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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING

PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: January 12th, 2023

Application: CU 2337

Applicant: Community Power Group, LLC

Michael Borkowski 5636 Connecticut Ave Washington, DC 20015

Owner: Reed Properties

PO Box 216

Milton, DE 19968

Site Location: Located on the north side of Beach Highway (Route 16), approximately

0.20 mile east of Dupont Boulevard (Route 113).

Current Zoning: General Commercial (C-1) District and Agricultural Residential (AR-1)

Zoning District

Proposed Use: 4 MW Community Solar Facility

Comprehensive Land

Use Plan Reference: Developing Area

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District: Ms. Green

School District: Milford School District

Fire District: Ellendale Fire Co.

Sewer: N/A

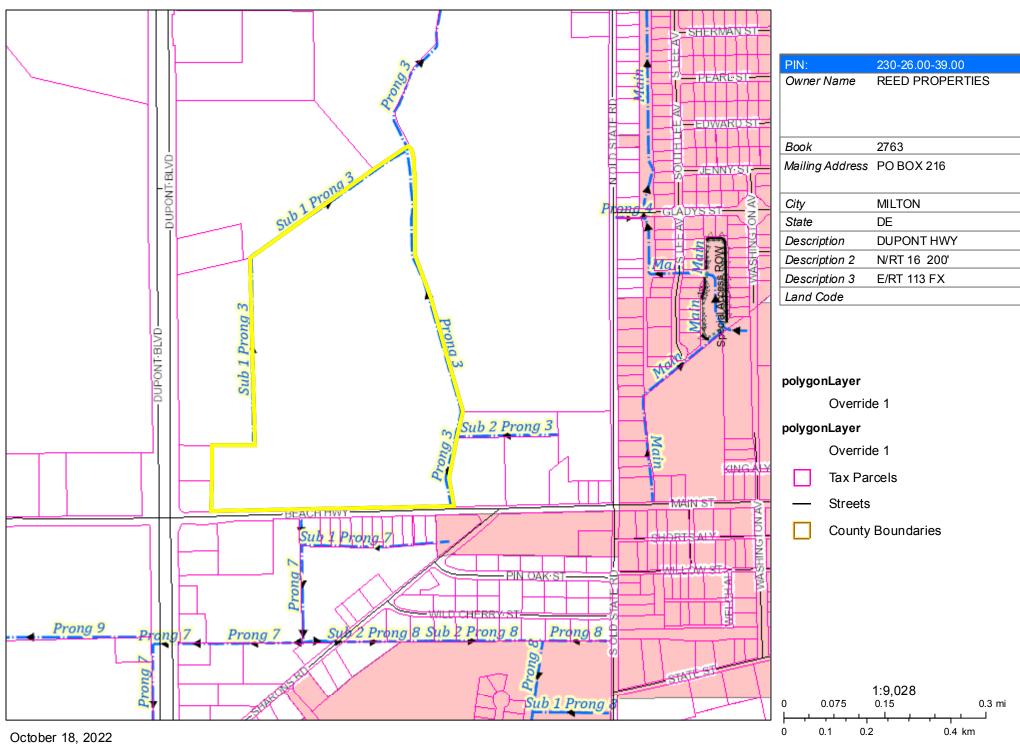
Water: N/A

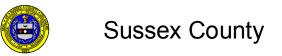
Site Area: 52.23

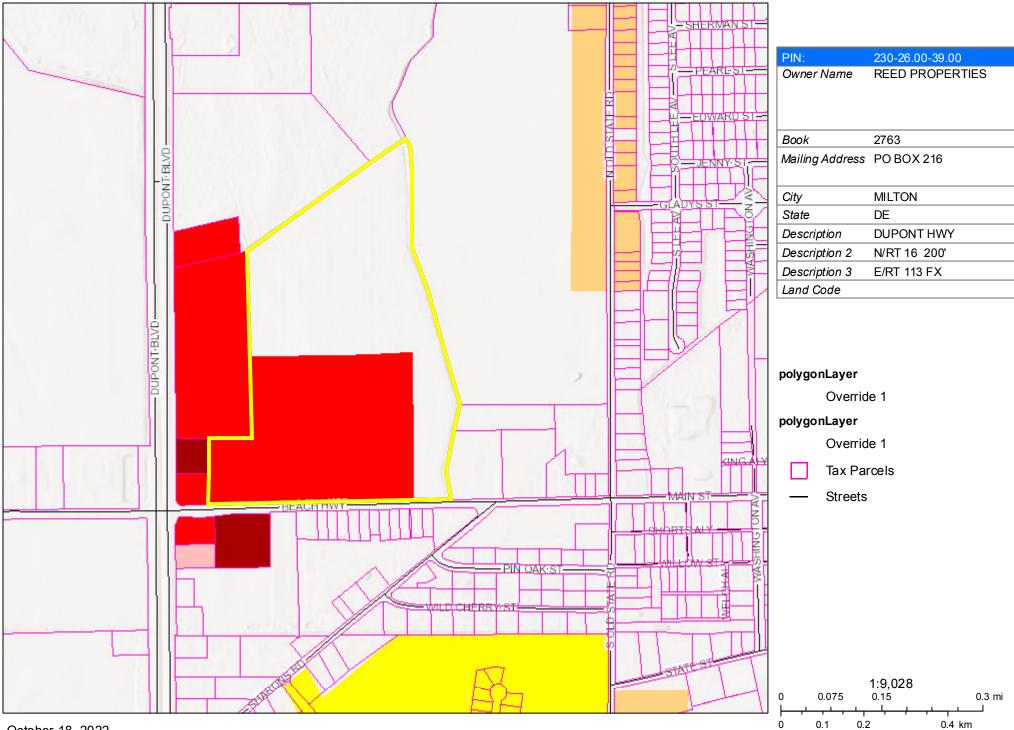
Tax Map ID.: 230-26.00-39.00













Sussex County



PIN:	230-26.00-39.00
Owner Name	REED PROPERTIES
Book	2763
Mailing Address	PO BOX 216
City	MILTON
State	DE
Description	DUPONT HWY
Description 2	N/RT 16 200'
Description 3	E/RT 113 FX
Land Code	

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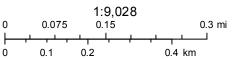
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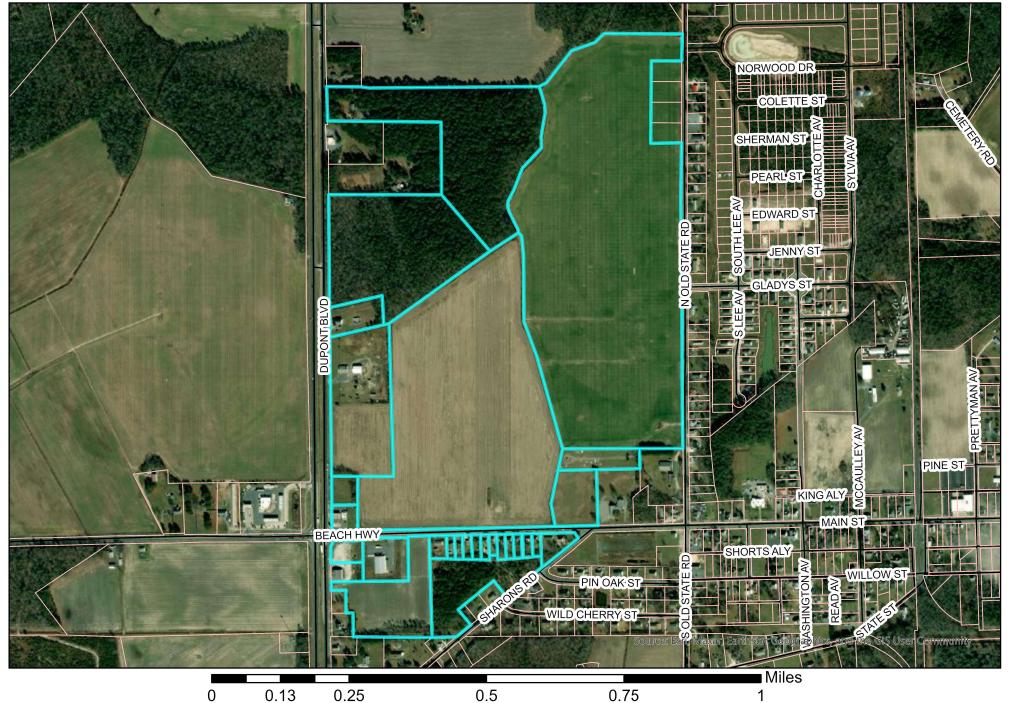


Name	Owner Name	Second Owner Name	Mailing Address	City	State	Zipcode
230-26.00-39.01	WHITE WATER ENTERPRISE LLC		22482 CAMP ARROWHEAD RD	LEWES	DE	19958
230-26.00-36.00	JKJ PROPERTIES LLC		16889 N MAIN ST	BRIDGEVILLE	DE	19933
230-26.16-5.00	CLENDANIEL CHARLES R SR		PO BOX 177	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-11.00	STEVENS TASHA MARIE		18144 BEACH HIGHWAY	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-8.00	WHALEY ANN		4546 N. GRATZ ST.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19140
230-26.16-7.00	ZEIDERS CHRYSTAL M		18118 BEACH HWY	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.00-105.00	SHORTS THOMAS	CHARLES COTTMAN	4003K NORTH SAGAMORE DR	MILFORD	DE	19963
230-26.16-6.00	VELAZQUEZ MOISES		PO BOX 692	MILLSBORO	DE	19966
230-26.00-37.00	GAREY ROBERT F LINDA S		4191 HOPKINS CEMETERY RD	FELTON	DE	19943
230-26.00-41.00	WWB PROPERTIES LLC	DAB PROPERTIES LLC	406 WALTER STREET	GEORGETOWN	DE	19947
230-26.00-40.00	BAKER WILSON INC		PO BOX 250	MILTON	DE	19968
230-26.00-35.02	WALIUS BURTON P	DAWNA LEE WALIUS	12361 DUPONT BLVD	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.00-34.00	WALIUS THEODORE H		12303 DUPONT BLVD	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-12.00	FERNANDEZ JOSE A		511 MAIN ST	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-10.00	PARKER ROSE & JASON & THOMAS E &	JACQUELYN PRICE	14452 S OLD STATE RD	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-9.00	WHALEY ANNA		4546 N GRATZ ST	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19140
230-26.16-4.00	MAY FRANCES	%FRANCES DAVIS	18098 BEACH HWY	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-3.00	GUNGOR MUAMMER		18092 BEACH HIGHWAY	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-2.00	DEBROSSE SABINE		18086 BEACH HWY	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.00-37.01	CHURCH MOUNT ZION A M E		PO BOX 194	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-13.00	CHURCH MOUNT ZION A M E		PO BOX 194	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.00-105.01	STEVENS TASHA MARIE		18144 BEACH HWY	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.16-1.00	WESCOTT ANNIE M		12701 FLETCHERTOWN ROAD	BOWIE	MD	20720
230-26.00-102.01	MITCHELL SHARON	RAY WOOTEN	10783 DUPONT BLVD	LINCOLN	DE	19960
230-26.00-100.00	REED JEFFREY S & JUDITH V	REED	17129 WEBBS RD	ELLENDALE	DE	19941
230-26.00-102.00	SURO HOLDINGS LLC		23 BUCKINGHAM DR	EAST BRUNSWICK	NJ	8816



Mailing List Exhibit Map C/U 2337 Community Power Group, LLC 230-26.00-39.00





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JAMIE WHITEHOUSE, AICP MRTPI

PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR (302) 855-7878 T

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Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members

From: Mx. Jesse Lindenberg, Planner I

CC: Mr. Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney and Applicant

Date: November 3rd, 2022

RE: Staff Analysis for C/U 2337 Community Power Group, LLC

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of application C/U 2337 Community Power Group, LLC to be reviewed during the November 17th, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting. This analysis should be included in the record of this application and is subject to comments and information that may be presented during the public hearing.

The request is for a Conditional Use for Tax Parcel: 230-26.00-39.00 to allow for a 4MW solar farm. The property is located on the north side of Beach Highway (Rt. 16), approximately 0.20 mile east of Dupont Boulevard (Rt. 113). The parcel is comprised of a total area of 52.23 acres +/- and the solar farm is to be located on an approximately 25.327 +/- acre portion.

Comprehensive Plan Analysis

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework of how land is to be developed. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, a Future Land Use Map is included to help determine how land should be zoned to ensure responsible development. The Future Land Use Map in the plan indicates that the parcel has a designation of "Developing Area". The adjacent parcels to the north, east, and west have a designation of "Developing Area." The parcels to the south, across Beach Highway (Rt. 16), also have a designation of "Developing Area."

As outlined within the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, Developing Areas are newer, emerging growth areas that demonstrate the characteristics of developmental pressures. A range of housing types are appropriate in Developing Areas, including single family homes, townhouses, and multi-family units. In selected areas and at appropriate intersections, commercial uses should be allowed. A variety of office uses would be appropriate in many areas. Portions of the Developing Areas with good road access and few nearby homes should allow for business and industrial parks. Appropriate mixed-use development should also be allowed.

Zoning Information

The subject property is dual zoned General Commercial (C-1) District and Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District. The adjacent properties to the west are zoned General Commercial (C-1) District, Commercial Residential (CR-1) District. The adjacent properties to the north and east are zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District. The properties to the south, across Beach Highway (Rt. 16), are zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District, General Commercial (C-1) District, Commercial Residential (CR-1) District and one is under the Town of Ellendale's jurisdiction.



Existing Conditional Uses within the Vicinity of the Subject Site

Since 2011, there have been two (2) Conditional Use applications within a one (1) mile radius of the application site. The first application is Conditional Use No. 2172 Iris Downing to allow for a transitional/boarding house within an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. The Application was approved by the Sussex County Council at their meeting of Tuesday, April 16th, 2019, and the change was adopted through Ordinance No. 2649. The second application is Conditional Use No. 2192 Napoleon Hernandez, Thomas and Judy Munce to amend the conditions of CU 1979 to allow for a night club and an electronic message center within an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. The Application was denied by the Sussex County Council at their meeting of Tuesday, October 29th, 2019.

Based on the analysis of the land use, surrounding zoning and uses, the Conditional Use to allow for the placement of a solar farm in this location, subject to considerations of scale and impact, could be considered as being consistent with the land use, area zoning and surrounding uses.

File #: <u>LU 2337</u> 202200268

Planning & Zoning Commission Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

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Zoning Map Amendment		
Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoni	ng Map Amendme	nt
18019 Beach Highway, Ellendale, DE 19941	•	n 1
Type of Conditional Use Requested: 4MW Community solar facility	p (Since or	
Тах Мар #: 230-26.00-39.00	posteja de mark	Size of Parcel(s): 52.23 acres
Current Zoning: CI/AR1 Propose	ed Zoning: CI/AR1	Size of Building: ~35 acre solar facility
Land Use Classification: County Parcel V	lewer land code: FG	
Water Provider: N/A	Sewe	er Provider: N/A
Applicant Information		8
Applicant Name: Community Power Grou	p, LLC (Michael Borke	owski, President)
Applicant Address: 5636 Connecticut Ave	., #42729	
City: Washington	State: D.C.	ZipCode: 20015
Phone #: (202) 844-6423	E-mail: mbork	woski@communitypowergroup.com
Owner Information		• • • • • • • • •
Owner Name: Reed Properties (Blake & D	onna Reed)	
Owner Address: PO BOX 216		
City: Milton	State: DE	Zip Code: 19968
Phone #: (302) 684-2981 '	E-mail: blake	@reed-trucking.com
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Informatio		
		nity Power Group Project Manager
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Address: <u>56</u>		
City: Washington	State: <u>DC</u>	Zip Code: 20015
Phone #: <u>(202) 844-6429</u>	E-mail: whitne	y@communitypowergroup.com





Check List for Sussex County Planning & Zoning Applications The following shall be submitted with the application

<u></u>	Completed Application		
/	Provide eight (8) copies of the Site	o Blan as Survey of the assessment	
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Solar Lease Area Beach Highway - Ellendale

ALL that certain lease area, situate in Cedar Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, lying adjacent to the northern side of Beach Highway, being all of the Lease Area as shown on a plan entitled "Solar Farm Lease area for the benefit of Community Power Group" prepared by Steven M. Adkins Land Surveying, LLC and is more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at southwestern most corner of the lease area, said point lying on the lands of Reed Properties, said point of beginning is further referenced as the following (3) courses and distances from the remote point of beginning 1) N 61°05'22" W, a tie distance of 111.14' to a found capped iron rod, being a common boundary corner between the parent parcel and the lands of White Water Enterprise, LLC; Thence continuing with the White Water lands, 2) S 89°31'24" W, a distance of 265.19' to a point in a ditch, being a common boundary corner between the parent parcel, the White Water lands, and the lands of Baker Wilson, INC.; Thence turning and running in part with the Wilson lands and in part with the lands of WWB Properties, LLC 3) S 00°22'55" E, a distance of 420.24' to the remote point of beginning, being a common boundary corner between the parent parcel and the WWB lands, said point being located on the northern right of way line of Beach Road (SR 16-50' wide), said remote point of beginning being 149.4'+/- in an eastern direction from the day light corner associated with the eastern right of way line of U.S. RT 113 (200' wide); Thence leaving said point of beginning and running through the Reed Properties lands along the following (7) courses and distances, 1) N 00°26'22" W, a distance of 1,134.96' to a point; Thence, 2) N 55°30'48" E, a distance of 940.01' to a point; Thence, 3) S 01°43'42" E, a distance of 538.43' to a point; Thence, 4) S 17°27'31" E, a distance of 251.49' to a point; Thence, 5) S 01°04'14" E, a distance of 559.35' to a point, said point being S 71°40'00" E, and a distance of 318.52' along a tie line to a common boundary corner between the parent parcel and the lands of Robert & Linda Garey; Thence, 6) S 55°58'34" W, a distance of 570.78' to a point; Thence, 7) S 88°28'55" W, a distance of 395.33' to the point and place of beginning, containing 25.327 Acres of land, more or less.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

P.O. BOX 778

DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

NICOLE MAJESKI SECRETARY

November 15, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Community Power Group, LLC** proposed land use application, which we received on November 5, 2021. This application is for an approximately 52.23-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 230-26.00-39.00). The subject land is located on the north side of Beach Highway (State Route 16) about 250 feet east of the intersection with DuPont Boulevard (US Route 113). The subject land is currently split zoned C-1 (General Commercial) and GR (General Residential), the applicant seeks a conditional use approval to build a community solar farm.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual and summer average daily traffic volumes along Beach Highway from Old State Road (Sussex Road 213) to DuPont Highway, are 6,935 and 8,917 vehicles per day, respectively.

Based on our review, we estimate that the above land use will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day. This number of trips is below DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. DelDOT's regulations specify the minimum TIS warrants as 50 vehicle trips in any hour and/or 500 vehicle trips per day. Because the proposed land use would generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day, we consider the development's traffic impact to be **diminutive** in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as diminutive with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is diminutive in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 November 15, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

J. William Brochonbrough, J

County Coordinator

Development Coordination

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cc: Community Power Group, LLC, Applicant

Elliot Young, Sussex County Planning & Zoning

David Edgell, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues

Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination

Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations

Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination

Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations

Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

TO:		Jamie Whitehouse				
REVIEWER:		Chris Calio				
DATE:		10/25/2022				
APPL	ICATION:	CU 2337 Community Power Group, LLC				
APPLICANT:		Community Power Group, LLC				
FILE	NO:	ELS-10.0				
	MAP & CEL(S):	230-26.00-39.00				
LOCATION:		Lying on the north side of Beach Highway (Route 16), approximately 0.20 mile east of DuPont Boulevard (Route 113).				
NO. C	OF UNITS:	4 MW Community Solar Facility				
GROS ACRE	SS EAGE:	52.23				
SYST	EM DESIGN	ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: 4				
SEW	ER:					
(1).	Is the project district?	in a County operated and maintained sanitary sewer and/or water No □				
	a. If yes, see question (2).b. If no, see question (7).					
(2).	Which County Tier Area is project in? Tier 1					
(3).	ls wastewate available? N	er capacity available for the project? Yes If not, what capacity is IA .				
(4).	Is a Construction Agreement required? Yes If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.					

Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? N/A If

If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is **Unified \$6,600.00** per EDU. Please contact **Blair Lutz** at **302-855-7719** for additional information on

yes, how many? N/A. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? N/A

(5).

charges.

- (6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? N/A
 □ Attached is a copy of the Policy for Extending District Boundaries in a Sussex County Water and/or Sanitary Sewer District.
 (7). Is project adjacent to the Unified Sewer District? N/A
- (8). Comments: Click or tap here to enter text.
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? **Yes, Contact Utility Planning** at 302-855-7370 to apply
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? Yes
- (11). <u>All residential roads must meet or exceed Sussex County minimum design</u> standards.

UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL:

John J. Ashman

Sr. Manager of Utility Planning & Design Review

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E.

Lisa Walls Blair Lutz

Jesse Lindenberg

From:

Robinson, Samantha (DNREC) <Samantha.Robinson@delaware.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 11:22 AM

To: Cc: Jesse Lindenberg Jamie Whitehouse

Subject:

RE: Contact Form: Environmental Reviews re: Solar in Sussex County

Attachments:

Sussex County Upcoming Solar Projects_032222.xlsx

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Good morning Jamie and Jesse,

Attached is your spreadsheet with upcoming solar projects and the species and habitat records we found at these project locations.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Sam

Sam Robinson, Ph.D. (she/her)
Program Manager for Avian Conservation

Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife 6180 Hay Point Landing Rd Smyrna, DE 19977 Office: (302) 735-8667 Cell: (302) 505-2936



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From: Jesse Lindenberg < jesse.lindenberg@sussexcountyde.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:52 AM

To: Robinson, Samantha (DNREC) <Samantha.Robinson@delaware.gov> **Subject:** RE: Contact Form: Environmental Reviews re: Solar in Sussex County

Hello Sam,

Jamie asked me to collect a list of our upcoming solar project applications for you. I've attached an excel spreadsheet here for you. Please let me know if there is any other information you would like!

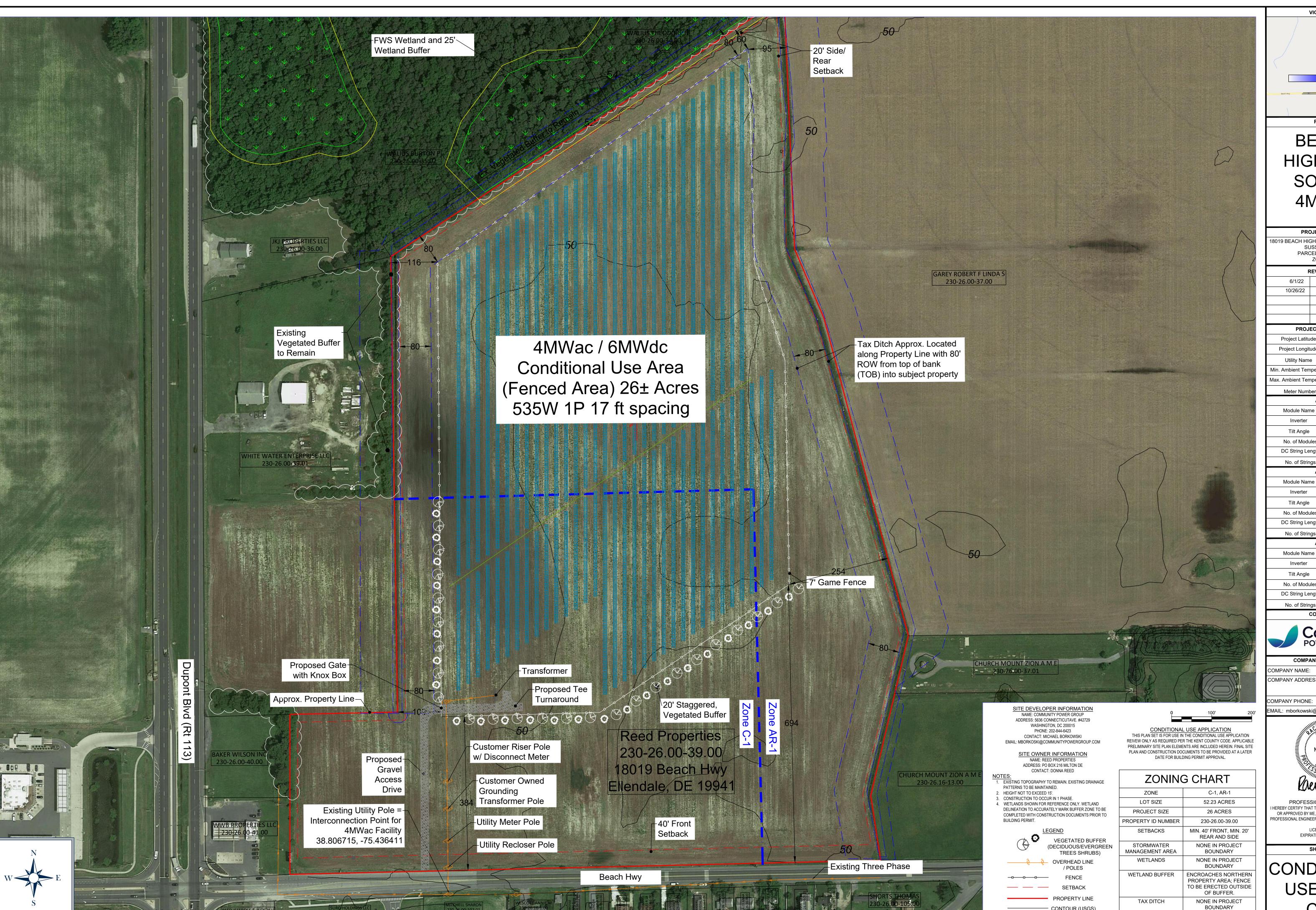
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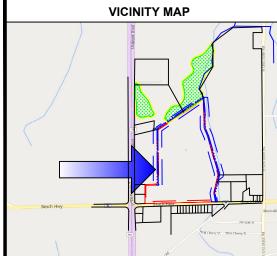
Jesse Lindenberg (they/he)

Planner I

Sussex County Government

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DFW Species/Habitat Hits	KWH Non-tidal coastal plain stream bordering W of parcel	KWH Non-tidal coastal plain stream bordering W of two parcels	Protected Species: Bald Eagle Nest E of parcel, within 660 buffer. Latest status - empty. Protected Area: Within 1/2 mile of State Wildlife Management Area	None	DEN and Freshwater forested wetlands on forested portion of parcel	KWH Non-tidal coastal plain stream passes	Potential mature forest and forested wetlands on forested portion of parcel	Rare Species: Northern Lance (Elliptio fisherions, S.). Alewife Indeate (Annodonta implicate, S.). Alewife Indeate (Annodonta implicate, S.). adjacent to site Habitat: K.V.H. Non-cidal coastal plain stream adjacent to site Protected Area: Adjacent to State Wildlife Management Area	KWH Non-tidal coastal plain stream bordering E of parcel; Freshwater forested/shrub wetland bordering N of parcel	KWH Non-tidal coastal plain stream bordering NE of parcel	DEN on NW portion of parcel	KWH Non-tidal coastal plain stream	TRC 2020 Broom Freshwater forested/shrub wetlands Solar Project bordering parcel
ER Project	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	DUFF 2021 Sussex County Solar Generation	NA	NA	NA	STAN 2021 Freeman Solar Project (Only included seven parcels)	TRC 2020 Broon Solar Project
Application Pard Date	2/23/2022	2/23/2022	2/7/2022	2/7/2022	2/7/2022	1/18/2022	1/18/2022	1/18/2022	1/11/2022	1/11/2022	11/24/2021	7/2/2021	6/1/2021
Status/Notes												Introduced to County Council 8/24/21	Introduced to County Council 7/13/21; Application heard by P&Z
Proposed Use	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Community Solar Facility	Solar Farm - to include 75 megawatts of alternate current as a photovoltaic electric generation facility	Solar Farm
Current	AR-1	AR-1/C-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1/C-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1, GR & MR	AR-1
911 Address or Road Name	8880 Old Racetrack Road	34112 DuPont Blvd	Sharptown Road	North Old State Road	N RT 64/W RT 13	East Trap Pond Rd	Gravel Hill Rd	Elks Rd	Beach Hwy	Bethel Rd & Woodland Ferry Rd	Clendaniel Pond Rd	Calhoun Road (S.C.R. 621)	Frankford School Road
APPLICANT	Sussex CSG 1, LLC	Sussex CSG 2, LLC	TPE DE SU124, LLC	TPE DE SU94, LLC	TPE DE SU114, LLC	Turning Point Energy	Turning Point Energy	Turning Point Energy - SUO7, LLC	Community Power Group, LLC	Community Power Group, LLC	Sunrise Solar	Freeman Solar, LLC	Broom Solar Partners
Tax Parcel # (s)	532-20.00-14.00	433-6.00-18.00, 433-6.00-20.00, 433-6.00-26.00	432-8.00-11.00	230-12.00-39.00	332-7,00-19.00	135-22.00-23.00	135-11.00-48.00	331-1,00-15,01	230-26.00-39.00	232-5.00-11.03	230-13.00-	130-3.00-246.00, 130-3.00-247.00, 130-3.00-247.02, 130-6.00-75.00, 130-6.00-92.00, 130-6.00-94.00, 130-6.00-95.00, 130-6.00-95.00,	533-5.00-47.00
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ZONE: AR-1 REVISION LIST TAX DITCH ROW

ADDED DETAILS

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Project Latitude	38.806715
Project Longitude	-75.436411
Utility Name	DELMARVA
Min. Ambient Temperature	0°C
Max. Ambient Temperature	40°C
Meter Number	OPEN
ARRAY	<i>(</i> 1
Module Name	JINKO 535W
Inverter	SUNGROW 250
Tilt Angle	SAT
No. of Modules	11,421
DC String Length	27
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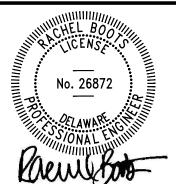
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CONDITIONAL **USE PLAN**

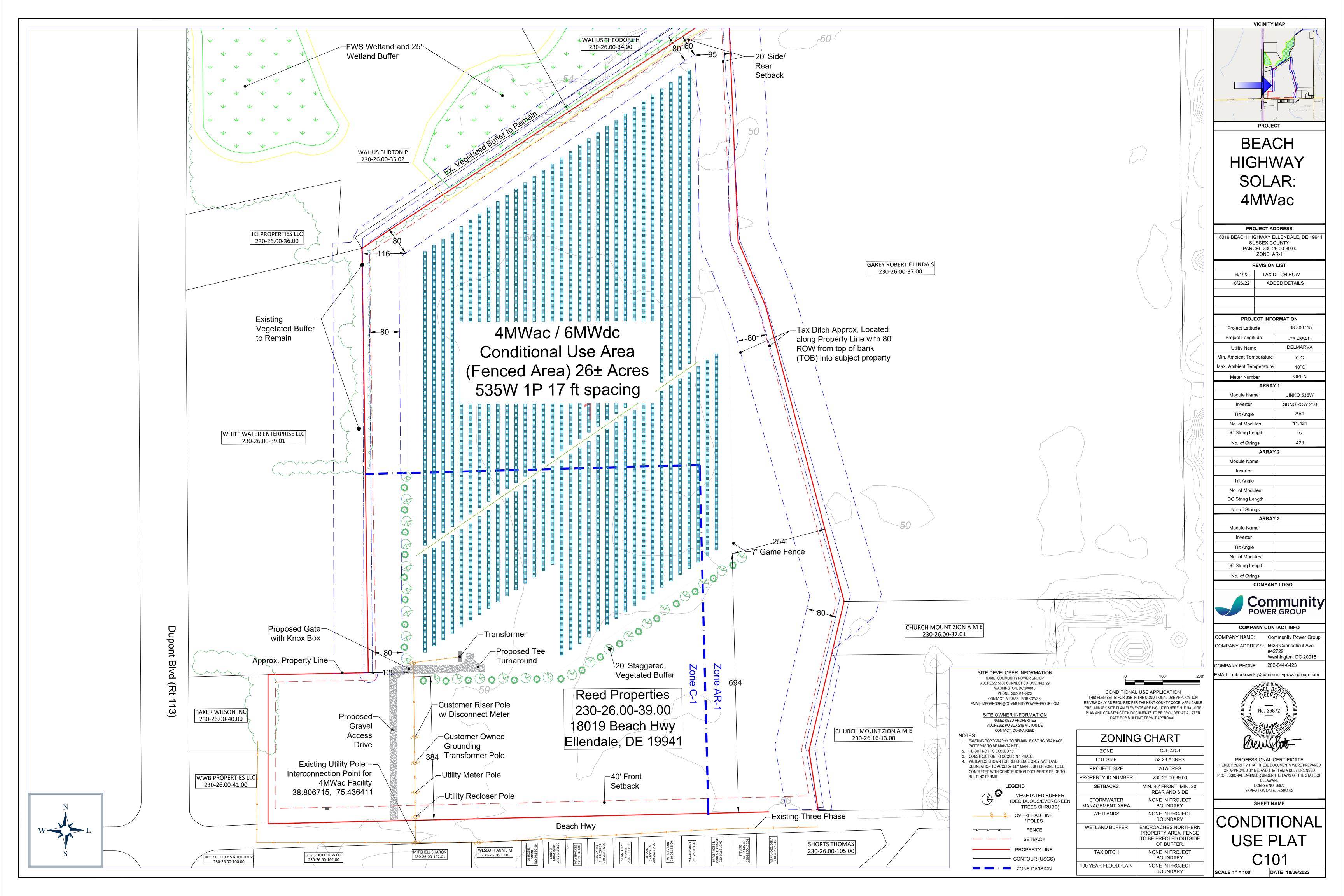
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DATE 11/8/2021

NONE IN PROJECT

100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN

ZONE DIVISION



SUSSEX COUNTY STANDARD CONDITIONS

- A. No storage facilities shall be constructed on the site.
- B. Lighting on the facility will only consist of perimeter lighting, if needed, for security purposes. All lighting shall be downward screened so that it does not shine on neighboring properties or roadways.
- C. One unlighted sign, not to exceed 32 square feet in size, shall be permitted.
- D. The site shall be secured by fencing with a gate with a "Knox Box" to accommodate emergency access by the local fire company or other emergency responders.
- E. All of the grounds, including the area outside of the fence, shall be maintained so that it does not become overgrown.
- F. All national industry standards shall be followed in the construction of the project.
- G. The Final Site Plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SUSSEX COUNTY STANDARD NOTES

- 1. The proposed facility is a public utility use under the Sussex County Zoning Code, and it meets the purposes of a Conditional Use in that it is of a public or semi-public character that is essential and desirable for the general convenience and welfare of Sussex County residents.
- 2. The proposed facility promotes Goal 7.3 of the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan which encourages the use of renewable energy options such as solar farms.
- 3. With the conditions imposed in this recommendation, the proposed use will not have any adverse impact on the neighboring or adjacent properties.
- 4. The proposed solar generation facility will not result in any noticeable increase in traffic on adjacent and neighboring roadways. There are no regular employees at the site, only periodic visits for inspections, maintenance, or repair of the
- 5. No significant noise, dust or odor will be generated by the facility.

Fence Sign Detail

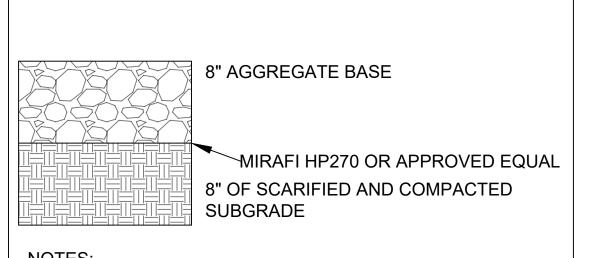
BEACH HIGHWAY SOLAR

Constructed By: Community Power Group LLC Operated By: Community Power Group LLC O&M Services By: Community Power Group LLC

5636 Connecticut Ave NW #42729 Washington DC 20015 24-Hour Emergency Contact: 202-844-6423 (Entry by Appointment Only) WARNING! FACILITY IS ENERGIZED!

- Sign to be installed on game fence near gate.
- Sign will be constructed of aluminum or polyethylene material with UV-resistant ink.

Access Road Detail



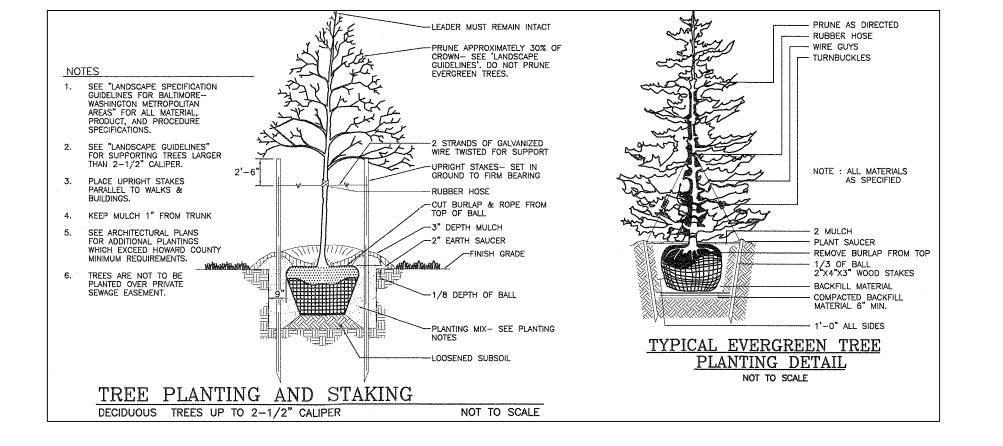
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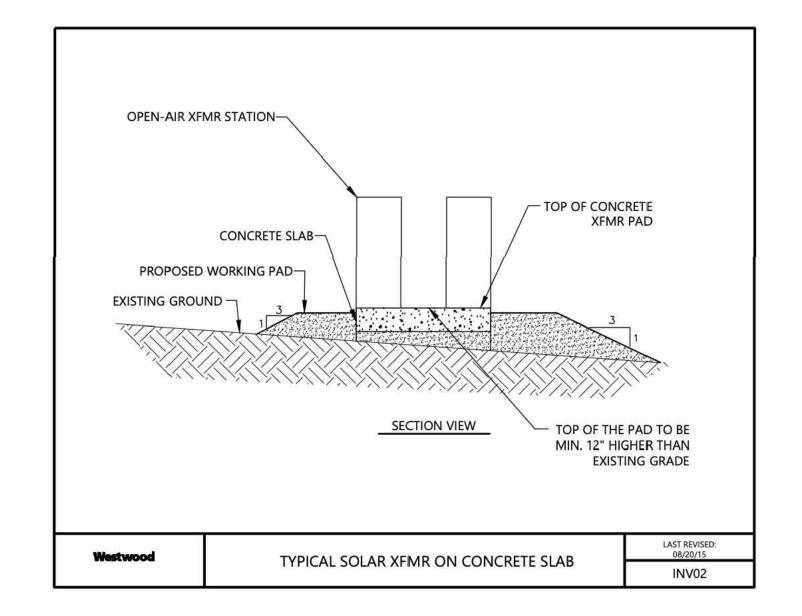
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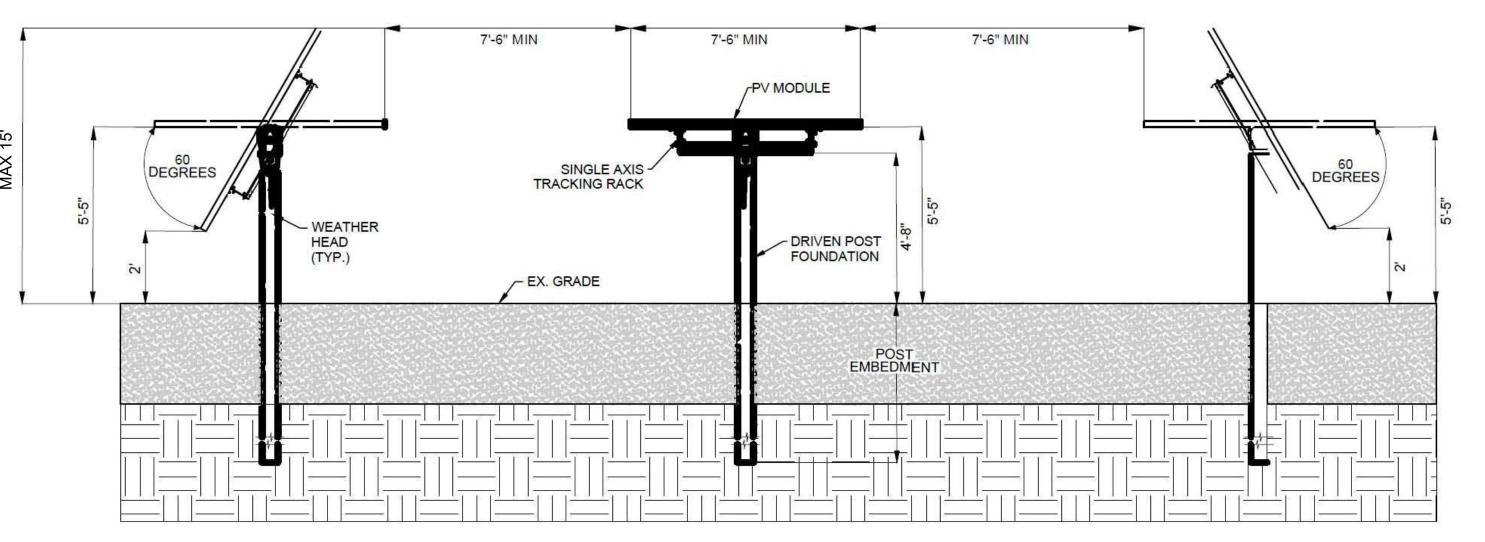
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- SEEDING TO BE COMPLETED USING A DRILL SEED METHOD WHERE FEASIBLE WHERE DRILL SEEDING IS NOT FEASIBLE. THE APPLICATION OF SEED VIA ALTERNATE METHODS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BROADCAST OR HYDROSEEDING
- BROADCAST SEEING SHALL BE COMPLETED IF AMBIENT SOIL TEMPERATURE IS CONSISTENTLY 60 DEGREES F OR LOWER
- 3. IF NOT FROST SEEDING, DRILLING SHOULD OCCUR BETWEEN APRIL 1ST AND JUNE 1ST
- 4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT TILL OR FERTILIZE THE FIELDS, IF THE GROUND NEEDS TO BE TILLED, CONTRACTOR SHALL USE A VERTICAL PLOW



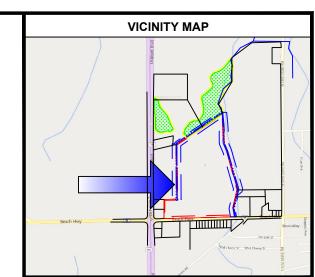




GENERAL RACKING DETAILS

NO SCALE

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BEACH **HIGHWAY** SOLAR: 4MWac

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ZONE: AR-1 **REVISION LIST** 6/1/22 TAX DITCH ROW

ADDED DETAILS

10/26/22

PROJECT INFORMATION 38.806715 Project Latitude Project Longitude -75.436411 DELMARVA Utility Name Min. Ambient Temperature 0°C Max. Ambient Temperature 40°C OPEN Meter Number ARRAY 1 Module Name JINKO 535W Inverter SUNGROW 250 SAT Tilt Angle 11,421 No. of Modules DC String Length 27 423 No. of Strings **ARRAY 2** Module Name

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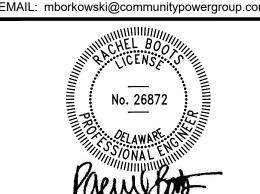
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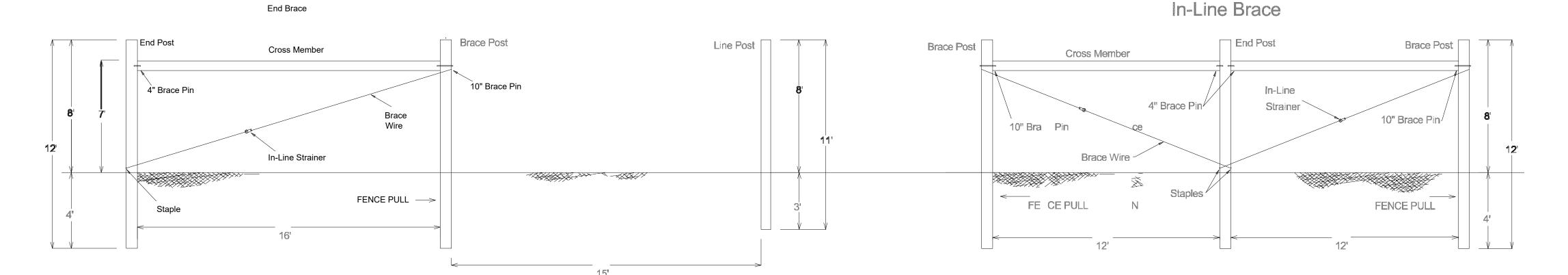


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DATE 10/26/2022 SCALE N.T.S.



Item	Quantity	Description
Brace Posts	2	12' x 7" Pressure Treated Wood Posts
Cross Members	1	16' x 5" Pressure Treated Wood Posts*
Brace Pins	1	1 / 2" x 4" Galvanized Pin
Brace Pins	2	1 / 2" x 10" Galvanized Pin
Brace Wire		Double Wrap 12 1 / 2 ga Class 3 High Tensile Wire
Wire Strainer	1	Ratchet Type Inline Strainer
Staples	2	1 3 / 4" Class 3 Double Barbed

*2 3 / 8" Sch 40 Galvanized Pipe may also be used for Cross Members.

STAY-TUFF FENCE 1775-3 WOOD BRACE CONSTRUCTION

END BRACE CONSTRUCTION

- 1. DRIVE IN OR AUGER AND TAMP END POST TO DEPTH SHOWN IN
- 2. TIE OFF A GUIDE WIRE TO END POST AT GROUND LEVEL. PULL WIRE TO END POST OF NEXT BRACE AND TIE OFF AT GROUND LEVEL. SET ALL OTHER T-POSTS, LINE POSTS, BRACE POSTS AND END POSTS ALONG THIS GUIDE WIRE.
- 3. SET OTHER BRACE POST OF THE END BRACE AT A MINIMUM OF 16' FROM END POST.
- 4. TO ESTABLISH LOCATION OF CROSS MEMBER, MEASURE THE DISTANCE FROM THE BOTTOM OF FENCE FABRIC TO A POINT MIDWAY BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD WIRE FROM THE TOP (APPROX 67 1 / 2"). USING THIS MEASUREMENT, MARK THE INSIDE OF
- 5. AT MARKINGS, DRILL A 1 / 2" HOLE 2" DEEP ON INSIDE OF END POST AND DRILL A 1 / 2" HOLE THROUGH THE OPPOSITE BRACE POST. SET 4" BRACE PIN AT END POST AND START 10" BRACE
- 6. DRILL PILOT HOLES IN ENDS OF CROSS MEMBER. SET ONE END

ALIGN WITH 10" PIN. USING A HAMMER, DRIVE THE 10" PIN INTO BRACE POST, LEAVING 1" EXPOSED FOR INSTALLATION OF 7. DRIVE A BARBED STAPLE PARTIALLY IN AT GROUND LEVEL ON

THE BACK SIDE OF END POST. HANG ANOTHER STAPLE OVER

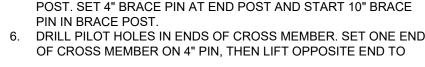
- TOP LEG OF DRIVEN STAPLE TO PREVENT BRACE WIRE FROM BINDING AND BITING INTO END POST. GUIDE BRACE WIRE THROUGH DRIVEN STAPLE AND UP AND OVER 10" BRACE PIN, BACK DOWN THROUGH STAPLE AND OVER 10" PIN AGAIN. THIS IS THE DOUBLE WRAP FOR THE BRACE
- INSTALL WIRE STRAINER ON BRACE WIRE ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF BRACE AWAY FROM STAY-TUFF. USE STRAINER TO TIGHTEN BRACE WIRE UNTIL BRACE POST MOVES ABOUT 1 / 4" AWAY

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In-Line Brace Material Specifications

IN-LINE BRACE CONSTRUCTION

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- IN END POST AND START 10" BRACE PINS IN BRACE POSTS. DRILL PILOT HOLES IN ENDS OF CROSS MEMBERS. SET ONE END OF CROSS MEMBER ON 4" PIN, THEN LIFT OPPOSITE END TO ALIGN WITH 10" PIN. USING A HAMMER, DRIVE THE 10" PIN INTO BRACE POST, LEAVING 1" EXPOSED FOR
- INSTALLATION OF BRACE WIRE. REPEAT THIS STEP FOR SECOND CROSS MEMBER. 6. DRIVE A BARBED STAPLE PARTIALLY IN AT GROUND LEVEL ON BOTH SIDES OF END POST. HANG ANOTHER STAPLE OVER TOP LEG OF EACH DRIVEN STAPLE TO PREVENT BRACE WIRE FROM BINDING AND BITING INTO END POST.
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- 8. INSTALL ONE WIRE STRAINER ON EACH BRACE WIRE ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF BRACE AWAY FROM STAY-TUFF FABRIC. USE STRAINERS TO TIGHTEN BRACE WIRES UNTIL BRACE POSTS MOVE ABOUT 1 / 4" AWAY FROM SOIL.



BOTH BRACE POSTS.

Line Post Specifications Line Posts 11' x 6" Pressure Treated Wood Posts

LINE POST CONSTRUCTION

- 1. SET LINE POSTS ALONG GUIDE WIRE USING A 15' SPACING. 2. USE 15' POST SPACING AS A GUIDELINE. IN ROUGH TERRAIN
- A CLOSER POSTS SPACING WILL BE REQUIRED. 3. A LINE POST SHOULD BE PLACED ON TOP OF HIPS AND IN
- BOTTOM OF ALL DIPS.

VICINITY MAP

BEACH **HIGHWAY** SOLAR: 4MWac

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Module Name Inverter Tilt Angle No. of Modules DC String Length

No. of Strings ARRAY 3 Module Name Inverter Tilt Angle

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FENCE DETAILS

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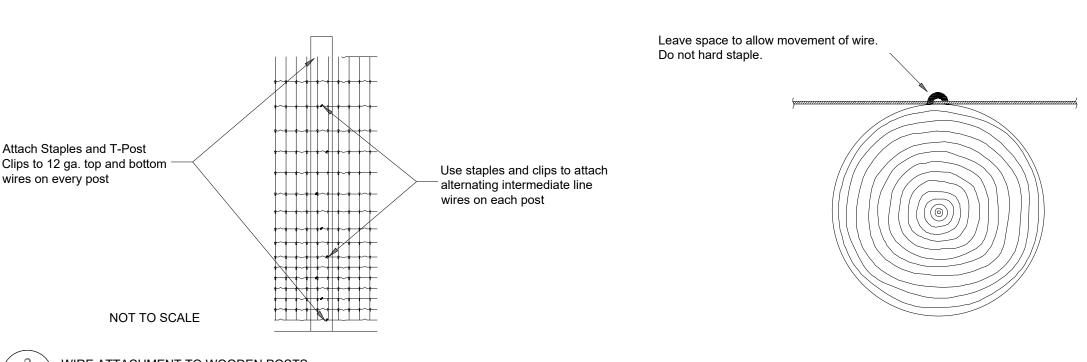
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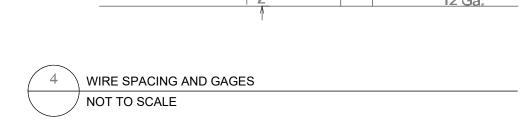
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TENSION

- ALL WOVEN WIRE FENCE FABRIC SHALL BE CONTINUOUS STAY FIXED KNOT JOINT STYLE FABRIC
- DESIGN NO. 1775-3 AND SHALL MEET OR EXCEED ASTM A 116 FOR NO. 12 1 / 2 GRADE 175. TOP AND BOTTOM LINE WIRES SHALL BE 12 GAGE GRADE 175 AND INTERMEDIATE LINE WIRES SHALL BE 12 1 / 2
- GAGE GRADE 175. VERTICAL STAY WIRES SHALL BE 12 1 / 2 GAGE GRADE 125. KNOT WIRES SHALL BE 13 GAGE GRADE 60. ALL WIRES SHALL HAVE TYPE Z CLASS 3 COATING.
- VERTICAL STAY WIRES SHOULD BE SPACED EVERY 3" AND HORIZONTAL LINE WIRES SHOULD BE SPACED AS SHOWN IN DETAIL.
- INSTALL 1775-6 FABRIC SO THAT 3"X3" OPENINGS ARE ON BOTTOM.
- ATTACH FENCE FABRIC ON INSIDE OF BRACES AND POSTS. FABRIC SHALL BE ATTACHED TO END OF POSTS OF END
- BRACES AND IN-LINE BRACES BY WRAPPING AND TIEING WIRE WITH A HIGH TENSILE SLIP KNOT. TENSION FABRIC BY PULLING TO CENTER OF PULL USING STRETCHER BARS AND STRETCHER BAR PULLERS. TENSION FABRIC UNTIL TENSION CRIMPS ARE FLATTENED 25 TO 50% FROM ORIGINAL HEIGHT. DO NOT OVER
- 8. SPLICES IN FABRIC SHALL BE MADE WITH 12 1 / 2 16 GAGE LONG CRIMP SLEEVES WITH STATED HOLDING STRENGTH OF 1500 LBS MINIMUM. SLEEVES SHOULD BE CRIMPED USING APPROVED CRIMP TOOL.
- 9. SLEEVES SHOULD BE CRIMPED WORKING FROM END CLOSEST TO THE KNOT OUTWARD AND COMPRESSED ALONG
- ENTIRE LENGTH OF SLEEVE. 10. FINISHED WIRE SPLICES SHALL NOT HAVE LOOSE WIRE TAILS EXTENDING MORE THAN 1 / 4" IN LENGTH.
- 11. FENCE SHALL GENERALLY FOLLOW THE CONTOUR OF THE GROUND. BOTTOM WIRE OF FENCE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 3" ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.
- 12. ATTACH FABRIC TO WOODEN POSTS USING 1 3 / 4" DOUBLE BARBED STAPLES. STAPLES SHALL BE MADE OF 8 GAGE CLASS 3 GALVANIZED WIRE AND SHALL BE DOUBLE BARBED. 13. STAPLE 12 GAGE TOP AND BOTTOM WIRES ON EACH POST AS SHOWN IN DETAIL. STAPLES SHALL BE DRIVEN INTO
- POSTS WITH THE TOP STAPLE LEG ANGLED TO THE RIGHT AS SHOWN. STAGGER STAPLES ACROSS WOODEN POSTS AS SHOWN IN DETAIL. STAPLES SHOULD NOT BE HARD DRIVEN AGAINST FENCE WIRE. LEAVE A 1 / 8" TO 1 / 4" GAP BETWEEN STAPLE AND FENCE WIRE TO ALLOW FOR WIRE MOVEMENT.
- 14. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE A 24' WIDE DOUBLE SWING GATE TO MATCH THE FENCE.

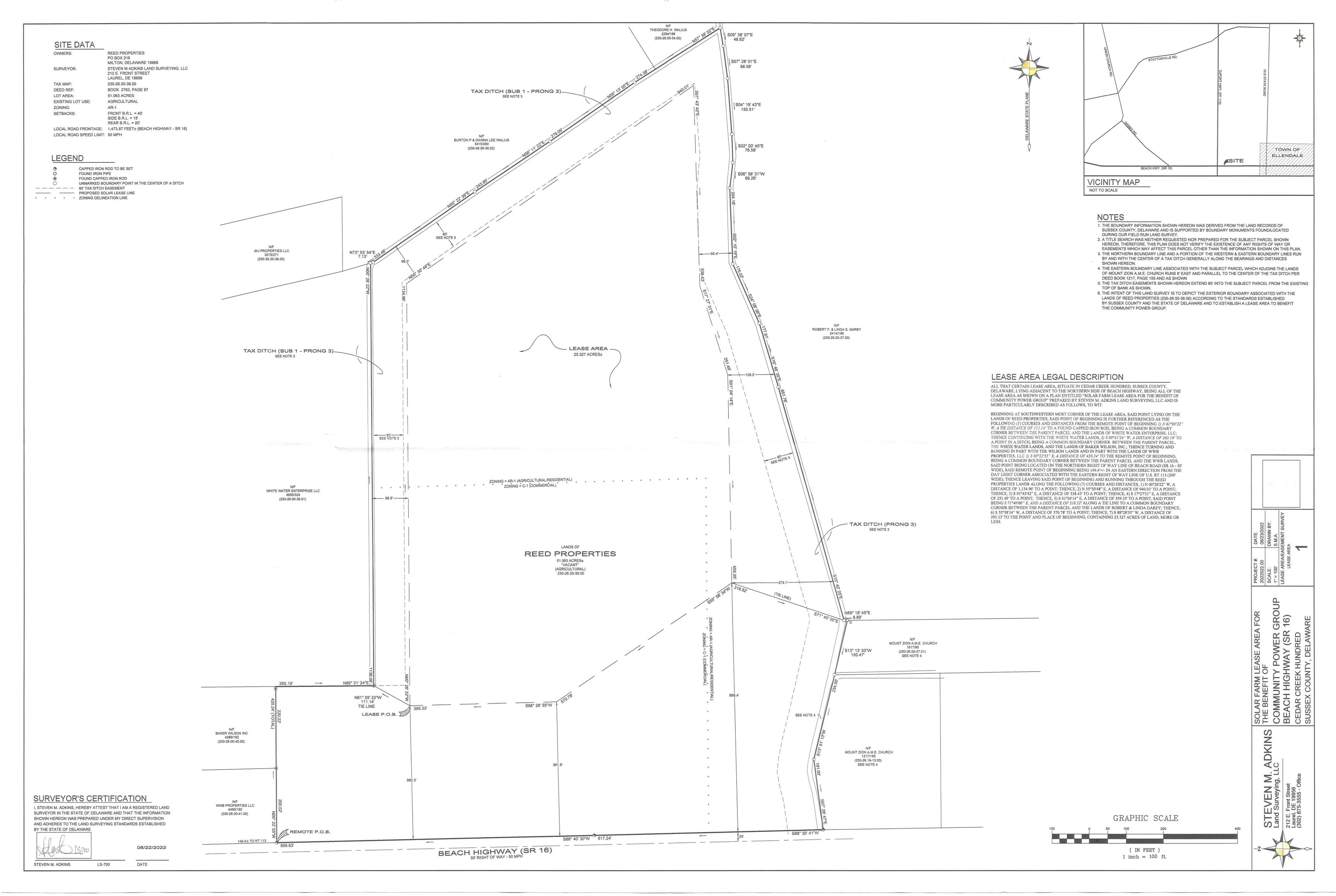






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Conditional Use Permit Application

Beach Highway Solar

Ellendale, Delaware



Applicant:

Community Power Group, LLC 5636 Connecticut Ave #42729 Washington, DC 20015



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Section A - DelDOT Service Level Request Form

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

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November 15, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Community Power Group, LLC** proposed land use application, which we received on November 5, 2021. This application is for an approximately 52.23-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 230-26.00-39.00). The subject land is located on the north side of Beach Highway (State Route 16) about 250 feet east of the intersection with DuPont Boulevard (US Route 113). The subject land is currently split zoned C-1 (General Commercial) and GR (General Residential), the applicant seeks a conditional use approval to build a community solar farm.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual and summer average daily traffic volumes along Beach Highway from Old State Road (Sussex Road 213) to DuPont Highway, are 6,935 and 8,917 vehicles per day, respectively.

Based on our review, we estimate that the above land use will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day. This number of trips is below DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. DelDOT's regulations specify the minimum TIS warrants as 50 vehicle trips in any hour and/or 500 vehicle trips per day. Because the proposed land use would generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day, we consider the development's traffic impact to be **diminutive** in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as diminutive with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is diminutive in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 November 15, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

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County Coordinator

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Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination



Section B - Application for Conditional Use Permit



Section C - Project Overview

C.1 General Overview

The Community Power Group, LLC ("CPG") is developing a 4MW community solar farm located at 18019 Beach Highway, Ellendale, DE 19941 in Sussex County ("County"). The project has been designed to meet the required setbacks and zoning requirements for the AR-1 and C-1 zones. Included in this application is a Decommissioning Plan and a Glare Study, which determined no glare associated with this proposed project.



General Information:

- Parcel Address: 18019 Beach Highway, Ellendale, DE 19941
- Sussex County Parcel ID: 230-26.00-39.00
- Total parcel size: 52.23 acres
- Solar Project Size: 4 MWs AC (~35-acre facility)
- Solar Project Coordinates: 38.809318°, -75.434858°
- Parcel District: General Commercial (C-1) & Agricultural-Residential 1 (AR-1)



C.2 Site Plan

See image below for reference. Full size Conditional Use Plan provided with this application.



C.3 Site Characteristics

The solar array area will be enclosed by a game fence, and the field area under the array will be covered with pollinator-friendly ground-cover. Emergency and maintenance access will be provided with an access road that leads to the array entrance. CPG has conducted a glare analysis of this project through ForgeSolar, an FAA analysis tool for determining glare from a solar array, and it was concluded that no glare will be produced from this solar array. The project will also be decommissioned upon the end of the facility's life (approximately 25-30 years). Please see the Decommissioning Plan for more information regarding the terms of decommissioning of the solar array.

CPG used the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) desktop review tool from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify if any critical habitats exist on site for threatened and endangered species. It was determined that there are no critical habitats within the project area. The project area was also reviewed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office, and the species list stated that there were no critical habitats and no refuge lands or fish hatcheries within the project area. Please see Attachment III to read more.



This property borders a wetland to the north of the property line, but there are no other wetlands on site, and we do not intend to develop on top of any wetlands. The site does not contain any historic properties and the project does not physically impact any historic properties on the national register according to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs National Register-Listed Properties' online mapper.

C.4 Zoning Standards

§ 115-22 & § 115-79 Conditional Uses provides for the conditional use standards for public utilities or public service uses, generating or treatment plants in AR-1 and C-1 districts, as defined in § 115-4 Definitions and Word Usage. See Section D for a full breakdown of this project's code compliance.

C.5 Interconnection

Community Power Group has submitted an application with Delmarva Power & Light Co. on November 1st, 2021 and expects to have the full interconnection study completed by April 2022.

Section D - Compliance with Standards

D.1 - Conditional Use Compliance

Sussex County provides a complete code of ordinances for Conditional Use Permits in AR-1 (Agricultural Residential-1) and C-1 (General Commercial) districts. Solar Farms currently require a Conditional Use permit within any Zoning District of Sussex County.

A solar photovoltaic system falls under the definition provided in § 115-4 Definitions and Word Usage for a Public Utility Service. It reads as follows, "The generation, transmission, and/or distribution of electricity, gas, steam, communications, and water; the collection and treatment of sewage and solid waste; and the provision of mass transit to the public." A Public Utility Service Facility also applies to a solar photovoltaic system, and its definition states that it applies to, "any use or structure associated with the provision of utility services." This solar farm project has been developed as a community solar generation facility and therefore, meets the definition of a Public Utility Service/Service Facility.

Per the recommendations of the Sussex County Council Planning and Zoning Department and the definitions set forth in the Sussex County zoning ordinance codes, CPG shall comply with any applicable standards set forth in pursuit of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

D.2 - AR-1 Agricultural Residential 1 District Compliance

Article IV: AR-1 and AR-2 Agricultural Residential Districts, § 115-19 Purpose

The purpose of these districts is to provide for a full range of agricultural activities and to protect agricultural lands, as one of the county's most valuable natural resources, from the depreciating effect of objectionable, hazardous and unsightly uses. They should also protect established agricultural operations and activities. These districts are also intended for protection of watersheds, water resources, forest areas and scenic values and, at the same time, to provide



for low-density single-family residential development, together with such churches, recreational facilities and accessory uses as may be necessary or are normally compatible with residential surroundings. The AR regulations seek to prevent untimely scattering of more-dense urban uses, which should be confined to areas planned for efficient extension of public services.

§ 115-22 Conditional uses

Conditional Uses in an AR-1 District are provided in this section stating, "Public utilities or public service uses, buildings, generating or treatment plants, pumping or regulator stations or substations, but not telephone central offices," may be permitted as a conditional use when approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 115-25 Height, Area, & Bulk Requirements

C. Minimum yard requirements. Minimum yard requirements set forth for AR-1 and AR-2 districts are as follows; Depth of front yard: 40 feet, Width of side yard: 15 feet, Depth of rear yard: 20 feet, Minimum lot width: 100 feet; Minimum area: 20,000 square feet; Minimum depth: 100 feet.

The proposed project has a front setback of 558 feet from property line to fence and a minimum of 20 feet side and rear yard setbacks as shown on the Site Plan. The lot width is greater than 100 feet.

D. Maximum height requirements. Maximum height requirements set forth for AR-1 and AR-2 districts shall be 42 feet.

The proposed solar facility and associated fencing will not exceed 15 feet in height at any location.

The following table was used to design the site layout: Zoning 115 Attachment 1: General Table of Height, Area and Bulk Requirements:

https://ecode360.com/attachment/SU1223/SU1223-115a%20Table%20I.pdf

§ 115-173 Preliminary site plan

A preliminary site plan complying with the requirements of Article XXVIII shall accompany an application for approval of a conditional use under this Article, together with such information as may be required for a determination of the nature of the proposed use and its effect on the Comprehensive Plan, the neighborhood and surrounding properties. Procedures for approval of a conditional use and approval and amendment of site plans are contained in Article XXVIII.

Please see Conditional Use Plan as included with this application.

D.3 - C-1 General Commercial District Compliance

Article XI: C-I General Commercial District, § 115-76 Purpose

The purpose of this district is to provide for retail shopping, personal services and a wide variety of commercial and miscellaneous service activities generally serving a community-wide area.



Such uses are generally located along major arterial roadways where a general mixture of commercial and service activity now exists. Such uses shall not be characterized by extensive warehousing, frequent heavy trucking activity, open storage of materials or the nuisance factors of dust, odor and noise associated with manufacturing.

§ 115-79. Conditional uses

Conditional Uses in a C-1 District are provided in this section stating, "Public utilities or public service uses, buildings, generating or treatment plants, pumping or regulator stations or substations, but not telephone central offices," may be permitted as a conditional use when approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 115-82. Height, area and bulk requirements

A. Minimum lot sizes shall be as follows: Minimum lot width: 75 feet; Minimum area: 10,000 square feet; Minimum depth: 100 feet.

The proposed project has a front setback of 558 feet from property line to fence and a minimum of 20 feet side and rear yard setbacks as shown on the Site Plan. The lot width is greater than 75 feet.

B. Minimum yard requirements. Minimum yard requirements set forth for C-1 districts are as follows: Depth of front yard: 60 feet; Width of side yard: 5 feet; Depth of rear yard: 5 feet.

The proposed project is well within the minimum yard requirements of this section, and there are no buildings/dwellings proposed for this project.

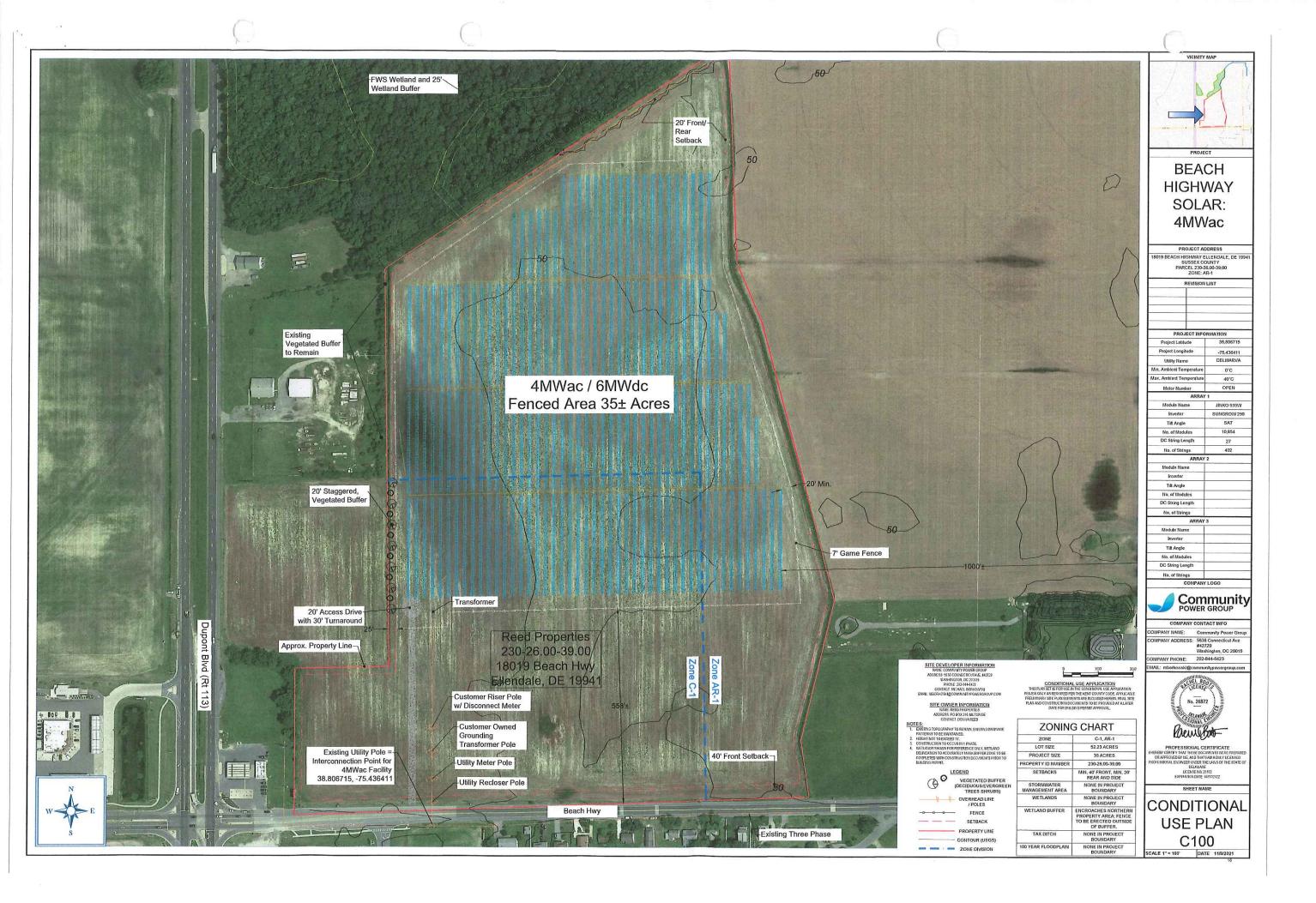
C. Maximum height: 42 feet.

The proposed solar facility and associated fencing will not exceed 15 feet in height at any location.



Section E - Attachments





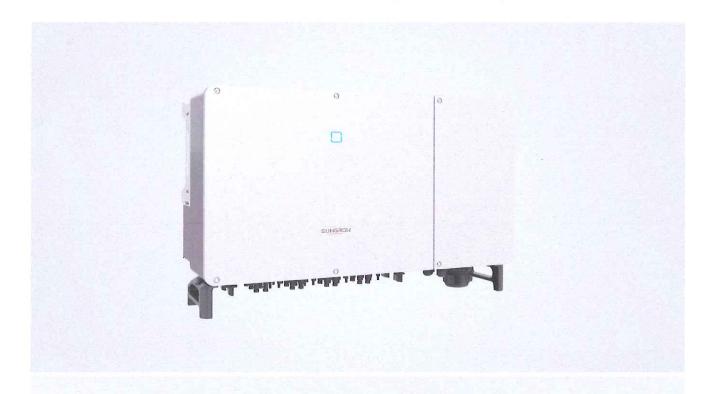


Attachment II - System Components

SG250HX-US



Multi-MPPT String Inverter for 1500 Vdc System





HIGH YIELD

- 12 MPPTs with max. efficiency 99%
- · Compatible with bifacial module
- Built-in Anti-PID and PID recovery function



LOW COST

- · Compatible with Al and Cu AC cables
- · DC 2 in 1 connection enabled
- · Power line communication (PLC)
- · Reactive power at night function



SMART O&M

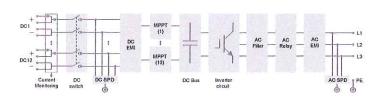
- Touch free commissioning and remote firmware upgrade
- Online IV curve scan and diagnosis*
- Fuse free design with smart string current monitoring



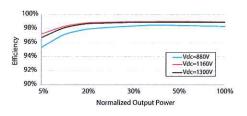
PROVEN SAFETY

- · Integrated Arc fault circuit protection
- * NEMA 4X protection and C5 anti-corrosion grade
- Type II SPD for both DC and AC

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM



EFFICIENCY CURVE







Type designation	SG250HX-US					
Input (DC)	。 1. 10 克里·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克克·克					
Max. PV input voltage	1500 V					
Min. PV input voltage / Startup input voltage	600 V / 600 V					
Nominal PV input voltage	1080 V					
MPP voltage range	600 V – 1500 V					
MPP voltage range for nominal power	860 V – 1300 V					
No. of independent MPP inputs	12					
Max. PV input current	26 A * 12					
Max. DC short-circuit current	50 A * 12					
Output (AC)						
AC output power	250 kVA @ 30 °C / 225 kVA @ 40 °C / 200 KVA @ 50 °C					
Max. AC output current	180.5 A					
Nominal AC voltage	3 / PE, 800 V					
AC voltage range	680 – 880V					
Nominal grid frequency / Grid frequency range	50 Hz / 45 - 55 Hz, 60 Hz / 57 - 63 Hz					
THD	< 3 % (at nominal power)					
DC current injection	< 0.5 % In					
Power factor at nominal power / Adjustable power factor	> 0.99 / 0.8 leading – 0.8 lagging					
Feed-in phases / connection phases	3/3					
Efficiency						
Max. efficiency	99.0 %					
Max. efficiency CEC efficiency	98.5 %					
	200.3 70					
Protection Protection	Voc					
DC reverse connection protection	Yes Yes					
AC short circuit protection	Yes					
Leakage current protection						
Grid monitoring	Yes					
Ground fault monitoring	Yes					
DC switch	Yes					
AC switch	No Ves					
Arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)	Yes					
PV String current monitoring	Yes					
Reactive powe at night function	Yes					
PID protection	An-ti PID or PID recovery					
Overvoltage protection	DC Type II and AC Type II					
General Data	2011 200 2707 270 270 270 270 270					
Dimensions (W*H*D)	1051 * 660 * 363 mm (41.4" * 26" * 14.3")					
Weight	99 kg (218.25 lbs)					
Isolation method	Transformerless					
Ingress protection rating	NEMA 4X					
Night power consumption	< 2 W					
Operating ambient temperature range	-30 to 60 °C ('-22 to 140 °F)					
Allowable relative humidity range (non-condensing)	0 – 100 %					
Cooling method	Smart forced air cooling					
Max. operating altitude	5000 m (> 4000 m derating) 16404 ft (> 13123 ft derating)					
Display	LED, Bluetooth+APP					
Communication	RS485 / PLC					
DC connection type	Amphenol UTX (Max. 6 mm² 10AWG)					
AC connection type	OT / DT terminal (Max. 300 mm² 600 Kcmil)					
Compliance	UL1741, UL1741SA, IEEE1547, IEEE1547.1, CSA C22.2 107.1-01-2001,					
	FCC Part15 Sub-part B Class A Limits, California Rule 21,UL 1699B					
Grid Support	Reactive power at night function, LVRT, HVRT, active & reactive power					
	control and power ramp rate control, Volt/Watt, Frequency/Watt					

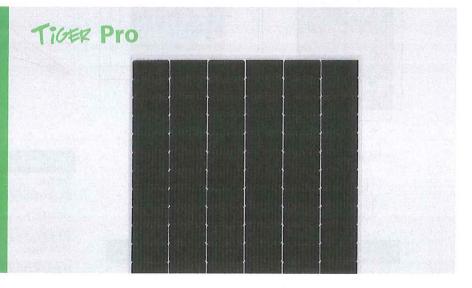
^{*:} Only compatible with Sungrow logger and iSolarCloud







TR Bifacial 72M 515-535 Watt





KEY FEATURES



TR technology + Half Cell

TR technology with Half cell aims to eliminate the cell gap to increase module efficiency (bi-facial up to 21.16%)



MBB instead of 5BB

MBB technology decreases the distance between bus bars and finger grid line which is benefit to power increase.



Higher lifetime Power Yield

2% first year degradation, 0.45% linear degradation



Best Warranty

12 year product warranty, 30 year linear power warranty



Strengthened Mechanical Support

5400 Pa snow load, 2400 Pa wind load





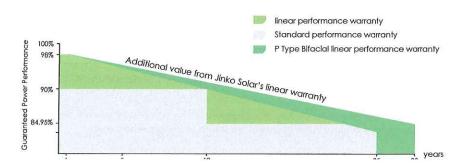


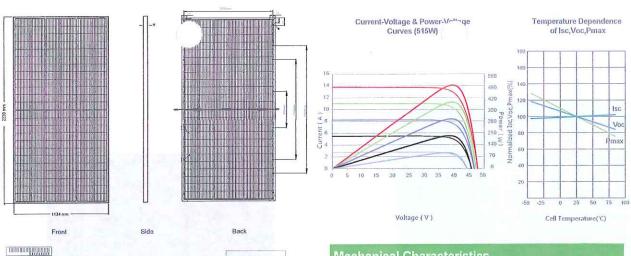




LINEAR PERFORMANCE WARRANTY

12 Year Product Warranty • 30 Year Linear Power Warranty 0.45% Annual Degradation Over 30 years





Length: ±2mm Width: ±2mm Height: ±1mm Row Pitch: ±2mm

Packaging Configuration

(Two pallets = One stack)

31pcs/pallets, 62pcs/stack, 620pcs/ 40'HQ Container

Mechanical Characteristics		
P type Mono-crystalline		
144 (2×72)		
2230×1134×35mm (87.80×44.65×1.38 inch)		
28.9 kg (63.71 lbs)		
3.2mm,Anti-Reflection Coating, High Transmission, Low Iron, Tempered Glass		
Anodized Aluminium Alloy		
IP68 Rated		
TUV 1×4.0mm ² (+): 290mm , (-): 145 mm or Customized Length		

Module Type	JKM515M-7TL4-TV			JKM520M-7TL4-TV			JKM525M-7TL4-TV			JKM530M-7TL4-TV			JKM535M-7TL4-TV		
	SCT	NOCT		SCT	NOCT		SCT	NOCT	S	CT	NOCT	SCT	NOCT		
Maximum Power (Pmax)	515Wp	383Wp	5	520Wp	387VVp		525Wp	391Wp	53	80Wp	394Wp	535Wp	398Wp		
Maximum Power Voltage (Vmp)	40,08V	37.27V	4	40.22V	37.42V	-	40.36V	37.56V	40	.49V	37.70V	40.63\	37.84V		
Maximum Power Current (Imp)	12.85A	10.28A	1	12.93A	10.34A	BAL.	13.01A	10.40A	13	Ae0.8	10.46A	13.17A	10.52A		
Open-circuit Voltage (Voc)	48.58V	45.85V	4	48.72V	45.99V	-	48.86V	46.12V	48	Vee.8	46.24V	49.13\	46.37V		
Short-circuit Current (Isc)	13.53A	10,93A	- 1	13.61A	10.99A		13,69A	11.06A	13	3.77A	11,12A	13,85A	11.19A		
Module Efficiency STC (%)	20.37%		20.56%			20.76%		20.96%		21.16%					
Operating Temperature(°C)							-40°C	-+85°C							
Maximum system voltage							1500VI	DC (IEC)							
Maximum series fuse rating							2	5A							
Power tolerance							0~	+3%							
emperature coefficients of Pmax							-0.3	5%/°C							
Temperature coefficients of Voc							-0.2	8%/°C							
Femperature coefficients of Isc							0.04	8%/°C							
Nominal operating cell temperature	(NOCT)						45	±2°C							

	Maximum Power (Pmax)	541Wp	546Wp	551Wp	557Wp	562Wp
5%	Module Efficiency STC (%)	21.38%	21.59%	21.80%	22.01%	22.21%
	Maximum Power (Pmax)	592Wp	598Wp	604Wp	610Wp	615Wp
5%	Module Efficiency STC (%)	23.42%	23.65%	23.87%	24.10%	24.33%
	Maximum Power (Pmax)	644Wp	650Wp	656Wp	663Wp	669Wp
5%	Module Efficiency STC (%)	25.46%	25,70%	25.95%	26.20%	26,45%

*STC: Irradiance 1000W/m² (Cell Temperature 25°C











Attachment III - Environmental Reviews

IPaC

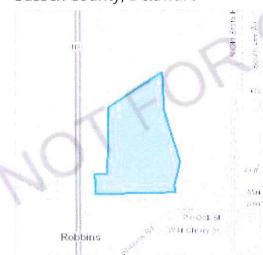
IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to astrust resources) under the U.S. Fish and WildlifeService's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project areæferenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project areæfut that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project areæflowever, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project areaPlease read the introduction to each section thatfollows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additionalinformation applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

Location





Local office

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office

4 (410) 573-4599

(410) 266-9127

177 Admiral Cochrane Drive Annapolis, MD 21401-7307

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/ http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/endsppweb/ProjectReview/Index.html

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Endangered species

This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project areaTo fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Actrequires Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement canonly be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

- 1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
- 2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
- 3. Log in (if directed to do so).
- 4. Provide a name and description for your project.
- 5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

Listed species¹ and their critical habitats are managed by the Ecological Services Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not**hown on this list. Please contactNOAA Fisheries for <u>species under their jurisdiction</u>.

- 1. Species listed under the <u>Endangered Species Actare</u> threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listingSee the <u>listing status page</u> for more information. IPaC only showspecies that are regulated by USFWS (see FAQ).
- NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

Insects

NAME

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

Candidate

Wherever found

This species only needs to be considered if the following condition applies:

 The monarch is a candidate species and not yet listed or proposed for listing. There are generally no section 7 requirements for candidate species (FAQ found here: https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/FAQ-Section7.html).

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS AT THIS LOCATION.

Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Aetand the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act€.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as describe delow.

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concernhttp://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds
 <u>http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php</u>

Nationwide conservation measures for birds
 http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationwidestandardconservationmeasu

The birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the SFWS Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) list or warrant special attention in your project location. To learn more about the levels of concern for birds on your list and how this list is generated, see the FAQ below. This is not a list of every bird you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that every bird on this list will be found in your project area. To see exact locations of where birders and the general public have sighted birds in and around your project area, visit the bird data mapping tool (Tip: enter your location, desired date range and a species on your list). For projects that occur off the Atlantic Coast, additional maps and models detailing the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species on your list are available. Links to additional information about Atlantic Coast birds, and other important information about your migratory bird list, including how to properly interpret and use your migratory bird report, can be found below.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, click on the PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY at the top of your list to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME

BREEDING SEASON (IF A
BREEDING SEASON IS
INDICATED FOR A BIRD ON
YOUR LIST, THE BIRD MAY
BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA
SOMETIME WITHIN THE
TIMEFRAME SPECIFIED, WHICH
IS A VERY LIBERAL ESTIMATE OF
THE DATES INSIDE WHICH THE
BIRD BREEDS ACROSS ITS
ENTIRE RANGE. "BREEDS
ELSEWHERE" INDICATES THAT
THE BIRD DOES NOT LIKELY
BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA.)

Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus

This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626

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Breeds May 15 to Oct 10

Breeds Oct 15 to Aug 31

Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9399

Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus
This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular
Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

Breeds May 1 to Jun 30

Kentucky Warbler Oporornis formosus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds Apr 20 to Aug 20

Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 1 to Jul 31

Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 31

Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 10 to Sep 10

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina
This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 10 to Aug 31

Probability of Presence Summary

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern armost likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedulgour project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birdsPlease make sure you read and understand the FAQ"Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence(■)

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. (A year is represented as 12 4-week months.) A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence The survey effort (see below) can be used to establish alevel of confidence in the presence score. One can have higher confidence in the presence score if the orresponding survey effort is also high.

How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:

1. The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee

was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.

- 2. To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that he probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is 0.25/0.25 = 1; at week 20 it is 0.05/0.25 = 0.2.
- 3. The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

To see a bar's probability of presence score, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

Breeding Season ()

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

Survey Effort(|)

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed forthat species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps. The number of surveys is expressed as a rangefor example, 33 to 64 surveys.

To see a bar's survey effort range, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

No Data (-)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

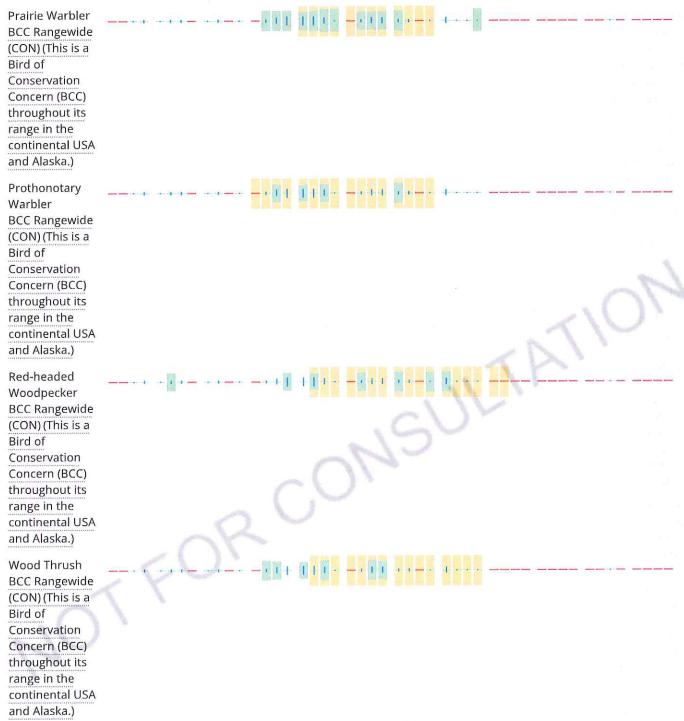
Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of availabledata, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.



IPaC: Explore Location resourc





Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

Nationwide Conservation Measures describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds maybe breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a verylelpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. Additional measures or permits may be advisabled epending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFW<u>Sirds of Conservation Concern (BCC</u>) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the vious knowledge Metwork (AKM). The AKM data is basedon a growing collection of Lose birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid datasets and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, aneagle (Eagle Act requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area.

What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN</u>) This data is derived from a growing collection o<u>furvey, banding, and citizen science datasets</u>.

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probabilityof Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources<u>The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Birds Guide</u>, or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), theoreoing season associated with it, if that bird does occur inyour project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe if that bird does occur inyour project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

- 1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are Birds of Conservation Concern(BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA(including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);

 2. "BCC BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the
- continental USA; and 3. "Mon-BCC Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the Eagle Act requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain typesof development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impactsand requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the ortheast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelpfroject webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the <u>Diving Bird Study</u> and the <u>nanotag studies</u> or contact <u>Caleb Spiegel</u> or <u>Pam Loring</u>.

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need tobtain a permit to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birdswithin the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or nodata bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is notperfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in yourproject area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The lishelps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservatiomeasures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learmore about conservation measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Facilities

National Wildlife Refuge lands

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the National Wildlife Refuge system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS AT THIS LOCATION.

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Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local.S. Army Corps of Engineers District.

WETLAND INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

This can happen when the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map service is unavailable, or for very large projects that intersect many wetland areas. Try again, or visit the wetlands at this location.

Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or

products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.



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In Reply Refer To:

Consultation Code: 05E2CB00-2022-SLI-0252

Event Code: 05E2CB00-2022-E-00656

Project Name: Beach Highway

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. This species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan

(http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Wetlands

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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Project Summary

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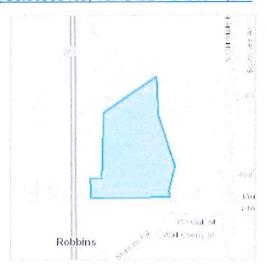
Project Name:

Beach Highway

Project Type: POWER GENERATION
Project Description: 4MW community solar farm

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@38.80988465,-75.43492441430577,14z



Counties: Sussex County, Delaware

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an
office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of
Commerce.

Insects

NAME

STATUS

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*

Candidate

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:

The monarch is a candidate species and not yet listed or proposed for listing. There are generally no section 7 requirements for candidate species (FAQ found here: https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/FAQ-Section7.html).

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

USFWS National Wildlife Refuge Lands And Fish Hatcheries

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THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

Wetlands

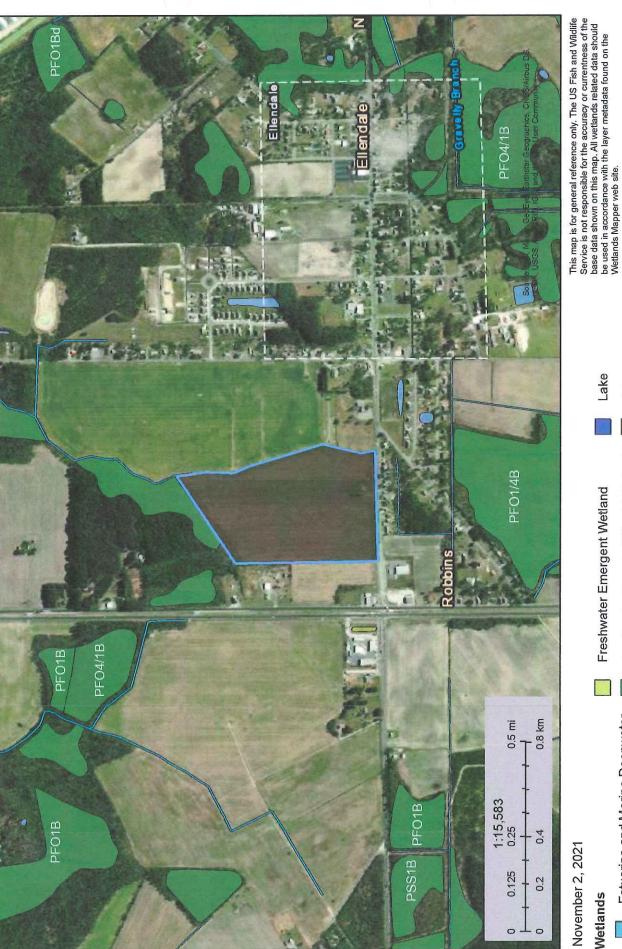
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For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of</u> <u>Engineers District</u>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

WETLAND INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THIS SPECIES LIST WAS GENERATED. PLEASE VISIT https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html or contact the field office for further information.

Beach Highway Solar



November 2, 2021

&Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
 - Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine



Attachment IV - Decommissioning Plan

Beach Highway Road Solar Decommissioning Plan

November 2021

Prepared For: Sussex County, DE





1. Executive summary

The Beach Highway Solar Farm is proposed to be a 4 Megawatt (MW) solar energy conversion system located at 18019 Beach Highway, Ellendale, DE 19941. The facility will use solar photovoltaic technology and a single axis tracking racking system. The project will cover approximately 25 acres. As noted in this report the estimated cost of decommissioning the system is \$144,250. These amounts do not include the salvage value of the components, which has been provided in a separate document.

2. Project information

Solar Project Address:

18019 Beach Highway, Ellendale, DE 19941

Parcel ID:

230-26.00-39.00

Solar Project Size:

up to 4 MWs AC (~35 acre facility)

Solar Project Type:

Community Solar

Land Agreement:

Solar Lease Agreement with Reed Properties

3. Decommissioning of the Solar Facility

At the time of decommissioning, the installed components will be removed, reused, disposed of, and recycled, where possible. The Facility Site will be restored to a state similar to its preconstruction condition. All removal of equipment will be done in accordance with any applicable regulations and manufacturer recommendations. All applicable permits will be acquired.

3.1 Equipment Dismantling and Removal

Generally, the decommissioning of a Solar Facility proceeds in the reverse order of the installation.

- 1. The Solar Facility shall be disconnected from the utility power grid.
- 2. PV modules shall be disconnected, collected, and disposed at an approved solar module recycler or reused / resold on the market. Although the PV modules will not be cutting edge technology at the time of decommissioning, they are estimated to still produce 80% of the original electricity output at year 25 and add value for many years.
- 3. All aboveground and underground electrical interconnection and distribution cables shall be removed and disposed off-site by an approved facility.
- 4. Galvanized steel PV module support and racking system support posts shall be removed and disposed off-site by an approved facility.
- 5. Electrical and electronic devices, including transformers and inverters shall be removed and disposed off-site by an approved facility.
- 6. Concrete foundations shall be removed and disposed off-site by an approved facility.
- 7. Fencing shall be removed and will be disposed off-site by an approved facility.



3.2 Environmental Effects

Decommissioning activities, particularly the removal of project components could result in environmental effects similar to those of the construction phase. Mitigation measures similar to those employed during the construction phase of the Solar Facility will be implemented. These will remain in place until the site is stabilized in order to mitigate erosion and silt/sediment runoff and any impacts on the significant natural features or water bodies located adjacent to the Facility Site.

Road traffic will temporarily increase due to the movement of decommissioning crews and equipment. There may be an increase in particulate matter (dust) in adjacent areas during the decommissioning phase. Decommissioning activities may lead to temporary elevated noise levels from heavy machinery and an increase in trips to the project location. Work will be undertaken during daylight hours and conform to any applicable restrictions.

3.3 Site Restoration

Through the decommissioning phase, the Facility Site will be restored to a state similar to its preconstruction condition. All project components will be removed. Rehabilitated lands may be seeded with a low-growing species such as clover to help stabilize soil conditions, enhance soil structure, and increase soil fertility.

3.4 Managing Materials and Waste

During the decommissioning phase a variety of excess materials and wastes will be generated. Most of the materials used in a Solar Facility are reusable or recyclable and some equipment may have manufacturer take-back and recycling requirements. Any remaining materials will be removed and disposed of off-site at an appropriate facility. CPG will establish policies and procedures to maximize recycling and reuse and will work with manufacturers, local subcontractors, and waste firms to segregate material to be disposed of, recycled, or reused.

CPG will be responsible for the logistics of collecting and recycling the PV modules and to minimize the potential for modules to be discarded in the municipal waste stream.

3.5 Decommissioning During Construction or Abandonment Before Maturity

In case of abandonment of the Solar Facility during construction or before its 25 year maturity, the same decommissioning procedures as for decommissioning after ceasing operation will be undertaken and the same decommissioning and restoration program will be honored, in as far as construction proceeded before abandonment. The Solar Facility will be dismantled, materials removed and disposed, the soil that was removed will be graded and the site restored to a state similar to its pre-construction condition.



3.6 Decommissioning Notification

Decommissioning activities may require the notification of stakeholders given the nature of the works at the Facility Site. The local municipality in particular will be notified prior to commencement of any decommissioning activities. Six months prior to decommissioning, CPG will update their list of stakeholders and notify appropriate municipalities of decommissioning activities.

4. Management of Excess Materials and Waste

Material / Waste	Means of Managing Excess Materials and Waste
PV panels	If there is no possibility for reuse, the panels will either be returned to the manufacturer for appropriate disposal or will be transported to a recycling facility where the glass, metal and semiconductor materials will be separated and recycled.
Metal array mounting racks and steel supports	These materials will be disposed off-site at an approved facility.
Transformers and substation components	The small amount of oil from the transformers will be removed on-site to reduce the potential for spills and will be transported to an approved facility for disposal. The substation transformer and step-up transformers in the inverter units will be transported off-site to be sent back to the manufacturer, recycled, reused, or safely disposed off-site in accordance with current standards and best practices.
Inverters, fans, fixtures	The metal components of the inverters, fans and fixtures will be disposed of or recycled, where possible. Remaining components will be disposed of in accordance with the standards of the day.
Gravel (or other granular)	It is possible that the municipality may accept uncontaminated material without processing for use on local roads, however, for the purpose of this report it is assumed that the material will be removed from the project location by truck to a location where the aggregate can be processed for salvage. It will then be reused as fill for construction. It is not expected that any such material will be contaminated.
Geotextile fabric	It is assumed that during excavation of the aggregate, a large portion of the geotextile will be "picked up" and sorted out of the aggregate at the



Some y and an	aggregate reprocessing site. Geotextile fabric that is remaining or large pieces that can be readily removed from the excavated aggregate will be disposed of off-site at an approved disposal facility.			
Concrete inverter/transf ormer Foundations	Concrete foundations will be broken down and transported by certified and licensed contractors to a recycling or approved disposal facility.			
Cables and wiring	The electrical line that connects the substation to the point of common coupling will be disconnected and disposed of at an approved facility. Support poles, if made of untreated wood, will be chipped for reuse. Associated electronic equipment (isolation switches, fuses, metering) will be transported off-site to be sent back to the manufacturer, recycled, reused, or safely disposed off-site in accordance with current standards and best practices.			
Fencing	Fencing will be removed and recycled at a metal recycling facility.			
Debris	Any remaining debris on the site will be separated into recyclables/residual wastes and will be transported from the site and managed as appropriate.			

5. Costs of decommissioning

The costs below are the current estimated costs to decommission a 4 MWac Solar Facility, based on guidance from consulting engineering firms and estimates from the Delaware solar market. The salvage values of valuable recyclable materials (aluminum, steel, copper, etc) are not factored into the below costs. The scrap value will be determined on current market rates at the time of salvage.

Tasks	Estimated Cost (\$)
Remove Panels	\$4,920
Dismantle Racks	\$24,680
Remove and Load Electrical Equipment	\$3,680
Break up Concrete Pads	\$3,000
Remove Racks	\$15,600



Remove Cable	\$13,000
Remove Ground Screws and Power Poles	\$27,680
Remove Fence	\$9,840
Grading	\$8,000
Seed Disturbed Areas	\$520
Truck to Recycling Center	\$5,600
Total	\$91,600



Attachment V - Glare Study



FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

Project: Beach Highway

Site configuration: Beach Highway

Analysis conducted by michael borkowski (mborkowski247@gmail.com) at 18:47 on 19 Nov, 2021.

U.S. FAA 2013 Policy Adherence

The following table summarizes the policy adherence of the glare analysis based on the 2013 U.S. Federal Aviation Administration Interim Policy 78 FR 63276. This policy requires the following criteria be met for solar energy systems on airport property:

- No "yellow" glare (potential for after-image) for any flight path from threshold to 2 miles
- · No glare of any kind for Air Traffic Control Tower(s) ("ATCT") at cab height.
- · Default analysis and observer characteristics (see list below)

ForgeSolar does not represent or speak officially for the FAA and cannot approve or deny projects. Results are informational only.

COMPONENT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Analysis parameters	PASS	Analysis time interval and eye characteristics used are acceptable
2-mile flight path(s)	N/A	No flight paths analyzed
ATCT(s)	N/A	No ATCT receptors designated

Default glare analysis parameters and observer eye characteristics (for reference only):

· Analysis time interval: 1 minute

Ocular transmission coefficient: 0.5

Pupil diameter: 0.002 meters

· Eye focal length: 0.017 meters

· Sun subtended angle: 9.3 milliradians

FAA Policy 78 FR 63276 can be read at https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-24729

SITE CONFIGURATION

Analysis Parameters

DNI: peaks at 1,000.0 W/m^2 Time interval: 1 min Ocular transmission coefficient: 0.5 Pupil diameter: 0.002 m Eye focal length: 0.017 m Sun subtended angle: 9.3 mrad Site Config ID: 61202.10896



PV Array(s)

Name: PV array 1

Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°

Tracking axis tilt: 0.0°

Tracking axis panel offset: 0.0° Max tracking angle: 52.0° Resting angle: 52.0° Rated power: 4000.0 kW

Panel material: Smooth glass without AR coating

Reflectivity: Vary with sun Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	38.811050	-75.436728	48.48	8.00	56.48
2	38.812187	-75.434689	47.11	8.00	55.11
3	38.812187	-75.433616	47.90	8.00	55.90
4	38.811100	-75.433616	48.12	8.00	56.12
5	38.808592	-75.432608	47.63	8.00	55.63
6	38.808199	-75.432597	47.62	8.00	55.62
7	38.808241	-75.436706	48.98	8.00	56.98

Route Receptor(s)

Name: Beach Highway Path type: Two-way Observer view angle: 50.0°

Note: Route receptors are excluded from this FAA policy review. Use the 2-mile flight path receptor to simulate flight paths according to FAA guidelines.



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	38.806998	-75.428470	48.27	5.00	53.27
2	38.806714	-75.441602	49.31	5.00	54.32

Name: Dupont Blvd Path type: Two-way Observer view angle: 50.0°

Note: Route receptors are excluded from this FAA policy review. Use the 2-mile flight path receptor to simulate flight paths according to FAA guidelines.



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	38.814138	-75.438877	47.46	5.00	52.46
2	38.802952	-75.438748	48.88	5.00	53.88

Name: Route 3 Path type: Two-way Observer view angle: 50.0°

Note: Route receptors are excluded from this FAA policy review. Use the 2-mile flight path receptor to simulate flight paths according to FAA guidelines.



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)	
1	38.814405	-75.429242	48.53	5.00	53.53	
2	38.803219	-75.429092	47.75	5.00	52.75	

GLARE ANALYSIS RESULTS

Summary of Glare

PV Array Name	Tilt	Orient	"Green" Glare	"Yellow" Glare	Energy
	(°)	(°)	min	min	kWh
PV array 1	SA	SA	0	0	12,230,000.0
	tracking	tracking			

Total annual glare received by each receptor

Receptor	Annual Green Glare (min)	Annual Yellow Glare (min)
Beach Highway	0	0
Dupont Blvd	0	0
Route 3	0	0

Results for: PV array 1

Receptor	Green Glare (min)	Yellow Glare (min)
Beach Highway	0	0
Dupont Blvd	0	0
Route 3	0	0

Route: Beach Highway

0 minutes of yellow glare 0 minutes of green glare

Route: Dupont Blvd

0 minutes of yellow glare 0 minutes of green glare

Route: Route 3

0 minutes of yellow glare 0 minutes of green glare

Assumptions

"Green" glare is glare with low potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

"Yellow" glare is glare with potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

Times associated with glare are denoted in Standard time. For Daylight Savings, add one hour.

Glare analyses do not account for physical obstructions between reflectors and receptors. This includes buildings, tree cover and geographic obstructions.

Several calculations utilize the PV array centroid, rather than the actual glare spot location, due to V1 algorithm limitations. This may affect results for large PV footprints. Additional analyses of array sub-sections can provide additional information on expected glare. The subtended source angle (glare spot size) is constrained by the PV array footprint size. Partitioning large arrays into smaller sections will reduce the maximum potential subtended angle, potentially impacting results if actual glare spots are larger than the sub-array size. Additional analyses of the combined area of adjacent sub-arrays can provide more information on potential glare hazards. (See previous point on related limitations.)

Glare locations displayed on receptor plots are approximate. Actual glare-spot locations may differ.

Glare vector plots are simplified representations of analysis data. Actual glare emanations and results may differ.

The glare hazard determination relies on several approximations including observer eye characteristics, angle of view, and typical blink response time. Actual results and glare occurrence may differ.

Hazard zone boundaries shown in the Glare Hazard plot are an approximation and visual aid based on aggregated research data. Actual ocular impact outcomes encompass a continuous, not discrete, spectrum.

Refer to the Help page at www.forgesolar.com/help/ for assumptions and limitations not listed here.

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Beach Highway Road Solar Decommissioning Plan

November 2022

Prepared For: Sussex County, DE





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Road traffic will temporarily increase due to the movement of decommissioning crews and equipment. There may be an increase in particulate matter (dust) in adjacent areas during the decommissioning phase. Decommissioning activities may lead to temporary elevated noise levels from heavy machinery and an increase in trips to the project location. Work will be undertaken during daylight hours and conform to any applicable restrictions.

3.3 Site Restoration

Through the decommissioning phase, the Facility Site will be restored to a state similar to its preconstruction condition. All project components will be removed. Rehabilitated lands may be seeded with a low-growing species such as clover to help stabilize soil conditions, enhance soil structure, and increase soil fertility.

3.4 Managing Materials and Waste

During the decommissioning phase a variety of excess materials and wastes will be generated. Most of the materials used in a Solar Facility are reusable or recyclable and some equipment may have manufacturer take-back and recycling requirements. Any remaining materials will be removed and disposed of off-site at an appropriate facility. CPG will establish policies and procedures to maximize recycling and reuse and will work with manufacturers, local subcontractors, and waste firms to segregate material to be disposed of, recycled, or reused.

CPG will be responsible for the logistics of collecting and recycling the PV modules and to minimize the potential for modules to be discarded in the municipal waste stream.

3.5 Decommissioning During Construction or Abandonment Before Maturity

In case of abandonment of the Solar Facility during construction or before its 25-year maturity, the same decommissioning procedures as for decommissioning after ceasing operation will be undertaken and the same decommissioning and restoration program will be honored, in as far as construction proceeded before abandonment. The Solar Facility will be dismantled, materials removed and disposed, the soil that was removed will be graded and the site restored to a state similar to its pre-construction condition.

3.6 Decommissioning Notification



Decommissioning activities may require the notification of stakeholders given the nature of the works at the Facility Site. The local municipality in particular will be notified prior to commencement of any decommissioning activities. Six months prior to decommissioning, CPG will update their list of stakeholders and notify appropriate municipalities of decommissioning activities.

4. Management of Excess Materials and Waste

Material / Waste	Means of Managing Excess Materials and Waste
PV panels	If there is no possibility for reuse, the panels will either be returned to the manufacturer for appropriate disposal or will be transported to a recycling facility where the glass, metal and semiconductor materials will be separated and recycled.
Metal array mounting racks and steel supports	These materials will be disposed off-site at an approved facility.
Transformers and substation components	The small amount of oil from the transformers will be removed on-site to reduce the potential for spills and will be transported to an approved facility for disposal. The substation transformer and step-up transformers in the inverter units will be transported off-site to be sent back to the manufacturer, recycled, reused, or safely disposed off-site in accordance with current standards and best practices.
Inverters, fans, fixtures	The metal components of the inverters, fans and fixtures will be disposed of or recycled, where possible. Remaining components will be disposed of in accordance with the standards of the day.
Gravel (or other granular)	It is possible that the municipality may accept uncontaminated material without processing for use on local roads, however, for the purpose of this report it is assumed that the material will be removed from the project location by truck to a location where the aggregate can be processed for salvage. It will then be reused as fill for construction. It is not expected that any such material will be contaminated.
Geotextile fabric	It is assumed that during excavation of the aggregate, a large portion of the geotextile will be "picked up" and sorted out of the aggregate at the aggregate reprocessing site. Geotextile fabric that is remaining or large



	pieces that can be readily removed from the excavated aggregate will be disposed of off-site at an approved disposal facility.
Concrete inverter/transf ormer Foundations	Concrete foundations will be broken down and transported by certified and licensed contractors to a recycling or approved disposal facility.
Cables and wiring	The electrical line that connects the substation to the point of common coupling will be disconnected and disposed of at an approved facility. Support poles, if made of untreated wood, will be chipped for reuse. Associated electronic equipment (isolation switches, fuses, metering) will be transported off-site to be sent back to the manufacturer, recycled, reused, or safely disposed off-site in accordance with current standards and best practices.
Fencing	Fencing will be removed and recycled at a metal recycling facility.
Debris	Any remaining debris on the site will be separated into recyclables/residual wastes and will be transported from the site and managed as appropriate.

5. Costs of decommissioning

The costs below are the current estimated costs to decommission a 4 MWac Solar Facility, based on guidance from consulting engineering firms and estimates from the Delaware solar market. The salvage values of valuable recyclable materials (aluminum, steel, copper, etc) are not factored into the below costs. The scrap value will be determined on current market rates at the time of salvage.

Tasks	Estimated Cost (\$)
Remove Panels	\$4,920
Dismantle Racks	\$24,680
Remove and Load Electrical Equipment	\$3,680
Break up Concrete Pads	\$3,000
Remove Racks	\$15,600
Remove Cable	\$13,000



Remove Ground Screws and Power Poles	\$27,680
Remove Fence	\$9,840
Grading	\$8,000
Seed Disturbed Areas	\$520
Truck to Recycling Center	\$5,600
Total	\$91,600
Total w/ Escalation at Year 25	\$116,377.80

6. Financial Assurance

Options for financial assurance include trust fund, cash escrow, letter of credit, surety bond, or insurance. Apart from a force majeure event, it is extraordinarily unlikely that the cost to remove a solar facility would approach the salvage value of the equipment, thereby decreasing the risk of abandonment and thus per the best practices as outlined by the Weldon Cooper Center's *Decommissioning Utility-Scale Solar Facilities: Financial Best Practices for Virginia Localities* (2022), a phased financial assurance plan is proposed as follows:

- 1. Prior to construction, the facility owner will provide evidence of liability insurance for the Facility. Per the Weldon Cooper Center's *Decommissioning Utility-Scale Solar Facilities: Financial Best Practices for Virginia Localities* (2022) by Irene Cox, page 39 states that, "If the locality desires access to decommissioning security prior to the site's construction, sufficient assurance can be accessed by requiring the project owner to provide evidence of liability insurance for the facility. This avoids levying a cost-prohibitive financial assurance condition on the developer while simultaneously protecting the locality against abandonment in the solar project's early life." It is of CPG's opinion that this is a fair requirement applicable to projects in Delaware as well.
- 2. The facility owner will post the estimated decommissioning amount in twenty percent increments every five years, beginning on the fifth anniversary of the commercial operation date (Cox 39-40).
 - a. Five years after the commercial operation date, the owner will provide a financial surety in the amount of 20% of the escalated decommissioning cost estimate.
 - b. Ten years after the commercial operation date, the owner will provide an additional 20% increment to bring the total to 40%.
 - c. Fifteen years after the commercial operation date, the owner will provide an additional 20% to bring the total to 60% of the estimated decommissioning cost less the facility's salvage value, subject to the exception that the security amount



- factoring salvage shall be no less than 40% of the estimated cost of decommissioning.
- d. Twenty years after the commercial operation date, the owner will provide an additional 20% to bring the total to 80% of the estimated decommissioning cost less the facility's salvage value, but the security amount factoring salvage shall be no less than 60% of the estimated cost of decommissioning.
- e. Twenty-five years after the initial security posting, the owner will provide the final 20% to equal 100% of the estimated decommissioning cost less the facility's salvage value, but the security amount factoring salvage shall be no less than 70% of the estimated cost of decommissioning.

These phased deposits provide the locality with the security of access to most of the decommissioning surety prior to the project's half-life without requiring the burdens of financial assurance early in the project.

References

Cox, Irene. "Decommissioning Utility-Scale Solar Facilities." *University of Virginia - Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Energy Transition Initiative Webpage*, Aug. 2022, energytransition.coopercenter.org/reports/decommissioning-utility-scale-solar-facilities.

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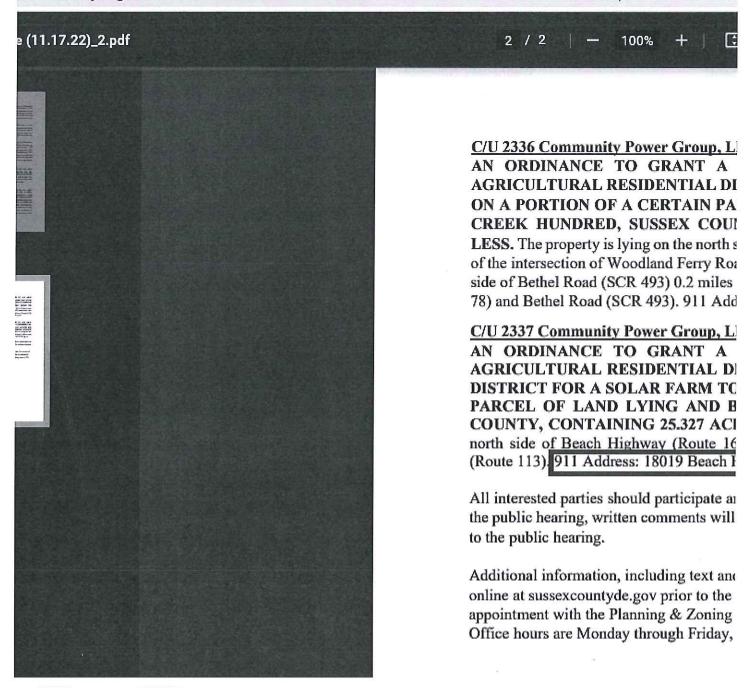
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Good afternoon,

The Town of Ellendale wishes to comment on the proposed C/U 2337 for Community Power Group LLC.

We would like to note that both the Planning & Zoning and County Council Public Notice's for this Conditional Use incorrectly list the address of this proposal as being in Milton. As such, the Town of Ellendale was never notified, nor were Ellendale residents aware, that this Conditional Use was potentially taking place. We object to the public hearing continuing with the Public Notices incorrectly listing the property as being in Milton instead of Ellendale and thus removing the community from participating in the hearing. It was only found out because someone noticed the Public Hearing sign that was partially blocked from view for westbound traffic by control panels for a farm irrigation pump.

Opposition Exhibit



Further, this parcel is currently in the Town of Ellendale's Comprehensive Plan for Level 1 (short term) annexation and the Town of Ellendale is currently in the process of annexing this parcel as part of the West Ellendale Annexation. We have received the Ability to Serve letters from Sussex County Engineering for sewer and water service and from Delmarva Power for electric service. Letters have been sent to the Ellendale Police Department, Ellendale Volunteer Fire Company, and Sussex County EMS advising them of the upcoming annexation. The parcel is currently being referred to the State Preliminary Land Use Service to continue with the Annexation Process. We would encourage the potential developer of the proposed solar farm to reach out to the Town of Ellendale as this process continues.

Regards, Aaron Moore President, Ellendale Town Council



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C/U 2336 Community Power Group, LLC
AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1
AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A SOLAR FARM TO BE LOCATED ON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROAD CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 25.012 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. The property is lying on the north side of Woodland Ferry Road (S.C.R. 78) 0.15 miles east of the intersection of Woodland Ferry Road (SCR 78) and Bethel Road (SCR 493) and on the east side of Bethel Road (SCR 493) 0.2 miles north of the intersection of Woodland Ferry Road (SCR 78) and Bethel Road (SCR 493). 911 Address: N/A. Tax Parcel: 232-5.00-11.03 (p/o).

C/U 2337 Community Power Group, LLC
AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1
AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND A C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A SOLAR FARM TO BE LOCATED ON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CEDAR CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 25.327 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. The property is lying on the north side of Beach Highway (Route 16), approximately 0.20 mile east of Dupont Boulevard (Route 113) 911 Address: 18019 Beach Highway, Milton. Tax Parcel: 230-26.00-39.00 (p/o).

All interested parties should participate and provide testimony. If you are unable to participate in the public hearing, written comments will be accepted. Written comments shall be submitted prior to the public hearing.

Additional information, including text and maps pertaining to the applications may be reviewed online at sussexcountyde.gov prior to the meeting or by calling 302-855-7878 for a scheduled appointment with the Planning & Zoning Department located at 2 The Circle Georgetown, DE. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.