Economic Benefits of Renewable Energy in Montana

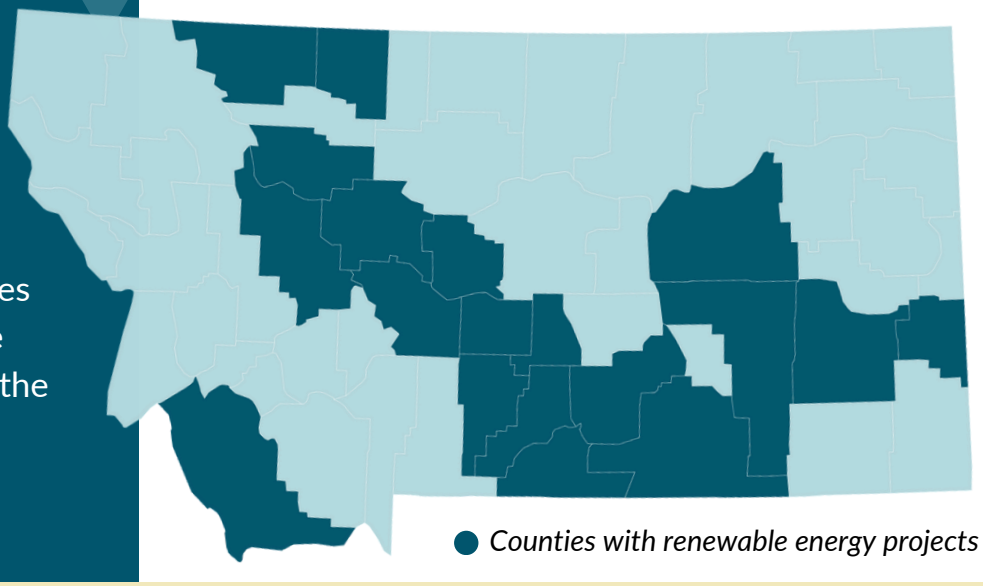
Renewable energy (utility-scale wind and solar) is a critical part of Montana's **energy economy.**

Each renewable energy project provides dependable **multi-decade tax revenue** that helps Montana counties improve the **quality of life** for their residents for **generations to come.**

Montana Counties with **renewable energy projects** have earned

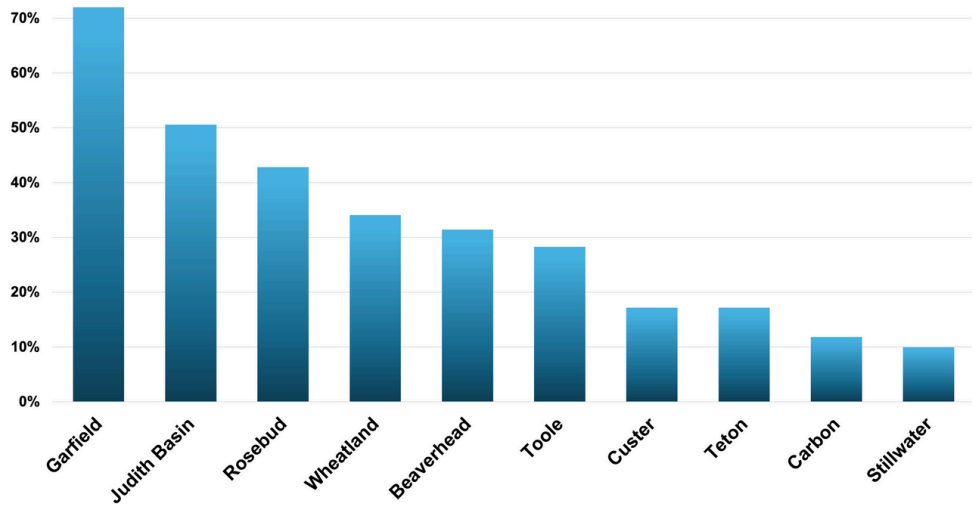
$143,076,840

since 2006 in tax revenue

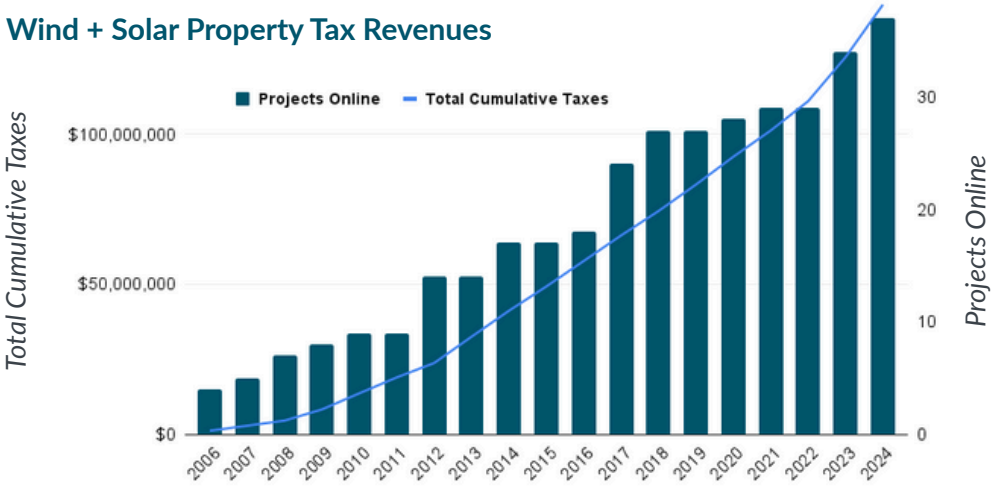


How Renewables Are Powering Public Revenue

Percent of Total 2024 Property Tax Revenue from Renewables by County



Wind + Solar Property Tax Revenues



72%

of **Garfield County's** total 2024 property tax revenue was from renewables

25%

of the total property tax revenue in the **counties with the 10 biggest renewable energy projects**, on average, came from renewable energy

96%

of **Carbon County's** 2024-2025 expenditure budget **could be covered by the revenue** it received from its renewable energy projects in 2024

MONTANA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY LANDSCAPE

24
utility-scale
wind projects

2
utility-scale
solar projects

19
of Montana's 56 counties
have operational renewable
energy projects

Montana's first renewable energy project, Two Dot Wind, went online in
2004

Montana's renewable energy sector has seen rapid growth over the last 15 years, with
78%
of all projects becoming operational since 2010

COMMUNITY IMPACT SPOTLIGHT:
Stillwater County

Renewable energy helps fund **vital community improvement projects**.

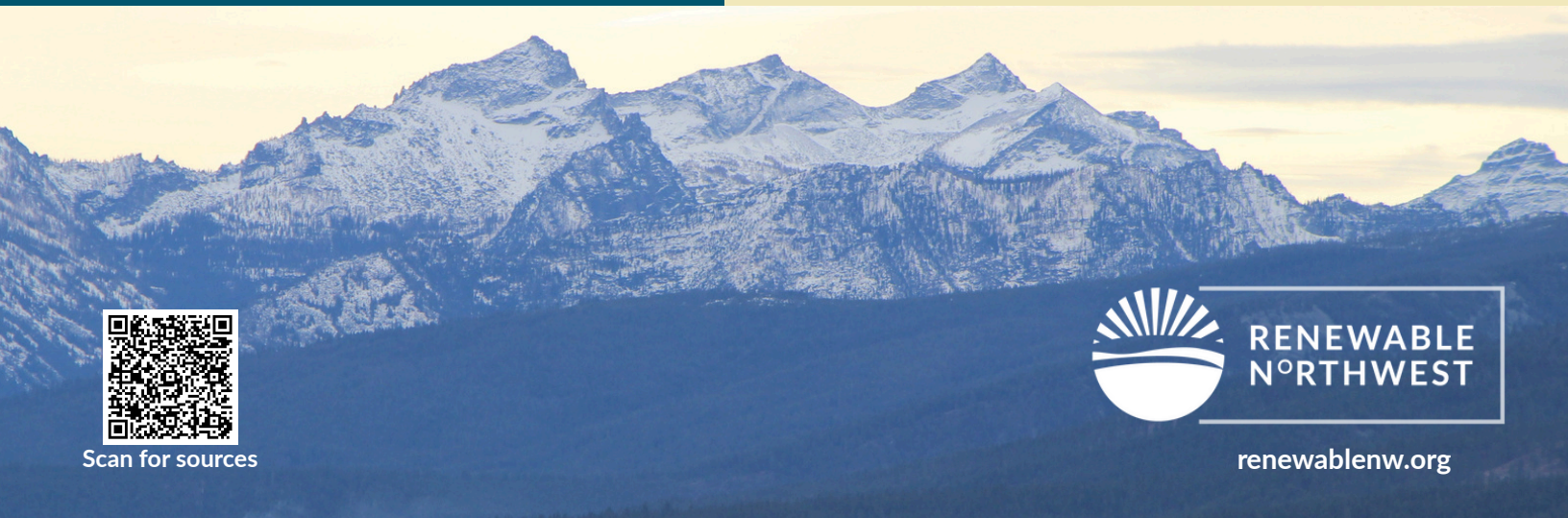
In just 2024, **Stillwater County received**
$1,117,747
in property tax revenue from its renewable energy projects.

That's enough revenue to cover the costs of
79% of the county's Community Improvement Plan priorities.

Notably, this revenue would be enough to cover
96% of the costs associated with:

- Completing identified paved road repairs;
- Updating the solid waste disposal system; and
- Repairing the Valley Creek Bridge

Renewable energy provides the electricity our homes and businesses need at affordable rates, while also transforming Montana's counties into **economic powerhouses with thriving communities.**



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