Incorporating locally adapted, pollinator-friendly forbs into seed mixes is an effective strategy for creating habitat for pollinators and promoting the environmental benefits provided by these species.

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Planting experts should also consider how to eliminate previously-planted vegetation in the site and take measures to control weeds before seeding. The use of a cover crop seed mix (e.g. oats, winter ...

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ntified, selecting a retailer who can source the seeds is a key project need. Retailers who offer local ecotype seeds--meaning they're best suited for establishment within the site's condit.

Planting the Seeds for Solar: The Multiple Benefits of

One solution that has gained popularity is planting vegetation--with an emphasis on native and flowering plants--between rows of solar panels. This dual use of land bolsters pollinator ...

Buzzing Around Solar: Pollinator Habitat Under Solar Arrays

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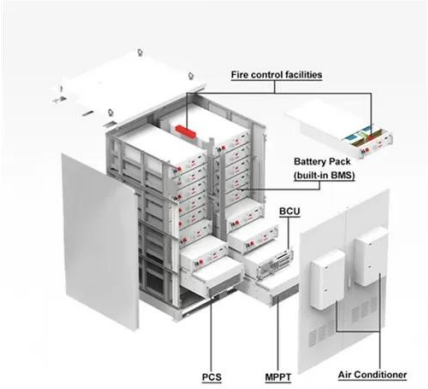

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