Navigating the Hosting Capacity Map

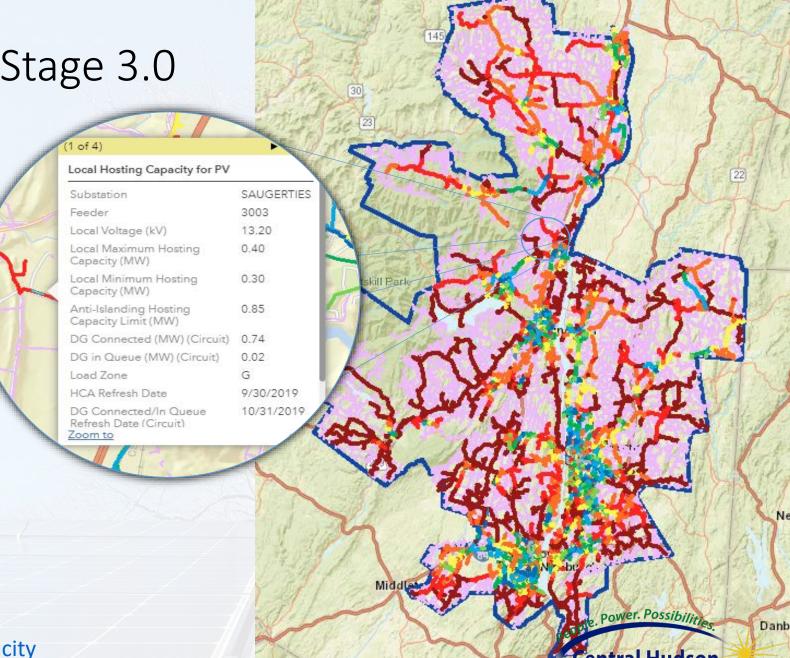
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Hosting Capacity Map – Stage 3.0

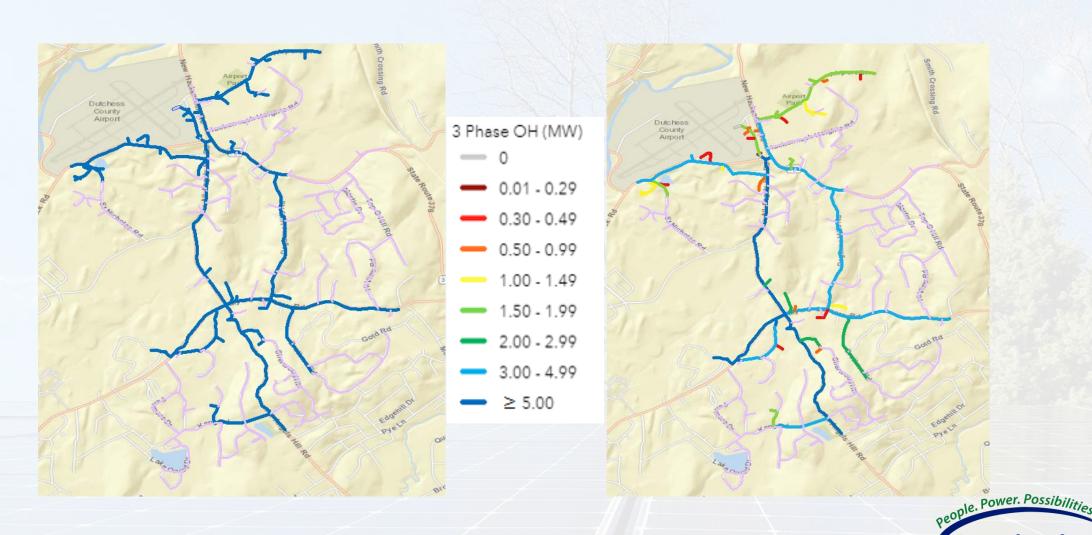
- Interactive online map
- Estimates amount of DER that can be accommodated at locations across Central Hudson's service territory.
- In October 2019, Stage
 3.0 Update went live



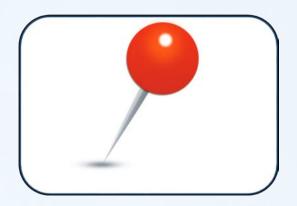
Hosting Capacity: Stage 3.0 (Nodal Analysis)

Stage 2.1 (10/1/2018)

Stage 3.0 (10/1/2019)



What Factors Affect Hosting Capacity?



Location



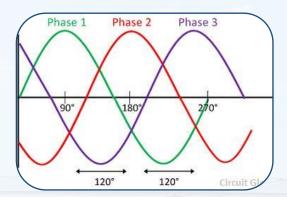
Circuit Loading



Conductor Size



Existing DG



Phasing



Voltage



Distribution Equipment



Protective
Devices

Protective

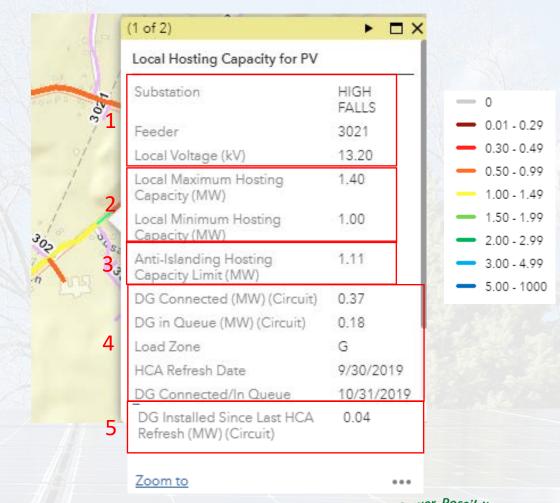
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Hosting Capacity Map Pop-Ups

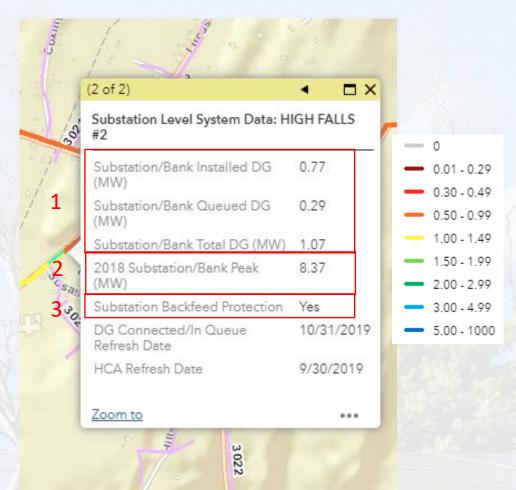
- 1. Substation Name, Feeder #, Voltage
- 2. Local Hosting Capacity Max / Min
 - Range of Hosting Capacity across adjacent same-colored segments
- 3. Anti-Islanding Hosting Capacity Limit
 - 2/3 of Feeder Daytime Minimum Load
 - Exceeding value will likely result in need for Anti-Islanding mitigation
- 4. DER Information
 - HCA Refresh Date = Date Hosting Capacity values were updated
 - DG Connected/In Queue = Date the DG values connected and in queue were updated (Monthly)
- 5. DG Installed Since Last HCA Refresh
 - High values can imply lower overall feeder hosting capacity than what is shown





Hosting Capacity Map Pop-Ups

- 1. DER Information on Substation Bank
- 2. Substation/Bank Peak Load
- 3. Substation Backfeed Protection
 - If 'No', 3V0 protection will be required if reverse flow is seen through substation transformer

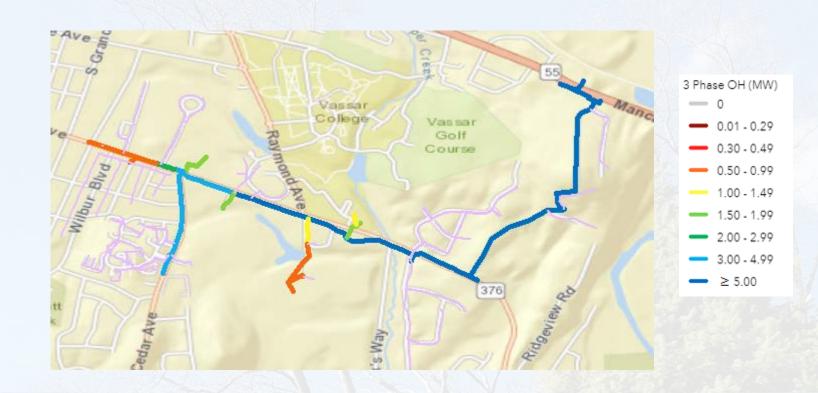




Example of a Strong Feeder

When looking for a "strong" feeder look for the following:

- 1. Slow drop-off of hosting capacity on mainline
- 2. High feeder head hosting capacity
- 3. Minimum hosting capacity > 0.5 MW



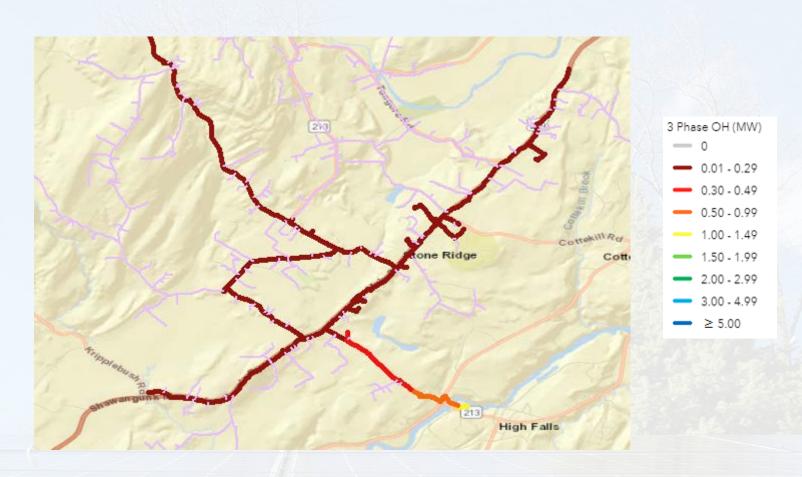


Example of a Weak Feeder

A weak feeder will have the following:

- 1. Quick drop-off of hosting capacity on mainline
- 2. Low feeder head hosting capacity

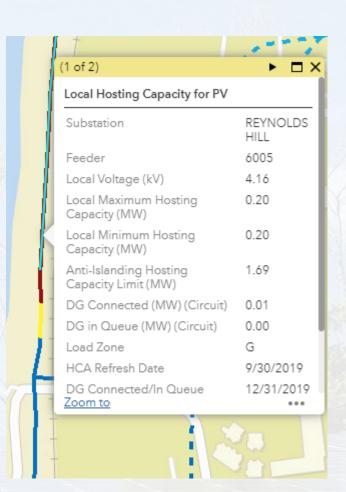
Attempting to interconnect a large DER system to a circuit such as this one will likely occur in high upgrade costs and possibly some downsizing





Final Tips - Navigating the Hosting Capacity Map

- 1. Always be attentive on the queued-ahead DER and DER interconnected since the most recent refresh
- 2. For all circuits, especially weaker ones, the further you are from the substation the higher risk there is for expensive upgrade costs
- 3. Any significant and immediate drop in hosting may identify the location of a stepdown transformer. You can check local voltage within the pop-up boxes to confirm.
- 4. If the location of a proposed system is off of a double circuit, you can use the hosting capacity map to see which circuit will give you the best chance of avoiding high upgrade costs.





Thank You

