PVMapper: A Tool for Energy Siting

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Beta Version Release: An Open-Source GIS Utility-Scale Solar Siting Tool

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Agenda

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Project Objectives

- Develop an open source GIS-based PV project planning tool;
- Integrate the appropriate data sets/layers;
- Include social risk and public preferences;
- Provide a demo web site to run the tool, and a means for others to download the code; and
- Provide a sustainability plan to ensure future relevance of the tool.

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Potential End-Users

- Utility-Scale Solar Developers
- Utilities
- Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs)
- Data Providers
- Environmental Consultants
- Financiers
- Entrepreneurs

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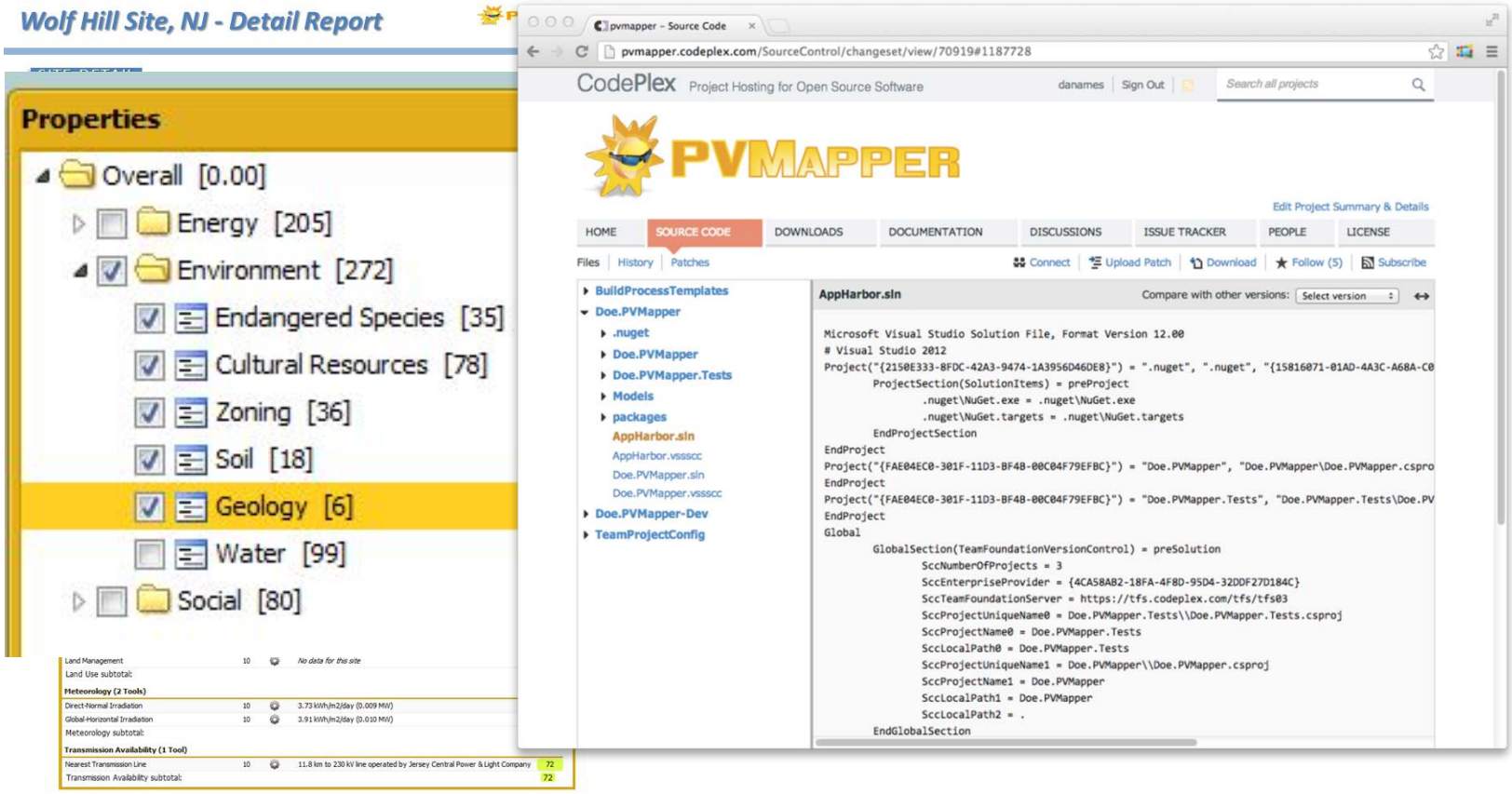
Wolf Hill Site, NJ - Detail Report



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Future Activities

- Booth # 970 “BSU Energy Policy Institute”
- Formal and informal Beta-Testers
- User Advisory Committee

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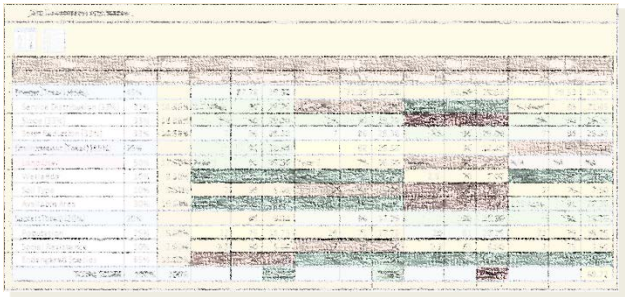
Live Demo



- Log in securely to PVMapper;
- Create a project;
- Draw potential sites for comparison in the project;
- View the scorecard with the “score” from each site;
- Add and remove map layers;
- Change the weights of variables to match custom needs;
- See how each of these changes affects the values reported on the scorecard; and
- Interpret the values on the scorecard.

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Future Development Activities

Near-term (Completion by Nov)

- Import User-owned GIS data layers (e.g., Ventyx, potential site polygons, etc.)
- Complete Metadata for all GIS layers, tools, and scoreboard calculations
- Reporting Tool – print PDF of comparison results, including metadata
- Export to KML

Additional Functionality

- Switch tools On/Off from the Scoreboard
- Save Utility Function and Weight Score Line to database
- Location name search
- Connection with PVWatts/SAM
- Multiple Projects (save, load, etc.) under single login

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