

Battery Energy Storage Projects

Examples of positive and productive engagement with authorities having jurisdiction

This compilation presents the strongest examples located in Green Bridge's Outlook correspondence of municipal planning, zoning, fire-code, and emergency-response officials engaging constructively on proposed battery energy storage projects. The examples show early outreach, responsive information sharing, clear identification of requirements, cross-departmental coordination, and willingness to continue working through project development.

Selected examples

JURISDICTION	PRIMARY EVIDENCE
[REDACTED]	Interdepartmental review, advance questions, information sharing, and prompt follow-up after the meeting.
[REDACTED]	Detailed zoning classification and written confirmation that Business Use #29 is allowed by right in MG-0.5.
[REDACTED] County, [REDACTED]	Fire Marshal staff recognized Green Bridge's safety and transparency and coordinated a streamlined fire-code and engineering review.
[REDACTED] County, [REDACTED]	Fire Marshal provided actionable NFPA 855, access, emergency-plan, training, and permitting guidance and welcomed the project.
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] County,	Responding fire chief supplied a concise list of responder needs and established a path for later-stage coordination.

Important limitation: These excerpts demonstrate constructive engagement; they are not final permits, approvals, or endorsements. Original complete messages remain in Green Bridge's Outlook records and should be retained as the authoritative source.

EXAMPLE 1

City of [REDACTED] Interdepartmental Review

JURISDICTION	City of [REDACTED]
AHJ CONTACT	[REDACTED] Planning Analyst, Planning and Regulatory Services
DATES	July 21-23, 2026
SUBJECT	IRT Request - [REDACTED] BESS at [REDACTED]

Why this is strong evidence

City staff used the interdepartmental review process to gather project information before the meeting, circulated Green Bridge's technical materials to participating departments, asked focused operational questions, and provided written follow-up immediately after the meeting. The exchange reflects an orderly pre-application process and open communication across municipal disciplines.

Selected correspondence

[REDACTED] - July 22, 2026

"This is super helpful thank you - we will distribute ahead of the meeting tomorrow. So you can prepare, some of the questions we have are around your operations so you can hopefully address [them] in your overview of the project at the beginning of the meeting."

[REDACTED] - July 23, 2026

"The smaller footprint doesn't really change any of our comments or zoning compliance standards, it is just preferred to have as compact a footprint as possible with other uses on that site."

[REDACTED] - July 23, 2026

"If we gain any insight for you, we will definitely share any clarity of uses/setbacks/etc as soon as possible. Thanks again for your time today."

Demonstrated outcome

Green Bridge completed a substantive municipal pre-application meeting, responded promptly to staff questions, and received clear follow-up guidance supporting continued design and permitting work.

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EXAMPLE 2

City of [REDACTED] Zoning Guidance

JURISDICTION	City of [REDACTED]
AHJ CONTACT	[REDACTED] Zoning and Land Use Coordinator
DATES	August 5 and September 1, 2026
SUBJECT	Use Determination Request and Project Narrative: [REDACTED] Battery Project

Why this is strong evidence

The zoning coordinator reviewed the proposed standalone BESS, identified the applicable use classification and dimensional framework, explained potential site-plan thresholds, and then confirmed the by-right status in writing. He also provided the process for obtaining a formal Zoning Determination Form response, which Green Bridge subsequently pursued.

Selected correspondence

[REDACTED] - August 5, 2026

"The Use Classification for this project (Per Table 4.1) is: Business Use #29: Wholesale business or storage conducted entirely within an enclosed structure, excluding self-storage (with noise, dust, fumes, gases and odors confined to the premises). This would be a primary use for the parcel and would be subject to the underlying zone's dimensional standards, per Table 4.2 of the Zoning Ordinance."

[REDACTED] - August 5, 2026

"There are two potential thresholds at play (Per Table 5.1): The 10,000 S.F. of earth disturbance (as measured by proposed Site Plan measurements) and 15% slope trigger, as determined by Registered Land Surveyor's topographical analysis."

[REDACTED] - September 1, 2026

"Yes. Business use #29 is an allowed use by right in MG-0.5."

[REDACTED] - September 1, 2026

"You may submit your inquiries for use determinations to [REDACTED] or myself via submitting a fully populated Zoning Determination Form (ZDF) to myself; with the narrative section completed and all relevant attachments included."

Demonstrated outcome

The correspondence produced a clear zoning theory, a written by-right-use statement, and an identified path to formalize that guidance through the City's ZDF process.

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EXAMPLE 3

County Fire Marshal Coordination

JURISDICTION	Unincorporated County,
AHJ CONTACTS	Executive Assistant Chief; Chief, Prevention Inspections Services
DATE	January 28, 2026
SUBJECT	Battery energy storage project requirements

Why this is strong evidence

The County Fire Marshal's Office responded affirmatively to early outreach, recognized Green Bridge's engagement as evidence of safety and transparency, and connected the project team with the appropriate prevention and engineering personnel. The follow-up clarified the governing fire-code edition and supplied a direct path for questions and permitting coordination.

Selected correspondence

- January 28, 2026

"Although engaging the Fire Departments shows your company's commitment to safety and transparency, I would also want to make sure that you are engaged with our offices to ensure a streamlined approach."

- January 28, 2026

"We have worked with other battery energy storage companies over the past year and have a good handle on the partnership. Thank you and we look forward to working with your company."

- January 28, 2026

"Thank you for reaching out and for your interest in collaborating with us on your battery energy storage project. It's great to meet you, and I look forward to working together."

- January 28, 2026

"Our office does not use the IFC-2018. Instead, we adhere to the 2021 IFC along with our adopted amendments... I would like to loop in from our Engineering Department, as she will be essential for the permitting process... We look forward to working with you on this project and ensuring everything runs smoothly."

Demonstrated outcome

The AHJ expressly characterized Green Bridge's approach as safety-focused and transparent and established coordinated Fire Marshal and Engineering review channels.

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EXAMPLE 4

County Fire and Planning Coordination

JURISDICTION	County and the City of rural response area,
AHJ CONTACT	County Fire Marshal
DATE	July 10, 2026
SUBJECT	BESS Project Near

Why this is strong evidence

The county fire marshal provided project-specific installation and emergency-response expectations, identified the responding fire department, directed Green Bridge to the county permitting office, and included senior fire and planning officials to support coordinated review. The response was both technically actionable and expressly welcoming.

Selected correspondence

- July 10, 2026

"The County Fire Marshal's Office asks that you follow the current NFPA 855 standard for installation of Energy Storage Systems. One of the requirements for the site will be that the entrance (20 ft) and the perimeter around the systems be constructed with compacted caliche/gravel or other material that will make it driveable in all weather conditions."

- July 10, 2026

"We also ask that you provide us with an Emergency Response Plan and that training be conducted with the responding/corresponding Fire Department down the road. A Knox box keyed to the FD Key will be required at the gate door."

- July 10, 2026

"I ask that you reach out to the County Planning Department for a permit application. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to this project. I've included Chief Deputy and Planning Director in this email."

Demonstrated outcome

Green Bridge obtained a concrete, cross-departmental roadmap covering design access, NFPA 855, emergency planning, responder training, gate access, and the county permit application.

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EXAMPLE 5

City of ██████ Emergency-Response Coordination

JURISDICTION	City of ██████ response area, ██████ County, ██████
AHJ CONTACT	██████████ Fire Chief and Fire Marshal
DATE	September 29, 2026
SUBJECT	Planned Utility Energy Storage System in ██████████ (County)

Why this is strong evidence

Green Bridge contacted the responding fire department early in project diligence and received a concise description of the department's role and expectations. The exchange established that state fire-marshal requirements would govern while preserving a clear channel for responder training and emergency planning as construction approaches.

Selected correspondence

██████████ - September 29, 2026

"As for fire code, we don't have jurisdiction there, so you will need to comply with the state fire marshal's requirements. We are the responders for that area. All we ask for is training, your emergency plans and contacts, and any equipment we may need for a response."

██████████ Green Bridge - September 29, 2026

"Thank you, Chief Hines. This is very helpful. We will be back in touch in 2027 as we approach project construction."

Demonstrated outcome

The correspondence clarified jurisdictional responsibility and documented the responding department's practical needs, giving Green Bridge a defined basis for later-stage emergency-response coordination.

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