

Christina Martens, PLA



Experience

08/2022–Present

Director of Permitting & Environmental • Savion, LLC

07/2018–08/2022

Planning Lead & Manager • Environmental Consulting & Technology, LLC (ECT)

05/2009–Present

Zoning Administrator • Akron Township

Ms. Martens is a Michigan licensed landscape architect (PLA) with expertise in planning and local regulations, zoning ordinances, and local and state permitting. Her experience includes permitting and review of renewable energy, transmission, and other energy-related projects. Ms. Martens' background includes large-scale projects ranging from planning to zoning and permitting. She manages projects based on the client's desired outcomes and the municipalities' regulations. Ms. Martens is also experienced in the conceptual, site plan, and landscape plan design and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) wetland permitting. She has successfully permitted multiple utility-scale wind and solar projects throughout the Midwest region. The projects have involved local township conditional or special use permit approvals, local county approvals, and several state permits. In addition to the use permits, Ms. Martens has assisted with wetland permits, preliminary site plans, and landscape screening plans. She has a B.A. in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University with a minor in Environmental Studies. Ms. Martens has worked as the Director of Permitting & Environmental at Savion for the past two years, focusing on the northern mid-west solar projects, including Flickertail.

Previous Experience

Landscape Architect; Bay Landscaping, Inc.

Landscape Architect; Esch Landscaping LLC

Landscape Architect & Land Planner III; Atwell-Hicks

Landscape Designer; Robert Leighton Associates, Inc.

Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

B.L.A., Landscape Architecture

Presentations

American Clean Power Siting and Environmental Compliance Conference 2022 panelist. Ms. Martens was a chosen panelist that participated in the topic Navigating the Local Permitting Process for Solar and Wind Projects. Discussion around potential issues and solutions regarding local ordinance creation, community outreach, visual and screening potential, and permitting constraints.

Community Leadership

Ms. Martens has been serving as Akron Township's Zoning Administrator for over a decade. In this role, Ms. Martens has permitted two wind projects and associated infrastructure, manages the planning commission, the zoning board of appeals, handles daily zoning requests, and writes all township zoning permits.

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Credentials

- Michigan Licensed Landscape Architect, No. 1444
- Certified Natural Shoreline Professional, No. 368
- Certified Green Industry Professional, No. 1956

Areas of Expertise

- Zoning Ordinances
- Use Permitting
- Solar Project Permitting
- Wind Project Permitting
- Site Plan Designs
- Landscape Plans
- Wetland Permitting