

Modern Energy Policy—Present Day

Fork in the Road

Michigan is at a crossroads. Renewable energy technology is now economically competitive, and our old power plants are retiring. If we rely on outdated policies to propel the state forward, residents may miss out on the potential of renewables, and Michigan won't be able to achieve a more sustainable, advanced energy system.

In the energy landscape we live in today, renewables are more cost-effective than ever. Technologies are advancing all the time, driving innovation in the supply of power. Environmental regulations and aging equipment are highlighting the need to replace some of our older energy-producing facilities over time.

All About Balance

Enacted in 2016, Public Acts 341 and 342 gave Michigan a new tool to fine-tune our patchwork energy policies, renewable portfolio standards, and distributed generation into a cohesive strategy to make sure Michiganders get thoughtful energy planning. That tool—integrated resource planning—can finally help us weigh our goals for energy generation: **affordability, reliability, adaptability, and environmental protection.**

This is a time of tremendous change, but it's also a time of opportunity. Michigan desires a clean energy future that residents can afford and rely on. One that adapts to innovation and new technologies, and one that can sustain our state for generations to come.

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING

