Sample Land Use Planning **Process for Solar Energy** PC decides to prioritize solar energy development in community PC prepares notice of intent to Key interests to include: plan and sends to PC creates advisory Local developers; Utility entities in MCL committee to plan for representatives; 125.3839(2) solar and appoints Environmental; Large citizen members landowners; Fire and **Building Codes**; Homeowner/ **Identify** areas Identify Neighborhood receiving a min. of brownfields, associations: Historic 6 hrs of sunlight on airports, landfills, Preservation; Others Review current the winter solstice large rights of way, plans and and slopes within and other ordinances for 20-30 degrees of "marginal" lands conflicting policies due south or regulations Document electric Decide whether to transmission/ Document prime allow on-site use farm and forest distribution lines systems by right in lands (also and capacity all districts PA116, CFA) **Identify** areas Decide where to within 0.5-3 miles Identify parcels allow utility-scale of transmission/ of 2 acres or and community distribution lines more solar as permitted Document other land uses vs. local land use special land uses concerns PC prepares draft Analyze with plan including GIS to maps, goals, determine best objectives, and utility-scale sites policies PC holds public open PC revises plan house to share draft plan then reengages and engage public public PC holds public hearing per MCL This flowchart is not a substitute for 125.3843, adopts plan and sends to following the statutorily required process LB to endorse LB = Legislative Body for amending a master plan as detailed PC = Planning Commission in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act