

Siting Renewable Energy Projects to Qualify for Energy Community Bonus under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) included three bonus credits to increase transferrable tax credits for:

- Domestic Content: 10%
- Low-income Community: 10-20%
- Energy Community: 10%

What is an Energy Community?

Brownfield Site

- Includes existing state or federally recognized brownfield sites, or properties that have confirmed the presence of hazardous substances/pollutants through an assessment

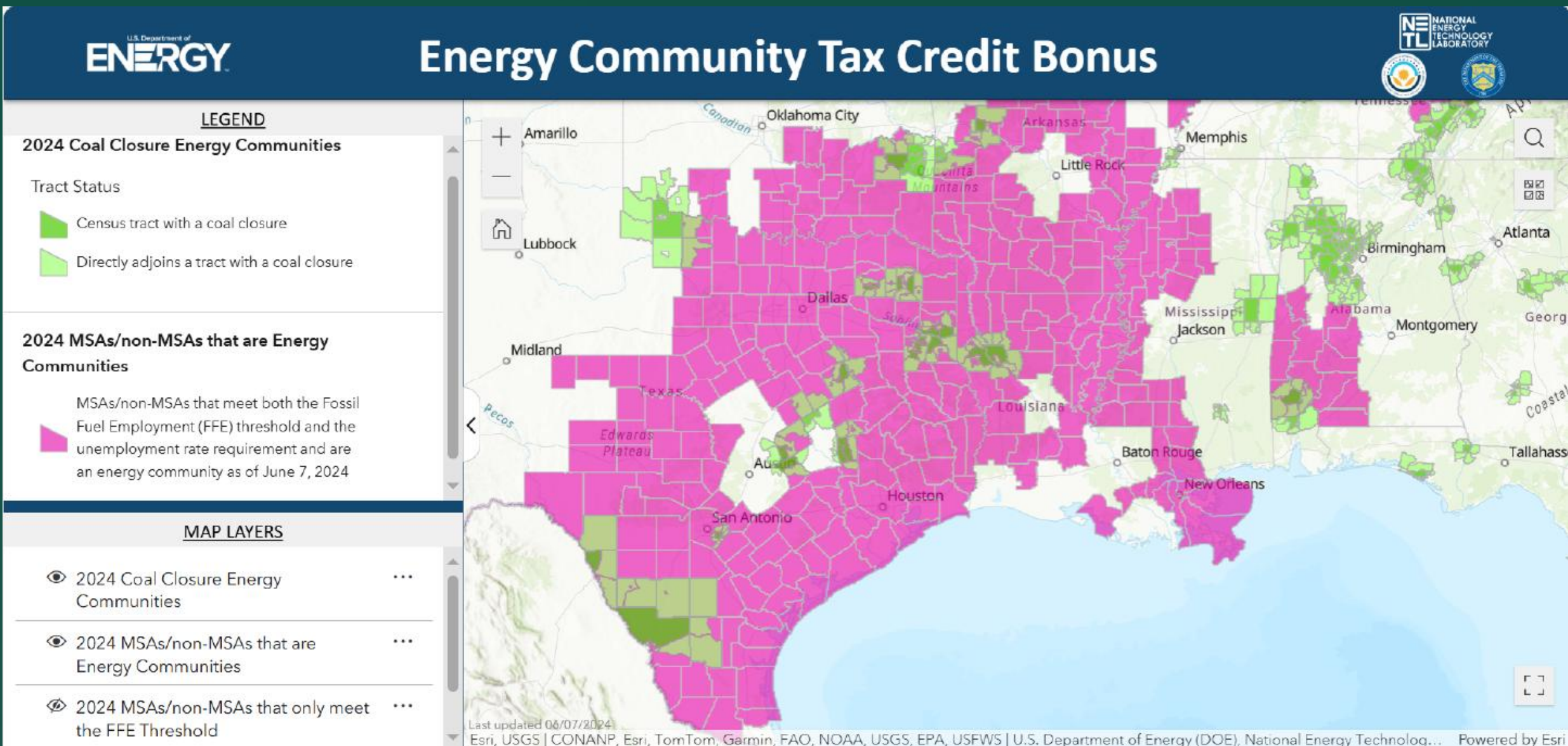
Statistical Area

- 0.17% or more direct employment or 25% or greater local tax revenue from coal, oil, or natural gas related businesses; **and**
- Unemployment rate at or above the national unemployment rate for the previous year

Census Tract

- Closed (>1999) Coal Mines or
- Retired (>2009) Coal-Fired generation stations

Include Energy Community Criteria in Your Site Prospecting Workflow



US Dept. of Energy
Community Energy Bonus Mapping Tool

Siting GIS Analysis:



UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 1/20/2025 suggests future IRA funding is unlikely

“Sec. 7. Terminating the Green New Deal. (a) All agencies shall **immediately pause** the disbursement of funds appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169)...”

- Tax credits (ITCs/PTCs) remain unaffected by the executive order.
- The IRA and IIJA are unchanged.
- Funds from the IRA and IIJA are still available but require OMB approval before disbursement.
- OMB approval was already required; the order just delays disbursements until appointees from the Trump administration review them.
- Only an act of Congress can eliminate funds appropriated by Congress.

Siting Criteria:

- WOTUS
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- T&E Species Critical Habitat
- Historic/Cultural Resources
- Point of Interconnection
- Topography
- Soils/Geology
- Land use/Zoning
- **Energy Community**

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References:
<https://energycommunities.gov/energy-community-tax-credit-bonus/>

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