# Deployment

Clean energy is losing ground to local opposition every day. As of January 2023, [15% of counties](#) effectively banned new renewable energy projects. Clean Tomorrow works to support state reforms that allow responsibly designed projects to advance.

Clean energy deployment faces many barriers, but local restrictions and community opposition are [two of the top three reasons](#) clean energy projects are canceled. [In many cases](#), a handful of project opponents successfully weaponize the clean energy permitting process to block projects and deny their neighbors the benefits that these projects could provide.
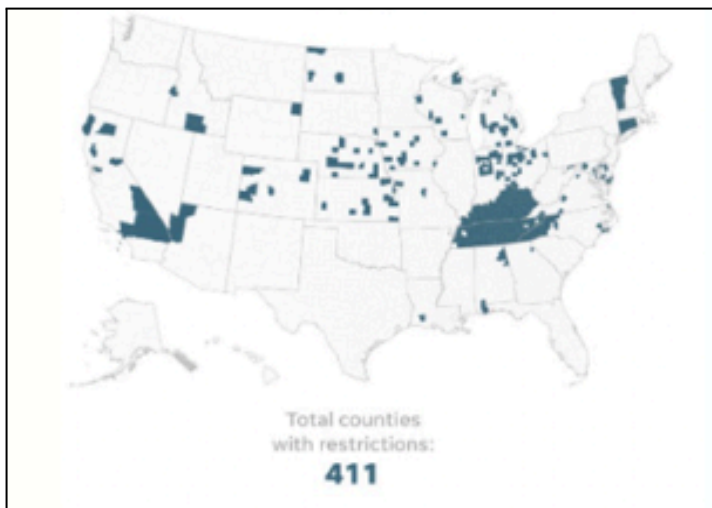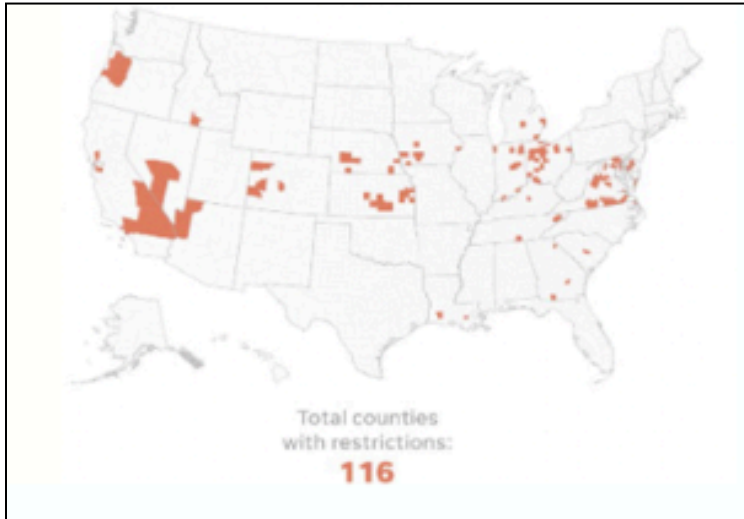

County Wind Restrictions
Source: [USA Today](#)

And yet, research consistently finds that a strong majority of Americans [want more clean energy](#), and a strong majority of neighbors of [wind](#) and [solar](#) projects seem to like them.

Ineffective siting policies — the rules under which large-scale wind, solar, and sometimes batteries receive state and local approvals — are now among the top barriers to affordable, reliable, and clean energy in the United States.

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Fortunately, [state](#) [legislatures](#) are [taking](#) [notice](#) and passing laws that improve how clean energy projects are sited. The best of these policies permit projects that capitalize on the reliability, affordability, and environmental benefits of clean energy and incorporate ample community input, meaningful economic benefits, and strong environmental protections

County Solar Restrictions, 2023
Source: [USA Today](#)

Clean Tomorrow supports state legislatures, clean energy advocates, communities, and others in navigating siting policy reforms. We are conducting rigorous analysis and stakeholder engagement to identify the most promising policies to maximize the benefits clean energy provides–for communities, the environment, and the electric grid. And since clean energy isn't political, we support a wide variety of stakeholders and state policymakers across the political spectrum.

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