CALL TO ORDER – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ROLL CALL for the Zoning Board of Appeals: Randy Mohr (Chair); Scott Cherry, Karen Clementi, Tom LeCuyer, Dick Thompson, Dick Whitfield, and One Vacancy

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from the April 30, 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing (Pages 2-23)

PETITIONS:
1. 18 – 14 – Michael and Dayle Saar (Pages 24-93)
   Request: Map Amendment Rezoning Subject Property from A-1 to R-1
   PIN: 05-07-328-003
   Location: East Side of Route 71 Approximately 0.06 Miles Southwest of Timbercreek Drive, Kendall Township
   Purpose: Petitioner would like the Ability to Market and Sell the Property for a Single-Family Home

2. 18 – 15 – Nancy Harazin on Behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101 (Pages 94-493)
   Request: Special Use Permit for a Public or Private Utility-Other (Solar Panels)
   PIN: 07-05-400-003
   Location: 16400 Newark Road, Approximately 0.2 Mile East of Route 71 on the South Side of Newark Road, Big Grove Township
   Purpose: Petitioner would like to Install Solar Panels on the Property; Energy Generated from the Solar Panels would be Consumed Off-Site; Property is Zoned A-1

NEW BUSINESS/ OLD BUSINESS
1. Approval of Amendments to the Title, Article I-Section 3, Article II-Section 1, Article III-Section 6, Article VII-Sections 7, 8, and 9, and Article X of the Kendall County Zoning Board and Special Use Hearing Officer General Rules and By-Laws to Reflect the Transfer of Special Use Related Applications and Hearing from the Special Use Hearing Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals as Approved by the Kendall County Board through Ordinance 2018-04 and Related Citation Amendments (Pages 494-507)

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD
1. Petition 18-05 Map Amendment for the Warpinski Property on Walker Road

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS- Next meeting on July 2, 2018

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Randy Mohr called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Karen Clementi, Tom LeCuyer, Randy Mohr, Dick Thompson, and One Vacancy
Members Absent: Scott Cherry and Dick Whitfield
Staff Present: Matthew Asselmeier, AICP, Senior Planner
Public: Robert Davidson and Ramon Martinez

MINUTES
Ms. Clementi, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moved to approve the April 2, 2018, meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion was approved.

PETITIONS
18 – 03 – Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee

Request: Text Amendments to Sections 4.17.H, 7.01.D.53.b.vi, 8.08.B.2.h, 10.01.C.27.b.vi, 11.02.C, 11.02.D, 11.04, 11.04.A, 13.01.C, 13.07.B, 13.07.C and 13.08.C of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance by Removing the Requirements for the Zoning, Platting and Advisory Committee and the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission to Meet and Issue Recommendations on Proposed Map Amendments, Special Use Permits, Major Amendments to Special Use Permits, and Text Amendments on Matters Not Involving the Powers and Duties of the Zoning, Platting and Advisory Committee or the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission and Related Zoning Text Citation Amendments

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Mr. Asselmeier reported that proposal was sent back to the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee at the request of the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission and Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee.
Chairman Mohr asked about the authority of the Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee in requesting a layover. Mr. Asselmeier said that the Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee is not part of the adoption process.

Discussion occurred regarding initiating a public hearing, recessing a public hearing, and then receiving comments from applicable municipalities and townships.

This matter will be laid over until after the May Planning, Building and Zoning Committee.

The Zoning Board of Appeals started their review of Petition 18-11 at 7:27 p.m.

At this time Chairman Mohr swore in those members of the public that wished to speak on the petitions.

18 – 11 – Elva Rocha (Owner) and Ramon Martinez (Lessee)

**Request:** Variances to Section s 4.05.E, 4.05.F, 11.02.F.7 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance
Allowing the Construction of a Detached Accessory Structure to be 166% the Size of the Primary Structure and be 20.5 Feet in Height and to Allow the Driveway to be 3.5 Feet from the Eastern Property Line

**PIN:** 03-05-454-023

**Location:** 16 Curtmar Court, Montgomery (Boulder Hill) in Oswego Township

**Purpose:** The proposed new garage would be twenty point five feet (20.5’) in height. The maximum building height for an accessory structure is fifteen feet (15’).

The proposed new garage would be one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square feet in size. The new garage would be approximately one hundred sixty-six percent (166%) the size of the existing house which is one thousand one hundred seventy-five (1175) square feet in size and greater than seventy percent (70%) the size of the house.

The proposed driveway would extend to approximately three point five feet (3.5’) of the east side property line; the driveway cannot be closer than five feet (5’) without a variance.

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

The owner of the subject property, Elva Rocha, leases the property to her brother, Ramon Martinez.

Mr. Martinez would like to demolish the existing five hundred eighty-six (586) square foot garage and construct a one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square foot garage in approximately the same location as the existing garage. He would like the garage to store his 18-wheeler and to work on his vehicles. The subject property is zoned R-6 One Family Residence District.

The construction of the proposed garage requires the following three (3) variances:
1. The new garage would be twenty point five feet (20.5') in height. The maximum building height for an accessory structure is fifteen feet (15').

2. The new garage would be one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square feet in size. The new garage would be approximately one hundred sixty-six percent (166%) the size of the existing house which is one thousand one hundred seventy-five (1175) square feet in size. An accessory structure in the R-6 District can only be seventy percent (70%) the size of primary structure.

3. The proposed driveway would extend to approximately three point five feet (3.5') of the east side property line; the driveway cannot be closer than five feet (5') without a variance.

The subject property is inside the Boulder Hill Subdivision. The surrounding land uses are mostly residential.

Oswego Township was emailed this proposal on March 27, 2018 and no comments have been received.

The Village of Montgomery was emailed this proposal on March 27, 2018 and no comments have been received.

No weight restrictions exist on streets in Boulder Hill.

The local fire protection district did not submit comments on the proposal.

If this variance is approved, Staff recommends the following restrictions be placed on the variance to allow for the construction of a new detached garage twenty point five feet (20.5') in height requiring a variance of five point five feet (5.5'); the size of the garage shall be one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square feet in size and one hundred sixty-six percent (166%) the size of the existing house which is one thousand one hundred seventy-five (1175) square feet in size requiring a variance of ninety-six (96) percentage points; the proposed driveway would extend to approximately three point five feet (3.5') of the east side property line requiring a variance of one point five feet (1.5'):

1. The site shall be developed in accordance with the attached site plan.

2. The Petitioner or Lessee shall secure all applicable permits prior to using the garage.

3. The Petitioner and any Lessees of the property shall use the garage for personal use only; no business shall be operated inside the garage or on the subject property without securing a home occupation affidavit from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

Mr. Asselmeier noted that the certificate of publication and green cards were on file in the Planning, Building and Zoning Department Office.

Chairman Mohr opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. At this time Chairman Mohr swore in those members of the public that wished to speak on the petition.
Ramon Martinez, Petitioner, stated that he plans to park his eight (18) wheeler, cars, and mowers in the proposed garage.

Ms. Clementi asked where the truck was parked normally. Mr. Martinez responded that he keeps the truck parked at a lot at his work; he pays to park at that location.

Mr. Martinez said that the truck would be parked at the property on weekends.

Discussion occurred about the residential nature of the neighborhood. Mr. Martinez would park just the truck and not the semi. He stated that other people park similar vehicles in their driveways.

Chairman Mohr asked why the building needed to be twenty feet (20’) in height. Mr. Martinez responded the overhead door needed the height for the clearance of the door.

Mr. LeCuyer asked what was in the back of the lot. The area in question is a Commonwealth Edison right-of-way.

The proposed dimension of the building is thirty-six feet x fifty-four feet (36’x54’).

There was no written correspondence related to this request; there was one (1) phone call from a neighbor expressing their opposition to the request.

Chairman Mohr adjourned the public hearing on this matter at 7:38 p.m.

Ms. Clementi noted that her home is not in the notice area, but is visible in one (1) of the pictures. She stated that Curtmar Court is in poor condition and she expressed concerns regarding the impact of such a vehicle on the roads. She expressed concerns about the resale of the property if the garage is approved. She believes the garage will be unsightly and she believes that the garage is an inappropriate use for the R-6 Zoning District.

Chairman Mohr expressed concerns that a future property owner may convert the building to a business use.

There are no covenants in Boulder Hill, to the knowledge of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

Ms. Clementi agreed that semis are parked in driveways throughout Boulder Hill. She did not want to condone that activity.

Discussion occurred regarding the driveway variance. The curve of the driveway would encroach in the setback. Chairman Mohr stated that he was not opposed to the driveway variance. Ms. Clementi stated that older parts of Boulder Hill have zero (0) lot lines and she is not opposed to the side yard variance; she is opposed to the size and height variance request.

Ms. Clementi made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeCuyer, to amend the 5th Finding of Fact to read “The proposed garage may block light or air from adjacent properties. The proposed garage may cause an increase in congestion on public streets. The proposed variance may diminish property values in the
area. Provided the garage is constructed to the building code, no increase of fire or public safety concerns are anticipated by this proposal."

The votes were as follows:

Ayes (4): Clementi, LeCuyer, Mohr, and Thompson
Nays (0): None
Absent (2): Cherry and Whitfield

The motion passed.

Mr. LeCuyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the Findings of Fact as amended.

The votes were as follows:

Ayes (4): Clementi, LeCuyer, Mohr, and Thompson
Nays (0): None
Absent (2): Cherry and Whitfield

The motion passed.

Ms. Clementi, seconded by Mr. LeCuyer, made a motion to approve the variances as requested.

The votes were as follows:

Ayes (0): None
Nays (4): Clementi, LeCuyer, Mohr, and Thompson
Absent (2): Cherry and Whitfield

The motion failed. The variance request is denied.

The Zoning Board of Appeals concluded review of Petition 18-11 at 7:58 p.m.

18 – 13 – Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee


Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning Commission requested additional time to review proposed regulations. Mr. Asselmeier will email Zoning Board of Appeals members copies of the proposal in its current form.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS
Presentation of Amendments to the Title, Article I-Section 3, Article II-Section 1, Article III-Section 6, Article VII-Sections 7, 8, and 9, and Article X of the Kendall County Zoning Board and Special Use Hearing Officer General Rules and By-Laws to Reflect the Transfer of Special Use Related Applications and Hearing from the Special Use Hearing Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals as Approved by the Kendall County Board through Ordinance 2018-04 and Related Citation Amendments

With the adoption of Ordinance 2018-04, amendments to various sections of the Zoning Board of Appeal’s Bylaws were presented. The amendments are required to remove conflicts between the Bylaws and the Zoning Ordinance.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD
Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 17-29 regarding the notification requirements for special use permits in the A-1 District was approved by the Board. Special use permit applications on A-1 zoned property will have to notify neighboring property owners up to seven hundred fifty feet (750’). Non A-1 zoned properties desiring a special use permit will only have to notify adjoining property owners. The new amendment does not apply to map amendments or variances; the notifications requirements remain unchanged.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 18-05 regarding the Warpinski map amendment on Walker Road did not go to the Board because Kendall Township did not respond in writing to requests about filing a formal objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Chairman Mohr requested that the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals be filled promptly.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that a map amendment application on Route 71 south of Timbercreek Drive in Kendall Township, a special use permit for solar panels on Newark Road in Big Grove Township, and a special use permit for a banquet facility on Route 30 outside Montgomery in Bristol Township will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Mr. LeCuyer, seconded by Ms. Clementi made a motion to adjourn. By voice vote of all ayes, the motion passed unanimously. The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner

Exhibits
INTRODUCTION
The owner of the subject property, Elva Rocha, leases the property to her brother, Ramon Martinez.

Mr. Martinez would like to demolish the existing five hundred eighty-six (586) square foot garage and construct a one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square foot garage in approximately the same location as the existing garage. He would like the garage to store his 18-wheeler and to work on his vehicles. The subject property is zoned R-6 One Family Residence District.

The construction of the proposed garage requires the following three (3) variances:

1. The new garage would be twenty point five feet (20.5') in height. The maximum building height for an accessory structure is fifteen feet (15').

2. The new garage would be one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square feet in size. The new garage would be approximately one hundred sixty-six percent (166%) the size of the existing house which is one thousand one hundred seventy-five (1175) square feet in size. An accessory structure in the R-6 District can only be seventy percent (70%) the size of primary structure.

3. The proposed driveway would extend to approximately three point five feet (3.5') of the east side property line; the driveway cannot be closer than five feet (5') without a variance.

The variance application is attached as Attachment 1. The site plan is included as Attachment 2

SITE INFORMATION
PETITIONER        Elva Rocha
ADDRESS           16 Curtmar Court, Montgomery
LOCATION          Lot 193 in Boulder Hill
TOWNSHIP  Oswego  
PARCEL #  03-05-454-023  
LOT SIZE  0.42 +/- Acres  
EXITING LAND USE  Single Family Residential (Boulder Hill Subdivision)  
ZONING  R-6 One Family Residence District  

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REQUESTED ACTION  
The new garage would be twenty point five feet (20.5') in height. The maximum building height for an accessory structure is fifteen feet (15').  
The new garage would be one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square feet in size. The new garage would be approximately one hundred sixty-six percent (166%) the size of the existing house which is one thousand one hundred seventy-five (1175) square feet in size and greater than seventy percent (70%) the size of the house.  
The proposed driveway would extend to approximately three point five feet (3.5') of the east side property line; the driveway cannot be closer than five feet (5') without a variance.  

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS  
§ 4.05.E – Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses – Height of Accessory Structures in Required Rear Yards.  
§ 4.05.F – Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses – Footprint of Accessory Structures in R-5, R-6, and R-7 Districts.  
§13.04 – Variation Procedures and Requirements  

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GENERAL INFORMATION
The existing garage is thirteen feet (13') in height.

Pictures of the subject property are included as Attachments 3-7.

As shown in Attachments 5, 6, and 7, the garage will be constructed behind a fence on the north and east sides. The new garage will be visible to property owners south of the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way and motorists on Circle Drive West.

On the site plan (Attachment 2), there is a reference to a power line designated for removal. This power line is visible in Attachment 7.

No weight restrictions exist on streets in Boulder Hill.

Mr. Martinez intends to use the new building for his own use.

The building will be made of metal. To date, Mr. Martinez has not supplied the County with drawings of the new garage.

OSWEGO TOWNSHIP
Oswego Township was emailed this proposal on 3.27.18.

VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY
The Village of Montgomery was emailed this proposal on 3.27.18.

FINDINGS OF FACT
§ 13.04.A.3 of the Zoning Ordinance outlines findings that the Zoning Board of Appeals must make in order to grant variations. They are listed below in italics. Staff has provided findings in bold below based on the recommendation:

That the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical condition of the specific property involved would result in a particular hardship or practical difficulty upon the owner if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out. A garage of this size could not be constructed on the subject property without variances.

That the conditions upon which the requested variation is based would not be applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification. This is partially true. Other properties zoned R-6 could have similar configurations (i.e. location of the home on the parcel, the size of the parcel, the size of the house, etc.) limiting the location of potential accessory structures and sizes of accessory structures. The number of properties sharing similar characteristics is unknown.

That the alleged difficulty or hardship has not been created by any person presently having an interest in the property. While neither the Petitioner nor the Lessee platted the subject property, the Lessee created the hardship by desiring a garage of this size on the property.

That the granting of the variation will not materially be detrimental to the public welfare or substantially injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located. True, the construction of the proposed garage will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other properties.

That the proposed variation will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or substantially increase the congestion in the public streets or increase the danger of fire, or endanger the public safety or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood. True, the proposed garage will not block light or air from adjacent properties. The proposed garage will not cause an
increase in congestion on public streets. The proposed variance will not diminish property values in the area. Provided the garage is constructed to the building code, no increase of fire or public safety concerns are anticipated by this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION
If this variance is approved, Staff recommends the following restrictions be placed on the variance to allow for the construction of a new detached garage twenty point five feet (20.5') in height requiring a variance of five point five feet (5.5'); the size of the garage shall be one thousand nine hundred forty-four (1944) square feet in size and one hundred sixty-six percent (166%) the size of the existing house which is one thousand one hundred seventy-five (1175) square feet in size requiring a variance of ninety-six (96) percentage points; the proposed driveway would extend to approximately three point five feet (3.5') of the east side property line requiring a variance of one point five feet (1.5'):

1. The site shall be developed in accordance with the attached site plan shown in Attachment 2.
2. The Petitioner or Lessee shall secure all applicable permits prior to using the garage.
3. The Petitioner and any Lessees of the property shall use the garage for personal use only; no business shall be operated inside the garage or on the subject property without securing a home occupation affidavit from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Application (Including Petitioner’s Findings of Fact)
2. Site Plan (Including Topographic Information)
3. Aerial
4. Front (North) Side of House
5. Existing Garage
6. East Side of Existing Garage
7. Looking South from Existing Garage
8. Oswego Fire District Email 3.28.18
# Application

## Department of Planning, Building & Zoning

**111 West Fox Street • Yorkville, IL • 60560**

**Phone (630) 553-4141**  
**Fax (630) 553-4179**

## Application

### Project Name: Post Barn Garage  
**File #: 18-11**

### Name of Applicant

**Elva L. Rocha**

### Current Landowner(s)

**Elva L. Rocha**

### Site Information

**Site Address or Location:**  
**16 Curtmar Ct.**  
**Montgomery, IL 60538**  
**03-05-454-023**

### Existing Land Use

**Single Family Residential**

### Current Zoning

**R-1 One-Family Residential**

### Land Classification on LRMP

**Subdivision Residential**

### Requested Action

- [ ] Special Use
- [ ] Map Amendment (Rezone to ___)
- [X] Variance
- [ ] Administrative Variance
- [ ] A-1 Conditional Use for: ___
- [ ] Site Plan Review
- [ ] Text Amendment
- [ ] RPD (___ Concept; ___ Preliminary; ___ Final)
- [ ] Final Plat
- [ ] Administrative Appeal
- [ ] Other Plat (Vacation, Dedication, etc.)

### Amendment to a Special Use (___ Major; ___ Minor)

### Primary Contact

**Ramon Martinez**  
**60538**

### Primary Contact Mailing Address

**16 Curtmar Ct. Montgomery, IL**

### Primary Contact Email

**[Redacted]**

### Primary Contact Phone #

**[Redacted]**

### Primary Contact Fax #

**[Redacted]**

### Primary Contact Other # (Cell, etc.)

**[Redacted]**

### Engineer Contact

**[Redacted]**

### Engineer Mailing Address

**[Redacted]**

### Engineer Email

**[Redacted]**

### Engineer Phone #

**[Redacted]**

### Engineer Fax #

**[Redacted]**

### Engineer Other # (Cell, etc.)

**[Redacted]**

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I understand that by signing this form, that the property in question may be visited by County Staff & Board/Commission Members throughout the petition process and that the primary contact listed above will be subject to all correspondence issued by the County.

I certify that the information and exhibits submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am to file this application and act on behalf of the above signatures.

**Signature of Applicant**  
**[Redacted]**  
**Date:** 3/6/2018

**Fee Paid:** $425.00  
**Check:** [Redacted]

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1. Primary Contact will receive all correspondence from County
2. Engineering Contact will receive all correspondence from the County's Engineering Consultants

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Last Revised: 9.28.12  
Special Use

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Date Stamp Here If Checklist is Complete
Please fill out the following findings of fact to the best of your capabilities. § 13.04 of the Zoning Ordinance outlines findings that the Zoning Board of Appeals shall take into consideration the extent to which the following conditions have been established by the evidence:

That the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical condition of the specific property involved would result in a particular hardship or practical difficulty upon the owner if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out.

NO, NONE.

That the conditions upon which the requested variation is based would not be applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification.

NO, NONE.

That the alleged difficulty or hardship has not been created by any person presently having an interest in the property.

NONE.

That the granting of the variation will not materially be detrimental to the public welfare or substantially injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located.

SHOULD BE NO DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE.
IT WILL NOT BE VISIBLE BY THE PUBLIC STREETS.

That the proposed variation will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or substantially increase the congestion in the public streets or increase the danger of fire, or endanger the public safety or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.

SHOULD BE NO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS, WITHIN THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. THERE ARE NO RESIDENTS/BUILDINGS IN BACK OF MY HOME, AND NO TRAFFIC.
QUIT CLAIM DEED
ILLINOIS STATUTORY

MAIL TO:
Elva L. Rocha
16 Curtmar Ctr
Montgomery IL 60538

NAME & ADDRESS OF TAXPAYER:
Elva L. Rocha
16 Curtmar Ctr
Montgomery IL 60538

THE GRANTOR(S)
of the Town of Montgomery County of Kendall State of IL

for and in consideration of
convey(s) and quit claim(s) to Elva L. Rocha and Honorico Rocha

(grantees address)

all interest in the following described real estate situated in the County of Kendall, in the State of Illinois,

to wit:

NOTE: If additional space is required for legal - attach on separate
8-1/2" x 11" sheet with a minimum of 1/2" clear margin on all sides.

hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

Permanent Index Number(s): 10-05-454.023
Property Address: 16 Curtmar CT, Montgomery IL 60538

Dated this: 8-8-06 day of August 2006
(Seal) (Seal)

Elva L. Rocha

COMPLIMENTS OF: Chicago Title Insurance Company
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
County of  

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, CERTIFY THAT
personally known to me to be the same person whose name ___________ is subscribed to the foregoing instrument,
appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that ___________ be ___________ signed, sealed and delivered the
instrument as ___________ free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the
right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal, this ___________ day of ___________, ___________.

My commission expires on ___________.

Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
ALICIA RAMOS
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Nov 9, 2009

COUNTY - ILLINOIS TRANSFER STAMP

* If Grantor is also Grantee you may want to strike Release & Waiver of Homestead Rights.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PREPARER:  

Elvna - Rocha  
16 Curtmar St.  
Montgomery IL 60538

EXEMPT UNDER PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH \nREAL ESTATE TRANSFER ACT \nDATE: \n
SIGNATURE OF SURETY OR SURETIES

This conveyance must contain the name and address of the Grantee for tax billing purposes: (55 ILCS 5/3-5020)  
and name and address of the person preparing the instrument: (55 ILCS 5/3-5022).
STREET ADDRESS: 16 CURTHAR CT
CITY: MONTGOMERY
COUNTY: KENDALL
TAX NUMBER: 10-05-454-023-0000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LOT 193 OF BOULDER HILL, UNIT 7, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OSWEGO, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Matt Asselmeier

From: Mike Veseling [mveseling@oswegofire.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier; Bob Rogerson; Ken.Holmstrom@oswegotownship.com; buchanan@ci.montgomery.il.us
Subject: RE: 16 Curtmar Court Variance Request

Matt,
I had our Fire Prevention Bureau evaluate this request for variance, and they determined that we have no basis to interject/intervene in this process based on applicable fire codes. Please let us know if we can be of any other assistance.

Have a great day. Mike

From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 10:22 AM
To: Bob Rogerson <bob.rogerson@oswegotownship.com>; Ken.Holmstrom@oswegotownship.com; Mike Veseling <mveseling@oswegofire.com>; buchanan@ci.montgomery.il.us
Subject: 16 Curtmar Court Variance Request

To All:

Attached please find a report and application for three variances at 16 Curtmar Court in Boulder Hill.

The Kendall County Zoning Board of Appeals will review this proposal on April 30th. If you would like to submit comments on the requested variances, please submit them to me by April 23rd.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-1498
PH: 630-553-4139
Fax: 630-553-4179
INTRODUCTION
Michael and Dayle Saar are requesting a map amendment rezoning the majority of the subject property from A-1 to R-1 in order to have the ability to sell the property and market the property as a single-family home site. The petitioners own one (1) of the houses northeast of the subject parcel. They would like to divide a portion of the northeast corner off of the subject property and merge it with their property in the Timber Creek Subdivision and rezone the northeast corner to R-3 at some point in the future.

SITE INFORMATION
PETITIONER: Michael and Dayle Saar
ADDRESS: Between 11614 and 11571 Route 71 on the East Side of the Road
LOCATION: 0.06 Miles Southwest of Timbercreek Drive on the East Side of Route 71

TOWNSHIP: Kendall
PARCEL #: 05-07-328-003
LOT SIZE: 4.2302 acres
EXISTING LAND USE: Agricultural
ZONING: A-1 Agricultural District

Petition 18-14
Michael and Dayle Saar
Map Amendment Rezoning Property from A-1 to R-1
LRMP:

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REQUESTED ACTION: Map Amendment Rezoning Property from A-1 to R-1

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Section 13.07 – Map Amendment Procedures

**SURROUNDING LAND USE**

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The Timber Creek Subdivision is located to the north and east of the subject property.

The A-1 special use permit located east of the subject property is for boarding horses.

**PHYSICAL DATA**

**ENDANGERED SPECIES REPORT**
EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.

**NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**
The application for NRI was submitted on April 12, 2018. LESA score was 178 indicating a low level of protection; see Attachment 8.

**ACTION SUMMARY**

**KENDALL TOWNSHIP**
Petition information was sent to Kendall Township on April 20, 2018. To date, no comments have been received from Kendall Township.

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE**
Petition information was sent to the United City of Yorkville on April 20, 2018. The proposal will go to Yorkville Economic Development Commission on June 5th and the Yorkville Planning Commission on June 13th.
ZPAC
ZPAC met on this proposal on May 1, 2018. They unanimously recommended approval of the request. The minutes of this meeting are included as Attachment 7.

KCRPC
The Kendall County Regional Planning Commission met on May 23, 2018. They unanimously recommended approval of the request. The minutes of this meeting are included as Attachment 9.

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Petitioner desires the map amendment in order to have the ability to market and sell the property for single-family use. The subject property does not have an allocation for the construction of a home and does not possess forty (40) acres. Therefore, a map amendment is required in order to construct a home onsite.

The Petitioner does not believe that the property is large enough for farming. Pictures of the property are included.

The Land Resource Management Plan calls for this area to be rural residential in the future. Existing single-family homes are located to the north and east of the subject property. For these reasons, Staff does not believe that the approval of this request would constitute spot zoning.

BUILDING CODES
Any new homes or accessory structures would be required to meet applicable building codes.

ACCESS
The property fronts Route 71. Staff has no concerns regarding the ability of Route 71 to support a proposed home at this location.

ODORS
No new odors are foreseen.

LIGHTING
Any new lighting would be for residential use only. Staff does not foresee any concerns regarding lighting.

SCREENING
No fencing or buffer is presently planned for the property. Any new fences or plantings would be for a residential use. Any new fences would have to follow applicable regulations.

STORMWATER
Any new homes would have to be constructed per Kendall County’s Stormwater Management Ordinance.

UTILITIES
Electricity is near the property. A new well and septic system would have to obtain applicable permits.

FINDINGS OF FACT
Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question. The area is a mix of agricultural, farmstead, and rural estate residential uses.

The Zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question. The properties to the east are zoned R-3. R-1, R-3, and Yorkville residential zoning are within ½ mile of the subject property.

The suitability of the property in question for the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification. The property is too small for most modern agricultural uses. Homes are located on adjoining properties to the east and north and the subject property lacks an agricultural housing allocation which prevents the construction of a home on the property without a map amendment. The property
would be suitable for most single-family residential related uses.

The trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question, including changes, if any, which may have taken place since the day the property in question was in its present zoning classification. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend the adoption of a proposed amendment unless it finds that the adoption of such an amendment is in the public interest and is not solely for the interest of the applicant. The Zoning Board of Appeals may recommend the adoption of an amendment changing the zoning classification of the property in question to any higher classification than that requested by the applicant. For the purpose of this paragraph the R-1 District shall be considered the highest classification and the M-2 District shall be considered the lowest classification. The proposed amendment fits the development of the area. This area will likely continue to become more residential if the United City of Yorkville continues to annex properties in the area. The proposed amendment benefits the Petitioner by giving him the opportunity to market and sell the property for a residential purpose instead of a purely agricultural use.

Consistency with the purpose and objectives of the Land Resource Management Plan and other adopted County or municipal plans and policies. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Land Resource Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposed map amendment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application Materials (Including the Petitioner’s Findings of Fact, Plat, and EcoCat)
2. Aerial
3. Looking East from Route 71
4. Looking South
5. South Property Line and Stream
6. Petitioner’s Boundary Line
7. 5-1-18 ZPAC Minutes
8. NRI Report
9. 5-23-18 KCRPC Minutes (Petition 18-15 Powerpoint Presentation Not Included)
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, BUILDING & ZONING
111 West Fox Street • Yorkville, IL • 60560
(630) 553-4141 Fax (630) 553-4179

APPLICATION

PROJECT NAME: Saar Meyer Amendment

FILE #: 18-14

NAME OF APPLICANT

MICHAEL SAAR

CURRENT LANDOWNER/NAMES

MICHAEL O. SAAR AND DAYLE E. SAAR

SITE INFORMATION

ACRES

2.302

SITE ADDRESS OR LOCATION

05-07-328-003

ASSessor'S ID NUMBER (PIN)

05-07-328-003

EXISTING LAND USE

A-1

CURRENT ZONING

RURAL RESIDENTIAL

LAND CLASSIFICATION ON LRMp

REQUESTED ACTION (Check All That Apply):

___ SPECIAL USE

X MAP AMENDMENT (Rezone to R-1)

___ VARIANCE

___ ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

___ A-1 CONDITIONAL USE for:________________

___ SITE PLAN REVIEW

___ TEXT AMENDMENT

___ RPD (___Concept; ___ Preliminary; ___ Final)

___ ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

___ PRELIMINARY PLAT

___ FINAL PLAT

___ OTHER PLAT (Vacation, Dedication, etc.)

AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE (___ Major; ___ Minor)

PRIMARY CONTACT

MICHAEL O. SAAR

PRIMARY CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS

___ PRIMARY CONTACT PHONE #

___ PRIMARY CONTACT FAX #

___ PRIMARY CONTACT OTHER # (Cell, etc.)

ENGINEER CONTACT

ENGINEER MAILING ADDRESS

___ ENGINEER PHONE #

___ ENGINEER FAX #

___ ENGINEER OTHER # (Cell, etc.)

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM, THAT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION MAY BE VISITED BY COUNTY STAFF & BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE PETITION PROCESS AND THAT THE PRIMARY CONTACT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND THAT I AM TO FILE THIS APPLICATION AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE SIGNATURES.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

4/12/2018

FEE PAID: $59

CHECK #: __________

1 Primary Contact will receive all correspondence from County

2 Engineering Contact will receive all correspondence from the County’s Engineering Consultants

Last Revised: 9.18.12
Map Amendment

Date Stamp Here If
Checklist Is Complete
NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION (NRI) REPORT APPLICATION

Petitioner: John Doe  
Contact Person: John Doe

Address: 123 Main St, Yorkville, IL 60560  
City, State, Zip: Yorkville, IL 60560

Email: john.doe@example.com

Please select: How would you like to receive a copy of the NRI Report?  
☐ Email  ☐ Mail

Site Location & Proposed Use

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Type of Request

☐ Change in Zoning from A-1 to R-1
☐ Variance (Please describe fully on separate page)
☐ Special Use Permit (Please describe fully on separate page)

Name of County or Municipality the request is being filed with: Kendall County

In addition to this completed application form, please including the following to ensure proper processing:

☐ Plat of Survey/Site Plan – showing location, legal description and property measurements
☐ Concept Plan - showing the locations of proposed lots, buildings, roads, stormwater detention, open areas, etc.
☐ If available: topography map, field tile map, copy of soil boring and/or wetland studies
☐ NRI fee (Please make checks payable to Kendall County SWCD)

The NRI fees, as of July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- Full Report: $375.00 for five acres and under, plus $18.00 per acre for each additional acre or any fraction thereof over five.
- Executive Summary Report: $300.00 (KCSWCD staff will determine when a summary or full report will be necessary.)

| Fee for first five acres and under | $375.00 |
| Additional Acres at $18.00 each | $0 |
| Total NRI Fee | $375.00 |

NOTE: Applications are due by the 1st of each month to be on that month’s SWCD Board Meeting Agenda. Once a completed application is submitted, please allow 30 days for inspection, evaluation and processing of this report.

I (We) understand the filing of this application allows the authorized representative of the Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to visit and conduct an evaluation of the site described above. The completed NRI report expiration date will be 3 years after the date reported.

Petitioner or Authorized Agent: John Doe  
Date: April 17, 2018

This report will be issued on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, handicap or marital status.
Applicant: Michael O. Saar
Contact: Michael O. Saar
Address: [redacted]
Project: Saar-rezoning
Address: site number 05-07-328-003, Yorkville

Description: Rezone from A-1 to R-1.

Natural Resource Review Results
Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location.

Consultation is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary. Termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement.

Location
The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Kendall

Township, Range, Section:
36N, 7E, 7

IL Department of Natural Resources
Contact
Natalia Jones
217-785-5500
Division of Ecosystems & Environment

Government Jurisdiction
Kendall County Building and Zoning
Matt Asselmeir
111 W. Fox Street
Yorkville, Illinois 60560 -1621

Disclaimer
The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project’s implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.
JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTED REZONING AND INTENDED USES

Michael O. Saar

The land parcel is too small for farming (4.2302 acres ±) and has large trees. It would be better utilized for residential purposes.
Please fill out the following findings of fact to the best of your capabilities. § 13.07.F of the Zoning Ordinance lists the Finding of Fact criteria the Zoning Board of Appeals must answer in order to make a recommendation to the County Board on any map amendment request. They are as follows:

Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question.

Agriculture
Residential

The Zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question.

A-1
R-1
R-3

The suitability of the property in question for the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification.

Too small for agriculture, also too many trees; most suitable for residential

The trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question, including changes, if any, which may have taken place since the day the property in question was in its present zoning classification. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend the adoption of a proposed amendment unless it finds that the adoption of such an amendment is in the public interest and is not solely for the interest of the applicant. The Zoning Board of Appeals may recommend the adoption of an amendment changing the zoning classification of the property in question to any higher classification than that requested by the applicant. For the purpose of this paragraph the R-1 District shall be considered the highest classification and the M-2 District shall be considered the lowest classification.

The trend is to residential uses

Consistency with the purpose and objectives of the Land Resource Management Plan and other adopted County or municipal plans and policies.

It is consistent.
GEORGE E. GOLAY
LEGAL FORMS
223431
September, 1975

NO. 10

Joint Tenancy Illinois Statutory

(Individual to Individual)

THE GRANTOR

C. A. BASSAK and FRANCES A. BASSAK, HIS WIFE

of the CITY of SARASOTA County of SARASOTA State of FLORIDA

for and in consideration of TEN ($10.00) DOLLARS in hand paid.

CONVEY and WARRANT to MICHAEL O. SAAR & DAYLE E. SAAR

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRANTEES)

HUSBAND AND WIFE 14 TIMBERCREEK DRIVE, YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS 60560.

not in Tenancy in Common, but in JOINT TENANCY, the following described Real Estate situated in the County of KENDALL in the State of Illinois, to wit:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7; THEREFROM NORTH 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES, 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 695.70 FEET TO THE PRESENT CENTER LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 71; THEREFROM NORTH 71 DEGREES, 11 MINUTES, 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 37.40 FEET; THEREFROM NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, BEING A TANGENTIAL CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 6611.12 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 2271.16 FEET TO THE SOUTHERNMOST LINE OF A TRACT DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED FROM JINTY C. BURKE TO C. A. BASSAK and FRANCES A. BASSAK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 74-2411 ON MAY 21, 1974 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THEREFROM SOUTH 64 DEGREES, 37 MINUTES, 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERNMOST LINE 573.55 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE MONUMENTED WESTLY LINE OF LOT 35 OF TIMBER CREEK SUBDIVISION; THEREFROM NORTH 26 DEGREES, 52 MINUTES, 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE AND ITS EXTENSION AND ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 36 OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 475.64 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF SAID LOT 36, THEREFROM NORTH 78 DEGREES, 39 MINUTES, 26 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE MONUMENTED SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 37 AND LOT 38 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND SAID LINE EXTENDED, 433.22 FEET TO SAID CENTER LINE; THEREFROM WESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 406.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN KENDALL TOWNSHIP, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PLEASE

C. A. BASSAK (Seal) FRANCES A. BASSAK (Seal)

TYPE NAME

FRANCES A. BASSAK

SIGNATURE

FRANCES A. BASSAK

ELOIDA

State of ILLINOIS, County of SARASOTA

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that

C. A. BASSAK and FRANCES A. BASSAK

personally known to me to be the same person, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and official seal this 1st day of JANUARY 1987.


This instrument was prepared by ANTHONY J. BASSAK 1737 W. HOWARD SUITE 404.

(ADDRESS AND ADDRESS)

CHICAGO, ILL. 60626

MARTHA M. PETERSON

PUBLIC NOTARY

NO. 10

RECEIVER'S OFFICE BOX NO.

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YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS

YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS 60560

YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS

60560
AFFIDAVIT - PLAT ACT

STATE OF ILLINOIS
) SS.
COUNTY OF KANE )

Kathleen J. Bentley, being duly
sworn on oath, states that she resides at 1919 Pepper Valley Drive
Geneva, IL 60134. That the attached deed is
not in violation of Section 1 of Chapter 109 of the Illinois Revised
Statutes for one of the following reasons:

1. The sale or exchange is of an entire tract of land not being a part of a
larger tract of land.

2. The division or subdivision of land is into parcels or tracts of 5 acres or
more in size which does not involve any new streets or easements of access.

3. The division is of lots or blocks of less than 1 acre in any recorded subdi-
vision which does not involve any new streets or easements of access.

4. The sale or exchange of parcels of land is between owners of adjoining and
 contiguous land.

5. The conveyance is of parcels of land or interests therein for use as right-
of-way for railroads or other public utility facilities, which does not in-
volve any new streets or easements of access.

6. The conveyance is of land owned by a railroad or other public utility which
does not involve any new streets or easements of access.

7. The conveyance is of land for highway or other public purpose or grants or
conveyances relating to the dedication of land for public use or instruments
relating to the vacation of land impressed with a public use.

8. The conveyance is made to correct descriptions in prior conveyances.

9. The sale or exchange is of parcels or tracts of land following the division
into no more than two parts of a particular parcel or tract of land existing
on July 17, 1959, and not involving any new streets or easements of access.

10. The sale is of a single lot of less than 5 acres from a larger tract, the
dimensions and configurations of said larger tract having been determined
by the dimensions and configuration of said larger tract on October 1, 1973,
and no sales, prior to this sale, of any lot or lots from said larger tract
having taken place since October 1, 1973, and a survey of said single lot
having been made by a registered land surveyor.

CIRCLE NUMBER ABOVE WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO ATTACHED DEED.

AFFIANT further states that she makes this affidavit for the
purpose of inducing the Recorder of Deeds of Kane County, Illinois,
to accept the attached deed for recording, and that all local require-
ments applicable to the subdivision of land are met by the attached
deed and the tract described therein.
Attachment 3 Looking East from Route 71
Senior Planner Matt Asselmeier called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present:
Aaron Rybski – Health Department
Fran Klaas – Highway Department
David Guritz – Forest Preserve
Megan Andrews – Soil and Water Conservation District (Left at 9:37 a.m.)
Deputy Commander Jason Langston – Sheriff’s Department
Brian Holdiman – PBZ Department
Matt Asselmeier – PBZ Department

Absent:
Greg Chismark – WBK Engineering, LLC
Robert Davidson – PBZ Committee Chair
Don Clayton – GIS

Audience:
Michael Saar, Jim Coyle, Margaret Blum, Jason Bolling, Stuart Petersen, Jorge Ramirez, and Cliff Fox

AGENDA
Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to approve the agenda as proposed. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

MINUTES
Mr. Rybski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klaas, to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

PETITIONS
Petition 18-14 Michael and Dayle Saar – Map Amendment Rezoning from A-1 to R-1 Property Located on the East Side of Route 71 Approximately 0.06 Miles Southwest of Timbercreek Drive (PIN 05-07-328-003) in Kendall Township
Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

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The Petitioner does not believe that the property is large enough for farming.
The Land Resource Management Plan calls for this area to be rural residential in the future. Existing single-family homes are located to the north and east of the subject property. For these reasons, Staff does not believe that the approval of this request would constitute spot zoning.
The area surrounding the property is a mix of residential and agricultural zoning.

EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.
The application for NRI was submitted on April 12, 2018.
Petition information was sent to Kendall Township on April 20, 2018.
Petition information was sent to the United City of Yorkville on April 20, 2018. Yorkville will conduct its meetings on this petition in June.

Any structures constructed on the property would have to meet applicable building and health related laws.
No new odors or lighting issues are foreseen.

The northeast portion of the property will remain zoned A-1. At some point in the future, if this proposal is approved, the Petitioner will ask that the northeast corner be rezoned to R-3 to match the rest of his existing property.

If the property is rezoned to R-1, the minimum lot size would be one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) square feet. Based on the existing parcel size, only one (1) home could be constructed on the property. If additional homes are desired for the property, another map amendment would be required.

Mr. Saar did not have any additional comments.

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, recommend approval of the map amendment as requested.

Ayes (7): Klaas, Guritz, Langston, Rybski, Andrews, Holdiman, and Asselmeier
Nays (0): None
Absent (3): Clayton, Chismark, and Davidson

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on May 23rd.

**Petition 18-15 Nancy Harazin on Behalf of the Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101 – Special Use Permit for a Public or Private Utility-Other (Solar Panels) at 16400 Newark Road Located Approximately 0.2 Miles East of Route 71 on the South Side of Newark Road (PIN 07-05-400-003) in Big Grove Township**

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Nancy Harazin, on behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101, submitted a petition for a special use permit to operate a public or private utility system – other on her property at 16400 Newark Road. Specifically, the Petitioner would like to contract with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the installation and operation of a solar energy system. The energy generated from the system will be fed into Ameren’s system and consumed offsite.

The surrounding land uses are agricultural. A farmstead is currently located across the street from the subject property. The driveway of the house lines up with the existing farm entrance to the subject property.

EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.

The NRI Application was submitted on April 16, 2018 and all final submittals were received on April 23rd.

Petition information was sent to Big Grove Township on April 24, 2018.

Petition information was sent to the Village of Newark April 24, 2018.

According to the information provided by the Petitioner, the Petitioner would like to lease approximately twenty-three (23) acres to 312 Solar Development, LLC c/o Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for an initial period of twenty (20) years. The lease could be renewed up to four (4) additional periods of five (5) years (Attachment 6, Page 1). If approved, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. would install and maintain six thousand, nine hundred twelve (6,912) solar panels on the north side of the subject property. The solar panels would be seven feet (7’) in height at maximum tilt and three to four feet (3’-4’) off of the ground. The panels would rotate with the sun. The system would connect to Ameren’s system at the northeast corner of the property at Newark Road. The system is planned to generate two mega-watts (2MW) of energy. If approved, the system would be operation by approximately July 31, 2019.

Other than periodic mowing and maintenance, no personnel will be onsite and no parking is required.

The construction process is estimated to take between four and six (4-6) months.

The solar panels will be located at their closest point approximately one hundred seventy-five feet (175’') from Newark Road and approximately one hundred forty-seven feet (147’) from the nearest neighboring property line. The solar panels shall not be closer than fifty feet (50’) from the identified wetlands.

The laydown area indicated on Page 3 of Attachment 7 will be used for the placement of equipment during construction, decommissioning, and maintenance activities.
The Landscaping Plan can be found on Pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 7. The plan calls for the planting of eighteen (18) Black Chokeberries, eighteen (18) Sea Green Junipers, twenty-nine (29) Spiraea, and thirty (30) Woodward Arborvitae. The shrubs would grow to approximately thirty inches (30) inches in height maximum. Several existing trees shall remain on the west side of the property.

A lawn seed mix will be planted under and around the solar panels. The growth would require mowing three (3) or four (4) times per year.

Vegetation would be planted when the panels are in place.

As mentioned previously, two (2) wetlands and two (2) farmed wetlands are located on the property. The proposed solar panels should be located away from these areas. The Petitioner submitted a wetland study (see Attachment 9) that verified these areas will not be negatively impacted by the placement of solar panels.

Several drain tiles were located on the property. Any drain tiles impacted by the placement of the solar panels shall be relocated.

The project will be required to meet Kendall County’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Greg Chismark submitted comments and questions on the proposal and seemed satisfied with the proposal.

The proposed solar panels shall be required to meet all applicable building codes.

The supports would be buried approximately twelve to thirteen feet (12’-13’) in the ground depending on soil conditions. The supports would not be encased in concrete.

Electric lines will be buried inside the fence. On Attachment 7, Page 3, there is a utility pole indicated east of the access drive. The electric lines will go above ground at that point and connect to the Ameren system at the point on connection on the northeast corner of the site.

A fourteen foot (14) wide gravel access from Newark Road will be installed. The property already possesses a field access at this location. The access is across the street from the driveway of 16295 Newark Road.

Per the Site Plan (Attachment 7, Page 4), a seven foot (7’) high chained link fence shall surround the solar panels. The fence shall have a sixteen foot (16’) wide vehicle access gate on the east side and a four (4’) wide man gate on the south side. The fence will be installed approximately one (1) week after construction starts.

A light will be installed for security reasons at the electrical equipment area.

Approximately eight (8) signs will be placed around the property along the fence and anywhere required by the NEC. A “Danger High Voltage” sign will be placed around the fence every two hundred feet (200’). A sign will also be placed on the vehicle gate entrance. There will be plaques stating emergency contact information and a site key.

No new odors are foreseen.

The Petitioner supplied a report (Attachment 13) outlining that solar panels do not cause damage to neighboring property value or harm the environment.

The solar panels have life expectancy of thirty (30) years.

Decommission is estimated to take between two and three (2-3) months.

As noted on Pages 4 and 5 of Attachment 13, the Future Energy Jobs Act set a goal of between two thousand five hundred and three thousand mega-watts (2,500-3,000 MW) of solar in Illinois by 2030. Based on the information provided by the Petitioner, most of these projects will be around two mega-watts (2 MW) and use between twelve to twenty (12-20) acres of land. The information provided by the Petitioner estimates that between fifteen and twenty (15-20) solar projects may occur in Kendall County.

Kendall County is currently in the process of adopting solar panel regulations for offsite usage of energy. Some of the proposed language is included in the proposed recommendations.
The proposed conditions and restrictions were:

1. The site will be developed in accordance with the Site Plan, (Attachment 7, Pages 3-5).
2. Lighting will be installed in accordance with the Site Plan (Attachment 7, Pages 3-5).
3. The landscaping shall occur in accordance with the Landscaping Plan (Attachment 7, Pages 7-8).
4. Replacement of dead and/or damaged vegetation shall occur on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.
5. Signage shall be installed as described in the Sheet Notes (Attachment 7, Page 9). In addition, at least one (1) sign shall be placed at the vehicle access gate stating emergency contact information.
6. The site shall be decommissioned in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan (Attachment 7, Page 6). In the event the Decommissioning Plan changes, the property owner shall supply the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department with revised plans as soon as they are available.
7. The Decommissioning Plan shall be initiated if the solar panels are not used for ninety (90) consecutive days. This condition shall not apply if maintenance on the impacted solar panel(s) is occurring.
8. The property owner shall have six (6) months to complete the Decommissioning Plan and remove the solar panels and related equipment from the property.
9. In addition to other applicable fees, the following fees should be paid to the County prior to the installation of the solar panels:
   - Building Permit Fees
     - 0-10 KW $150
     - 51-100 $300
     - 101-500 $600
     - 501-1000 $1200
     - 1001-2000 $2750
     - Over 2000 KW $6000
     - Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining Building Permit
10. The property owner or operator shall maintain current liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage at least Three Million Dollars per occurrence and Five Million Dollars in aggregate and must have policy for the duration of the special use permit, such insurance may be provided pursuant to a plan of self-insurance by a party with a net worth of Twenty Million Dollars or more and the County shall be named as additional insured to the extent that the County is entitled to indemnification.
11. The property owner shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents (collectively and individually, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of actions, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney’s fees, except to the extent arising in whole or part out of negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties (such liabilities together known as “liability”) arising out of Applicant, Owner, or Operators selection, construction, operation, and removal of the solar energy system and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence). This general indemnification shall not be construed as limited or qualifying the County’s other indemnification rights available under the law.
12. The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the operations of the solar panels allowed by this special use permit comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws.
13. Failure to comply with above conditions or restrictions could result in the amendment or revocation of the special use permit.

Margaret Blum introduced Jim Coyle and Jason Bolling. Ms. Blum asked if the conditions should apply to the project owner instead of the property owner. Mr. Asselmeier responded that ultimately the property owner is responsible for their land. Restrictions 8, 11, and 12 will be amended to include the operator.
Ms. Blum said that the wetlands shown in the documents previously submitted are potential areas of interest. The developer will be examining the areas in greater detail. Mr. Guritz asked, if the areas shown are not jurisdictional wetlands, will a buffer be installed. Ms. Blum responded that the system will not move; the system will be installed at the location proposed. Ms. Andrews discussed the regulatory jurisdiction of wetlands; USDA could have jurisdiction. The balance of the property will continue to be farmed.

No buildings, water, or sewer will be installed.

The access will remain at the same location. Mr. Klaas said that the proposal would not trigger the County’s Access Ordinance.

The fence will not be in the right-of-way.

Mr. Klaas requested additional right-of-way dedication to address an erosion problem at the roadway. Ms. Blum will ask the property owner if they are agreeable to dedicating an additional fifteen feet (15’) of property along the northern part of the property.

The panels are constantly monitored remotely. No gate alarm will be installed.

The interconnection point would be at Newark Road. The lines might have to be upgraded per Ameren’s requirements. Three-phase power is available.

Mowing may occur more frequently initially. However, after the plantings are established, mowing may occur three-four (3-4) times per year. Ms. Andrews asked what constitutes a “no mow” mix; she requested a list of the vegetation. Ms. Blum was agreeable to this request. Plantings would occur by hand near the panels and would be by mechanical means where more room was available.

Ms. Andrews asked about temporary erosion control and site stabilization during construction. A corridor of seeding will occur along the gravel road.

Cliff Fox, Village of Newark, asked about property assessment for taxation purposes for schools. Ms. Blum responded that the solar industry is working the tax assessors association to determine the tax value.

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, recommend approval of the special use permit as requested.

Ayes (7): Klaas, Guritz, Langston, Rybski, Andrews, Holdiman, and Asselmeier
Nays (0): None
Absent (3): Clayton, Chismark, and Davidson

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on May 23rd.

Ms. Andrews left at this time (9:37 a.m.)

Petition 18-16 Lawrence Slattery on Behalf of R.Y. Property Management, Corp. (Owner) and Jorge Ramirez a/k/a Rancho La Purisima (Prospective Buyer) – Special Use Permit for a Banquet Facility at 8218 Route 30 (PIN 02-03-200-001) in Bristol Township

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Lawrence Slattery currently owns the subject property and leases the property to Jorge Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez is requesting an A-1 Special Use to operate a banquet facility at the subject property under the business name Rancho La Purisima. Mr. Ramirez would purchase the property from Mr. Slattery.

Bristol Township expressed no opinion on the request. Staff of the Village of Montgomery recommended denial.

Per the business plan, the banquet facility would operate inside the existing red barn located on the property. The outside and inside elevations of the barn are included as Attachments 7 and 8. The kitchen and restrooms would be located on the northeast side of the first floor of the barn. The dining and dancing area would be located on the south half of the first floor of the barn. A chapel or additional meeting space would be located on the northeast corner of the second floor of the barn. Mr. Ramirez indicated that the capacity for the first floor areas was two hundred fifty (250) people and the maximum capacity for the second floor area was one hundred fifty (150) people. These capacity number have not been verified by a fire or building official. Mr. Ramirez does not have any plans to use both space at the same time. The maximum number of guests at the property would be two hundred fifty (250). The barn is approximately eight thousand, three hundred (8,300) square feet in size.
The facility would be operational from May 1st through October 31st. The proposed hours of operation are Fridays from 3:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m., Saturdays from Noon until 11:30 p.m., and Sundays from Noon until 9:00 p.m. At a meeting with Staff on April 20th, Mr. Ramirez indicated that setup and takedown for events would occur during hours of operation. In addition, tours of the facility for prospective customers shall occur only during the hours of operation. Mr. Ramirez indicated that he did not want more than one (1) event at the property per weekend.

Mr. Ramirez plans to employ three (3) part-time employees and contract security services. Patrons will bring their own food and drinks. No alcohol will be sold on the premises.

The banquet hall will be used for weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, baptisms, and similar events.

Mr. Ramirez will live on the property and he has fourteen (14) years of experience as a banquet chef. He is in the framing business full-time and hopes to use the banquet facility for additional revenue.

A Change of Occupancy Permit will be required for each existing structure or portion of each existing structure that will be used in conjunction with the proposed banquet facility.

Mr. Ramirez submitted a soil study.

The well and septic systems for the house are located on the northwest side of the house. The proposed location for the well and septic system for the barn will be located on the northeast corner of the property.

While bathrooms are planned inside the existing barn, porta-potties will be needed for some events.

Mr. Ramirez submitted a parking plan showing eighty-one (81) parking spaces and four (4) handicapped parking spaces.

Mr. Ramirez submitted a lighting plan as part of the parking lot survey (See Attachment 5). Five (5) individual light poles and one (1) pole with four (4) lights are planned for the parking area. In addition, several lights are already located on the existing red barn.

An illuminated sign is proposed inside the fence west of the trees and driveway. The sign will be approximately five feet, five inches (5’5”) in height and approximately eight feet eight inches (8’8”) in width.

Mr. Ramirez provided a Landscaping Plan. The plan calls for the planting of Northern White Cedar trees on the northeast, east, and most of the south side of the property. According to information provided to Staff, the trees would be approximately six feet (6’) in height at the time of planting.

The barn would not be air conditioned. The doors and windows on the south and east sides would be open.

Mr. Ramirez agreed that no music would occur outdoors except processionals and recessionals at wedding ceremonies.

Mr. Ramirez indicated that he would be willing to install noise measuring and controlling devices to comply with the noise requirements.

Before Staff makes a recommendation on the request, the following information is requested. The Petitioners’ attorney was sent this request on April 20th:

1. A revised plat of survey or topographic survey showing a scale, north arrow, location map, name of the owner/developer, all existing structures on adjacent properties within 100’ of the property line, and the present zoning classification and PINs for the subject property and all adjacent properties.

2. The Findings of Fact from the special use application.

The results of the EcoCat and NRI would also be needed before a final recommendation is offered.

Mr. Rybski asked if events would be public or private. Stuart Petersen responded that events would be private only. Only one (1) event would occur per weekend. The party renting the barn would bring in their own food and alcohol would not be sold at events. The food would not be prepared at the barn.
Mr. Rybski requested a meeting in the future regarding the septic system. Drainage would remain the same; the parking area would be chalked line. Mr. Rybski asked if the existing well and septic systems have been mapped. Mr. Petersen responded they located the existing well and septic system. Discussion occurred regarding well sampling.

Mr. Holdiman asked about the timeline for using temporary bathrooms. Jorge Ramirez said that it would take two (2) years to build out the banquet area. Mr. Ramirez agreed to a condition regarding bathrooms and prep kitchen to be installed within two (2) years.

Mr. Holdiman noted that a Change of Occupancy Permit will be required. Mr. Holdiman requested engineering and architectural plans for the building. These plans would be used to determine the occupant load for the building. A sprinkler system would not be required.

Mr. Langston asked about the number of events. Mr. Petersen stated that one (1) event per weekend would occur initially, but that number could increase if the business is successful. Mr. Asselmeier noted that Mr. Ramirez agreed to do setup and cleanup during the hours of operation and Mr. Ramirez would show the property only during the hours of operation.

Mr. Langston asked about the use of the security services. The security services would be used to assist with parking and traffic control.

Discussion occurred regarding widening Route 30 at some point in the future.

Discussion occurred regarding noise. Mr. Langston stated that, if either the Montgomery Police Department or Kane County Sheriff’s Office receive a noise complaint, the Kendall County Sheriff’s Department would investigate the matter because the property creating the noise is in Kendall County.

Mr. Klaas stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation bought right-of-way in 1956 and the right-of-way is accessed control. Mr. Klaas read a provision from the right-of-way plat that said access at the property was limited to farming operations and single-family residential uses; commercial uses were not allowed.

The Petitioner has not talked to a large number of neighbors across the street.

Mr. Holdiman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, for layover the request until the June ZPAC to give the Petitioner time to obtain the occupancy loads, research the access issue with the Illinois Department Transportation, provide the revised plat of survey or topographic survey showing a scale, north arrow, location map, name of the owner/developer, all existing structures on adjacent properties within 100’ of the property line, and the present zoning classification and PINs for the subject property and all adjacent properties, and provide the Findings of Fact for the special use request.

Ayes (6): Klaas, Guritz, Langston, Rybski, Holdiman, and Asselmeier
Nays (0): None
Absent (4): Andrews, Clayton, Chismark, and Davidson

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before ZPAC again on June 5th.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD
Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 17-33 transferring special use hearings from the Hearing Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals was approved by the County Board.

Mr. Asselmeier also reported that Petition 17-29 regarding distance notification requirements for special use applicants was approved by the County Board. The new notification distance for A-1 special use applications is seven hundred fifty feet (750’).

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langston to adjourn. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The ZPAC, at 10:12 a.m., adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner

Enc.
# Kendall County

**Zoning & Platting Advisory Committee**

**May 1, 2018**

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NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION (NRI) REPORT: 1802

May 2018
Petitioner: Michael Saar
Contact: Same as Petitioner

Prepared by:

Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Petitioner: Michael Saar
Contact Person: Same as Petitioner
County or Municipality the petition is filled with: Kendall County
Location of Parcel: NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 7, T.36N.-R.7E. (Kendall Township) of the 3rd Principal Meridian
Project or Subdivision Name: N/A
Existing Zoning & Land Use: A-1; Wooded, Vegetation
Proposed Zoning & Land Use: R-1; Residential
Proposed Water Source: Well
Proposed Type of Sewage Disposal System: Septic
Proposed Type of Storm Water Management: N/A
Size of Site: 4.2 acres
Land Evaluation Site Assessment Score: 178 (Land Evaluation: 98; Site Assessment: 80)

Natural Resource Concerns

SOIL INFORMATION:
Based on information from the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) 2008 Kendall County Soil Survey, this parcel is shown to contain the following soil types (please note this does not replace the need for or results of onsite soil testing; please refer to onsite soil test results for planning/engineering purposes):

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**Hydrologic Soil Groups:** Soils have been classified into four (A, B, C, D) hydrologic groups based on runoff characteristics due to rainfall. If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D or C/D), the first letter is for drained areas and the second letter is for undrained areas.

- **Hydrologic group A:** Soils have a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.

- **Hydrologic group B:** Soils have a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet, consist chiefly of moderately deep to deep, moderately well drained to well drained soils that have a moderately fine to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.

- **Hydrologic group C:** Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

- **Hydrologic group D:** Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

**Hydric Soils:** A soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part of the soil profile. Of the soils found onsite, 356A Elpaso silty clay loam is classified as a hydric soil.

**Prime Farmland:** Prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for agricultural production. Prime farmland soils are an important resource to Kendall County and some of the most productive soils in the United States occur locally. Of the two soils found onsite, all are designated as prime farmland.

**Soil Limitations:** Limitations for dwellings without basements, dwellings with basements, small commercial building and lawns/landscaping.

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**SOIL LIMITATIONS**

- **% of Soil**
  - Dwellings without Basements
  - Dwellings with Basements
  - Shallow Excavations
  - Lawns/Landscaping

- **Type of Improvement**
  - Not Limited
  - Somewhat Limited
  - Very Limited
Kendall County Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA):
Decision-makers in Kendall County use the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system to
determine the suitability of a land use change and/or a zoning request as it relates to agricultural land.
The LESA system was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources
Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and takes into consideration local conditions such as physical
characteristics of the land, compatibility of surrounding land-uses, and urban growth factors. The LESA
system is a two-step procedure that includes:

- **LAND EVALUATION (LE)** – The soils of a given area are rated and placed in groups ranging from the
  best to worst suited for a stated agriculture use, cropland or forestland. The best group is assigned
  a value of 100 and all other groups are assigned lower values. The Land Evaluation is based on
data from the Kendall County Soil Survey. The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District
  is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.
  
  - The Land Evaluation score for this site is 98, indicating that this site is currently well
    suited for agricultural uses.

- **SITE ASSESSMENT (SA)** – The site is numerically evaluated according to important factors that
  contribute to the quality of the site. Each factor selected is assigned values in accordance with the
  local needs and objectives. The Kendall County LESA Committee is responsible for this portion of
  the LESA system.
  
  - The Site Assessment score for this site is 80.

  The **LESA Score for this site is 178 which indicates a low level of protection** for the proposed project
  site. Note: Selecting the project site with the lowest total points will generally protect the best
  farmland located in the most viable areas and maintain and promote the agricultural industry in
  Kendall County.

**Wetlands:** The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s National Wetland Inventory map does not indicate the
presence of a wetland. If a wetland is present, a wetland delineation specialist, who is recognized by the
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, should determine the exact boundaries and value of the wetlands.

**Floodplain:** The parcel is not located within the floodplain.

**Sediment and Erosion Control:** Development on this site should include an erosion and sediment control
plan in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Soil erosion on construction sites is a resource
concern because suspended sediment from areas undergoing development is a primary nonpoint source
of water pollution. Please consult the [Illinois Urban Manual](http://www.aiswcd.org/illinois-urban-
manual/) for appropriate best management practices.
LAND USE FINDINGS:

The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board has reviewed the proposed development plans for Petitioner for the proposed rezoning from A-1 to R-1 with Kendall County located in the NE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 7 in Kendall Township (T.36N-R.7E of the 3rd Principal Meridian) in Kendall County. Based on the information provided by the petitioner and a review of natural resource related data available to the Kendall County SWCD, the SWCD Board presents the following information.

The Kendall County SWCD has always had the opinion that Prime Farmland should be preserved whenever feasible. A land evaluation, which is a part of the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) was conducted on this parcel. The soils on this parcel scored a 98 out of a possible 100 points indicating the soils are well suited for agricultural uses. The LESA Score for this site is 178 which indicates a low level of protection for the proposed project site. Additionally, the soils found onsite are classified as prime farmland. It is important to note that while the soils are well suited for agricultural uses, an important consideration is the surrounding land use/zoning which is currently a mix of agricultural and residential.

Additionally, soils found on the project site are rated for specific uses and can have potential limitations for development. Soil types with severe limitations do not preclude the ability to develop the site for the proposed use but it is important to note the limitation that may require soil reclamation, special design/engineering, or maintenance to obtain suitable soil conditions to support development with significant limitations. This report indicates that for soils located on the parcel, 69% are very limited for dwellings with basements, dwellings without basements, shallow excavations, lawns/landscaping and onsite conventional sewage disposal systems. This information is based on the soil in an undisturbed state. Since the scope of the project includes the use of onsite septic systems, please consult with the Kendall County Health Department.

This site is located within the Fox River Watershed and Hollenback Creek subwatershed. This development should include a soil erosion and sediment control plan to be implemented during construction. Sediment may become a primary non-point source of pollution; eroded soils during the construction phase can create unsafe conditions on roadways, degrade water quality and destroy aquatic ecosystems lower in the watershed.

For intense use it is recommended that the drainage tile survey completed on the parcel to locate the subsurface drainage tile be taken into consideration during the land use planning process. Drainage tile expedites drainage and facilitates farming. It is imperative that these drainage tiles remain undisturbed. Impaired tile may affect a few acres or hundreds of acres of drainage.

The information that is included in this Natural Resources Information Report is to assure the Land Developers take into full consideration the limitations of that land that they wish to develop. Guidelines and recommendations are also a part of this report and should be considered in the planning process. The Natural Resource Information Report is required by the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act (Ill. Complied Statues, Ch. 70, Par 405/22.02a).

[Signature]
SWCD Board Representative

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Date
## KENDALL CO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this report is to inform officials of the local governing body and other decision-makers with natural resource information. This information may be useful when undertaking land use decisions concerning variations, amendments or relief of local zoning ordinances, proposed subdivision of vacant or agricultural lands and the subsequent development of these lands. This report is a requirement under Section 22.02a of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act.

The intent of this report is to present the most current natural resource information available in a readily understandable manner. It contains a description of the present site conditions, the present resources, and the potential impacts that the proposed change may have on the site and its resources. The natural resource information was gathered from standardized data, on-site investigations and information furnished by the petitioner. This report must be read in its entirety so that the relationship between the natural resource factors and the proposed land use change can be fully understood.

Due to the limitations of scale encountered with the various resource maps, the property boundaries depicted in the various exhibits in this report provide a generalized representation of the property location and may not precisely reflect the legal description of the PIQ (Parcel in Question).

This report, when used properly, will provide the basis for proper land use change decisions and development while protecting the natural resource base of the county. It should not be used in place of detailed environmental and/or engineering studies that are warranted under most circumstances, but in conjunction with those studies.

The conclusions of this report in no way indicate that a certain land use is not possible, but it should alert the reader to possible problems that may occur if the capabilities of the land are ignored. Any questions on the technical data supplied in this report or if anyone feels that they would like to see more additional specific information to make the report more effective, please contact:

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Location Map for Natural Resources Information Report # 1802
NE¼ SW¼ 7 Township 36 North, Range 7 East (Kendall Township) on 4.2 acres. This parcel is located on the south side of Route 71 and southeast of the intersection of Route 71 and Tiber Creek Drive. The parcel is located in unincorporated Kendall County.

Figure 1: 2017 Plat Map and 2017 Aerial Map with NRI Site Boundary

2017 Land Atlas and Plat Book Kendall County, Illinois
Simply stated, cultural resources are all the past activities and accomplishments of people. They include the following: buildings; objects made or used by people; locations; and less tangible resources, such as stories, dance forms, and holiday traditions. The Soil and Water Conservation District most often encounters cultural resources as historical properties. These may be prehistoric or historical sites, buildings, structures, features, or objects. The most common type of historical property that the Soil and Water Conservation District may encounter is non-structural archaeological sites. These sites often extend below the soil surface, and must be protected against disruption by development or other earth moving activity if possible. Cultural resources are non-renewable because there is no way to “grow” a site to replace a disrupted site. Landowners with historical properties on their land have ownership of that historical property.

However, the State of Illinois owns all of the following: human remains, grave markers, burial mounds, and artifacts associated with graves and human remains. Non-grave artifacts from archaeological sites and historical buildings are the property of the landowner. The landowner may choose to disturb a historical property, but may not receive federal or state assistance to do so. If an earth moving activity disturbs human remains, the landowner must contact the county coroner within 48 hours.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has not been notified of the proposed land use change by the Kendall County SWCD. The applicant may need to contact the IHPA according to current Illinois law.
ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

What is Biological Diversity and Why Should it be Conserved?¹

Biological diversity, or biodiversity, is the range of life on our planet. A more thorough definition is presented by botanist Peter H. Raven: "At the simplest level, biodiversity is the sum total of all the plants, animals, fungi and microorganisms in the world, or in a particular area; all of their individual variation; and all of the interactions between them. It is the set of living organisms that make up the fabric of the planet Earth and allow it to function as it does, by capturing energy from the sun and using it to drive all of life's processes; by forming communities of organisms that have, through the several billion years of life's history on Earth, altered the nature of the atmosphere, the soil and the water of our Planet; and by making possible the sustainability of our planet through their life activities now." (Raven 1994)

It is not known how many species occur on our planet. Presently, about 1.4 million species have been named. It has been estimated that there are perhaps 9 million more that have not been identified. What is known is that they are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. Reliable estimates show extinction occurring at a rate several orders of magnitude above "background" in some ecological systems. (Wilson 1992, Hoose 1981)

The reasons for protecting biological diversity are complex, but they fall into four major categories.

First, loss of diversity generally weakens entire natural systems. Healthy ecosystems tend to have many natural checks and balances. Every species plays a role in maintaining this system. When simplified by the loss of diversity, the system becomes more susceptible to natural and artificial perturbations. The chances of a system-wide collapse increase. In parts of the midwestern United States, for example, it was only the remnant areas of natural prairies that kept soil intact during the dust bowl years of the 1930s. (Roush 1982)

Simplified ecosystems are almost always expensive to maintain. For example, when synthetic chemicals are relied upon to control pests, the target species are not the only ones affected. Their predators are almost always killed or driven away, exasperating the pest problem. In the meantime, people are unintentionally breeding pesticide-resistant pests. A process has begun where people become perpetual guardians of the affected area, which requires the expenditure of financial resources and human ingenuity to keep the system going.

A second reason for protecting biological diversity is that it represents one of our greatest untapped resources. Great benefits can be reaped from a single species. About 20 species provide 90% of the world's food. Of these 20, just three, wheat, maize and rice-supply over one half of that food. American wheat farmers need new varieties every five to 15 years to compete with pests and diseases. Wild strains of wheat are critical genetic reservoirs for these new varieties.

Further, every species is a potential source of human medicine. In 1980, a published report identified the market value of prescription drugs from higher plants at over $3 billion. Organic alkaloids, a class of chemical compounds used in medicines, are found in an estimated 20% of plant species. Yet only 2% of plant species have been screened for these compounds. (Hoose 1981)

The third reason for protecting diversity is that humans benefit from natural areas and depend on healthy ecosystems. The natural world supplies our air, our water, our food and supports human economic activity. Further,

¹Taken from The Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Great Lakes Ecosystem: Issues and Opportunities, prepared by the Nature Conservancy Great Lakes Program 79W. Monroe Street, Suite 1309, Chicago, IL 60603, January 1994
Humans are creatures that evolved in a diverse natural environment between forest and grasslands. People need to be reassured that such places remain. When people speak of “going to the country,” they generally mean more than getting out of town. For reasons of their own sanity and well being, they need a holistic, organic experience. Prolonged exposure to urban monotony produces neuroses, for which cultural and natural diversity cure.

Historically, the lack of attention to biological diversity, and the ecological processes it supports, has resulted in economic hardships for segments of the basin’s human population.

The final reason for protecting biological diversity is that species and natural systems are intrinsically valuable. The above reasons have focused on the benefits of the natural world to humans. All things possess intrinsic value simply because they exist.

SOILS INFORMATION

Importance of Soils Information

Soils information comes from the Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Maps and Descriptions for Kendall County. This information is important to all parties involved in determining the suitability of the proposed land use change.

Each soil polygon is given a number, which represents its soil type. The letter found after the soil type number indicates the soils slope class.

Each soil map unit has limitations for a variety of land uses such as septic systems, buildings with basements, and buildings without basements. It is important to remember that soils do not function independently of each other. The behavior of a soil depends upon the physical properties of adjacent soil types, the presence of artificial drainage, soil compaction, and its position in the local landscape.

The limitation categories (slight, moderate or severe) indicate the potential for difficulty in using that soil unit for the proposed activity and, thus, the degree of need for thorough soil borings and engineering studies. A limitation does not necessarily mean that the proposed activity cannot be done on that soil type. It does mean that the reasons for the limitation need to be thoroughly understood and dealt with in order to complete the proposed activity successfully. A severe limitation indicates that the proposed activity will be more difficult and costly to do on that soil type than on a soil type with a moderate or slight rating.

Soil survey interpretations are predictions of soil behavior for specified land uses and specified management practices. They are based on the soil properties that directly influence the specified use of the soil. Soil survey interpretations allow users of soil surveys to plan reasonable alternatives for the use and management of soils.

Soil interpretations do not eliminate the need for on-site study and testing of specific sites for the design and construction for specific uses. They can be used as a guide for planning more
detailed investigations and for avoiding undesirable sites for an intended use. The scale of the maps and the range of error limit the use of the soil delineation.

**Figure 2: Soil Map**

![Soil Map Image]

**Table 1: Soil Map Unit Descriptions**

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<th>Descriptions</th>
<th>Acres</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>145B</td>
<td>Saybrook silt loam, 2-5% slopes</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<tr>
<td>356A</td>
<td>El Paso silty clay loam, 0-2% slopes</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>69%</td>
</tr>
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</table>

*SOURCE: National Cooperative Soil Survey – USDA-NRCS*

**SOIL INTERPRETATIONS EXPLANATION**

**Nonagricultural**

**General**

These interpretative ratings help engineers, planners, and others to understand how soil properties influence behavior when used for nonagricultural uses such as building site development or construction materials. This report gives ratings for proposed uses in terms of limitations and restrictive features. The tables list only the most restrictive features. Other features may need treatment to overcome soil limitations for a specific purpose.

Ratings come from the soil's "natural" state, that is, no unusual modification occurs other than that which is considered normal practice for the rated use. Even though soils may have limitations, an engineer may alter soil features or adjust building plans for a structure to compensate for most degrees of limitations. Most of these practices, however, are costly. The final decision in selecting a site for a particular use generally involves weighing the costs for site preparation and maintenance.
Soil properties influence development of building sites, including the selection of the site, the design of the structure, construction, performance after construction, and maintenance. Soil limitation ratings of slight, moderate, and severe are given for the types of proposed improvements that are listed or inferred by the petitioner as entered on the report application and/or zoning petition. The most common types of building limitation that this report gives limitations ratings for is: septic systems. It is understood that engineering practices can overcome most limitations for buildings with and without basements, and small commercial buildings. Limitation ratings for these types of buildings are not commonly provided. Organic soils, when present on the parcel, are referenced in the hydric soils section of the report. This type of soil is considered to be unsuitable for all types of construction.

**Limitations Ratings**

1. **Not Limited** - This soil has favorable properties for the use. The degree of limitation is minor. The people involved can expect good performance and low maintenance.

2. **Somewhat Limited** - This soil has moderately favorable properties for the use. Special planning, design, or maintenance can overcome this degree of limitation. During some part of the year, the expected performance is less desirable than for soils rated slight.

3. **Very Limited** - This soil has one or more properties that are unfavorable for the rated use. These may include the following: steep slopes, bedrock near the surface, flooding, high shrink-swell potential, a seasonal high water table, or low strength. This degree of limitation generally requires major soil reclamation, special design, or intensive maintenance, which in most situations is difficult and costly.

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**BUILDING LIMITATIONS**

**Building on Poorly Suited or Unsuitable Soils:** Can present problems to future property owners such as cracked foundations, wet basements, lowered structural integrity and high maintenance costs associated with these problems. The staff of the Kendall County SWCD strongly urges scrutiny by the plat reviewers when granting parcels with these soils exclusively.

**Dwellings without Basements** - Ratings are for undisturbed soil for a houses of three stories or less than 3 stories without a basement. The foundation is assumed to be spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of about 7 feet. The ratings for dwellings are based on soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs.

**Dwellings with Basements** - Ratings are for undisturbed soil for a building structure of less than 3 stories with a basement. The foundation is assumed to be spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of about 7 feet. The ratings for dwellings are based on soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs.

**Shallow Excavations** - Trenches or holes dug to a maximum depth of 5 or 6 feet for utility lines, open ditches or other purposes. Ratings are based on soil properties that influence the ease of digging and the resistance to sloughing.

**Lawns and Landscaping** - Require soils on which turf and ornamental trees and shrubs can be established and maintained (irrigation is not considered in the ratings). The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect plant growth and trafficability after vegetation is established.

**Onsite Sewage Disposal** – The factors considered are the characteristics and qualities of the soil that affect the limitations for absorbing waste from domestic sewage disposal systems. The major features considered are soil
permeability, percolation rate, groundwater level, depth to bedrock, flooding hazards, and slope. The table below indicates soils that are deemed unsuitable per the Kendall County Subdivision Control Ordinance. Installation of an on-site sewage disposal system in soils designated as unsuitable may necessitate the installation of a non-conventional onsite sewage disposal system. For more information please contact the Kendall County Health Department – Environmental Health at (630)553-9100 x8026.

Table 2a: Building Limitations

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Soil Type</th>
<th>Dwellings without Basements</th>
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<th>Lawns/Landscaping</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>145B</td>
<td>Somewhat Limited: Shrink-swell</td>
<td>Somewhat Limited: Depth to saturated zone</td>
<td>Somewhat Limited: Depth to saturated zone; Unstable excavation walls</td>
<td>Not Limited</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<tr>
<td>356A</td>
<td>Very Limited: Ponding; Depth to saturated zone; Shrink-swell</td>
<td>Very Limited: Ponding; Depth to saturated zone; Shrink-swell</td>
<td>Very Limited: Ponding; Depth to saturated zone; Unstable excavation walls</td>
<td>Very Limited: Ponding; Depth to saturated zone</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>69%</td>
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% Very Limited | 69% | 69% | 69% | 69%

Table 2b: Building Limitations

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<th>Soil Type</th>
<th>Suitability</th>
<th>Reason to Avoid</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Suitable</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<tr>
<td>356A</td>
<td>Unsuitable</td>
<td>Wet</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>69%</td>
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% Unsuitable | 69%

Figure 3a: Map of Building Limitations – Dwellings without Basements
This table gives estimates of various soil water features that should be taken into consideration when reviewing engineering for a land use project.

**Hydrologic Soil Groups (HSGs):** The groups are based on estimates of runoff potential. Soils are assigned to one of four groups according to the rate of water infiltration when the soils are not protected by vegetation, are thoroughly wet, and receive precipitation from long-duration storms.

**Group A:** Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.

**Group B:** Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well drained or well drained soils that have moderately fine texture to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.

**Group C:** Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

**Group D:** Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

**Note:** If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D or C/D) the first letter is for drained areas and the second is for undrained areas.

**Surface Runoff:** Refers to the loss of water from an area by flow over the land surface. Surface runoff classes are based upon slope, climate and
vegetative cover and indicates relative runoff for very specific conditions (it is assumed that the surface of the soil is bare and that the retention of surface water resulting from irregularities in the ground surface is minimal). The classes are: negligible, very low, low, medium, high and very high.

**Months:** Indicates the portion of the year in which a water table, ponding, and/or flooding is most likely to be a concern.

**Water Table:** Refers to a saturated zone in the soil and the data indicates, by month, depth to the top (upper limit) and base (lower limit) of the saturated zone in most years. These estimates are based upon observations of the water table at selected sites and on evidence of a saturated zone (grayish colors or mottles (redoximorphic features)) in the soil. Note: A saturated zone that lasts for less than a month is not considered a water table.

**Ponding:** Refers to standing water in a closed depression and the data indicates surface water depth, duration and frequency of ponding.

**Duration:** Expressed as: very brief if less than 2 days, brief is 2 to 7 days, long if 7 to 30 days and very long if more than 30 days.

**Frequency:** Expressed as: none meaning ponding is not possible; rare means that it is unlikely but possible under extremely unusual weather conditions (chance of ponding is less than 1% in any year); occasional means that it occurs infrequently under normal weather conditions (chance of ponding is 0-5% in any year); occasional means that it occurs more than once in 2 years (chance of ponding is more than 50% in any year).

**Flooding:** The temporary inundation of an area caused by overflowing streams, by runoff from adjacent slopes, or by tides. Water standing for short periods after rainfall or snowmelt is not considered flooding, and water standing in swamps and marshes is considered ponding rather than flooding.

**Duration:** Expressed as: extremely brief if 0.1 hour to 4 hours; very brief if 4 hours to 2 days; brief if 2 to 7 days; long if 7 to 30 days; and very long if more than 30 days.

**Frequency:** Expressed as: none means flooding is not probable; very rare means that it is very unlikely but possible under extremely unusual weather conditions (chance of flooding is less than 1% in any year); rare means that it is unlikely but possible under unusual weather conditions (chance of flooding is 1 to 5% in any year); occasional means that it occurs infrequently under normal weather conditions (chance of flooding is 5 to 50% in any year); and very frequent means that it is likely to occur very often under normal weather conditions (chance of flooding is more than 50% in all months of any year).

**Note:** The information is based on evidence in the soil profile. In addition, consideration is also given to local information about the extent and levels of flooding and the relation of each soil on the landscape to historic floods. Information on the extent of flooding based on soil data is less specific than that provided by detailed engineering surveys that delineate flood-prone areas at specific flood frequency levels.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Map Unit</th>
<th>Hydrologic Group</th>
<th>Surface Runoff</th>
<th>Water Table</th>
<th>Ponding</th>
<th>Flooding</th>
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</table>
| 145B     | C                | Low            | February – April  
Upper Limit: 2.0′-3.5′  
Lower Limit: 2.2′-3.8′ | February – April  
Surface Water Depth & Duration: --  
Frequency: None | February – April  
None |
| 356A     | B/D              | Negligible     | January - May  
Upper Limit: 0.0′-1.0′  
Lower Limit: >6.0′ | January - May  
Surface Water Depth & Duration: 0.0′-0.5′; Brief  
Frequency: Frequent | January - May  
None |
SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL

Erosion is the wearing away of the soil by water, wind, and other forces. Soil erosion threatens the Nation's soil productivity and contributes the most pollutants in our waterways. Water causes about two thirds of erosion on agricultural land. Four properties, mainly, determine a soil's erodibility: texture, slope, structure, organic matter content.

Slope has the most influence on soil erosion potential when the site is under construction. Erosivity and runoff increase as slope grade increases. The runoff then exerts more force on the particles, breaking their bonds more readily and carrying them farther before deposition. The longer water flows along a slope before reaching a major waterway, the greater the potential for erosion.

Soil erosion during and after this proposed construction can be a primary non-point source of water pollution. Eroded soil during the construction phase can create unsafe conditions on roadways, decrease the storage capacity of lakes, clog streams and drainage channels, cause deterioration of aquatic habitats, and increase water treatment costs. Soil erosion also increases the risk of flooding by choking culverts, ditches and storm sewers, and by reducing the capacity of natural and man-made detention facilities.

The general principles of erosion and sedimentation control measures include:

- reducing or diverting flow from exposed areas, storing flows or limiting runoff from exposed areas,
- staging construction in order to keep disturbed areas to a minimum,
- establishing or maintaining or temporary or permanent groundcover,
- retaining sediment on site and
- properly installing, inspecting and maintaining control measures.

Erosion control practices are useful controls only if they are properly located, installed, inspected and maintained.

The SWCD recommends an erosion control plan for all building sites, especially if there is a wetland or stream nearby.

Table 4: Soil Erosion Potential

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<th>Soil Type</th>
<th>Slope</th>
<th>Rating</th>
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<th>Percent of Parcel</th>
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<td>145B</td>
<td>2-5%</td>
<td>Slight</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<tr>
<td>356A</td>
<td>0-2%</td>
<td>Slight</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>69%</td>
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PRIME FARMLAND SOILS

Prime farmland soils are an important resource to Kendall County. Some of the most productive soils in the United States occur locally. Each soil map unit in the United States is assigned a prime or non-prime rating. Prime agricultural land does not need to be in the production of food & fiber.

Section 310 of the NRCS general manual states that urban or built-up land on prime farmland soils is not prime farmland. The percentages of soils map units on the parcel reflect the determination that urban or built up land on prime farmland soils is not prime farmland.

Table 5: Prime Farmland Soils

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<th>Soil Types</th>
<th>Prime Designation</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>145B</td>
<td>Prime Farmland</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<tr>
<td>356A</td>
<td>Prime Farmland (if drained)</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% Prime Farmland</td>
<td></td>
<td>100%</td>
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Figure 4: Map of Prime Farmland Soils

LAND EVALUATION & SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA)

Decision-makers in Kendall County use the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system to determine the suitability of a land use change and/or a zoning request as it relates to agricultural land. The LESA system was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and takes into consideration local conditions such as physical characteristics of the land, compatibility of surrounding land-uses, and urban growth factors. The LESA system is a two-step procedure that includes:

LAND EVALUATION (LE) – The soils of a given area are rated and placed in groups ranging from the best to worst suited for a stated agriculture use, cropland or forestland. The best group is assigned a value of 100 and all other groups are assigned lower values. The Land Evaluation is based on data from the Kendall County Soil Survey. The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.

SITE ASSESSMENT (SA) – The site is numerically evaluated according to important factors that contribute to the quality of the site. Each factor selected is assigned values in accordance with the local needs and objectives. The Kendall County LESA Committee is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.

The value group is a predetermined value based upon prime farmland designation. The LE score is calculated by multiplying the relative value of each soil type by the number of acres of that soil. The sum of the products is then divided by the total number of acres; the answer is the Land Evaluation score on this site.

Please Note: A land evaluation (LE) score will be compiled for every project parcel. However, when a parcel is located within municipal planning boundaries, a site assessment score is not compiled as the scoring factors are not applicable. As a result, only the LE score is available and a full LESA score is unavailable for the parcel.
Table 6a: Land Evaluation Computation

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<th>Soil Type</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>94</td>
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LE Score: LE= 412.2/4.2 = LE=98

The Land Evaluation score for this site is 98, indicating that this site is currently designated as prime farmland that is well suited for agricultural uses.

Table 6b: Site Assessment Computation

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<th>A. Agricultural Land Uses</th>
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<td>2. Availability of public water system. (10-8-6-0)</td>
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<td>3. Transportation systems. (15-7-0)</td>
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<td>4. Distance from fire protection service. (10-8-6-2-0)</td>
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Site Assessment Score: 80

Land Evaluation Value: 98 + Site Assessment Value: 80 = LESA Score: 178

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<td>251-300</td>
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The LESA Score for this site is 80 which indicates a low level of protection for the proposed project site. Note: Selecting the project site with the lowest total points will generally protect the best farmland located in the most viable areas and maintain and promote the agricultural industry in Kendall County.

LAND USE PLANS

Many counties, municipalities, villages and townships have developed land-use plans. These plans are intended to reflect the existing and future land-use needs of a given community. Please contact the Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning for information regarding the County’s comprehensive land use plan and map.
DRAINAGE, RUNOFF AND FLOOD INFORMATION

U.S.G.S Topographic maps give information on elevations, which are important mostly to determine slopes, drainage directions, and watershed information.

Elevations determine the area of impact of floods of record. Slope information determines steepness and erosion potential. Drainage directions determine where water leaves the PIQ, possibly impacting surrounding natural resources.

Watershed information is given for changing land use to a subdivision type of development on parcels greater than 10 acres.

What is a watershed?
Simply stated, a watershed is the area of land that contributes water to a certain point. The watershed boundary is important because the area of land in the watershed can now be calculated using an irregular shape area calculator such as a dot counter or planimeter.

Using regional storm event information, and site specific soils and land use information, the peak stormwater flow through the point marked “O” for a specified storm event can be calculated. This value is called a “Q” value (for the given storm event), and is measured in cubic feet per second (CFS).

When construction occurs, the Q value naturally increases because of the increase in impermeable surfaces. This process decreases the ability of soils to accept and temporarily hold water. Therefore, more water runs off and increases the Q value.

Theoretically, if each development, no matter how large or small, maintains their preconstruction Q value after construction by the installation of stormwater management systems, the streams and wetlands and lakes will not suffer damage from excessive urban stormwater.

For this reason, the Kendall County SWCD recommends that the developer for intense uses such as a subdivision calculate the preconstruction Q value for the exit point(s). A stormwater management system should be designed, installed, and maintained to limit the postconstruction Q value to be at or below the preconstruction value.

Importance of Flood Information
A floodplain is defined as land adjoining a watercourse (riverine) or an inland depression (non-riverine) that is subject to periodic inundation by high water. Floodplains are important areas demanding protection since they have water storage and conveyance functions which affect upstream and downstream flows, water quality and quantity, and suitability of the land for human activity. Since floodplains play distinct and vital roles in the hydrologic cycle, development that interferes with their hydrologic and biologic functions should be carefully considered.

Flooding is both dangerous to people and destructive to their properties. The following maps, when combined with wetland and topographic information, can help developers and future homeowners to “sidestep” potential flooding or ponding problems.

FIRM is the acronym for the Flood Insurance Rate Map, produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These maps define flood elevation adjacent to tributaries and major bodies of water, and superimpose that onto a simplified USGS topographic map. The scale of the FIRM maps is generally dependent on the size and density of parcels in that area. (This is to correctly determine the parcel location and flood plain location.) The FIRM map has three (3) zones. A is the zone of 100 year flood, zone B is the 100 to 500 year flood, and zone C is outside the flood plain.

The Hydrologic Atlas (H.A.) Series of the Flood of Record Map is also used for the topographic information. This map is different from the FIRM map mainly because it will show isolated, or pocketed flooded areas. Kendall County uses both these maps in conjunction with each other for flooded area determinations. The Flood of Record maps, show the areas of flood for various years. Both of these maps stress that the recurrence of flooding is merely statistical. That is to say a 100-year flood may occur twice in one year, or twice in one week, for that matter.
It should be noted that greater floods than those shown on the two maps are possible. The flood boundaries indicated provide a historic record only until the map publication date. Additionally, these flood boundaries are a function of the watershed conditions existing when the maps were produced. Cumulative changes in runoff characteristics caused by urbanization can result in an increase in flood height of future flood episodes.

Floodplains play a vital role in reducing the flood damage potential associated with an urbanizing area and, when left in an undisturbed state, also provide valuable wildlife habitat benefits. If it is the petitioner's intent to conduct floodplain filling or modification activities, the petitioner and the Unit of Government responsible need to consider the potentially adverse effects this type of action could have on adjacent properties. The change or loss of natural floodplain storage often increases the frequency and severity of flooding on adjacent property.

**Figure 5: FEMA Floodplain Map**

If the available maps indicate the presence of a floodplain on the PIQ, the petitioner should contact the IDOT-DWR and FEMA to delineate a floodplain elevation for the parcel. If a portion of the property is indeed floodplain, applicable state, county and local regulations will need to be reflected in the site plans. Another indication of flooding potential can be found in the soils information. Hydric soils indicate the presence of drainageways, areas subject to ponding, or a naturally occurring high water table. These need to be considered along with the floodplain information when developing the site plan and the stormwater management plan. If the site does include these hydric soils and development occurs, thus raising the concerns of the loss of water storage in these soils and the potential for increased flooding in the area.
This parcel is located on topography (slopes 0 to 5%) involving high and low areas (elevation is approximately 710’ to 720’ above sea level). The parcel lies within the Fox River Watershed and Hollenback Creek subwatershed.

WATERSHED PLANS

Watershed and Subwatershed Information

A watershed is the area of land that drains into a specific point including a stream, lake or other body of water. High points on the Earth’s surface, such as hills and ridges define watersheds. When rain falls in the watershed, it flows across the ground towards a stream or lake. Rainwater carries any pollutants it comes in contact with such as oils, pesticides, and soil. Everyone lives in a watershed. Their actions can impact natural resources and people living downstream. Residents can minimize this impact by being aware of their environment and implications of their activities, implementing practices recommended in watershed plans and educating others about their watershed. This parcel is located within the Fox River Watershed.

The following are recommendations to developers for protection of this watershed:

- Preserve open space.
- Maintain wetlands as part of development.
- Use natural water management.
- Prevent soil from leaving a construction site.
- Protect subsurface drainage.
- Use native vegetation.
- Retain natural features.
- Mix housing styles and types.
- Decrease impervious surfaces.
- Reduce area disturbed by mass grading.
- Shrink lot size and create more open space.
- Maintain historical and cultural resources.
- Treat water where it falls.
- Preserve views.
- Establish and link trails.
WETLAND INFORMATION

Figure 7: Wetland Map – USFWS National Wetland Inventory

Office maps indicate that a wetland may not be present on the parcel in question (PIQ).

Importance of Wetland Information

Wetlands function in many ways to provide numerous benefits to society. They control flooding by offering a slow release of excess water downstream or through the soil. They cleanse water by filtering out sediment and some pollutants, and can function as rechargers of our valuable groundwater. They also are essential breeding, rearing, and feeding grounds for many species of wildlife.

These benefits are particularly valuable in urbanizing areas as development activity typically adversely affects water quality, increases the volume of stormwater runoff, and increases the demand for groundwater. In an area where many individual homes rely on shallow groundwater wells for domestic water supplies, activities that threaten potential groundwater recharge areas are contrary to the public good. The conversion of wetlands, with their sediment trapping and nutrient absorbing vegetation, to biologically barren stormwater detention ponds can cause additional degradation of water quality in downstream or adjacent areas.

It has been estimated that over 95% of the wetlands that were historically present in Illinois have been destroyed while only recently has the true environmental significance of wetlands been fully recognized. America is losing 100,000 acres of wetland a year, and has saved 5 million acres total (since 1934). One acre of wetland can filter 7.3 million gallons of water a year. These are reasons why our wetlands are high quality and important.

This section contains the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) Wetlands Inventory, which is the most comprehensive inventory to date. The NRCS Wetlands Inventory is reproduced from an aerial photo at a scale of 1” equals 660 feet. The NRCS developed these maps in cooperation with U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency,) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, using the National Food Security Act Manual, 3rd Edition. The main purpose of these maps is to determine wetland areas on agricultural fields and areas that may be wetlands but are in a non-agriculture setting.

The NRCS Wetlands Inventory in no way gives an exact delineation of the wetlands, but merely an outline, or the determination that there is a wetland within the outline. For the final, most accurate wetland determination of a specific wetland, a wetland delineation must be certified by NRCS staff using the National Food Security Act Manual (on agricultural land.) On urban land, a certified wetland delineator must perform the delineation using the ACOE 1987 Manual. See the glossary section for the definitions of “delineation” and “determination.”

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Hydric Soils

Soils information gives another indication of flooding potential. The soils map on this page indicates the soil(s) on the parcel that the Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates as hydric. Hydric soils by definition have seasonal high water at or near the soil surface and/or have potential flooding or ponding problems. All hydric soils range from poorly suited to unsuitable for building. One group of the hydric soils, are the organic soils, which formed from dead organic material. Organic soils are unsuitable for building because of not only the high water table, but also their subsidence problems.

It is also important to add the possibility of hydric inclusions in a soil type. An inclusion is a soil polygon that is too small to appear on these maps. While relatively insignificant for agricultural use, hydric soil inclusions become more important to more intense uses such as a residential subdivision.

While considering hydric soils and hydric inclusions, it is noteworthy to mention that subsurface agriculture drainage tile occurs in almost all poorly drained and somewhat poorly drained soils. Drainage tile expedites drainage and facilitates farming. It is imperative that these drainage tiles remain undisturbed. A damaged subsurface drainage tile may return original hydrologic conditions to all of the areas that drained through the tile (ranging from less than one acre to many square miles.)

For an intense land use, such as a subdivision, the Kendall County SWCD recommends the following: a topographical survey with 1 foot contour intervals to accurately define the flood area on the parcel, an intensive soil survey to define most accurately the locations of the hydric soils and inclusions and a drainage tile survey on the area to locate the tiles that must be preserved to maintain subsurface drainage.

Table 7: Hydric Soils

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<th>Soil Types</th>
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<td>Non-hydric</td>
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<td>356A</td>
<td>Poorly drained</td>
<td>Hydric</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
<td>69%</td>
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Figure 8: Hydric Soils Map
WETLAND AND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO ANY WORK NEAR A STREAM (THIS INCLUDES SMALL UNNAMED STREAMS), LAKE, WETLAND OR FLOODWAY.

The laws of the United States and the State of Illinois assign certain agencies specific and different regulatory roles to protect the waters within the State's boundaries. These roles, when considered together, include protection of navigation channels and harbors, protection against flood way encroachments, maintenance and enhancement of water quality, protection of fish and wildlife habitat and recreational resources, and, in general, the protection of total public interest. Unregulated use of the waters within the State of Illinois could permanently destroy or alter the character of these valuable resources and adversely impact the public. Therefore, please contact the proper regulatory authorities when planning any work associated with Illinois waters so that proper consideration and approval can be obtained.

WHO MUST APPLY
Anyone proposing to dredge, fill, rip rap, or otherwise alter the banks or beds of, or construct, operate, or maintain any dock, pier, wharf, sluice, dam, piling, wall, fence, utility, flood plain or flood way subject to State or Federal regulatory jurisdiction should apply for agency approvals.

REGULATORY AGENCIES:

- Wetlands or U.S. Waters: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Clock Tower Building, Rock Island, IL
- Flood plains: Illinois Department of Natural Resources \ Office of Water Resources, Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1270.
- Water Quality \ Erosion Control: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield, IL

COORDINATION
We recommend early coordination with the regulatory agencies BEFORE finalizing work plans. This allows the agencies to recommend measures to mitigate or compensate for adverse impacts. Also, the agency can make possible environmental enhancement provisions early in the project planning stages. This could reduce time required to process necessary approvals.

CAUTION: Contact with the United States Army Corps of Engineers is strongly advised before commencement of any work in or near a water of the United States. This could save considerable time and expense. Persons responsible for willful and direct violation of Section 10 of the River And Harbor Act of 1899 or Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act are subject to fines ranging up to $27,500 per day of violation and imprisonment for up to one year or both.
AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION AREAS (AG AREAS) - Allowed by P.A. 81-1173. An AG AREA consists of a minimum of 350 acres of farmland, as contiguous and compact as possible. Petitioned by landowners, AG AREAS protect for a period of ten years initially, then reviewed every eight years thereafter. AG AREA establishment exempts landowners from local nuisance ordinances directed at farming operations, and designated land cannot receive special tax assessments on public improvements that do not benefit the land, e.g. water and sewer lines.

AGRICULTURE - The growing, harvesting and storing of crops including legumes, hay, grain, fruit and truck or vegetable including dairying, poultry, swine, sheep, beef cattle, pony and horse production, fur farms, and fish and wildlife farms; farm buildings used for growing, harvesting and preparing crop products for market, or for use on the farm; roadside stands, farm buildings for storing and protecting farm machinery and equipment from the elements, for housing livestock or poultry and for preparing livestock or poultry products for market; farm dwellings occupied by farm owners, operators, tenants or seasonal or year around hired farm workers.

B.G. - Below Grade. Under the surface of the Earth.

BEDROCK - Indicates depth at which bedrock occurs. Also lists hardness as rippable or hard.

FLOODING - Indicates frequency, duration, and period during year when floods are likely to occur.

HIGH LEVEL MANAGEMENT - The application of effective practices adapted to different crops, soils, and climatic conditions. Such practices include providing for adequate soil drainage, protection from flooding, erosion and runoff control, near optimum tillage, and planting the correct kind and amount of high quality seed. Weeds, diseases, and harmful insects are controlled. Favorable soil reaction and near optimum levels of available nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium for individual crops are maintained. Efficient use is made of available crop residues, barnyard manure, and/or green manure crops. All operations, when combined efficiently and timely, can create favorable growing conditions and reduce harvesting losses -- within limits imposed by weather.

HIGH WATER TABLE - A seasonal high water table is a zone of saturation at the highest average depth during the wettest part of the year. May be apparent, perched, or artesian kinds of water tables.

Water Table, Apparent - A thick zone of free water in the soil. An apparent water table is indicated by the level at which water stands in an uncased borehole after adequate time is allowed for adjustment in the surrounding soil.

Water Table, Artesian - A water table under hydrostatic head, generally beneath an impermeable layer. When this layer is penetrated, the water level rises in an uncased borehole.

Water Table, Perched - A water table standing above an unsaturated zone. In places an upper, or perched, water table is separated from a lower one by a dry zone.

DELINEATION - For Wetlands: A series of orange flags placed on the ground by a certified professional that outlines the wetland boundary on a parcel.

DETERMINATION - A polygon drawn on a map using map information that gives an outline of a wetland.

HYDRIC SOIL - This type of soil is saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 1987)

INTENSIVE SOIL MAPPING - Mapping done on a smaller more intensive scale than a modern soil survey to determine soil properties of a specific site, e.g. mapping for septic suitability.

LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (L.E.S.A.) - LESA is a systematic approach for evaluating a parcel of land and to determine a numerical value for the parcel for farmland preservation purposes.

MODERN SOIL SURVEY - A soil survey is a field investigation of the soils of a specific area, supported by information from other sources. The kinds of soil in the survey area are identified and their extent shown on a map, and an accompanying report describes, defines, classifies, and interprets the soils. Interpretations predict the behavior of the soils under different used and the soils' response to management. Predictions are made for areas of soil at specific places. Soils information collected in a soil survey is useful in developing land-use plans and alternatives involving soil management systems and in evaluating and predicting the effects of land use.

PALUSTRINE - Name given to inland fresh water wetlands.

PERMEABILITY - Values listed estimate the range (in rate and time) it takes for downward movement of water in the major soil layers when saturated, but allowed to drain freely. The estimates are based on soil texture, soil structure, available data on
permeability and infiltration tests, and observation of water movement through soils or other geologic materials.

**PIQ** - Parcel in question

**POTENTIAL FROST ACTION** - Damage that may occur to structures and roads due to ice lens formation causing upward and lateral soil movement. Based primarily on soil texture and wetness.

**PRIME FARMLAND** - Prime farmland soils are lands that are best suited to food, feed, forage, fiber and oilseed crops. It may be cropland, pasture, woodland, or other land, but it is not urban and built up land or water areas. It either is used for food or fiber or is available for those uses. The soil qualities, growing season, and moisture supply are those needed for a well managed soil economically to produce a sustained high yield of crops. Prime farmland produces in highest yields with minimum inputs of energy and economic resources, and farming the land results in the least damage to the environment.

Prime farmland has an adequate and dependable supply of moisture from precipitation or irrigation. The temperature and growing season are favorable. The level of acidity or alkalinity is acceptable. Prime farmland has few or no rocks and is permeable to water and air. It is not excessively erodible or saturated with water for long periods and is not frequently flooded during the growing season. The slope ranges mainly from 0 to 5 percent.

(Source USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)

**PRODUCTIVITY INDEXES** - Productivity indexes for grain crops express the estimated yields of the major grain crops grown in Illinois as a single percentage of the average yields obtained under basic management from several of the more productive soils in the state. This group of soils is composed of the Muscatine, Ipava, Sable, Lisbon, Drummer, Flanagan, Littleton, Elburn and Joy soils. Each of the 425 soils found in Illinois are found in Circular 1156 from the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

**SEASONAL** - When used in reference to wetlands indicates that the area is flooded only during a portion of the year.

**SHRINK-SWELL POTENTIAL** - Indicates volume changes to be expected for the specific soil material with changes in moisture content.

**SOIL MAPPING UNIT** - A map unit is a collection of soil areas of miscellaneous areas delineated in mapping. A map unit is generally an aggregate of the delineations of many different bodies of a kind of soil or miscellaneous area but may consist of only one delineated body. Taxonomic class names and accompanying phase terms are used to name soil map units. They are described in terms of ranges of soil properties within the limits defined for taxa and in terms of ranges of taxadjuncts and inclusions.

**SOIL SERIES** - A group of soils, formed from a particular type of parent material, having horizons that, except for texture of the A or surface horizon, are similar in all profile characteristics and in arrangement in the soil profile. Among these characteristics are color, texture, structure, reaction, consistence, and mineralogical and chemical composition.

**SUBSIDENCE** - Applies mainly to organic soils after drainage. Soil material subsides due to shrinkage and oxidation.

**TERRAIN** - The area or surface over which a particular rock or group of rocks is prevalent.

**TOPSOIL** - That portion of the soil profile where higher concentrations of organic material, fertility, bacterial activity and plant growth take place. Depths of topsoil vary between soil types.

**WATERSHED** - An area of land that drains to an associated water resource such as a wetland, river or lake. Depending on the size and topography, watersheds can contain numerous tributaries, such as streams and ditches, and ponding areas such as detention structures, natural ponds and wetlands.

**WETLAND** - An area that has a predominance of hydric soils and that is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does support, a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.
REFERENCES

Hydrologic Unit Map for Kendall County. Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.
Land Evaluation and Site Assessment System. The Kendall County Department of Planning Building and Zoning, and The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District. In cooperation with: USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
Natural Resources Conservation Service Wetland Inventory Map. United States Department of Agriculture.
Wetlands - The Corps of Engineers’ Administration of the Section 404 Program (GAO/RCED-88-110)
Chairman Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

- **Members Present:** Bill Ashton, Roger Bledsoe, Larry Nelson, Ruben Rodriguez, Claire Wilson, Budd Wormley, and Angela Zubko
- **Members Absent:** Tom Casey and John Shaw
- **Staff Present:** Matthew H. Asselmeier, Senior Planner
- **In the Audience:** Robert Davidson, Chris Childress, Michael Saar, Tom Bromeland, Mary Bromeland, Melissa Samaroo, Justin Hardt, Jim Coyle, Margaret Blum, and Cliff Fox

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Wormley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to amend the agenda by moving Petition 18-14 to before Petition 18-13 and to approve the agenda as amended. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to approve the April 25, 2018, Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

- **Petition 18-14 Michael and Dayle Saar**

  Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

  Michael and Dayle Saar are requesting a map amendment rezoning the majority of the subject property from A-1 to R-1 in order to have the ability to sell the property and market the property as a single-family home site. The subject property does not have an allocation for the construction of a home and does not possess forty (40) acres. Therefore, a map amendment is required in order to construct a home onsite. The Petitioners own one (1) of the houses northeast of the subject parcel. They would like to divide a portion of the northeast corner off of the subject property and merge it with their property in the Timber Creek Subdivision and rezone the northeast corner to R-3 at some point in the future.

  The Petitioners do not believe that the property is large enough for farming.

  The Land Resource Management Plan calls for this area to be rural residential in the future. Existing single-family homes are located to the north and east of the subject property.

  The area surrounding the property is a mix of residential and agricultural zoning.

  EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.

  The application for NRI was submitted on April 12, 2018 and the LESA score was 178 indicating a low level of protection.
Petition information was sent to Kendall Township on April 20, 2018.

Petition information was sent to the United City of Yorkville on April 20, 2018. Yorkville will conduct its meetings on this petition in June.

ZPAC met on this proposal on May 1, 2018 and unanimously recommended approval.

Any structures constructed on the property would have to meet applicable building and health related laws and secure the necessary permits.

No new odors or lighting issues are foreseen.

Mr. Saar stated that he did not have any additional information to provide the Commission.

Ms. Zubko wanted to make sure that a future property owner was notified that a trail could be installed in the future. A concrete ditch is located along Route 71.

The northeast portion of the property will remain A-1. The property owners’ home is zoned R-3. The northeast corner of the property will not be landlocked because the Petitioners’ adjoining property touches Timbercreek Drive.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to recommend approval of the map amendment as requested, seconded by Ms. Zubko.

Yes – Ashton, Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, Wormley, and Zubko (7)
No – None (0)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (2)

The motion passed. This proposal will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 4th.

**Petition 18-13 Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee**

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

In recent months, the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department has received inquiries from solar energy consultants and property owners desiring to place solar panels on properties throughout the County. These solar panels would be used to generate power offsite from the location where the solar panels are placed. Kendall County adopted solar panel zoning regulations in 2010 and 2011, but these regulations focused on generating solar energy and using that energy onsite. The County also has zoning regulations for power plants, but many solar energy consultants were uncomfortable with a “power plant” classification.

At their meeting on March 12, 2018, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee approved initiating text amendments to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance incorporating DeKalb County’s proposed regulations into the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance.

At the April Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting, Staff was asked to review the proposed solar panel regulations, contact the counties previously contacted regarding the number of solar panel projects they approved and any changes to their regulations they wish could be made in hindsight, obtain information from Fulton and Shelby Counties, and obtain Yorkville’s solar panel regulations.
As of April 30th, DeKalb County had not approved any solar panel project. There were four (4) applications for projects. The only change they suggested was, as of April 3rd, the State of Illinois allows collocation. Prior to April 3rd, the State would not have allowed two (2) 2 MW systems to be located next to each other, but now they could be located adjacently.

As of April 30th, Will County had approved one (1) project and they have three (3) tabled for the past two (2) months. Discussion has occurred about whether or not to require a decommissioning bond; this was not required in the approved ordinance. Also, Will County is discussing a density limitation, i.e. how many solar panels should be allowed in a given area.

As of April 30th, Grundy County had approved one (1) project, a one hundred forty-three (143) acre solar farm. There are three (3) additional projects under consideration. The distance of the front yard setback has been an issue, some favor one hundred fifty feet (150’) while others favor “farm ground”. There are landscaping concerns (nature and type) and concerns that the roots of the landscaping could impact field tile. Discussion has occurred regarding requiring lighting at the gate entrance.

As of April 30th, Kankakee County had approved eleven (11) solar gardens and nine (9) more are at some stage of the adoption. In addition, there is one (1) solar farm that is under consideration. Their ordinance made no distinction between solar gardens and solar farms; that is the only change they would suggest.

As of April 30th, Tazewell County had one (1) approved project and two (2) projects at some form of the review process. They are considering changing the setback requirements from non-participating residences; it started at five hundred feet (500’) and was reduced to one hundred feet (100’).

As of May 6th, Boone County had not approved any solar projects and had four (4) projects at some form of the review process. The big issue of discussion is whether or not to allow solar projects on landfills and the impacts of the required setbacks for the landfills on the solar project.

Shelby County has not approved a separate solar panel project and they are in the process of writing an ordinance. They amended an existing special use permit for their electric co-operative to allow them to have solar panels on their existing site.

As of May 14th, Fulton County has not returned Staff’s phone calls.

The regulations for the United City of Yorkville were provided.

Staff went through the proposal and offered the following amendments:

1. The definition of solar garden was clarified that energy generated from the panels would be used for offsite consumption.

2. The existing regulations for roof mounted and freestanding systems were clarified to apply for onsite consumption of energy only.

3. The existing regulations for roof mounted and freestanding systems were clarified that the systems had to follow applicable federal, state, and local laws and the regulations of the local electrical utility.

4. The building permit fee was clarified to apply to solar energy systems that consumed energy offsite or solar energy systems that consumed energy onsite for non-agricultural purposes.
5. The definition of solar gardens was clarified to include projects twenty (20) acres in size in Section 4.18.C.4.

6. The references to airports in Section 4.18.C.7, 4.18.D.9, and 4.18.F.4 were removed and replaced with a blanket statement in 4.18.Q.9 regarding all solar energy systems in relation to airports.

7. The reference to the State of Illinois Uniform Building Code in 4.18.C.8 was deleted because the Code does not exist.

8. The phrase “or vegetation” was added to Section 4.18.D.4 per the request of ZPAC.

9. Section 4.18.D.10 was deleted because it repeated the language found in 4.18.Q.3.

10. Solar energy systems must comply with State plumbing and energy codes (4.18.Q.8). Therefore, sections K and L are repetitive.

Mr. Holdiman previously suggested that 4.18.O.2 be removed from the proposal because the County currently does not require insurance for existing solar panels.

The Kendall County Farm Bureau was sent the proposal in March. They questioned why the bonding requirement was “may” and not “shall” (4.18.P.6).

The townships were mailed the proposal on March 22nd. To date, no townships have submitted comments.

ZPAC met on the proposal on April 3rd and unanimously recommended approval of the proposal with the following amendments:

1. Section 4.18.D.10 should be removed because the same language is found in 4.18.Q.3.

2. A more detailed contour map with existing vegetation, waterways, wetland boundaries, and FEMA FIRM information in a manner described in the Boone County ordinance should be added to the proposal.

3. The reference to the State of Illinois Uniform Building Code found in Section 4.18.C.8 should be removed.

4. Greater discussion should occur regarding the desire to have solar gardens in residential zoned districts.

5. The word “crops” found in line 7 of 4.18.C.4 should be replaced with the word “vegetation” because crops probably will not be the only plants growing around the solar panels and crops probably will not grow around the solar panels.

Ms. Wilson asked the difference between the solar energy system and the solar photovoltaic system. The photovoltaic system is the collectors and solar energy systems are all of the components.

The reference to county solar garden mentioned in the definition of solar garden was removed.
Onsite consumption of energy would be accessory to the existing use and would be allowed by right. Discussion occurred regarding the difference in regulations between onsite and offsite consumption of energy as applied to the regulations.

Ms. Zubko expressed her opposition to the waiver requirements listed in various sections. The consensus of the Commission was to have these references removed to protect neighbors.

The consensus of the Commission was also that solar gardens and solar farms had to follow the setback requirements of the zoning district in which they are located to avoid confusion and ensure consistency with the application of the Zoning Ordinance.

The reference to solar farms requiring a special use permit found in Section 4.18.D.1 was redundant because this language was in the definitions section.

Mr. Nelson asked if Greg Chismark commented on this proposal. Mr. Asselmeier said that Mr. Chismark reviewed the proposal and he was satisfied with the existing language because of the NPDES and Stormwater Ordinance requirement contained in the proposal. Discussion occurred about stormwater runoff, the importance of vegetation, and the method for controlling and maintaining the vegetation. Top soils will not be removed per 4.18.D.4.

Chris Childress, the County’s consultant, discussed the importance of the distinction between onsite and offsite consumption of the energy generated. In the agreement for the County’s proposed solar field, the developer is responsible for the maintenance and control of vegetation. The owner or developer should be responsible for maintaining the vegetation. Fixed panels could have stormwater drainage issues; these panels do not generate the same kilowatt hours.

The State has been collecting funds on electricity bills to fund the incentives for solar panel projects. Mr. Childress does not believe that many solar panel projects will occur in Kendall County because the funds for incentives will be gone within a year or year and a half. Most projects are in the advanced stage of approval. Once the incentives are used, solar panel projects will not occur because they are not economically beneficial.

Mr. Wormley asked the lifespan of the panels. Mr. Childress said that twenty-five (25) years is not an issue, but new technologies could arise to make the solar panels obsolete.

Mr. Childress said that holding a bond for twenty-five (25) years is expensive. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the bonding requirement says “may” in the current proposal. Mr. Davidson discussed the scrap value of the solar energy system.

Mr. Childress expressed concerns regarding damaging field tiles. He would like to see a provision for the repair of field tile.

Mr. Childress discussed the permit fees. He supported the fees so long as they were not required at the time of the special use permit application.

Mr. Nelson asked about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Petitioners for Petition 18-15 will discuss this issue.

Discussion occurred regarding the exemption of building permits for agricultural related onsite consumption. A property owner would be required to get an agriculture-exempt permit, but not a building permit and no fees would be assessed.
Discussion occurred regarding the setbacks for the solar gardens and solar farms. The consensus of the Commission was to require solar gardens and solar farms to follow the setbacks and petitioners could request variances.

Discussion occurred regarding the relationship of solar panels to the County’s Land Resource Management Plan. Renewable energy systems are mentioned in the Land Resource Management Plan.

Ms. Zubko requested that a provision for drain tile repair be placed in the proposal. The Commission requested that Staff ask the State’s Attorney’s Office for an opinion on this matter. If a provision could be added, the provision should be added in the Design Standards section. A drain tile replacement or repair restriction could be placed in each special use permit.

Ms. Zubko asked when the Department would know if the solar panels were not in use. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the Department would receive a complaint and ask for documentation of use per Section 4.18.P.1.

Ms. Wilson asked about the measures to minimize glare. Mr. Asselmeier responded that specific measures would be addressed in individual special use permits.

Chairman Ashton asked if knox boxes should be required. The consensus of the Commission was not to require knox boxes.

Ms. Wilson asked the impervious soil language in Section G. The issue of impervious surface calculations was addressed in the NPDES and Stormwater Ordinance requirements.

Ms. Zubko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to recommend approval of the text amendment with the following changes:

1. The reference to a county solar garden in the definition of “Solar Garden” should be deleted.

2. All references to waiving the special use permit requirements and setback requirements should be deleted.

3. Solar gardens and solar farms had to follow the setback requirements for the zoning district in which they are located. Accordingly, the reference to a one hundred foot (100’) distance from the right-of-way or property line found in 4.18.D.2 should be deleted.

4. The statement that solar farms require a special use permit found in Section 4.18.D.1 should be removed.

5. If allowed by the State’s Attorney’s Office, a provision should be added to Section 4.18.F regarding repair of damaged drain tile.

Yes – Ashton, Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, Wormley, and Zubko (7)
No – None (0)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (2)

The motion passed. This proposal will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 2\textsuperscript{nd}. 
Petition 18-15 Nancy Harazin on Behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101

Mr. Asselmeier noted that this petition would not be required to follow the solar panel proposal because the proposal was not adopted at the time they submitted the application.

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Nancy Harazin, on behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101, submitted a petition for a special use permit to operate a public or private utility system – other on her property at 16400 Newark Road. Specifically, the Petitioner would like to contract with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the installation and operation of a solar energy system. The energy generated from the system will be fed into Ameren’s system and consumed offsite.

The property is sixty (60) acres in size. The special use area is approximately twenty-two (22) acres in size and the solar panel area is approximately twelve (12) acres in size.

The subject property and all of the properties are zoned A-1.

The wetland buffer area was reduced from fifty feet (50’) to twenty-five feet (25’). There were two (2) wetlands and two (2) farmable wetlands identified.

The EcoCat report was submitted and consultation was terminated.

The LESA score was 205 indicating a medium area of protection.

Big Grove Township reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns.

The Village of Newark expressed the following concerns:

1. They would like the solar panels be set back further to the south.

2. They would like larger landscaping or fencing that better blocks the view of the solar panels from adjoining properties other than a chain link fence.

3. They had concerns regarding the safety of the environment if the solar panels break and their contents spill onto the ground.

4. They had concerns about glare if the tracking system malfunctions.

5. They would like assurances that the equipment is removed in a timely manner at the end of the project or when the lease is terminated.

The Newark Fire Protection District reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns.

ZPAC reviewed this proposal on May 1, 2018. The representatives from the Petitioner requested that the operator be included on conditions 8, 11, and 13 because the operator will be responsible for decommissioning and insurance. The County Highway Department requested a fifteen foot (15’) right-of-way dedication at the north side of the property along Newark Road to address an erosion issue. This request was added as condition 12 and the property owner agreed to this request.

According to the information provided by the Petitioner, the Petitioner would like to lease approximately twenty-three (23) acres to 312 Solar Development, LLC c/o Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for an initial period of twenty (20) years. The lease could be renewed up to four (4) additional periods of five (5) years. If approved, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. would install and maintain six thousand, nine hundred twelve (6,912) solar panels.
on the north side of the subject property. The solar panels would be seven feet (7’) in height at maximum tilt and three to four feet (3’-4’) off of the ground. The panels would rotate with the sun. The system would connect to Ameren’s system at the northeast corner of the property at Newark Road. The system is planned to generate two mega-watts (2 MW) of energy. If approved, the system would be operational by approximately July 31, 2019.

Other than periodic mowing and maintenance, no personnel will be onsite and no parking is required.

The construction process is estimated to take between four and six (4-6) months.

The solar panels will be located at their closest point approximately one hundred seventy-five feet (175’) from Newark Road and approximately one hundred forty-seven feet (147’) from the nearest neighboring property line. The solar panels shall not be closer than twenty-five feet (25’) from the identified wetlands.

The laydown area indicated on the site plan will be used for the placement of equipment during construction, decommissioning, and maintenance activities.

The Landscaping Plan calls for the planting of eighteen (18) Black Chokeberries, eighteen (18) Sea Green Junipers, twenty-nine (29) Spiraea, and thirty (30) Woodward Arborvitae. The shrubs would grow to approximately thirty inches (30”) in height maximum. Several existing trees shall remain on the west side of the property.

A lawn seed mix will be planted under and around the solar panels. The growth would require mowing three (3) or four (4) times per year.

According to information provided to the County, the no mow is a blend of bunch-forming and creeping fescues derived from species that are native to the Northern Hemisphere. A combination of six (6) complementary varieties of fine fescues makes our no mow lawn seed mix a versatile and adaptable blend that is an excellent choice for a wide variety of planting situations and applications. The bunch grasses are exceptionally drought resistant, thrive in low nitrogen soils, and have moderate tolerance to heavy foot traffic. The creeping fescues spread gradually by underground rhizomes to help fill in between the bunch grasses to create a weed-resistant sod. The creeping fescues also help to fill in areas that may experience turf damage.

Some of the fine fescue grasses in the no mow lawn mix have been documented to possess allelopathic properties, in which the grasses produce compounds that prevent or retard the growth other plants and weeds. This “natural herbicide” makes the no mow particularly resistant to invasion by other herbaceous plants that often plague other types of turf.

- Hard Fescue (Festuca brevipila)
- Sheep Fescue (Festuca ovina)
- Chewings Fescue (Festuca rubra subs. fallax)
- Red Fescue (Festuca rubra)
- Creeping Red Fescue (Festuca rubra var. rubra)

The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District expressed no concerns regarding the ability of the proposed mix to handle erosion control provided that the property owner or operator conducted annual inspections.

Vegetation would be planted when the panels are in place.
The proposed solar panels should be located away from the wetlands. The Petitioner submitted a wetland study that verified these areas will not be negatively impacted by the placement of solar panels.

Several drain tiles were located on the property. Any drain tiles impacted by the placement of the solar panels shall be relocated.

The project will be required to meet Kendall County’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Greg Chismark submitted comments and questions on the proposal and the Petitioner addressed Mr. Chismark’s concerns.

The proposed solar panels shall be required to meet all applicable building codes.

The supports would be buried approximately twelve to thirteen feet (12’-13’) in the ground depending on soil conditions. The supports would not be encased in concrete.

Electric lines will be buried inside the fence. There is a utility pole east of the access drive. The electric lines will go above ground at that point and connect to the Ameren system at the point on connection on the northeast corner of the site.

A fourteen foot (14’) wide gravel access from Newark Road will be installed. The property already possesses a field access at this location. The access is across the street from the driveway of 16295 Newark Road.

Per the Site Plan, a seven foot (7’) high chained link fence shall surround the solar panels. The fence shall have a sixteen foot (16’) wide vehicle access gate on the east side and a four foot (4’) wide man gate on the south side. The fence will be installed approximately one (1) week after construction starts.

A light will be installed for security reasons at the electrical equipment area.

Approximately eight (8) signs will be placed around the property along the fence and anywhere required by the NEC. A “Danger High Voltage” sign will be placed around the fence every two hundred feet (200’). A sign will also be placed on the vehicle gate entrance. There will be plaques stating emergency contact information and a site key.

No new odors are foreseen.

The Petitioner supplied a report outlining that solar panels do not cause damage to neighboring property value or harm the environment.

The solar panels have life expectancy of thirty (30) years. The anticipated decommissioning costs were provided to the Commission. Decommission is estimated to take between two and three (2-3) months.

Kendall County is currently in the process of adopting solar panel regulations for offsite usage of energy. Some of the proposed language is included in the proposed recommendations.

Staff recommended approval of the requested special use permit with the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The site will be developed in accordance with the Site Plan.

2. Lighting will be installed in accordance with the Site Plan.
3. The landscaping shall occur in accordance with the Landscaping Plan.

4. Replacement of dead and/or damaged vegetation shall occur on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

5. Signage shall be installed as described in the Sheet Notes. In addition, at least one (1) sign shall be placed at the vehicle access gate stating emergency contact information.

6. The site shall be decommissioned in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan. In the event the Decommissioning Plan changes, the property owner shall supply the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department with revised plans as soon as they are available.

7. The Decommissioning Plan shall be initiated if the solar panels are not used for ninety (90) consecutive days. This condition shall not apply if maintenance on the impacted solar panel(s) is occurring.

8. The property owner or operator shall have six (6) months to complete the Decommissioning Plan and remove the solar panels and related equipment from the property (Amended by ZPAC).

9. In addition to other applicable fees, the following fees should be paid to the County prior to the installation of the solar panels:

   Building Permit Fees
   0-10 KW $150
   51-100 $300
   101-500 $600
   501-1000 $1200
   1001-2000 $2750
   2001-6000 $6000
   Over 2000 KW $200 for Each Additional 0-100KW
   Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining Building Permit

10. The property owner or operator shall maintain current liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage at least Three Million Dollars per occurrence and Five Million Dollars in aggregate and must have policy for the duration of the special use permit, such insurance may be provided pursuant to a plan of self-insurance by a party with a net worth of Twenty Million Dollars or more and the County shall be named as additional insured to the extent that the County is entitled to indemnification.

11. The property owner or operator shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents (collectively and individually, the “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of actions, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney’s fees, except to the extent arising in whole or part out of negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties (such liabilities together known as “liability”) arising out of Applicant, Owner, or Operators selection, construction, operation, and removal of the solar energy system and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence). This general indemnification shall not be construed as limited or qualifying the County’s other indemnification rights available under the law (Amended by ZPAC).

12. Within sixty (60) days of the approval of this special use permit ordinance, the owner shall dedicate

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a fifteen foot (15’) wide strip along the northern portion of the property to Kendall County to be used as Newark Road right-of-way (Added by ZPAC).

13. The property owner or operator shall be responsible for ensuring that the operations of the solar panels allowed by this special use permit comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws (Amended by ZPAC).

14. Damaged or non-functioning solar panels shall be replaced or repaired on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department (Added after Village of Newark meeting).

15. Failure to comply with above conditions or restrictions could result in the amendment or revocation of the special use permit.

16. If one or more of the above conditions is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining conditions shall remain valid (Added after ZPAC).

Ms. Zubko requested that a condition be added that drain tile should be repaired and/or rerouted. The consensus of the Commission was to add this condition.

Margaret Blum, Justin Hardt, Jim Coyle, and Melissa Samaroo presented a powerpoint presentation, see enclosure. Mr. Hardt provided a description of Borrego and the various types of solar energy systems. He also discussed the various studies involved in the permitting process. Ms. Blum explained the installation process of the solar panels and related equipment. She also discussed the maintenance of the panels and vegetation. A sample panel was passed around to the Commissioners. Federal NEPA regulations do not apply to this project. The mature height for the plants is approximately four to six feet (4’-6’') for the vegetation planted along the northern portion of the property.

Mr. Nelson asked about the taxing of the property. The taxing for solar panel projects is currently under review in the General Assembly.

They will do weekly inspections to get the landscaping started.

The south portion of the property will be farmed. The area between the solar panels and the road may not be farmed.

The panels rotate east to west. The coating is anti-glare with the objection to absorb as much sunlight as possible.

The reasons that the project is its current size are because of the capacity of Ameren’s system and State regulations.

Mr. Wormley asked why the panels were placed on the northern portion of the property. They wanted to avoid the wetlands and avoid extending the driveway and electricity lines.

Mr. Wormley disagreed with the statement that the project will not negatively impact property values. He argued that the southern part of the property cannot be used for anything but farming for the duration of the solar panel lease. Ms. Blum stated the studies examined the property values of adjacent parcels.
Ms. Wilson asked about guarantees for decommissioning and the incentive for Borrego to remove the solar panels and restore property to agricultural condition. Mr. Hardt stated that the lease requires removal of the solar panel related equipment. No bond or monetary holdbacks were included in the lease. Salvage value exists.

Ms. Wilson asked about the noise level in rain and general noise. A noise diagram was presented. The noise at one hundred feet (100’) from the transformer is thirty-five (35) dBa. The noise level reduces the further away from the transformer. The transformer is fifty-five to sixty-five (55-65) dBa at the transformer. The transformer does not run at night.

No impact on birds exists.

Most of the provisions of the proposed solar panel ordinance were incorporated in the special use permit conditions.

Borrego will be involved in the maintenance of the solar panels.

The whole site will be weed eaten a few times a year.

The posts are rated for one hundred thirty-four (134) mile per hour winds.

Maintenance includes mowing and inspections.

Cliff Fox, Village Administrator of the Village of Newark, requested a copy of the landscaping plan. The Petitioner is not planning to move the solar panels further south at this time. The Village wanted the panels moved south to prevent an eyesore.

Tom Bromeland, Newark Road, expressed his opposition to the proposal. He was concerned about the environmental impact of broken panels. Runoff from the subject property drains onto his property. He expressed concerns about glare and he would like to see a different type of fencing other than chain-link. He would like to see the panels moved further south because of noise concerns and aesthetics. He argued that land values will be impacted and that the County will not benefit from the project.

The components of the solar panels do not have a hazardous substance inside them.

A solid fence would create a different wind load inside the solar panel project. The posts would almost certainly need concrete casings.

The suggestion was made to plant arborvitae every six to eight feet (6’-8’).

Discussion of the LaSalle project in Streator occurred, focusing on the visibility of the project from roads and nearby property. This project is much larger than the one (1) proposed outside Newark.

Cell phone and television reception will not be impacted.

Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to recommend approval of the special use permit with the conditions proposed by Staff, the addition of a condition that damaged drain tile be repaired and/or rerouted, and the suggestion that arborvitaes be planted on the north side of the property and/or the installation of taller shrubs during installation.

Yes – Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, and Zubko (5)
The motion passed. This proposal will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 4th.

Mr. Wormley voted no because he believed the property values of the subject property will be impacted.

Chairman Ashton voted no because he thought their plans to farm on the sides were unrealistic and taking into consideration the comments of the neighbor.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/ PUBLIC COMMENT
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

OLD BUSINESS
Consideration and Action on Amendments to Petition 18-04 Regarding Amending the Future Land Use Map for Property Near Route 47 in Lisbon Township-Commission Could Vote to Schedule a Public Hearing on the Petition
Mr. Asselmeier noted the change made to the proposal; references to the Prairie Parkway are in past tense.

Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Land Resource Management Plan for June 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at 111 W. Fox Street in Yorkville.

Yes – Ashton, Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, Wormley, and Zubko (7)
No – None (0)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (0)

The motion passed.

Update on Petition 17-28 Pertaining to text Amendments to Outdoor Target Practice or Shooting Ranges (Not Including Private Shooting in Your Own Yard)
Mr. Asselmeier stated that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee is reviewing one (1) paragraph in the proposal. Upon completion of that review, the proposal will come back to the Planning Commission.

Update on Petition 18-03 Pertaining to Removing the Requirements for the Zoning, Platting and Advisory Committee and the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission to Meet and Issue Recommendations on Proposed Map Amendments, Special Use Permits, Major Amendments to Special Use Permits, and Text Amendments on Matters Not Involving the Powers and Duties of the Zoning, Platting and Advisory Committee or the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission and Related Zoning Text Citation Amendments
Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee laid this proposal over until the September 2018 meeting.

Request from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee for Comments Pertaining to Petition 18-07 Regarding Text Amendments Establishing Procedures for Renewing Special Use Permits
Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee instructed Staff to rewrite the proposal to allow the County Board to initiate amendments to and revocations of special use permits at any time
and any reason.

**REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD**
Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 18-05 rezoning the Warpinski property on Walker Road from A-1 to R-1 was approved by the County Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
None

**ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Wormley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion passed unanimously. The Kendall County Regional Plan Commission meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner

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# KENDALL COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
## MAY 23, 2018

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INTRODUCTION
Nancy Harazin, on behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101, submitted a petition for a special use permit to operate a public or private utility system – other on her property at 16400 Newark Road. Specifically, the Petitioner would like to contract with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the installation and operation of a solar energy system. The energy generated from the system will be fed into Ameren’s system and consumed offsite.

SITE INFORMATION
PETITIONER Nancy Harazin on Behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101
ADDRESS 16400 Newark Road, Newark
LOCATION Approximately 0.2 Miles East of Route 71 on the South Side of Newark Road

TOWNSHIP Big Grove
PARCEL # 07-05-400-003
LOT SIZE 60 Acres (Project Size – 22 Acres +/-; Fenced Area of Project 12.1 Acres +/-)
EXISTING LAND USE

Agricultural

ZONING

A-1 Agricultural District

LRMP

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REQUESTED ACTION

A-1 Special Use to Operate a Public or Private Utility – Other (Solar Panels)

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

Section 7.01 D.39.e – A-1 Special Uses – Public or Private Utilities and Services – Other Similar Uses

Section 13.08 – Special Use Procedures

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A farmstead is currently located across the street from the subject property. The driveway of the house lines up with the existing farm entrance to the subject property.

PHYSICAL DATA

ENDANGERED SPECIES REPORT
EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated; see Attachment 1.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
All application submittals were received on April 23, 2018. The LESA score was 205 indicating a medium level of protection; see Attachment 30.

ACTION SUMMARY

BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP
Petition information was sent to Big Grove Township on April 24, 2018. Big Grove Township expressed no objections to this proposal; see Attachment 21.
VILLAGE OF NEWARK
Petition information was sent to the Village of Newark April 24, 2018. The Village of Newark reviewed this petition on May 9, 2018, and expressed the following concerns:

1. They would like the solar panels be set back further to the south.

2. They would like larger landscaping or fencing that better blocks the view of the solar panels from adjoining properties other than a chain link fence.

3. They had concerns regarding the safety of the environment if the solar panels break and their contents spill onto the ground.

4. They had concerns about glare if the tracking system malfunctions.

5. They would like assurances that the equipment is removed in a timely manner at the end of the project or when the lease is terminated.

A letter expressing their opinion is included as Attachment 22.

NEWARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
The Newark Fire Protection District reviewed this proposal at one (1) of their meetings. They expressed no objection to the proposal; see Attachment 26.

ZPAC
ZPAC reviewed this proposal on May 1, 2018. The representatives from the Petitioner requested that the operator be included on conditions 8, 11, and 13 because the operator will be responsible for decommissioning and insurance. The County Highway Department requested a fifteen foot (15’) right-of-way dedication at the north side of the property along Newark Road to address an erosion issue. This request was agreed to by the property owner and added as condition 12. Discussion occurred regarding the no mow seed mix; a greater description of the plantings can be found in the Landscaping section of this memo. ZPAC unanimously recommended approval of the request. The minutes of the meeting are included as Attachment 25.

KCRPC
The Kendall County Regional Planning Commission reviewed this proposal at their meeting on May 23, 2018. Commissioners requested that a condition be added to the special use permit requiring damaged field tiles to be repaired and/or re-routed. The Petitioner’s representatives were agreeable with this request. Tom Bromeland, Newark Road, expressed his opposition to the proposal. He was concerned about glare. He does not like the chain-link fence; he would like a buffer that blocked the views of the solar panels from his property. He would like the solar panels moved further south on the property. He expressed concerns about noise. He did not believe that anyone other than the property owner would benefit from this project. Commissioners requested that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee examine requiring the planting of additional arborvitae and/or taller shrubs along the northern portion of the property near Newark Road. Discussion occurred regarding requiring a knox box. Commissioners decided against the knox box requirement. Commissioners voted five (5) in favor and two (2) opposed to the request. Commissioner Wormley voted no because he believed the proposal will negatively impact the property values of the subject because nothing except farming can occur on the southern forty (40) acres. Chairman Ashton voted no because he thought the plans to farm on the sides of the project area were unrealistic and he echoed the concerns of Mr. Bromeland. The minutes of this meeting are included as Attachment 31. A powerpoint presentation from the meeting is included with the Attachment.

BUSINESS OPERATION
According to the information provided by the Petitioner, the Petitioner would like to lease approximately twenty-three (23) acres to 312 Solar Development, LLC c/o Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for an initial period of twenty (20) years. The lease could be renewed up to four (4) additional periods of five (5) years (Attachment 6, Page 1). If approved, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. would install and maintain six thousand, nine hundred twelve (6,912) solar panels on the north side of the subject property. The solar panels would be seven feet (7’) in height at maximum tilt and three to four feet (3’-4”) off of the ground. The panels would rotate from the...
east to the west with the sun, angled at approximately fifty-two degrees (52°) (Attachment 7, Page 5). The system would connect to Ameren's system at the northeast corner of the property at Newark Road. The system is planned to generate two mega-watts (2 MW) of energy. If approved, the system would be operational by approximately July 31, 2019 (Attachment 6, Page 30).

Other than periodic mowing and maintenance, no personnel will be onsite and no parking is required.

The construction process is estimated to take between four and six (4-6) months.

SITE PLAN
The site plan was amended between the ZPAC meeting and the meeting of the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission. A letter outlining the changes is included as Attachment 28.

The solar panels will be located at their closest point approximately one hundred seventy-five feet (175') from Newark Road and approximately one hundred forty-seven feet (147') from the nearest neighboring property line. The solar panels shall not be closer than twenty-five feet (25') from the identified wetlands. In earlier submittals, the solar panels were shown fifty feet (50') from the identified wetlands; see Attachments 27 and 28 for an explanation regarding the change in location with respect to the wetlands.

The laydown area indicated on Page 3 of Attachment 7 will be used for the placement of equipment during construction, decommissioning, and maintenance activities.

The reasons the proposed panels will be located at the subject location on the property were because of ease of connectivity to Ameren’s system, the locations of wetlands on the property, the Petitioner did not want a longer road connecting the system to Newark Road. Also, Ameren’s substation can only accommodate a certain amount of energy; this determined the system’s size.

LANDSCAPING
The Landscaping Plan can be found on Pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 7. The plan calls for the planting of eighteen (18) Black Chokeberries, eighteen (18) Sea Green Junipers, twenty-nine (29) Spiraea, and thirty (30) Woodward Arborvitae. The shrubs will be approximately thirty inches (30”) at the time of planting and will grow to between four feet and six feet (4’-6’) at maximum height. Several existing trees shall remain on the west side of the property.

A lawn seed mix will be planted under and around the solar panels. The growth would require mowing three (3) or four (4) times per year.

According to information provided to the County, the no mow is a blend of bunch-forming and creeping fescues derived from species that are native to the Northern Hemisphere. A combination of six (6) complementary varieties of fine fescues makes our no mow lawn seed mix a versatile and adaptable blend that is an excellent choice for a wide variety of planting situations and applications. The bunch grasses are exceptionally drought resistant, thrive in low nitrogen soils, and have moderate tolerance to heavy foot traffic. The creeping fescues spread gradually by underground rhizomes to help fill in between the bunch grasses to create a weed-resistant sod. The creeping fescues also help to fill in areas that may experience turf damage. Some of the fine fescue grasses in the no mow lawn mix have been documented to possess allelopathic properties, in which the grasses produce compounds that prevent or retard the growth other plants and weeds. This “natural herbicide” makes the no mow particularly resistant to invasion by other herbaceous plants that often plague other types of turf.

- Hard Fescue (Festuca brevipila)
- Sheep Fescue (Festuca ovina)
- Chewings Fescue (Festuca rubra subs. fallax)
- Red Fescue (Festuca rubra)
- Creeping Red Fescue (Festuca rubra var. rubra)

The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District expressed no concerns regarding the ability of the proposed mix to handle erosion control provided that the property owner or operator conducted annual inspections.
Vegetation would be planted when the panels are in place.

**DRAINAGE AND WETLAND STUDY**

As mentioned previously, two (2) wetlands and two (2) farmed wetlands are located on the property. The proposed solar panels will be located away from these areas. The Petitioner submitted a wetland study (see Attachment 9) that verified these areas will not be negatively impacted by the placement of solar panels as proposed.

Several drain tiles were located on the property (see Attachments 10 and 11). Any drain tiles impacted by the placement of the solar panels shall be relocated.

**STORMWATER**

The project will be required to meet Kendall County’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Greg Chismark submitted comments and questions on the proposal (see Attachment 14). Greg Chismark submitted a follow-up letter on May 1, 2018 (see Attachment 23). The response to Greg Chismark’s first letter is included as Attachment 24. A response to Greg Chismark’s second letter is included as Attachment 27. Mr. Chismark was satisfied with the response.

**BUILDING CODES**

The proposed solar panels shall be required to meet all applicable building codes.

The supports would be buried approximately twelve to thirteen feet (12'-13') in the ground depending on soil conditions. The supports would not be encased in concrete.

Electric lines will be buried inside the fence. On Attachment 7, Page 3, there is a utility pole indicated east of the access drive. The electric lines will go above ground at that point and connect to the Ameren system at the point on connection on the northeast corner of the site.

**ACCESS**

A fourteen foot (14’) wide gravel access from Newark Road will be installed. The property already possesses a field access at this location. The access is across the street from the driveway of 16295 Newark Road.

**LIGHTING AND SECURITY**

Per the Site Plan (Attachment 7, Page 4), a seven foot (7’) high chained link fence shall surround the solar panels. The fence shall have a sixteen foot (16’) wide vehicle access gate on the east side and a four foot (4’) wide man gate on the south side. The fence will be installed approximately one (1) week after construction starts.

A light will be installed for security reasons at the electrical equipment area.

**SIGNAGE**

Approximately eight (8) signs will be placed around the property along the fence and anywhere required by the NEC. A “Danger High Voltage” sign will be placed around the fence every two hundred feet (200’). A sign will also be placed on the vehicle gate entrance. There will be plaques stating emergency contact information and a site key.

**ODORS**

No new odors are foreseen.

**NOISE**

According to information stated at the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting, the transformer was the only item on the property that will generate noise. At the transformer, the noise level will be between fifty-five and sixty-five (55-65) dBA. At one hundred feet (100’) from the transformer, the noise level will be thirty-five (35) dBA. The transformer requires sunlight to run and will not be operational after sunset.

**PROPERTY VALUES**

The Petitioner supplied a report (see Attachment 13) outlining that solar panels do not cause damage to
neighboring property value or harm the environment. The Petitioner submitted an additional report (see Attachment 29) noting that property values will not be negatively impact by the placement of solar panels at the subject property.

DECOMMISSIONING
The solar panels have life expectancy of thirty (30) years (Attachment 13, Page 3). The anticipated decommissioning costs are included in Attachment 12. Decommission is estimated to take between two and three (2-3) months.

OTHER CONCERNS
The solar panels do not contain any toxic materials. The glass is tempered and should not shatter.

The solar panels should not have any impact on birds.

The solar panels should not impact cell phone or television reception.

The posts and supports will be installed to handle a one hundred thirty-four mile per hour (134 mph) wind.

RELATION TO OTHER PROPOSED ORDINANCES
As noted on Pages 4 and 5 of Attachment 13, the Future Energy Jobs Act set a goal of between two thousand five hundred and three thousand mega-watts (2,500-3,000 MW) of solar in Illinois by 2030. Based on the information provided by the Petitioner, most of these projects will be around two mega-watts (2 MW) and use between twelve to twenty (12-20) acres of land. The information provided by the Petitioner estimates that between fifteen and twenty (15-20) solar projects may occur in Kendall County.

Kendall County is currently in the process of adopting solar panel regulations for offsite usage of energy. Some of the proposed language is included in the proposed recommendations.

FINDINGS OF FACT
That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare. Provided that the site is developed in accordance with an approved site plan, provided that the landscaping plan and fencing as presented is implemented, provided the decommissioning plan is followed, and provided that the property owner or operation maintains, repairs, and or replaces damaged solar panels, the proposed use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the community.

That the special use will not be substantially injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood. The Zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question shall be considered in determining consistency with this standard. The proposed use shall make adequate provisions for appropriate buffers, landscaping, fencing, lighting, building materials, open space and other improvements necessary to insure that the proposed use does not adversely impact adjacent uses and is compatible with the surrounding area and/or the County as a whole. The Petitioner provided evidence that the installation of solar panels does not negatively impact property values or harm the environment. Appropriate restrictions (including requiring an updated decommissioning plan, a landscaping plan, and fencing requirements) can ensure the proposed use does not adversely impact adjacent uses.

That adequate utilities, access roads and points of ingress and egress, drainage, and/or other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. True, adequate utilities, access roads and points of ingress and egress are provided. Appropriate conditions (including the dedication of land for additional right-of-way and developing the site in accordance with the submitted site plans and landscaping plans) can ensure that adequate drainage infrastructure will be provided.

That the special use shall in all other respects conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as such regulations may in each instance be modified by the County Board pursuant to the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals. True, the proposed use conforms to the setback,
height, and development requirements of the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District.

That the special use is consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Land Resource Management Plan and other adopted County or municipal plans and policies. True, the proposed use is consistent with Section 3.3.G of the Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan which states as an objective: “support the public and private use of sustainable energy systems (examples include wind, solar, and geo-thermal)” (Page 3-4).

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of the requested special use permit with the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The site will be developed in accordance with the Site Plan, (Attachment 7, Pages 3-4).
2. Lighting will be installed in accordance with the Site Plan (Attachment 7, Pages 3-4).
3. The landscaping shall occur in accordance with the Landscaping Plan (Attachment 7, Pages 7-8).
4. Replacement of dead and/or damaged vegetation shall occur on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.
5. Signage shall be installed as described in the Sheet Notes (Attachment 7, Page 9). In addition, at least one (1) sign shall be placed at the vehicle access gate stating emergency contact information.
6. The site shall be decommissioned in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan (Attachment 7, Page 6). In the event the Decommissioning Plan changes, the property owner shall supply the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department with revised plans as soon as they are available.
7. The Decommissioning Plan shall be initiated if the solar panels are not used for ninety (90) consecutive days. This condition shall not apply if maintenance on the impacted solar panel(s) is occurring.
8. The property owner or operator shall have six (6) months to complete the Decommissioning Plan and remove the solar panels and related equipment from the property (Amended by ZPAC).
9. In addition to other applicable fees, the following fees should be paid to the County prior to the installation of the solar panels:
   
   Building Permit Fees
   0-10 KW $150
   51-100 $300
   101-500 $600
   501-1000 $1200
   1001-2000 $2750
   1001-2000 $6000
   Over 2000 KW $200 for Each Additional 0-100 KW
   Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining Building Permit
10. The property owner or operator shall maintain current liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage at least Three Million Dollars per occurrence and Five Million Dollars in aggregate and must have policy for the duration of the special use permit, such insurance may be provided pursuant to a plan of self-insurance by a party with a net worth of Twenty Million Dollars or more and the County shall be named as additional insured to the extent that the County is entitled to indemnification.
11. The property owner or operator shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents (collectively and individually, the “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of actions, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney’s fees, except to the extent arising in whole or part out of negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties (such liabilities together known as “liability”) arising out of Applicant, Owner, or Operators selection, construction, operation, and removal of the solar energy system and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or
personal injury (including death), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence). This general indemnification shall not be construed as limited or qualifying the County’s other indemnification rights available under the law (Amended by ZPAC).

12. Within sixty (60) days of the approval of this special use permit ordinance, the owner shall dedicate a fifteen foot (15’) wide strip along the northern portion of the property in accordance with the Site Plan (See Attachment 7, Pages 2-4) to Kendall County to be used as Newark Road right-of-way (Added by ZPAC).

13. The property owner or operator shall be responsible for ensuring that the operations of the solar panels allowed by this special use permit comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws (Amended by ZPAC).

14. Damaged or non-functioning solar panels shall be replaced or repaired on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department (Added after Village of Newark meeting).

15. The property owner or operator shall repair and if necessary re-route any drain tile damaged as a result of the installation, decommissioning, maintenance, or operation of the solar panels and related supporting infrastructure on a timeline approved by the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department. (Added at KCRPC).

16. Failure to comply with above conditions or restrictions could result in the amendment or revocation of the special use permit.

17. If one or more of the above conditions is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining conditions shall remain valid (Added after ZPAC).

ATTACHMENTS
1. Applications Materials
2. Property Aerial
3. Legal Description Aerial
4. Project Area Exhibit
5. Project Area Legal Description
6. Redacted Lease and Interconnection Agreement
7. Site Plan Revised
8. Adjacent Zoning
9. Wetland Study
10. Drain Tile – Alta Survey
11. Drain Tile Information from Huddleston McBride
12. Decommissioning Costs
13. Supporting Documents
14. 4-18-18 Chismark Letter
15. Road In
16. Property to North
17. Looking West
18. Looking Southwest
19. Looking Southeast
20. Looking East
21. Big Grove Township Comments
22. 5-16-18 Village of Newark Comments
23. 5-1-18 Second Chismark Letter
24. 4-27-18 GreenbergFarrow Letter
25. 5-1-18 ZPAC Minutes
26. 5-17-18 Newark Fire Protection District Letter
27. 5-17-18 GreenbergFarrow Letter
28. 5-18-18 Greenberg Farrow Letter RE: Site Plan Changes
29. Property Value Study
30. NRI Report
31. 5-23-18 KCRPC Minutes
April 12, 2018

Matt Asselmeier
Senior Planner
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

Re: Special Use Permit
Proposed Ground-Mounted Solar Farm
16400 Newark Road,

Dear Mr. Asselmeier, Members of the Zoning and Platting Advisory Committee, Kendall County Regional Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board & Zoning Committee and Members of the County Board:

On behalf of our client Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. (BSSI), enclosed and below please find our completed, project narrative description, application fee and supporting documents as required for Special Use Permit request.

Project Narrative:

Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. is requesting a Special Use Permit to allow for development of a, 2MW ground-mounted distributed generation solar farm facility on an existing farmland parcel of approximately 66.0 acres located at 16400 Newark Road. The project area requested for Special Use Permit approval is approximately 22.8-acres. The property lies within the County’s AG Zoning District.

It is our understanding that the solar industry is currently working with the Illinois County Assessors Association to create a standardized way in which a separate tax lot can be created for purposes of property assessment for solar. It is further understood that, similar to existing wind statute legislation, the development of this anticipated statutory text will provide a mechanism for creation of a tax lot that does not constitute a “subdivision” per the Illinois Plat Act. We are therefore not anticipating the need for subdivision of the property.
In your review of this Special Use Permit request, we ask that staff, the Committees, Commissions and Boards consider the following:

I. Project improvements:
   - Solar panel arrays with trackers/racking/string inverters;
   - Concrete pad-mounted transformers/switch gear;
   - Data Acquisition System (DAS) for remote monitoring;
   - Underground trenching/cabling for the entire project with exception of a series of poles along the proposed driveway necessary to interconnection with the Ameren grid along Newark Road;
   - Perimeter security fencing at 7 ft. height as required per National Electric Code (NEC). The fenced area is approximately 12.1 acres and will include a gated main entry with three additional main door access points;
   - Location of proposed structures is in compliance with County setback requirements;
   - Limited area of gravel/paved drive for site access and maintenance;
   - Drainage flow through the site will be maintained;
   - Post-construction site area to be seeded with low-mow seed mix;
   - Decommissioning of the project upon completion of the lease term has been contemplated by the lease agreement. Additionally, we have included with our submission a decommissioning plan and a decommissioning estimate that includes information regarding salvage value.

Additionally:
   - The location for the solar farm improvements has been selected to avoid any impacts to potential farmed wetlands located on the east of the project area. An "Wetland Determination Report" was prepared by a Wetland Consultant that provides evidence the project area is well outside of any potential wetlands or wetland buffer areas - report attached. A request for a letter of no objection will be submitted to the Army Corp of Engineers in the spring of 2018.
   - Initial Endangered and Threatened Species investigation has indicated the project area does not contain suitable habitat for potential Endangered and Threatened Species. A termination letter was received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources indicating there are no records of State-listed threatened or endangered species – letter is enclosed.
   - An Archeological Phase I survey was prepared and indicated no archaeological material is on-site. The Archeological Phase I report was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for concurrence.
   - NRI/LESA application and request was submitted to Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District concurrently with this SUP submission – the report will be submitted under a separate cover once completed.
   - A highly reputable drain tile consultant has been engaged to map the drain tiles as shown on the enclosed plan set. The consultant’s qualification has been enclosed for reference.

II. Compliance with Standards for Special Uses (Sec. 13.08 (J)):

Regarding Sec. 13.08, it is our opinion that granting of a Special Use Permit for the proposed project will not be injurious to the neighborhood, detrimental to the public welfare, or in conflict with the County's Comprehensive Plan for development.
Additionally, it is our hope that the Commissions, Committees and Boards will find that granting of this Special Use request:

1. Will not be detrimental to or endanger the public’s health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare of the inhabitants of Kendall County nor will it otherwise create a nuisance. Solar systems are composed of non-toxic materials that do not produce emissions and do not leak or erode. The entire solar array will be secured with a 7-foot fence to provide safety and prevent unintended access to the project area. The inverter is the greatest source of noise on the property. The inverter is centrally located, ensuring the minimum distance from a property line is more than 350 feet. At this distance the noise generated by the inverter will not be above the existing ambient noise and would be comparable to the sound of rustling leaves and a whisper. While some upward reflections occur from the panels, the panels are treated with an anti-reflective coating to ensure that minimal glare occurs.

2. Will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted by the zoning standards, nor substantially diminish or impair property values. Although solar farms are relatively new to Illinois, studies in other states have shown no decrease in adjacent property values due to solar land use. The nearest residential structure is over 375 feet to the west of the proposed system. Additionally, the system has been setback in excess of the County setback requirements. While not required, landscape screening has been added to soften views of the system.

3. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and/or other necessary facilities have been or will be provided to serve the proposed use. Generally, the proposed solar development does not require access to traditional utilities such as natural gas, water or sanitary sewer. The routing of the electrical infrastructure required to connect to the Ameren electric system is shown on the enclosed plans. A driveway has been proposed to access the development and there is very little impervious surface proposed and existing drainage flows will be maintained. In addition, the introduction of low-mow seeding in the development areas (versus seasonal agricultural planting) will reduce run-off rates in the project area. Through the Driveway Permit and Building Permit processes the applicant will comply with the requirements of the Kendall County DOT and Fire Protection District.

4. The proposed use and enclosed plans conform to the applicable regulations of the AG zoning district and Kendall County Ordinances.

5. We feel that the special use would be consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Land Resource Management Plan, the Zoning Code and the draft Solar Ordinance.

On behalf of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., we thank you in advance for your consideration of our request for approval. We look forward to review of our submittal at the ZPAC meeting on May 1st, 2018. In the interim, please contact us with any questions regarding our submittal or if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Jason Bolling
Due Diligence Coordinator

Enclosures: per the attached Transmittal;
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, BUILDING & ZONING  
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APPLICATION

PROJECT NAME Borrego Solar Farm FILE #: 15-15
16400 Newark Road

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REQUESTED ACTION (Check All That Apply):

- **X** SPECIAL USE
- **X** ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE
- **X** TEXT AMENDMENT
- **X** PRELIMINARY PLAT
- **X** AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE

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I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM, THAT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION MAY BE VISITED BY COUNTY STAFF & BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE PETITION PROCESS AND THAT THE PRIMARY CONTACT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL CORRESPONDANCE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND THAT I AM TO FILE THIS APPLICATION AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE SIGNATURES.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT [Redacted] DATE 4-5-18

1. Primary Contact will receive all correspondence from County
2. Engineering Contact will receive all correspondence from the County's Engineering Consultants

Last Revised: 9.28.12
Special Use

FEE PAID: $1,155 CHECK #: [Redacted]

Date Stamp Here if Checklist is Complete
TRUSTEE'S DEED

Return to and send taxes to Grantee:
Nancy L. Harazin
32 Sedgwick Lane
Oswego, Illinois 60543

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH,
that the Grantor, NANCY L. HARAZIN, Trustee under the provi-
sions of a certain Trust Agreement,
dated the 16th day of November,
1996, known as the THOMAS J.
HARAZIN LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT, for and in consideration of Ten and no/100ths Dollars, in hand
paid, and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, CONVEYS
AND QUICLCLAIMS unto NANCY L. HARAZIN, Trustee under the provisions of a certain Trust
Agreement, dated the 19th day of August, 2000, known as Trust Number 101, the
following described real estate in the County of Kendall and State of Illinois, to-wit:

That part of the East Half of Section 5, Township 35 North, Range 6 East of the Third
Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said
Section 5; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes 06 seconds East, along the East line of the
Southeast Quarter of said Section 5, a distance of 588.72 feet to an existing fence line;
thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds West, along said fence line, 712.10 feet
for the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds West, along
said fence line, 1266.59 feet to an iron pipe at a fence corner; thence North 0 degrees 17
minutes 47 seconds East, along a fence line, 438.41 feet to an iron pipe at a fence corner;
thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds East, along a fence line and said fence
line extended Northerly, 1624.77 feet to the centerline of Newark Road; thence South 89
degrees 20 minutes 53 seconds East, along said centerline which also runs through the
Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter, 1266.50 feet to a line drawn Northerly,
parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, from the point of beginning; thence
Southerly along said parallel line 2065.66 feet to the point of beginning, in Big Grove
Township, Kendall County, Illinois.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said premises with the appurtenances thereunto upon the trusts and for the
uses and purposes herein and in such trust agreement set forth.

Full power and authority is hereby granted to said trustee to improve, manage, protect and subdivide
said premises or any part thereof, to dedicate parks, streets, highways, or alleys and to vacate any
subdivision or part thereof, and resubdivide said property as often as desired, contract to sell, grant
options to purchase, sell on any terms, convey either with or without consideration, convey said premises
or any part thereof to a successor or successors in trust, and grant to such successor or successors in
trust all of the title, estate, powers and authorities vested in said trustee, to donate, dedicate, mortgage,
pledge or otherwise encumber said property, or any part thereof, to lease said property, or any part
thereof from time to time, in possession or reversion, by leases to commence in praesenti or in futuro,
and upon any terms and for any period or periods of time, not exceeding in the case of any single demise
the term of 198 years, and renew or extend leases upon any terms and for any period or periods of time
and amend, change or modify leases and the terms and provisions thereof at any time or times hereafter,
contract to make leases and grant options to lease and options to renew leases and options to purchase
the whole or any part of the reversion and to contract respecting the manner of fixing the amount of
present or future rentals, to partition or exchange said property, or any part thereof, for other real or personal property, to grant easements or changes of any kind, release, convey or assign any right, title or interest in or about or easement appurtenant to said premises or any part thereof, and deal with said property and every part thereof in all other ways and for such other considerations as it would be lawful for any person owning the same to deal with the same, whether similar to or different from the ways above specified, at any time or times hereafter.

In no case shall any party dealing with said trustee, or any successor in trust, in relation to said premises, or to whom said premises or any part thereof shall be conveyed, contracted to be sold, leased or mortgaged by said trustee, or any successor in trust, be obliged to see to the application of any purchase money, rent, or money borrowed or advanced on said premises, or be obliged to see that the terms of this trust have been complied with, or be obliged to inquire into the necessity or expediency of any act of said trustee, or be obliged or privileged to inquire into any of the terms of said trust agreement; and every deed, trust deed, mortgage, lease or other instrument executed by said trustee, or any successor in trust, in relation to said real estate shall be conclusive evidence in favor of every person (including the registrar of titles of said county), relying upon or claiming under any such conveyance, lease or other instrument (a) that at the time of the delivery thereof of the trust created by this Indenture and by said trust agreement was in full force and effect, (b) that such conveyance or other instrument was executed in accordance with the trusts, conditions and limitations contained in this Indenture and in said trust agreement or in all amendments thereof, if any, and binding upon all beneficiaries thereunder, (c) that said trustee, or any successor in trust, was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver every such deed, trust deed, lease, mortgage or other instrument and (d) if the conveyance is made to a successor or successors in trust, that such successor or successors in trust have been properly appointed and are fully vested with all the title, estate, rights, powers, authorities, duties and obligations of its, his or their predecessor in trust.

Grantor hereby expressly waives and releases all right or benefit under and by virtue of all statutes of the State of Illinois, providing for the exemption of homesteads from sale on execution or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Grantor, as successor-Trustee, has hereunto set her hand and seal this 19th day of August, 2000.

[Seal]

Nancy L. Harazin
Not personally, but as Trustee aforesaid

STATE OF ILLINOIS )
COUNTY OF DE KALB )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for and residing in said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Nancy L. Harazin, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as her free and voluntary act for the, uses and purposes therein set forth.
Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 19 day of August, 2000.

Notary Public

This instrument was prepared by:

Ronald G. Klein
555 Bethany Road
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

jh apr'00

[Seal]

8-19-2000

E. S. [Signature]

[Redacted]
RECORDER OF DEEDS OF KENDALL COUNTY
AFFIDAVIT - PLAT ACT

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DEKALB

Ronald G. Klein, being first duly sworn on oath, states that
he resides at 555 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115.
That the attached deed is not in violation of 765 ILCS 205/1 for one of the following reasons:

1. The proposed conveyance does not involve the subdivision of land as the term "subdivision" is used in Section 1 of "an Act to revise the law in

relation to plats" approved March 1874, as amended from time to time.

2. The sale or exchange is of an entire tract of land not being a part of a larger tract of land.

3. The division of land is into parcels or tracts of 5 acres or more in size which does not involve any new streets or easements of access.

4. The division is of lots or blocks of less than 1 acre in a recorded subdivision which does not involve any new streets or easements of access.

5. The sale or exchange of parcels of land is between owners of adjoining and contiguous land.

6. The conveyance is of parcels of land or interests therein for use as a right-of-way for railroads or other public utility facilities which does not involve
any new streets or easements of access.

7. The conveyance is of land owned by a railroad or other public utility which does not involve any new streets or easements of access.

8. The conveyance of land for highway or other public purpose or grants of conveyances relating to the dedication of land for public use or instruments
relating to the dedication of land impinges with a public use.

9. The conveyance is made to correct descriptions in prior conveyances.

10. The sale or exchange is of parcels of land following the division into no more than two parts of a particular parcel or tract of land existing on July 17,
1959, and not involving any new streets or easements of access.

11. The sale is of a single lot of less than 5 acres from a larger tract, the dimensions and configurations of said larger tract having been determined by the
dimensions and configuration of said larger tract on October 1, 1973, and no sales, prior to this sale, of any lot or lots from said larger tract having
taken place since October 1, 1973, and a survey of said single lot having been made by a registered land surveyor.

CIRCLE NUMBER ABOVE WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO ATTACHED DEED OR LEASE

Affiant further states that he makes this affidavit for the purpose of inducing the Recorder of Deeds of Kendall County, Illinois to accept the attached
recording, in addition, where item 11 is above checked, affiant further states that all local requirements applicable to the subdivision of land are met, by the
attached deed/lease and the tract described therein.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWEORN TO BEFORE ME
this 17th day of August, 2000.

Notary Public

DKCO/PLATAFFT/1094
KENDALL COUNTY
DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIARIES FORM

1. Applicant: Nancy Harazin Nancy L. Harazin (Trust No. 101)
   Address: 32 Sedgewick Lane 302 Edgemoor Crt
   City: Oswego State: IL Zip: 60543

2. Nature of Benefit Sought: Special Use Approval for a public utility, a Solar Farm Facility to be located at 16400 Newark Road.

3. Nature of Applicant: (Please check one)
   - [ ] Natural Person (a)
   - [ ] Corporation (b)
   - [X] Land Trust/Trustee (c)
   - [X] Trust/Trustee (d)
   - [ ] Partnership (e)
   - [ ] Joint Venture (f)

4. If applicant is an entity other than described in Section 3, briefly state the nature and characteristics of the applicant:

5. If your answer to Section 3 you have checked letter b, c, d, e, or f, identify by name and address each person or entity who is a 5% shareholder in case of a corporation, a beneficiary in the case of a trust or land trust, a joint venture in the case of a joint venture, or who otherwise has proprietary interest, interest in profits and losses or right to control such entity:

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<td>302 Edgemoor Crt, Oswego, IL</td>
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6. Name, address, and capacity of person making this disclosure on behalf of the applicant:
   Nancy L. Harazin 302 Edgemoor Crt, Oswego IL (Trustee)

VERIFICATION

I, , being duly sworn under oath that I am the person making this disclosure on behalf of the applicant, that I am duly authorized to make the disclosure, that I have read the above and foregoing Disclosure of Beneficiaries, and that the statements contained therein are true in both substance and fact.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of April, 2018, A.D.

(Seal)

OFFICIAL SEAL
PATRICIA MARTINEZ
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 10/31/2020
NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION (NRI) REPORT APPLICATION

Petitioner: Borrego Solar Systems, INC.
Contact Person: Matt Walsh GreenbergFarrow (Agent)
Address: 21 S. Evergreen Avenue, Ste 200
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
City, State, Zip: Chicago, IL 60502
Phone Number: 215 266-9753
022-134-4491
Email: jhardt@borregosolar.com
mw@esgreenbergfarrow.com
Please select: How would you like to receive a copy of the NRI Report? [ ] Email [ ] Mail

Site Location & Proposed Use
Township Name: Big Grove
Number of Acres: 38
Current Use of Site: Agriculture
Proposed Use: Solar Farm Utility

Type of Request
[ ] Change in Zoning from
[ ] Variance (please describe fully on separate page)
[ ] Special Use Permit (please describe fully on separate page)

Name of County or Municipality the request is being filed with: Kendall County

In addition to this completed application form, please including the following to ensure proper processing:
[ ] Plot of Survey/Site Plan - showing location, legal description and property measurements
[ ] Concept Plan - showing the locations of proposed lots, buildings, roads, stormwater detention, open areas, etc.
[ ] If available: topography map, field tile map, copy of soil boring and/or wetland studies
[ ] NRI Fee (please make checks payable to Kendall County SWCD)

The NRI fees, as of July 1, 2010, are as follows:
Full Report: $375.00 for five acres and under, plus $18.00 per acre for each additional acre or any fraction thereof over five.
Executive Summary Report: $300.00 (KCSWCD staff will determine when a summary or full report will be necessary.)

Fee for first five acres and under
$375.00
Additional Acres at $18.00 each
594.00
Total NRI Fee
969.00

NOTE: Applications are due by the 1st of each month to be on that month’s SWCD Board Meeting Agenda. Once a completed application is submitted, please allow 30 days for inspection, evaluation and processing of this report.

I (We) understand the filing of this application allows the authorized representative of the Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to visit and conduct an evaluation of the site described above. The completed NRI report expiration date will be 3 years after the date reported

Petitioner or Authorized Agent

Date

04/06/2018

This report will be issued on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, handicap or marital status.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
NRI# Date initially rec’d Date all rec’d Board Meeting
Fee Due $ Fee Paid $ Check # Over/Under Payment Refund Due
EcoCAT
Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool

Applicant: ENCAP, Inc.  IDNR Project Number: 1809075
Contact: Paul Meuer  Date: 03/22/2018
Address: 2585 Wagner Court  Alternate Number: 18-0115B,
DeKalb, IL 60115  1806711

Project: 16400 Newark Road
Address: 16400 Newark Road, Newark

Description: Construction of a solar power array and associated infrastructure

Natural Resource Review Results
Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)
The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species,
Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water
Reserves in the vicinity of the project location.

Consultation is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes
available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential
habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years
of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.
Termination does not imply IDNR’s authorization or endorsement.

Location
The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted
for the project.
County: Kendall
Township, Range, Section:
35N, 6E, 5

IL Department of Natural Resources
Contact
Natalia Jones
217-785-5500
Division of Ecosystems & Environment

Government Jurisdiction
Kendall County- Planning, Building & Zoning
Matt Asselmeier
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

Disclaimer
The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or
condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time
of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a
substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional
protected resources are encountered during the project’s implementation, compliance with applicable statutes
and regulations is required.
IDNR Project Number: 1809075

Terms of Use
By using this website, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to these terms. These terms may be revised by IDNR as necessary. If you continue to use the EcoCAT application after we post changes to these terms, it will mean that you accept such changes. If at any time you do not accept the Terms of Use, you may not continue to use the website.

1. The IDNR EcoCAT website was developed so that units of local government, state agencies and the public could request information or begin natural resource consultations on-line for the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act, Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, and Illinois Interagency Wetland Policy Act. EcoCAT uses databases, Geographic Information System mapping, and a set of programmed decision rules to determine if proposed actions are in the vicinity of protected natural resources. By indicating your agreement to the Terms of Use for this application, you warrant that you will not use this web site for any other purpose.

2. Unauthorized attempts to upload, download, or change information on this website are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and/or the National Information Infrastructure Protection Act.

3. IDNR reserves the right to enhance, modify, alter, or suspend the website at any time without notice, or to terminate or restrict access.

Security
EcoCAT operates on a state of Illinois computer system. We may use software to monitor traffic and to identify unauthorized attempts to upload, download, or change information, to cause harm or otherwise to damage this site. Unauthorized attempts to upload, download, or change information on this server is strictly prohibited by law.

Unauthorized use, tampering with or modification of this system, including supporting hardware or software, may subject the violator to criminal and civil penalties. In the event of unauthorized intrusion, all relevant information regarding possible violation of law may be provided to law enforcement officials.

Privacy
EcoCAT generates a public record subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Otherwise, IDNR uses the information submitted to EcoCAT solely for internal tracking purposes.
EcoCAT Receipt

Project Code 1809075

APPLICANT
ENCAP, Inc.
Sarah Rozny
2585 Wagner Court
DeKalb, IL 60115

DATE
3/22/2018

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TOTAL PAID $511.75

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
217-785-5500
dnr.ecocat@illinois.gov
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, BUILDING & ZONING
111 West Fox Street • Yorkville, IL • 60560
(630) 553-4141 Fax (630) 553-4179
ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FEES

I, Nancy L. Harazin, understand that Kendall County uses the services of a consultant for engineering reviews and inspections and that I will be responsible for the payment of services on the Borrego Solar project. I authorize the consulting services to proceed.

X IF THIS IS NOT PART OF A BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION, PLEASE CHECK THE BOX AND COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

I hereby submit a deposit of $1,250.00 payable to the Kendall County Treasurer to be used by Kendall County to reimburse consultant for charges invoiced for work done in the review, approval and inspection of the proposed improvements.

I understand that if the deposit is depleted that I may be required to replenish the deposit to have work proceed.

I further understand that Kendall County will not issue a Building Permit or a Certificate of Occupancy as the case may be until I provide payment or proof of payment for the engineering services.

Signature of Applicant

Date: 4-5-18
I, Steve Long, understand that Kendall County uses the services of a consultant for engineering reviews and inspections and that I will be responsible for payment of services on the Borrego Solar project. I authorize the consulting services to proceed.

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Signature of Applicant: ___________________________ Date: 04/03/2018
April 18, 2018

Agricultural
- Agricultural-Building Permit
- Agricultural-Special Use
- Agricultural-Special Use-Planned Unit Development

April 18, 2018

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THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 588.72 FEET TO AN EXISTING FENCE LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID FENCE LINE, 712.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 1273.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 1266.62 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 774.88 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF NEWARK ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 1266.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 793.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; IN BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
COVER SHEET

OPTION AND LEASE AGREEMENT

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<td>The date that is twenty (20) years from the Commercial Operation Date, as may be extended pursuant to this Agreement.</td>
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Addresses for Notices

Lessee: 312 Solar Development, LLC  
c/o Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.  
360 22nd Street, Suite 600  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: CFO  

With a copy to:  
Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.  
360 22nd Street, Suite 600  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: General Counsel

Lessor:  
Nancy L. Harazin, Trustee of Nancy L. Harazin Trust #101  
302 Edgebrook Ct.  
Oswego, IL 60543
OPTION AND LEASE AGREEMENT

This Option and Lease Agreement (this “Agreement”) is dated as of the Effective Date and is entered into by and between Lessor and Lessee (each a “Party” and together, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

A. Lessor owns the real property, together with any rights, benefits and easements appurtenant to such real property more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A (the “Property”).

B. Lessee desires to obtain, the exclusive right to occupy a portion of the Property (the “Land”) and, if applicable, the Easements (the Easements together with the Land are collectively referred to as the “Premises”) more particularly described in the attached Exhibit B, and to enjoy all the rights necessary for Lessee to occupy, develop, design, engineer, access, construct, monitor, install, own, maintain, and operate one or more solar photovoltaic electric power generating and storage Systems as well as ancillary buildings, structures, fixtures, or enclosures necessary or desirable in connection therewith to be located upon, under, on and within the Premises, or any portion thereof and all rights necessary or desirable for Lessee to sell the energy generated by such System and any and all other credits, solar renewable energy credits, and any other environmental financial attributes created as a result of such energy generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, Lessee and Lessor hereby agree to and intend to be bound by the foregoing recitals and as follows:

1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement have the meanings assigned to them on the Cover Sheet or in the attached Exhibit C.

2. Access to Property. Commencing on the Effective Date and throughout the Option Term, Lessee and its employees, agents, contractors and current or potential lenders or investors, shall have the right to enter upon the Property to perform all effort and labor necessary to carry out tests, inspections, surveys and investigations that Lessee deems necessary or advisable to assess the feasibility of the Property for the construction and operation of the System (“Tests”). During the Lease Term, Lessee shall have exclusive access to the Land and non-exclusive access to the Easements to design, engineer, construct, install, inspect, test, operate, upgrade, repair and maintain the System. Lessor shall not interfere with the Tests during the Option Term and during the Lease Term, Lessor shall not enter on the Land or interfere with the installation of the System, move, adjust, alter, tamper with, or otherwise handle any Lessee equipment or any component of the System.

3. Option to Lease the Premises.

   (a) Grant of Option. Lessor hereby grants to Lessee the exclusive option to lease all or a portion of the Land and acquire the Easements on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (the “Option”).

   (b) Time and Manner of Exercise of the Option. The Option shall be for an initial term of five hundred forty (540) days after the Effective Date (as it may be extended, the “Option Term”). The Option Term may be extended by Lessee for one (1) additional three hundred sixty-five (365) day period upon notice to Lessor within thirty (30) days of the end of the then-current Option Term.

   (c) Option Payment. Lessee shall pay to Lessor the Option Payment within forty-five (45) Business Days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, and any Option extension payments are to be paid within thirty (30) days of the end of the then-current Option Term; provided that Lessor, its successors, assigns and/or designee, if any, has submitted to Lessee any documents reasonably required by
Lessee in connection with the payment of the Option Payment, including, without limitation, an IRS Form W-9. The Option Payment and any Option extension payments shall be credited against Rent.

(d) **Lessor Cooperation.** During the Option Term and throughout the Lease Term, Lessor shall fully cooperate with (i) the performance of Tests, at Lessee’s expense, (ii) the obtaining by Lessee, at Lessee’s expense, of all licenses, and Permits or authorizations required for Lessee’s use of the Premises from all applicable government and/or regulatory entities, including any approvals required to obtain a tax abatement for the Premises, as may be applicable, and any subdivision of the Property to be sought by Lessee in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Systems, (collectively, “**Governmental Approvals**”), (iii) the securing by Lessee at Lessee’s expense of all other leases, agreements, licenses, and Permits or authorizations that relate to either the Property or Premises, and (iv) the securing by Lessee of any amendments to this Agreement that are reasonably necessary to accommodate the System, or to facilitate an assignment pursuant to Section 21. Lessor agrees and acknowledges that any amendment to the Agreement pursuant to this Section 3(d) that does not materially increase any obligation or materially decrease any right of Lessor hereunder, shall not result in adjustment of the Rent unless otherwise required under this Agreement. Lessor authorizes Lessee and its Affiliates to act as Lessor’s agent for submission of applications and related plans, documents and recordings, and to appear before boards and other officials, with respect to obtaining approvals for solar installations to be constructed on the Premises, and shall execute an authorization letter to that effect (“**Authorization Letter**”), in substantially the form in the attached Exhibit F. Lessor agrees to use reasonable efforts in assisting Lessee to acquire necessary utility service at the Premises. In the event that a utility company requires an easement in connection with Lessee’s use of the Premises during the Option Term or Lease Term, Lessor shall grant such necessary easement to the utility company, provided that such easement is in a commercially reasonable and recordable form.

(e) **Use of the Property.** Lessor shall have the right to lease the Property to a third party during the Option Term. However, if requested by Lessee prior to November 1st of any year during the Option Term, any such lease shall be terminable upon thirty (30) days’ notice during the following calendar year such that upon notice from Lessee that it will exercise the Option (“**Pre-Exercise Notice**”) and/or start construction, Lessor shall terminate any lease on the Property and such termination shall be effective in no more than thirty (30) days effective. If crops have been planted on the Property by Lessor or Lessor’s tenant, and such crops will not be harvested within thirty (30) days of receiving the Pre-Exercise Notice, Lessee shall reimburse Lessor or Lessor’s tenant for the value of the crops located within the Premises (“**Crop Compensation**”). Crop Compensation will be calculated by multiplying the acreage of crop land within the Premises by the Fair Market Price per acre of such crop. The “Fair Market Price” shall

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4. **Exercise of Option: Lease; Easements; and Related Rights.**

(a) **Exercise of Option.** In order to exercise the Option, Lessee must deliver to Lessor a notice of exercise (the “**Exercise Notice**”) prior to the expiration of the Option Term. The date of the Exercise Notice shall be the commencement of the Lease Term (the “**Lease Commencement Date**”).

(b) **Lease.** Subject to receipt of the Exercise Notice, Lessor hereby leases and grants to Lessee, for the Lease Term, the exclusive rights to the Land together with all right, title and interest of Lessor in and to all easements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any way appertaining thereto, to occupy, develop, design, engineer, construct, access, monitor, install, own, operate, maintain, repair, replace, improve and remove the System for the generation, storage and distribution of electrical power.

(c) **Easement.** If noted on Exhibit B, Lessor hereby grants to Lessee a non-exclusive,
appurtenant easement on, under, over, across and through the Property in the locations more particularly
described on the attached Exhibit B, for the Lease Term, to occupy, develop, design, engineer, construct,
access, monitor, install, own, operate, maintain, repair, replace, improve and remove at all times on a 24-
hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week basis (i) a road ("Access Easement") and (b) utility and communication
infrastructure, including without limitation poles, supporting towers, guys and anchors, fibers, cables and
other conductors and conduits, and pads, transformers, switches, vaults and cabinets, and related equipment
to connect the System to the local electric distribution system, together with the right of access to the utility
infrastructure over the Property, for any purpose reasonably connected with the Project (the “Utility
Easement”). Lessor hereby also grants to Lessee and the applicable utility company, at all times on a 24-
hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week basis, for the Lease Term, an easement for ingress, egress and related rights
over the Property and/or any surrounding or nearby property owned or leased by Lessor, passage through
which is necessary or convenient to install, operate or gain access to the System or the Premises (the
“easement” and together with the Access Easement and the Utility Easement, the “Easements”). If Lessee
determines in its reasonable discretion that any additional easements across the Property are necessary,
useful or appropriate for the construction and/or operation of the System, Lessor shall fully cooperate in
granting or agreeing to such easements by amendment to this Agreement or by separate agreement and
recording of same.

(d) Utilities. At Lessee’s request and expense, Lessor shall provide or cooperate with
the provision of electric current and water to the perimeter of the Premises; provided, however, separate
meters for such utilities shall be installed at Lessee’s expense and Lessee shall be responsible for all utility
expenses. Lessor grants Lessee the right to install, use, modify, and remove water lines, sewer lines, storm
water lines, overhead, and/or underground power lines, fuel lines, telephone and communication lines,
pipelines, conveyors, and drainage ditches and/or canal systems within the Premises as are reasonably
required for operation of the System, and use or modify the existing lines, ditches, and canal systems as
may be reasonably required subject to Lessor’s prior consent, which shall not be unreasonably delayed,
conditioned, or withheld and given within ten (10) days of notification or otherwise deemed approved.

(e) The Parties recognize that the descriptions of the Premises are based on
preliminary site discovery information, and that these descriptions shall be modified via amendment prior
to construction. As such, Lessor hereby agrees to execute any amendment to this Agreement proposed by
Lessee which modifies the Premises, including reducing the size of the Premises and/or splitting the
Premises into two or more to accommodate two or more systems and entering into multiple leases, but in
no event shall the acreage of the Premises be less than 15 acres, provided that such amendment is reasonably
necessary to accommodate (i) the System as designed, or (ii) the System as modified by Lessee to comply
with the requirements of any Governmental Authority or the Local Electric Utility, including, but not
limited to, entering into an amendment in the form attached hereto as Exhibit G. For the avoidance of
doubt, under no circumstances shall Lessor be entitled to any increase in Rent or other additional
compensation under this Agreement as a result of an amendment to the description of the Premises.

5. Rents & Payments.

(a) Intentionally Omitted.

(b) Rent. Lessee shall pay to Lessor Rent during the period commencing on the
Exercise Notice and ending on the Expiration Date (the “Operation Term”). Rent shall be due annually
beginning on the Lease Commencement Date and on every one (1) year anniversary thereof during the
Operation Term. In the event this Agreement is terminated by Lessee in accordance with this Agreement
prior to the Expiration Date, pre-paid Rent shall be non-refundable, unless Lessee terminates the Agreement
pursuant to Section 18 or Section 22. Each Party, its successors, assigns and/or designee, if any, shall
submit to the other Party any documents reasonably required by the other Party in connection with the
payment of Rent, including, without limitation, an IRS Form W-9.
(c) **Late Payments.** If any payment is not paid when due under this Agreement, it shall earn interest at the rate of the lesser of (i) one percent (1%) per month (and pro-rated for a partial month) and (ii) the maximum amount allowed by law from the time when the payment was due until the time it is paid.

6. **Term and Termination: Removal.**

(a) The Lease Term shall commence on the Lease Commencement Date and terminate on the Expiration Date, as it may be extended, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) Lessee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement at any time prior to the Commercial Operation Date.

(c) Except in the event of a termination by Lessee for an uncured Event of Default by the Lessor, if this Agreement expires or is terminated, Lessee shall decommission and remove the System and any ancillary structures and repair any damage caused to the Premises by the installation or removal of the System or any ancillary structures (“System Removal”). Lessor agrees that Lessee’s obligation of System Removal constitutes removal of all above-ground improvements, including all roads installed by Lessee and screws connecting the System to the ground, and repair of any damage caused to the Premises by Lessee, but does not include removal of below-ground improvements or an obligation to grade the Premises or alter the contour of the land. Lessee shall perform System Removal on or before the Removal Date at Lessee’s sole expense. In connection with the System Removal, Lessor shall continue to provide Lessee and its Affiliates and subcontractors with access to the Premises until the Removal Date. In the event Lessee fails to complete the System Removal by the Removal Date, Lessor may provide notice to Lessee stating that Lessee has failed to complete System Removal (the “Abandonment Notice”). If Lessee fails to complete the System Removal within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Abandonment Notice, Lessor shall have the right, at its option, in its sole discretion, to complete System Removal by a qualified licensed contractor, in which case Lessee shall reimburse Lessor for all actual and reasonable costs of such System Removal and Lessee waives all rights and interest whatsoever in the System with said ownership transferring to Lessor subject to any third party liens.

7. **Extension Option.** Lessee shall have the option to extend the Lease Term (“Extension Option”) for up to four (4) additional and successive periods of five (5) years each beginning on the day following the Expiration Date of the then-current Lease Term (each an “Extension Term”), by giving notice (the “Extension Exercise Notice”) to Lessor not less than ninety (90) days prior to the then-current Expiration Date, and without the requirement of any further action on the part of either Lessor or Lessee.

8. **System Construction and Maintenance.** Throughout the Lease Term and through the Removal Date, Lessee shall have the right to perform (or cause to be performed) all tasks necessary or appropriate, as reasonably determined by Lessee, to carry out the activities set forth in this Agreement, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right (i) to design, construct, install, and operate the System, (ii) to maintain, clean, repair, replace, add to, remove or modify the System or any part thereof as determined to be necessary by Lessee in its sole discretion and in accordance with the Permits and Applicable Laws, (iii) to use any and all appropriate means of restricting access to the System and Premises, including without limitation, the construction of a fence, and (iv) to permanently grub and grade the Premises and to permanently remove and/or clear any trees, vegetation, structures, rocks, watercourses (to the extent permissible) or other encumbrances existing on the Premises determined to be necessary by Lessee in its sole discretion and in accordance with the Permits and Applicable Laws. Except as may otherwise be specifically agreed upon by the Parties or as expressly set forth herein, Lessee shall be responsible for all costs of design, permitting, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the System, and System Removal.

9. **Permits; Lessor Cooperation.** Prior to commencement of construction of the System by Lessee, Lessee shall obtain the necessary Permits. In the event Lessee, in its sole discretion, shall determine
that the Premises should be subdivided to accommodate the construction, operation and/or maintenance of
the Systems or to comply with Permits and Applicable Laws, Lessor shall fully cooperate with Lessee to
facilitate and cause any application for subdivision of the Premises to be approved, provided that Lessee
shall pay all costs and expenses, including attorney’s fees, related thereto.

10. **Statutory and Regulatory Compliance.** Lessee, the Lessee Parties, Lessor and the Lessor
Parties shall each comply with all applicable provisions of all Applicable Laws of the locality in which the
Property is located.

11. **Lessee’s Ownership of Systems and Output.** The Systems are personal property,
whether or not the same is deemed real or personal property under Applicable Law, and shall not attach to
or be deemed a part of, or a fixture to, the Premises or Property. Lessee or its designee shall be the legal
and beneficial owners of the applicable Systems at all times and Lessor shall have no right, title or interest
in any of the Systems or any component thereof, notwithstanding that any such Systems may be physically
mounted or adhered to the Premises or Property. Lessor covenants that it will use commercially reasonable
efforts to place all parties having an interest in or lien upon the Property or the Premises on notice of the
ownership of the System and the legal status or classification of the System as personal property. If there
is any mortgage or fixture filing against the Property or Premises which could reasonably be construed as
attaching to the Systems as a fixture of the Property or Premises, Lessor shall provide a disclaimer or release
from such lien holder in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Lessee and any Financing Party.

Lessor, as the fee owner of the Property, consents to the filing by Lessee, on behalf of Lessor or its
designees, as applicable, of a disclaimer of the Systems as a fixture of the Property or Premises in the office
where real estate records are customarily filed in the jurisdiction of the Property. Further, Lessor
acknowledges and agrees that Lessee or its designees, as applicable, are the exclusive owners of all
electricity and all utility credits generated by the System and owners of all Environmental Attributes and
Incentives attributable to the System. In the absence of an additional agreement to the contrary, all
electricity generated by the Systems will be connected to the distribution grid and sold by Lessee to third
parties and will not be available to Lessor or any other occupant at the Property. Without the express
consent of Lessee, Lessor shall not make or publish any public statement or notice regarding any
Environmental Attributes and Incentives relating to the System or the electricity generated by the System.
The Parties acknowledge and agree that the System shall not be considered an electric public utility, an
investor owned utility, a municipal utility, or a merchant power plant otherwise known as an exempt
wholesale generator.

12. **Representation and Warranties of the Parties as to Authorization and Enforceability.**
Each Party represents and warrants that the execution and delivery by such Party of, and the performance
of its obligations under, this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action, do not and will
not require any further consent or approval of any other Person, and do not contravene any provision of, or
constitute a default under any indenture, mortgage, lease, easement, encumbrance, right, restriction, or other
material agreement binding on such Party or any valid order of any court, or regulatory agency or other
body having authority to which such Party is subject. Each Party represents and warrants the Agreement
constitutes a legal and valid obligation of such Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms,
except as may be limited by a Bankruptcy Event, reorganization, insolvency, bank moratorium or laws
relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally and general principles of equity where such enforceability
is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

13. **Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Lessor**

(a) **No Conflict.** Lessor represents and warrants that the execution, delivery and
performance by it of this Agreement does not (i) violate (A) its organizational documents, or (B) any
Applicable Law, or (ii) require any approval or consent of any other Person, except for such approvals or
consents that have been obtained on or before the date hereof or the absence of which could not, individually
or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on its ability to execute, deliver
or perform this Agreement. Each Person signing this Agreement on behalf of Lessor is authorized to do so.

(b) **Lessor’s Title to Premises.** Lessor represents, warrants and covenants that Lessor has (i) a lawful fee simple interest in title to the Property, including the Premises, subject to any mortgages of record that may exist, and (ii) that Lessee shall have quiet and peaceful possession of the Premises free from any claim of any entity or Person of superior title thereto without hindrance to or interference with or molestation of Lessee’s quiet enjoyment thereof, throughout the Lease Term. Lessor, at its sole cost and expense, shall comply with all restrictive covenants or other title exceptions affecting the Premises to the extent that the same are applicable to the Premises or to the extent that the same would, if not complied with or performed, impair or prevent the continued use, occupancy and operation of the Premises for the purposes set forth in this Agreement and Lessor agrees to take all action necessary to eliminate such interference. In the event Lessor fails to comply with this provision, Lessee may (x) terminate this Agreement, (y) take all necessary steps to bring Lessor into compliance with any restrictive covenants or title exceptions which, if not complied with, would impair or prevent Lessee from exercising its rights under this Agreement, and Lessor shall be responsible for all costs incurred by Lessee for such actions, and/or (z) pursue any other remedies available under this Agreement, at law, and/or at equity.

(c) **Defects.** Lessee has the right to obtain a title report or commitment for a leasehold title policy from a title insurance company of its choice. Lessor shall fully cooperate with Lessee at no cost to Lessor to enable Lessee to obtain a standard policy of title insurance insuring the property interests granted hereunder (including such endorsements as Lessee shall reasonably request). Lessor agrees that Lessor will execute and deliver to Lessee any documents reasonably required by the title insurance company within five (5) Business Days after presentation of said documents by Lessee; provided, however, in no event will such documents materially increase any obligation or materially decrease any right of Lessor hereunder.

(d) **Transfers.** Lessor shall not sell, lease, assign, mortgage, pledge or otherwise alienate or encumber the Property unless Lessor shall have given Lessee at least thirty (30) days’ prior notice thereof, which notice shall identify the transferee, the area of the Property to be so transferred and the proposed date of transfer. Lessor agrees that this Agreement and the lease and the Easements granted hereunder shall run with the Property and/or the Premises and survive any transfer of all or any portion of the Property and/or the Premises. In furtherance of the foregoing, Lessor shall cause any purchaser, lessee, assignee, mortgagee, pledge, secured party or party to whom a lien on the Premises or Property has been granted to execute and deliver to Lessee a commercially reasonable document pursuant to which such party acknowledges and consents to the Lessee’s rights in the Premises as set forth herein including, without limitation, an acknowledgement by the transferee that it has no interest in the Systems, or any work related to such Systems, and shall not gain any interest in the Systems by virtue of the Lessor’s transfer.

(e) **No Interference With and Protection of System.** Lessor will not conduct activities on, in or about the Property or Premises that have a reasonable likelihood of causing damage, impairment or otherwise adversely affecting the System or operation thereof. Lessor shall take all reasonable actions to limit access to the Premises to Lessee and Lessee Parties. The System shall be operated, maintained and repaired by Lessee at its sole cost and expense; provided, that any repair or maintenance costs incurred by Lessee as a result of Lessor’s negligence, misconduct or breach of its obligations hereunder shall be promptly reimbursed to Lessee by Lessor. Lessor shall implement guidelines and appropriate security procedures on the Property to prevent its employees, invitees, agents and representatives, and other unrelated third parties, from having access to the Premises or the System, and to prevent any theft, vandalism or other actions that have a reasonable likelihood of causing damage, impairment or otherwise adversely affecting the System.

(f) **Non-Disturbance Agreements.** Lessor shall, at its sole effort and expense, obtain a non-disturbance agreement (“NDA”) in favor of Lessee from any third party who now has or may in the future have any interest in the Property.
future obtain an interest in the Property or Premises, including, without limitation, any lenders to Lessor, in a form acceptable to Lessee, which NDA shall: (i) acknowledge and consent to Lessee’s rights to the Premises and the Systems under this Agreement; (ii) acknowledge that the third party has no interest in the Systems and shall not gain any interest in the Systems by virtue of the Parties’ performance or breach of this Agreement; (iii) acknowledge that the third party’s interest in the Premises (if any) is subject to Lessee’s interest under this Agreement; (iv) waives any lien the third party may have in and to the Systems; and (v) agrees not to disturb Lessee’s possession of the Premises.

(g) Insolation. Lessor acknowledges and agrees that access to sunlight (“Insolation”) is essential to the value to Lessee of the leasehold interest granted hereunder and is a material inducement to Lessee in entering into this Agreement. Accordingly, Lessor shall not permit any interference on the Property (exclusive of the Premises) or any neighboring property under Lessor’s control which interferes with Insolation on and at the Premises. Without limiting the foregoing, Lessor shall not construct or permit to be constructed on the Property or any adjoining property under Lessor’s control any structure on or adjacent to the Premises or on any adjacent property owned by any Affiliate of Lessor that could adversely affect Insolation levels on the Premises, shall not permit the growth of foliage on the Property (exclusive of the Premises) or any neighboring property under Lessor’s control that could adversely affect Insolation levels on the Premises, or directly emit or permit the emission of suspended particulate matter, smoke, fog or steam or other air-borne impediments to Insolation on the Premises. If Lessor becomes aware of any potential development or other activity on adjacent or nearby properties that could diminish the Insolation to the Premises, Lessor shall promptly advise Lessee of such information and reasonably cooperate with Lessee in taking measures to preserve average levels of Insolation at the Premises as they existed as of the Lease Commencement Date. Such measures may include, but not be limited to, obtaining a solar insolation easement. In the event any such obstruction occurs and is not promptly removed, Lessee shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without penalty or further liability, upon notice to Lessor. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Parties agree that (i) Lessee would be irreparably harmed by a breach of the provisions of this Section 13(g), (ii) an award of damages might be inadequate to remedy such a breach, and (iii) Lessee shall be entitled to equitable relief, including specific performance, to compel compliance with the provisions of this Section 13(g). Lessor further represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there are no developments pending or in progress on adjacent or nearby properties that could diminish the Insolation to the Premises.

(h) Hazardous Substances. Lessor represents and warrants that there are no Hazardous Substances present on, in or under the Property or Premises in violation of any Applicable Law.

(i) Condition of Premises. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein Lessee accepts the Premises “as is” without benefit of any improvements or modifications to be made by Lessor. Lessor represents and warrants to Lessee that, to the best of its knowledge, there are no site conditions at the Property or Premises which would: (i) materially increase the cost of installing the System at the planned locations on the Premises or would materially increase the cost of maintaining the System at the Premises over the cost that would be typical or customary for solar photovoltaic systems substantially similar to the System; or (ii) adversely affect the ability of the System, as designed, to produce electricity once installed, absent conditions beyond Lessor’s reasonable control.

(j) Notice of Damage or Emergency. Lessor shall immediately notify Lessee if Lessor becomes aware, through discovery or receipt of notice: (i) of any damage to or loss of the use of the System; (ii) of any event or circumstance that poses an imminent risk to human health, the environment, the System or the Premises; or (iii) of any interruption or material alteration of the energy supply to or from the Premises or the System.

(k) Liens and Tenants. Except as may be disclosed in the real property records of the County, Lessor represents there are no encumbrances, leases, mortgages, deeds of trust, deeds to secure debt, or similar liens or security interests encumbering all or any portion of the Property and/or the Premises
that could interfere with Lessee’s operations on the Premises, including mechanic’s liens. Lessor shall not
directly or indirectly cause, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any mortgage, pledge, lien (including
mechanics’, labor or materialman’s lien), charge, security interest, encumbrance or claim on or with respect
to the Systems, the Premises, or any interest therein. Lessor shall provide Lessee with notice if it receives
notice of any such claims. Lessor further agrees to discharge or bond, at its sole expense, any such
encumbrance or interest that attaches to the Systems and to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Lessee
from any costs, losses, expenses or liabilities arising from the same, including, without limitation, Lessee’s
attorneys’ fees and court costs. Lessor waives any and all lien rights it may have, statutory or otherwise,
concerning the System or any portion thereof.

(l) Mineral Rights. Lessor represents and warrants there are no existing mineral, oil
and gas, water, or natural resource rights that could interfere with Lessee’s rights hereunder. During the
Lease Term, Lessor may not use, or permit the use of the Premises for the purpose of exploring for,
extracting, producing or mining such oil, gas, minerals, or other natural resources, including selling or
leasing such interests to a third party, from the surface to a depth of 500 feet below the surface. Lessor may
explore for, extract or produce oil, gas, minerals, and other natural resources from the Property in a manner
which does not interfere with Lessee’s use of the Premises or affect the System and utilizes a method, such
as “directional drilling” which does not require the use of the Premises to a depth of five hundred (500) feet
below the surface.

(m) Litigation. No litigation is pending, and, to the best of Lessor’s knowledge, no
actions, claims or other legal or administrative proceedings are pending, threatened or anticipated with
respect to, or which could affect, the Premises or Lessor’s right or authority to enter into this Agreement.
If Lessor learns that any such litigation, action, claim or proceeding is threatened or has been instituted,
Lessor will promptly deliver notice thereof to Lessee.

(n) Representations Regarding Security Interest in System. Lessor has been advised
that part of the collateral securing the financial arrangements for the System may be the granting of a first
priority perfected personal property security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code (the “Security
Interest”) in this leasehold or any portion thereof or in the Systems to one or more Financing Parties and
Lessor hereby consents to the granting of such Security Interest. In connection therewith, Lessor represents
and warrants as follows: (i) the granting of the Security Interest will not violate any term or condition of
any covenant, restriction, lien, financing agreement, or security agreement affecting the Property or
Premises; (ii) there is no existing lease, mortgage, security interest, easement, claim, use, or restriction or
other interest in or lien upon the Property or Premises that could attach to the Systems as an interest adverse
to or senior to Lessee’s Financing Parties’ Security Interest therein; (iii) there exists no event or condition
which constitutes a default, or would, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, constitute a default under
the Agreement, and (iv) there is no existing mineral, oil and gas, water, or natural resource right that could
attach to the Systems as an interest adverse to or senior to Lessee’s Financing Parties’ Security Interest
therein.

14. **Hazardous Substances.** Neither Party shall introduce or use any Hazardous Substances
on, in or under the Premises or Property in violation of any Applicable Law. If a Party becomes aware of
any Hazardous Substances on, in, or under the Premises or Property, it shall promptly notify the other Party
of the type and location of such Hazardous Substances in writing. Each Party agrees to indemnify, defend
and hold harmless the other Party from and against any and all Environmental Claims including, but not
limited to, damages, costs, expenses, assessments, penalties, fines, losses, judgments and reasonable
attorney fees that such Party may suffer or incur due to any actions that relate to or arise from such Party’s
activities on the Premises or Property, except to the extent directly attributable to the negligent acts or
omissions or willful misconduct of the other Party. The indemnifications in this Section 14 specifically
include, without limitation, costs incurred in connection with any investigation of site conditions or any
cleanup, remedial, removal or restoration work required by any Governmental Authority. Lessor shall be
responsible for, and shall promptly conduct any investigation and remediation as required by any
Applicable Law, all spills or other releases of any Hazardous Substances to the extent not caused by Lessee, that have occurred or which may occur on the Property. This Section 14 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

15. **Insurance.**

   (a) **Generally.** Lessor and Lessee shall each maintain the insurance coverages set forth in Exhibit D in full force and effect throughout the Option Term, Lease Term and through the Removal Date through insurance policies, reasonably acceptable to the other Party. Each Party, upon request, but not more than twice in any twelve (12) month period, shall furnish current certificates evidencing that the coverage required is being maintained.

   (b) **Waiver of Subrogation.** Each Party hereby waives any right of recovery against the other for injury or loss to personal property due to hazards covered by insurance obtained with respect to the Property or Premises, including the improvements and installations thereon.

16. **Taxes.** Lessee shall pay, when due, any real estate or personal property taxes, possessory interest taxes, business or license taxes or fees, service payments in lieu of such taxes or fees, annual or periodic license or use fees, excises, assessments, bonds, levies, fees or charges of any kind which are assessed, levied, charged, confirmed, or imposed by any public authority directly resulting from assessments upon the value of the Systems installed on the Premises ("Personal Property Taxes"). Lessor shall pay all (i) taxes, assessments or other impositions which may be levied, assessed or imposed upon or with respect to the Property ("Taxes and Assessments"), including any annual increases thereon, except those that are the responsibility of Lessee, (ii) any transfer or conveyance tax arising out of this Agreement, (iii) inheritance or estate taxes imposed upon or assessed against the Property, or any part thereof or interest therein, (iv) income and other taxes computed upon the basis of the rental payments paid under this Agreement. Lessee shall pay any increase in Taxes and Assessments accruing during the Lease Term to the extent resulting from the presence of the System on the Premises ("Lessee Real Property Taxes" and together with Personal Property Taxes, "Lessee Taxes"). To the extent the applicable taxing authority provides a separate tax bill for the Lessee Taxes to Lessee, Lessee will pay such Lessee Taxes directly to the applicable taxing authorities prior to the date such Lessee Taxes become delinquent. If a separate tax bill for the Lessee Taxes is not provided to Lessee, Lessee shall pay the Lessee Taxes within thirty (30) days following receipt of written demand from Lessor of the amount of the Lessee Taxes with a copy of the applicable tax bill. In the event that Lessor fails to pay any such taxes or other fees and assessments for which it is responsible under this Agreement, Lessee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to pay such owed amounts and deduct them from Rent amounts due under this Agreement. If Lessor receives notice of any new Lessee Taxes, Lessor shall provide timely notice of the assessment to Lessee sufficient to allow Lessee to consent to or challenge such Lessee Taxes, whether in a court, administrative proceeding, or other venue, on behalf of Lessor and/or Lessee. Further, Lessor shall provide to Lessee any and all documentation associated with the Lessee Taxes and shall execute any and all documents reasonably necessary to effectuate the intent of this Section 16.

17. **Liability and Indemnity.**

   (a) Each Party as indemnitor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Party and its Affiliates against and from any and all loss, liability, damage, claim, cost, charge, demand, or expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) asserted by third parties for injury or death to Persons (including employees of either Party) and/or physical damage to property arising out of or in connection with the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the indemnitor or a material breach of any obligation, representation or warranty of the indemnitor under this Agreement, except to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the indemnified party.
(b) Lessee shall not be responsible to Lessor or any third party, for any claims, costs or damages, including fines or penalties, attributable to any violations of Applicable Laws existing prior to the Effective Date, or by any party other than the Lessee Parties.

(c) This Section 17 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

18. **Casualty/System Loss.**

(a) In the event the Premises or access thereto shall be so damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty so as to make the use of the Premises impractical, as determined by Lessee in its sole and absolute discretion, then Lessee may elect to terminate this Agreement by providing notice to Lessor of such termination within ninety (90) days of Lessee’s knowledge of the damage or destruction, which termination will be effective as of a date of such damage or destruction. If Lessee does not elect to terminate this Agreement within ninety (90) days of such a casualty, then the Rent shall be abated until such time as Lessee’s use of the Premises is restored or one year, whichever comes first. If Lessee does not elect to terminate this Agreement pursuant to the previous sentences, Lessor shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to repair the damage to the Premises and return the Premises to its condition prior to such damage or destruction; provided, however, that, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Lessor shall in no event be required to repair, replace or restore any property of Lessee comprising part of the Systems, which replacement or restoration shall be Lessee’s responsibility.

(b) In the event of any harm to the System that, in the reasonable judgment of Lessee, results in total damage, destruction or loss of the System (“System Loss”), Lessee shall, within twenty (20) Business Days following the occurrence of such System Loss, notify Lessor whether Lessee is willing, notwithstanding such System Loss, to repair or replace the System and to continue this Agreement. In the event that Lessee notifies Lessor that Lessee is not willing to repair or replace the System, Lessee may terminate this Agreement effective upon the date of such System Loss, and Lessee shall be entitled to all proceeds of its insurance policies with respect to the System Loss and Lessor shall promptly return to Lessee the portion of the pre-paid Rent covering the days remaining between the date of such System Loss and the next anniversary of the Commercial Operation Date.

(c) In the event of termination under this Section 18, Lessee shall remove the Systems in accordance with Section 6(c).

19. **No Consequential Damages.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, neither Lessee nor Lessor shall be liable to the other for any consequential, punitive, or indirect damages, including without limitation, loss of use of their property, loss of profits, cost of capital or increased operating costs, arising out of this Agreement whether by reason of contract, indemnity, strict liability, negligence or breach of warranty.

20. **Condemnation.** In the event the Premises or Property are transferred to a condemning authority pursuant to a taking of all or a portion of the Property sufficient in Lessee’s determination to render the Premises unsuitable for Lessee’s use or to negatively impact the access to the Premises, Lessee shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon notice to Lessor. Sale to a purchaser with the power of eminent domain in the face of the exercise of the power shall be treated as a taking by condemnation under this Agreement. In the event of an award related to eminent domain or condemnation of all or part of the Premises, each Party shall be entitled to take from such award that portion as allowed by law for its respective property interest appropriated as well as any damages suffered thereby.

21. **Assignment.**

(a) Lessor shall not assign any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of Lessee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior consent of Lessee is not required for an assignment of this
Agreement in connection with a sale or other disposition of the Property pursuant to Section 13(d), provided that Lessor has given Lessee notice thereof at least thirty (30) days prior to the disposition.

(b) Lessee shall not assign or sublease any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of Lessor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lessee may, without consent from Lessor, assign any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement: (i) to a Financing Party pursuant to Section 21(c), (ii) to one or more of its Affiliates, (iii) to one or more third parties in connection with a collateral assignment of rights, mortgage, pledge or otherwise, (iv) to any Person or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the stock or assets of Lessee, or (v) to a successor entity in a merger or acquisition transaction. Lessor agrees to execute any consent, novation or other documentation that Lessee may request in connection with any assignment permitted by this Section 21, including without limitation entering into a consent and assignment agreement with Lessee’s Financing Party.

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Lessee may collaterally assign this Agreement and the System to a Financing Party without the need for consent from Lessor. Upon receipt of notice of the name and address of the Financing Party, Lessor agrees to deliver any notices of default to the Financing Party simultaneously with the delivery of such notices of default to Lessee. The Financing Party will have the right to cure any defaults or breaches by Lessee within the time periods provided hereunder for Lessee plus an additional sixty (60) days in the case of an Event of Default under Section 22, and in order to succeed to the rights and obligations of Lessee under this Agreement shall not be required to cure any defaults by Lessee under Section 22 that by their nature are not capable of being cured by the Financing Party. Any such notices shall be sent to the Financing Party at the address specified in writing to Lessor by Lessee or any Financing Party. Failure by Lessor to give the Financing Party such notice shall not diminish the Financing Party’s rights against Lessee, but shall preserve all rights of the Financing Party to cure any default and to remove any property of Lessee located on the Premises.

(d) If Lessor has been notified of the existence of a Financing Party, Lessor will not agree to any amendment, modification or voluntary termination of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Financing Party. Upon receipt of a written request from any Financing Party, Lessor shall make any and all payments due and owing by Lessor under this Agreement, if any, to an account designated by the Financing Party, and Lessee agrees that such payment by Lessor will fully satisfy Lessor’s payment obligations with respect to this Agreement to the extent of such payment. Lessor agrees that, upon foreclosure (or assignment in lieu of foreclosure) of its mortgage or security interest in the System, the Financing Party may succeed to the rights and obligations of Lessee under this Agreement. The Financing Party will be responsible for performance of Lessee’s obligations after it succeeds to Lessee’s interests under this Agreement, but shall have no further liability hereunder after it assigns such interests to a third party.

(e) If this Agreement is rejected or disaffirmed by Lessee pursuant to bankruptcy law or other law affecting creditor’s rights and within ninety (90) days after such event any Financing Party shall have arranged to the reasonable satisfaction of Lessor for performance of Lessee’s obligations under this Agreement, then Lessor shall execute and deliver to such Financing Party or to a designee of such Financing Party a new agreement which (i) shall be for a term equal to the remainder of the Lease Term before giving effect to such rejection or termination; and (ii) shall contain the same covenants, agreements, terms, provisions and limitations as this Agreement.

(f) An assignment by either Party in accordance with this Section 21 shall, provided that assignee assumes the assignor’s obligations under this Agreement, relieve the assignor of its obligations hereunder, except with respect to undisputed payments due by the assignor as of the effective date of the assignment, which obligations shall be performed by assignor or assignee as a condition precedent to such assignment.
(g) The provisions of this Section 21 shall survive the termination, rejection or disaffirmation of this Agreement and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter to the same extent as if this Section 21 were a separate and independent contract made by Lessor, Lessee and each Financing Party. Lessee’s Financing Parties shall be express third party beneficiaries of this Section 21.

22. **Defaults and Remedies.**

(a) **Events of Default.** The occurrence of any of the following (each an “Event of Default”) shall place the Party responsible for the Event of Default (the “Defaulting Party”) in default of this Agreement, and the other Party (the “Non-Defaulting Party”) shall be entitled to the remedies provided in Section 22(b): (i) a Party’s failure to pay any amount required to be paid hereunder and such failure shall continue for thirty (30) days after written notice of such failure has been received by the Defaulting Party, (ii) a Party’s failure to perform any covenant or obligations hereunder, other than payment of monetary sums, or commitment of a material breach of this Agreement and the failure to cure such default within sixty (60) days after written notice specifying such failure has been received by the Defaulting Party, or (iii) if the nature or extent of the obligation or obligations is such that more than sixty (60) days are required to complete the cure, a Party’s failure to use diligence and good faith to commence and continue exercising commercially reasonable diligence to cure the Event of Default after such sixty (60) day period, and (iv) a Party becomes subject to a Bankruptcy Event. Further, if the Parties have a good faith dispute as to whether a payment is due hereunder, the alleged defaulting Party may deposit the amount in controversy in escrow with any reputable third party escrow, or may interplead the same, which amount shall remain undistributed and shall not accrue interest or penalties, and no Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred, until final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction or upon agreement by the Parties. No such deposit shall constitute a waiver of the Defaulting Party’s right to institute legal action for recovery of such amounts.

(b) **Remedies.** Except as qualified by Section 21(c), upon the occurrence of, and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Non-Defaulting Party shall: (i) have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination to the Defaulting Party; and (ii) have all rights and remedies that may be available to the Non-Defaulting Party at law or in equity.

23. **Notices.** All notices under this Agreement shall be made in writing to the Addresses for Notices specified on the Cover Sheet. Notices shall be delivered by hand delivery, regular overnight delivery service, registered or certified mail return receipt requested, or email. Email notices shall require confirmation of receipt. Notices shall be deemed to have been received when delivered as shown on the records or manifest of such courier, delivery service or the U.S. Postal Service. Rejection or refusal to accept delivery of any notice shall be deemed to be the equivalent of receipt of any notice given hereunder. A Party may change its address by providing written notice of the same in accordance with the provisions of this Section 23. Failure to comply strictly with the terms of this provision shall not be held against the Party claiming to have given notice so long as such Party substantially complied with this provision and can demonstrate that the notice in question was received.

24. **Waiver.** The waiver by either Party of any breach of any term, condition, or provision herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of such term, condition, or provision, or any other term, condition, or provision contained herein.

25. **Remedies Cumulative.** No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to Lessee or Lessor shall exclude any other remedy herein or by law or in equity or by statute provided, but each shall be cumulative and in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.

26. **Headings.** The headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience and ease of reference and shall have no effect in interpreting the meaning of any provision of this Agreement.

27. **Invalid Term.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the legality, validity or enforceability of
the remaining parts, terms and provisions shall not be affected thereby, and said illegal, unenforceable or invalid part, term or provision will be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Parties shall work together in good faith to modify this Agreement as necessary to retain the intent of any such severed clause.

28. **Choice of Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to its conflict of law principles.

29. **Dispute Resolution.** In the event that there is any controversy, claim or dispute between the Parties hereto arising out of or related to this Agreement, or the breach hereof, the Parties agree to engage in good faith negotiations to resolve such dispute. If the Parties are unable to resolve such dispute through such negotiations, either Party may, within a reasonable time after the dispute has arisen, pursue all available legal and/or equitable remedies.

30. **Attorney’s Fees.** In the event there is a lawsuit, action, arbitration, or other proceeding between Lessee and Lessor, which arises from or concerns this Agreement, whether that lawsuit, action, arbitration, or other proceeding involves causes of action in contract or in tort, at law or in equity, the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including its actual attorneys’ and expert or consultants’ fees and court costs, in such lawsuit, action, arbitration, or other proceeding.

31. **Waiver of Jury Trial.** TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ITS RESPECTIVE RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION IN ANY COURT IN ANY JURISDICTION BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

32. **Binding Effect.** This Agreement and its rights, privileges, duties and obligations shall bind and inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the Parties hereto, together with their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns.

33. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, which shall together constitute one and the same agreement. Each Party agrees that signatures transmitted by facsimile or electronically shall be legal and binding and have the same full force and effect as if an original of this Agreement and had been delivered and hereby waive any defenses to the enforcement of the terms of this Agreement based on the foregoing forms of signature.

34. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including the Cover Sheet and all exhibits, represents the full and complete agreement between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter contained herein and therein and supersedes all prior written or oral negotiations, representations, communications and agreements between said parties with respect to said subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only in writing signed by both Lessee and Lessor or their respective successors in interest. Lessor and Lessee each acknowledge that in executing this Agreement that Party has not relied on any verbal or written understanding, promise, or representation which does not appear in this document.

35. **Further Assurances.** Upon the receipt of a request from the other Party or a Financing Party, each Party shall execute such commercially reasonable additional documents, instruments and assurances and take such additional actions as are reasonably necessary to carry out the terms and intent hereof, including at the requesting Party’s expense, entering into any consents, assignments, affidavits, estoppel and other documents as may be reasonably required by such Party’s lender to create, perfect or preserve its collateral interest in such Party’s property or such party’s rights and obligations under this Agreement. Neither Party shall unreasonably withhold, condition or delay its compliance with any reasonable request made pursuant to this Section 35.

36. **Force Majeure.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Agreement, neither Party shall be considered in breach of the Agreement or liable for any delay or failure to comply with the
Agreement, if and to the extent that such delay or failure is attributable to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event; provided that the Party claiming relief under this Section 36 shall immediately (i) notify the other Party in writing of the existence of the Force Majeure Event, (ii) exercise all reasonable efforts necessary to minimize delay caused by such Force Majeure Event, (iii) notify the other Party in writing of the cessation or termination of said Force Majeure Event and (iv) resume performance of its obligations hereunder as soon as practicable thereafter. If a Force Majeure Event shall have occurred that has prevented either Party from performing any of its material obligations hereunder and that has continued for a continuous period of one hundred twenty (120) days, then either Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the Agreement upon ninety (90) days’ prior notice to the other Party without penalty or further liability. If at the end of such ninety (90) day period such Force Majeure Event shall still continue and the material obligation has not been able to be resumed to the reasonable satisfaction of the affected Party, the Agreement shall terminate. Upon such termination due to a Force Majeure Event, neither Party shall have any liability to the other (other than any such liabilities that have accrued prior to such termination or those which expressly survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement pursuant to the terms hereof). If, at the end of such ninety (90) day period such Force Majeure Event is no longer continuing, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the Party’s termination notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. Rent shall abate for any period during which Lessee is not able to operate the System in the manner contemplated herein.

37. **Confidentiality.** Lessor will maintain in strict confidence, for the sole benefit of Lessee, the existence and the terms of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein, including but not limited to any business plans, financial information, technical information regarding the design, operation, maintenance of the System; *provided, however,* Lessor may disclose this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein to Lessor’s affiliates, subsidiaries, attorneys, consultants or other agents or professional advisors, or as required by law.

38. **Memorandum of Lease.** Lessor agrees to cooperate with Lessee in executing any documents necessary to protect Lessee’s rights in or use of the Premises. A Memorandum of Lease in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E** shall be recorded in the office where real estate records are customarily filed in the jurisdiction of the Premises.

39. **Brokers.** In the event any broker or other party claims a commission, the Party responsible for the contact with that claimant shall indemnify, defend and hold the other Party harmless from that claim, and including, without limitation, the payment of any attorneys’ fees and costs incurred.

40. **Interpretation.** This Agreement shall not be construed against the Person or entity preparing it, but shall be construed as if all of the Parties jointly prepared this Agreement without any uncertainty or ambiguity being interpreted against any one of them.

41. **No Partnership.** This Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create any partnership or joint venture or any other relationship other than one of ‘lessor’ and ‘lessee’ and ‘grantor’ and ‘grantee’, and neither Party shall be deemed the agent of the other Party nor have the authority to act as agent for the other Party, other than as provided in Section 3(d).

42. **Public Officials.** Lessor acknowledges that its receipt of monetary and other good and valuable consideration hereunder may represent a conflict of interest if Lessor is a government employee or otherwise serves on a governmental entity with decision-making authority (a “Public Official”) as to any rights Lessee may seek, or as to any obligations that may be imposed upon Lessee in order to develop and/or operate the Systems (“Development Rights”), and Lessor hereby agrees to (1) recuse him/herself from all such decisions related to Lessee’s Development Rights unless such recusal is prohibited by law or is not reasonably practicable considering the obligations of such Public Official’s position and (2) recuse him/herself from all such decisions related to Lessee’s Development Rights if such recusal is required by law. If Lessor is not required pursuant to (1) or (2) above to recuse him/herself from a decision related to Lessee’s Development Rights, Lessor will, in advance of any vote or other official action on the
Development Rights, disclose the existence of this Agreement (but not the financial terms therein) at an open meeting of the relevant governmental entity Lessor serves on as a Public Official. Additionally, if Lessor is a Public Official and any of Lessor’s spouse, child or other dependent has a financial interest in the Systems, Lessor shall disclose such relationship (but not the financial terms thereof) at an open meeting of the relevant governmental entity Lessor serves on as a Public Official, prior to participation in any decision related to Lessee’s Development Rights.

43. **Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions within this Agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the Effective Date.

LESSOR:
NANCY L. HARAZIN TRUST #191

By: [Redacted]
Name: Nancy L. Harazin
Title: Trustee

LESSEE:
312 SOLAR DEVELOPMENT, LLC

BY: BORREGO SOLAR SYSTEMS, INC.
its sole member and manager

By: [Redacted]
Name: BRENDA Naged
Title: EVP

[Signature Page to Option and Lease Agreement]
EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

SEC. 5-35-6, COM SE COR SEC 5, NE 588.72', NW 712.10' FOR POB, NW 1266.59', NE 438.41', NE 1624.77' TO CTR LN OF SE 1/4 1266.50' TO LN NLY, SLY 2065.66' TO POB

Parcel No. 07-05-400-003

07-05-400-003
EXHIBIT B

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES AND EASEMENTS

The Premises consists of approximately 20 acres located at the Property owned by Lessor and commonly known as 16400 Newark Road, Newark, IL (Parcel No. 07-05-400-003) as described and/or depicted below.

Lessor agrees that the Description of the Premises and Easements will be replaced with actual metes and bounds upon completion of System design and site survey.
EXHIBIT C

DEFINITIONS

“Abandonment Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 6(c) of this Agreement.

“Access Easement” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c).

“Affiliate” means, as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person or is a director or officer of such Person or of an Affiliate of such Person.

“Agreement” has the meaning set forth on page 1 herein.

“Applicable Law” means, with respect to any Person, any constitutional provision, law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, treaty, order, decree, judgment, decision, certificate, holding, injunction, registration, license, franchise, permit, authorization, guideline, Governmental Approval, Environmental Law, consent or requirement of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over such Person or its property, enforceable at law or in equity, including the interpretation and administration thereof by such Governmental Authority.

“Authorization Letter” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(d) of this Agreement.

“Bankruptcy Event” means with respect to a Party, that either: such Party has (A) applied for or consented to the appointment of, or the taking of possession by, a receiver, custodian, trustee or liquidator of itself or of all or a substantial part of its property; (B) admitted in writing its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due; (C) made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; (D) commenced a voluntary case under any bankruptcy law; (E) filed a petition seeking to take advantage of any other law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding up, or composition or readjustment of debts; or (F) taken any corporate or other action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or a proceeding or case has been commenced without the application or consent of such Party in any court of competent jurisdiction seeking (i) its liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or winding-up or the composition or readjustment of debts or, (ii) the appointment of a trustee, receiver, custodian, liquidator or the like of such Party under any bankruptcy law, and such proceeding or case has continued undefended, or any order, judgment or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered and continue unstayed and in effect for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days.

“Business Day” means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which banking institutions in the state where the Property is located are required or authorized by Applicable Law to be closed for business.

“Commercial Operation Date” means the date on which the System(s) are ready for commercial operation after required testing.

“Event of Default” has the meaning set forth in Section 22(a) of this Agreement.

“Defaulting Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 22(a) of this Agreement.

“Development Rights” has the meaning set forth in Section 42 of this Agreement.

“Dispute” has the meaning set forth in Section 29 of this Agreement.

“Easements” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c) of this Agreement.

“Environmental Attributes and Incentives” means any emissions, air quality or other environmental attribute, aspect, characteristic, claim, credit, benefit, reduction, offset or allowance, howsoever entitled or designated, directly or indirectly resulting from, attributable to or associated with the generation of energy by a solar renewable energy facility, whether existing as of the Effective Date or thereafter, and whether as a result of any present or future local, state or federal laws or regulations or local, state, national or international voluntary program.
“Environmental Claims” means any and all administrative and judicial actions and rulings, claims, causes of action, demands and liability, including, but not limited to, damages, costs, expenses, assessments, penalties, fines, losses, judgments, and reasonable attorney fees that any Party may suffer or incur due to the existence of any Hazardous Substances on the Property or the migration of any Hazardous Substance to other properties or the release of any Hazardous Substance into the environment, that relate to or arise from such Party’s activities on the Property.

“Environmental Law” means and includes, without limitation, any present or future federal, state or local law, whether under common law, statute, rule, regulation or otherwise, requirements under Permits or other authorizations issued with respect thereto, and other orders, decrees, judgments, directive or other requirements of any Governmental Authority relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct, disclosure or notification with regard to the protection of human health, the environment, ecological conditions, Hazardous Substances or any activity involving Hazardous Substances.

“Event of Default” has the meaning set forth in Section 22(a) of this Agreement.

“Exercise Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a) of this Agreement.

“Expiration Date” has the meaning set forth on the Cover Sheet, as such date may be extended in accordance with the Agreement.

“Extension Exercise Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement.

“Extension Option” has the meaning set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement.

“Extension Term” has the meaning set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement.

“Financing Party” means, as applicable (i) any Person (or its agent) from whom Lessee (or an Affiliate of Lessee) leases the System or (ii) any Person (or its agent) who has made or will make a loan to or otherwise provide capital to Lessee (or an Affiliate of Lessee) with respect to the System. Lessee shall give Lessor notice of and the contact information for any such Financing Party within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Lease Commencement Date and shall confirm any change in such contact information upon request of Lessor.

“Force Majeure Event” means, when used in connection with the performance of a Party’s obligations under this Agreement, any events or circumstances beyond the affected Party’s reasonable control that arise after the Effective Date, to the extent not caused by the acts or omissions of (and are otherwise unavoidable, or beyond the reasonable control of, and could not have been prevented or overcome by the reasonable efforts and diligence of) such Party and which materially and adversely affects such Party’s performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Force Majeure Event includes but is not limited to the following: (i) war, riot, acts of a public enemy or other civil disturbance; (ii) acts of God, including but not limited to, earthquakes, tornados, typhoons, lightning, blizzards, hurricanes and landslides of the type which would, under normal circumstances and typical insurance policies, constitute an event of insurable loss; (iii) acts of, or unreasonably excessive failures to act by, any Governmental Authority including changes in Applicable Law after the Effective Date (other than acts of Governmental Authorities in response to a Party’s failure to comply with existing Applicable Laws as required in connection with performance under this Agreement); and (iv) strikes, walkouts, lockouts or similar industrial or labor actions or disputes not caused by, specific to employees of, or the result of an unfair labor practice or other unlawful activity by the asserting Party.

“Governmental Approvals” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(d) of this Agreement.

“Governmental Authority” means any federal, state, regional, county, town, city or municipal government, whether domestic or foreign, or any department, agency, bureau or other administrative, regulatory or judicial body of any such government.

“Hazardous Substances” means and includes, without limitation any substance, chemical, material or waste: (i) the presence of which causes a nuisance or trespass of any kind under any applicable Environmental Law; (ii) which is regulated by any Governmental Authority; (iii) is likely to create liability under any Environmental Law because of its toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, carcinogenic, mutagenic, infectious, radioactive, or other hazardous property or because of its effect on the environment,
natural resources or human health and safety, including but not limited to, flammables and explosives, gasoline, petroleum and petroleum products, asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, lead and lead-based paint, radon, radioactive materials, microbial matter, biological toxins, mylotoxins, mold or mold spores or any hazardous or toxic material, substance or waste which is defined by those or similar terms or is regulated as such by any Governmental Authority; or (iv) which is designated, classified, or regulated as being a hazardous or toxic substance, material, pollutant, waste (or a similar such designation) under any federal, state or local law, regulation or ordinance, including under any Environmental Law.

“Insolation” has the meaning set forth in Section 13(g) of this Agreement.

“Land” has the meaning set forth in Recital B.

“Lease Commencement Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a) of this Agreement.

“Lease Term” has the meaning set forth on the Cover Sheet of this Agreement.

“Lessee Real Property Taxes” has the meaning set forth in Section 16 of this Agreement.

“Lessee Parties” means, individually or collectively, Lessee, its Affiliates and any of their authorized representatives, agents, employees, managers, contractors, architects, and engineers, and each of their respective officers, directors, partners, members, managers, agents, employees, representatives, and invitees.

“Lessee Taxes” has the meaning set forth in Section 16 of this Agreement.

“Lessor Parties” means, individually or collectively, Lessor, its Affiliates, and any of their authorized representatives, agents, employees, managers, and each of their respective officers, directors, partners, members, managers, agents, employees, and representatives.

“Local Electric Utility” means the local electric distribution owner and operator providing electric distribution services to Lessee and also providing electric distribution and interconnection services to Lessee for Lessee’s System.

“Non-defaulting Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 22(a) of this Agreement.

“NDA” has the meaning set forth in Section 13(f) of this Agreement.

“Operation Term” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(b) of this Agreement.

“Option” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a) of this Agreement.

“Option Term” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(b) of this Agreement.

“Party” or “Parties” has the meaning set forth on page 1 of this Agreement.

“Permits” means all applications, approvals, authorizations, consents, filings, licenses, orders, permits or similar requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority which are required in order to develop, construct, operate, maintain, improve, refurbish and retire the System or to schedule and deliver the electric energy produced by the System to the Local Electric Utility, including an authorization to construct or a conditional use permit.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, estate, trust, unincorporated association, any other person or entity, and any federal, state, county or municipal government or any bureau, department or agency thereof and any fiduciary acting in such capacity on behalf of any of the foregoing.

“Personal Property Taxes” has the meaning set forth in Section 16 of the Agreement.

“Premises” has the meaning set forth in Recital B of this Agreement.

“Property” has the meaning set forth in Recital A of this Agreement.

“Public Official” has the meaning set forth in Section 42 of this Agreement.
“Removal Date” means the date not be later than one hundred eighty (180) days after either the Expiration Date or the date of earlier termination of this Agreement, if applicable, when Lessee shall complete the removal of all of its tangible property comprising the System from the Premises.

“Rent” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(a) of this Agreement.

“Security Interest” has the meaning set forth in Section 13(n) of this Agreement.

“System(s)” means the solar photovoltaic system or systems installed and operating at the Premises, together with all electrical production, transmission, distribution, and storage facilities, hardware and materials, including without limitation, panels, overhead and underground transmission, distribution or collector lines, circuit breakers, meters, conduit, footings, cabling, wires, overhead and underground control, communications and radio relay systems, interconnection facilities and/or switching facilities, transformers and current inverters, control boxes and computer monitoring equipment systems, structures, batteries, features and improvements necessary to produce, transmit and store electric energy at such facility (excluding power to the Property).

“System Loss” has the meaning set forth in Section 18(b) of this Agreement.

“System Removal” has the meaning set forth in Section 6(c) of this Agreement.

“Taxes and Assessments” has the meaning set forth in Section 16 of this Agreement.

“Tests” has the meaning set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement.

“Utility Easement” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c) of this Agreement.
EXHIBIT D

INSURANCE

The Parties shall maintain the following insurance coverages in full force and effect throughout the Option Term and Lease Term:

**Lessor:** Commercial General Liability Coverage (Occurrence Form) with limits of not less than $2,000,000.00 general aggregate, $1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

**Lessee:** (i) Workers’ Compensation at statutory limits and Employer’s Liability Coverage of at least $1,000,000.00 per occurrence, (ii) Commercial General Liability Coverage (Occurrence Form) with limits of not less than $2,000,000.00 general aggregate, $1,000,000.00 per occurrence, and (iii) Automobile Liability Coverage of at least $1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. For any claims resulting from the operation, maintenance and repair of the System, Lessee’s insurance coverage shall be primary. Subject to the mutual waivers granted in Section 15 of this Agreement, any insurance maintained by Lessor shall be in excess of Lessee’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.
EXHIBIT E
MEMORANDUM OF OPTION AND LEASE

After recording return to:
____________________________________
____________________________________
____________________________________

MEMORANDUM OF OPTION AND LEASE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF OPTION AND LEASE (the “Memorandum”), is made as of ___________, 20_, by and between [_____________________,] [an individual with an address of] ____________________________________________________________, Illinois (“Lessor”) and 312 Solar Development, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 360 22nd Street, Suite 600, Oakland, California 94612 (“Lessee”).

1. Lessor and Lessee are parties to that certain Option and Lease Agreement (the “Option and Lease”), dated as of ___________, by and between [_____________________,] [a ______________________ having its principal place of business located at] [an individual with an address of] ____________________________________________________________, Illinois (“Lessor”) and 312 Solar Development, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 360 22nd Street, Suite 600, Oakland, California 94612 (“Lessee”).

   1. Lessor and Lessee are parties to that certain Option and Lease Agreement (the “Option and Lease”), dated as of ___________, 20_, by and between [_____________________,] [a ______________________ having its principal place of business located at] [an individual with an address of] ____________________________________________________________, Illinois (“Lessor”) and 312 Solar Development, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 360 22nd Street, Suite 600, Oakland, California 94612 (“Lessee”).

   2. Under the Option and Lease, Lessee has an option to lease a portion of the Property as described in Schedule A annexed hereto (the “Premises”), which option commences on the Effective Date and lasts for 540 days thereafter. The option term may be extended for additional one term of 365 days each.

   3. The commencement date of Lessor’s lease of the Premises shall be the date of Lessor’s exercise of the option.

   4. If the option is exercised, the initial term of the lease will be for twenty (20) years, and Lessee shall have the option to extend the lease for up to four (4) additional five (5)-year terms, subject to earlier termination or extension pursuant to the terms of the Option and Lease or applicable law.

   5. All of the terms, covenants and conditions of the Option and Lease are incorporated herein and made a part hereof. The purpose of this Memorandum is to give notice of the existence of the tenancy and Easements created by the Option and Lease; and shall not be construed to vary or otherwise affect the rights or obligations of the parties under the Option and Lease as it may be amended.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Memorandum as of the date first above written.

LESSOR: Nancy L. Harazin Trust #101
By: __________________________
Name: Nancy L. Harazin
Title: Trustee

LESSEE: J12 Solar Development, LLC
By: Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.,
its sole member and manager.
By: __________________________
Name: Brendan Neagle
Title: EVP
LESSOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF KENDALL  

This instrument was acknowledged before me on ______________ (date) by Nancy Herrin (name of person) as Lessor (type of authority, e.g., officer, trustee, etc.) of ______________ (name of company).

OFFICIAL SEAL  
MADONNA KULPT-BAILEK  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
My Commission Expires January 6, 2020

Notary Public

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COMMONWEALTH  
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX  

This instrument was acknowledged before me on 3/12/18 (date) by Brandon Nagle (name of person) as EVP (type of authority, e.g., officer, trustee, etc.) of EVP (name of company).

Notary Public

PATRICK L. RETELLE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
My Commission Expires October 26, 2018
Section 466. APPENDIX C  Levels 2 to 4 Application

Level 2, Level 3 & Level 4
Interconnection Request Application Form
(Greater than 25 kW to 10 MVA or less)

Interconnection Customer Contact Information
Name: 312 Solar Development, LLC/ attn: Robert Tompkins
Mailing Address: 55 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE Suite 102
City: LOWELL State: MA Zip Code: 01851
Telephone (Daytime): 978 221 3084 (Evening): 
Facsimile Number: E-Mail Address: intx@borregosolar.com

Alternative Contact Information (if different from Customer Contact Information)
Name: 
Mailing Address: 
City: State: Zip Code: 
Telephone (Daytime): (Evening): 
Facsimile Number: E-Mail Address: 

Facility Address (if different from above): 16400 NEWARK ROAD
City: BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP ( IL ) State: IL Zip Code: 60541
Electric Distribution Company (EDC) Serving Facility Site: AMEREN
Electric Supplier (if different from EDC): 
Account Number of Facility Site (existing EDC customers): TBD
Inverter Manufacturer: SunGrow Model: SG125HV

Equipment Contractor
Name: 312 Solar Development, LLC
Mailing Address: Same as Above
City: State: Zip Code: 
Telephone (Daytime): (Evening): 
Facsimile Number: E-Mail Address: 
**Electrical Contractor** (if different from Equipment Contractor)

Name: ____________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______

Telephone (Daytime): ____________________________ (Evening): ____________________________

Facsimile Number: ____________________________ E-Mail Address: ____________________________

License Number: TBD

**Electric Service Information for Customer Facility Where Generator Will Be Interconnected**

Capacity: 93 _______ (Amps) Voltage: 12,500 _______ (Volts)

Type of Service: □ Single Phase □ Three Phase

If 3 Phase Transformer, Indicate Type:

Primary Winding □ Wye □ Delta

Secondary Winding □ Wye □ Delta

Transformer Size: 2MVA _______ Impedance: Z = 6%

**Intent of Generation**

□ Offset Load (Unit will operate in parallel, but will not export power to EDC)

□ Net Meter (Unit will operate in parallel and will export power pursuant to Illinois Net Metering or other filed tariffs) Community Distributed Generation

□ Wholesale Market Transaction (Unit will operate in parallel and participate in PJM or MISO markets pursuant to a PJM Wholesale Market Participation Agreement or MISO equivalent)

□ Back-up Generation (Units that temporarily operate in parallel with the electric distribution system for more than 100 milliseconds)

Note: Backup units that do not operate in parallel for more than 100 milliseconds do not need an interconnection agreement.
**Generator & Prime Mover Information**

| ENERGY SOURCE (Hydro, Wind, Solar, Process Byproduct, Biomass, Oil, Natural Gas, Coal, etc.): | SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC |
| ENERGY CONVERTER TYPE (Wind Turbine, Photovoltaic Cell, Fuel Cell, Steam Turbine, etc.): | PHOTOVOLTAIC CELL |
| GENERATOR SIZE: | NUMBER OF UNITS: | TOTAL CAPACITY: |
| 125 kW or 16 kVA | 16 | 2000 kW or kVA |

GENERATOR TYPE (Check one):

- [ ] Induction
- [x] Inverter
- [ ] Synchronous
- [ ] Other

**Requested Procedure Under Which to Evaluate Interconnection Request**

Please indicate below which review procedure applies to the interconnection request. The review procedure used is subject to confirmation by the EDC.

- [ ] Level 2 – Lab-certified interconnection equipment with an aggregate electric nameplate capacity not exceeding the specifications in Section 466.90(b)(2). Lab-certified is defined in Section 466.30. (Application fee is $100 plus $1.00 per kVA.)

- [x] Level 3 – Distributed generation facility does not export power. Nameplate capacity rating is less than or equal to 50 kW if connecting to area network or less than or equal to 10 MW if connecting to a radial distribution feeder. (Application fee amount is $500 plus $2.00 per kVA.)

- [ ] Level 4 – Nameplate capacity rating is less than or equal to 10 MVA and the distributed generation facility does not qualify for a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 review, or the distributed generation facility has been reviewed but not approved under a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 review. (Application fee amount is $1,000 plus $2.00 per kVA, to be applied toward any subsequent studies related to this application.)

**Note:** Descriptions for interconnection review categories do not list all criteria that must be satisfied. For a complete list of criteria, please refer to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 466, Electric Interconnection of Distributed Generation Facilities.

**Distributed Generation Facility Information**

Commissioning Date: **7/31/19 (estimate)**

List interconnection components/systems to be used in the distributed generation facility that are lab-certified.
Component/System

1. MODULES JA350 UL1703
2. INVERTERS SUNGROW SG125HV UL1741
3. GSU TRANSFORMERS, EATON POWER, PADMOUNT ANSI C57
4. PROTECTIVE RELAY SCHWEITZER SEL-651R ANSI C37.90, C37.90.1

Please provide copies of manufacturer brochures or technical specifications.

Energy Production Equipment/Inverter Information:

☐ Synchronous ☐ Induction ☑ Inverter ☐ Other

Rating: 125 kW

Rating: 125 kVA

Rated Voltage: 600 Volts

Rated Current: 120 Amps

System Type Tested (Total System): ☐ Yes ☑ No; attach product literature

For Synchronous Machines:

Note: Contact EDC to determine if all the information requested in this section is required for the proposed distributed generation facility.

Manufacturer: ________________________________

Model No.: __________________________ Version No.: _________________________

Submit copies of the Saturation Curve and the Vee Curve

☐ Salient ☐ Non-Salient

Torque: _______ lb/ft  Rated RPM: _______ Field Amperes: _______ generator

at rated voltage and current and _______ % PF over-excited

Type of Exciter: ____________________________

Type of Voltage Regulator: ____________________________ Locked Rotor

Current: ____________ Amps  Synchronous Speed: ____________ RPM

Winding Connection: ____________ Min. Operating Freq./Time: ____________

Generator Connection: ☐ Delta ☐ Wye ☐ Wye Grounded

Direct-axis Synchronous Reactance: (Xd) _______ ohms

Direct-axis Transient Reactance: (X'd) _______ ohms
Direct-axis Sub-transient Reactance: \( (X''d) \) __________ ohms
Negative Sequence Reactance: ________________ ohms
Zero Sequence Reactance: ________________ ohms
Neutral Impedance or Grounding Resister (if any): ________________ ohms

For Induction Machines:

Note: Contact EDC to determine if all the information requested in this section is required for the proposed distributed generation facility.

Manufacturer: ___________________________________________________________
Model No.: __________________________ Version No.: __________________________
Locked Rotor Current: ________________ Amps
Rotor Resistance (Rr): ________________ ohms Exciting Current: ________________ Amps
Rotor Reactance (Xr): ________________ ohms Reactive Power Required: _____________
Magnetizing Reactance (Xm): ________________ ohms _______ VARs (No Load)
Stator Resistance (Rs): ________________ ohms _______ VARs (Full Load)
Stator Reactance (Xs): ________________ ohms
Short Circuit Reactance (X''d): ________________ ohms
Phases: ☐ Single ☐ Three Phase

Reverse Power Relay Information (Level 3 Review Only)

Manufacturer: ___________________________________________________________
Relay Type: __________________________ Model Number: __________________________
Reverse Power Setting: ___________________________________________________
Reverse Power Time Delay (if any): __________________________________________

Additional Information For Inverter-Based Facilities

Inverter Information:
Manufacturer: SunGrow Model: SG125HV
Type: ☐ Forced Commutated ☐ Line Commutated
Rated Output: 125000 Watts 600 Volts
Efficiency: ________________ % Power Factor: 80 %
Inverter UL 1741 Listed: ☐ Yes ☐ No
DC Source / Prime Mover:

Rating: 350W kW  Rating: 350W kVA
Rated Voltage: 38.58 Volts
Open Circuit Voltage (if applicable): 47.24 Volts
Rated Current: 9.61 Amps
Short Circuit Current (if applicable): 9.07 Amps

Other Facility Information:

One Line Diagram attached: Yes
Plot Plan attached: Yes

Customer Signature

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this Interconnection Request Application Form is true.

Applicant Signature: Robert Tompkins
Title: Senior Interconnection Coordinator  Date: 1/22/18

An application fee is required before the application can be processed. Please verify that the appropriate fee is included with the application:

Amount:  

EDC Acknowledgement

Receipt of the application fee is acknowledged and this interconnection request is complete.

EDC Signature:  Date:
Printed Name: Title:

Source: Amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 862, effective January 20, 2017)
Section 466.APPENDIX D  Levels 1 to 4 Contract

STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES WITH A CAPACITY LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 10 MVA

This agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this __________ day of __________, by and between ________________ ("interconnection customer"), as an individual person, or as a ________________ organized and existing under the laws of the State of ________________ and ________________, ("Electric Distribution Company" (EDC)), a ________________ existing under the laws of the State of Illinois. Interconnection customer and EDC each may be referred to as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

Recitals:

Whereas, interconnection customer is proposing to install or direct the installation of a distributed generation facility, or is proposing a generating capacity addition to an existing distributed generation facility, consistent with the interconnection request application form completed by interconnection customer on ________________; and

Whereas, the interconnection customer will operate and maintain, or cause the operation and maintenance of, the distributed generation facility; and

Whereas, interconnection customer desires to interconnect the distributed generation facility with EDC's electric distribution system.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants set forth in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties covenant and agree as follows:

Article 1. Scope and Limitations of Agreement

1.1 This Agreement shall be used for all approved interconnection requests for distributed generation facilities that fall under Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 according to the procedures set forth in Part 466 of the Commission's rules (83 Ill. Adm. Code 466) (referred to as the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard).

1.2 This Agreement governs the terms and conditions under which the distributed generation facility will interconnect to, and operate in parallel with, the EDC's electric distribution system.

1.3 This Agreement does not constitute an agreement to purchase or deliver the interconnection customer's power.
1.4 Nothing in this Agreement is intended to affect any other agreement between the EDC and the interconnection customer.

1.5 Terms used in this Agreement are defined as in Section 466.30 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard unless otherwise noted.

1.6 Responsibilities of the Parties

1.6.1 The Parties shall perform all obligations of this Agreement in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

1.6.2 The EDC shall construct, own, operate, and maintain its interconnection facilities in accordance with this Agreement.

1.6.3 The interconnection customer shall construct, own, operate, and maintain its distributed generation facility and interconnection facilities in accordance with this Agreement.

1.6.4 Each Party shall operate, maintain, repair, and inspect, and shall be fully responsible for, the facilities that it now or subsequently may own unless otherwise specified in the attachments to this Agreement. Each Party shall be responsible for the safe installation, maintenance, repair and condition of its respective lines and appurtenances on its respective sides of the point of interconnection.

1.6.5 The interconnection customer agrees to design, install, maintain and operate its distributed generation facility so as to minimize the likelihood of causing an adverse system impact on the electric distribution system or any other electric system that is not owned or operated by the EDC.

1.7 Parallel Operation Obligations
Once the distributed generation facility has been authorized to commence parallel operation, the interconnection customer shall abide by all operating procedures established in IEEE Standard 1547 and any other applicable laws, statutes or guidelines, including those specified in Attachment 4 of this Agreement.

1.8 Metering
The interconnection customer shall be responsible for the cost to purchase, install, operate, maintain, test, repair, and replace metering and data acquisition equipment specified in Attachments 5 and 6 of this Agreement.

1.9 Reactive Power

1.9.1 Interconnection customers with a distributed generation facility larger than or equal to 1 MVA shall design their distributed generation facilities to maintain a power factor at the point of interconnection between .95 lagging and .95 leading.
at all times. Interconnection customers with a distributed generation facility smaller than 1 MVA shall design their distributed generation facility to maintain a power factor at the point of interconnection between .90 lagging and .90 leading at all times.

1.9.2 Any EDC requirements for meeting a specific voltage or specific reactive power schedule as a condition for interconnection shall be clearly specified in Attachment 4. Under no circumstance shall the EDC's additional requirements for voltage or reactive power schedules exceed the normal operating capabilities of the distributed generation facility.

1.9.3 If the interconnection customer does not operate the distributed generation facility within the power factor range specified in Attachment 4, or does not operate the distribute generation facility in accordance with a voltage or reactive power schedule specified in Attachment 4, the interconnection customer is in default, and the terms of Article 6.5 apply.

1.10 Standards of Operations
The interconnection customer must obtain all certifications, permits, licenses and approvals necessary to construct, operate and maintain the facility and to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The interconnection customer is responsible for coordinating and synchronizing the distributed generation facility with the EDC's system. The interconnection customer is responsible for any damage that is caused by the interconnection customer's failure to coordinate or synchronize the distributed generation facility with the electric distribution system. The interconnection customer agrees to be primarily liable for any damages resulting from the continued operation of the distributed generation facility after the EDC ceases to energize the line section to which the distributed generation facility is connected. In Attachment 4, the EDC shall specify the shortest reclose time setting for its protection equipment that could affect the distributed generation facility. The EDC shall notify the interconnection customer at least 10 business days prior to adopting a faster reclose time on any automatic protective equipment, such as a circuit breaker or line recloser, that might affect the distributed generation facility.

Article 2. Inspection, Testing, Authorization, and Right of Access

2.1 Equipment Testing and Inspection
The interconnection customer shall test and inspect its distributed generation facility including the interconnection equipment prior to interconnection in accordance with IEEE Standard 1547 (2003) and IEEE Standard 1547.1 (2005). The interconnection customer shall not operate its distributed generation facility in parallel with the EDC's electric distribution system without prior written authorization by the EDC as provided for in Articles 2.1.1-2.1.3.

2.1.1 The EDC shall perform a witness test after construction of the distributed generation facility is completed, but before parallel operation, unless the EDC specifically waives the witness test. The interconnection customer shall provide the EDC
at least 15 business days' notice of the planned commissioning test for the distributed
generation facility. If the EDC performs a witness test at a time that is not concurrent
with the commissioning test, it shall contact the interconnection customer to schedule the
witness test at a mutually agreeable time within 10 business days after the scheduled
commissioning test designated on the application. If the EDC does not perform the
witness test within 10 business days after the commissioning test, the witness test is
deemed waived unless the Parties mutually agree to extend the date for scheduling the
witness test, or unless the EDC cannot do so for good cause, in which case, the Parties
shall agree to another date for scheduling the test within 10 business days after the
original scheduled date. If the witness test is not acceptable to the EDC, the
interconnection customer has 30 business days to address and resolve any deficiencies.
This time period may be extended upon agreement between the EDC and the
interconnection customer. If the interconnection customer fails to address and resolve the
deficiencies to the satisfaction of the EDC, the applicable cure provisions of Article 6.5
shall apply. The interconnection customer shall, if requested by the EDC, provide a copy
of all documentation in its possession regarding testing conducted pursuant to IEEE
Standard 1547.1.

2.1.2 If the interconnection customer conducts interim testing of the distributed
generation facility prior to the witness test, the interconnection customer shall
obtain permission from the EDC before each occurrence of operating the
distributed generation facility in parallel with the electric distribution system. The
EDC may, at its own expense, send qualified personnel to the distributed
generation facility to observe such interim testing, but it cannot mandate that
these tests be considered in the final witness test. The EDC is not required to
observe the interim testing or precluded from requiring the tests be repeated at the
final witness test.

2.1.3 After the distributed generation facility passes the witness test, the EDC shall
affix an authorized signature to the certificate of completion and return it to the
interconnection customer approving the interconnection and authorizing parallel
operation. The authorization shall not be conditioned or delayed.

2.2 Commercial Operation
The interconnection customer shall not operate the distributed generation facility, except
for interim testing as provided in Article 2.1, until such time as the certificate of
completion is signed by all Parties.

2.3 Right of Access
The EDC must have access to the disconnect switch and metering equipment of the
distributed generation facility at all times. When practical, the EDC shall provide notice
to the customer prior to using its right of access.

Article 3. Effective Date, Term, Termination, and Disconnection

3.1 Effective Date
This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by all Parties.
3.2 Term of Agreement
This Agreement shall become effective on the effective date and shall remain in effect
unless terminated in accordance with Article 3.3 of this Agreement.

3.3 Termination

3.3.1 The interconnection customer may terminate this Agreement at any time by
giving the EDC 30 calendar days prior written notice.

3.3.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement after default pursuant to Article 6.5.

3.3.3 The EDC may terminate, upon 60 calendar days' prior written notice, for failure
of the interconnection customer to complete construction of the distributed
generation facility within 12 months after the in-service date as specified by the
Parties in Attachment 2, which may be extended by agreement between the
Parties.

3.3.4 The EDC may terminate this Agreement, upon 60 calendar days' prior written
notice, if the interconnection customer has abandoned, cancelled, permanently
disconnected or stopped development, construction, or operation of the distributed
generation facility, or if the interconnection customer fails to operate the
distributed generation facility in parallel with the EDC's electric system for three
consecutive years.

3.3.5 Upon termination of this Agreement, the distributed generation facility will be
disconnected from the EDC's electric distribution system. Terminating this
Agreement does not relieve either Party of its liabilities and obligations that are
owed or continuing when the Agreement is terminated.

3.3.6 If the Agreement is terminated, the interconnection customer loses its position in
the interconnection queue.

3.4 Temporary Disconnection
A Party may temporarily disconnect the distributed generation facility from the electric
distribution system in the event one or more of the following conditions or events occurs:

3.4.1 Emergency conditions – shall mean any condition or situation: (1) that in the
judgment of the Party making the claim is likely to endanger life or property; or
(2) that the EDC determines is likely to cause an adverse system impact, or is
likely to have a material adverse effect on the EDC's electric distribution system,
interconnection facilities or other facilities, or is likely to interrupt or materially
interfere with the provision of electric utility service to other customers; or (3)
that is likely to cause a material adverse effect on the distributed generation
facility or the interconnection equipment. Under emergency conditions, the EDC
or the interconnection customer may suspend interconnection service and
temporarily disconnect the distributed generation facility from the electric
distribution system. The EDC must notify the interconnection customer when it
becomes aware of any conditions that might affect the interconnection customer's
operation of the distributed generation facility. The interconnection customer shall
notify the EDC when it becomes aware of any condition that might affect the
EDC's electric distribution system. To the extent information is known, the
notification shall describe the condition, the extent of the damage or deficiency,
the expected effect on the operation of both Parties' facilities and operations, its
anticipated duration, and the necessary corrective action.

3.4.2 Scheduled maintenance, construction, or repair— the EDC may interrupt
interconnection service or curtail the output of the distributed generation facility
and temporarily disconnect the distributed generation facility from the EDC's
electric distribution system when necessary for scheduled maintenance,
construction, or repairs on EDC's electric distribution system. To the extent
possible, the EDC shall provide the interconnection customer with notice five
business days before an interruption. The EDC shall coordinate the reduction or
temporary disconnection with the interconnection customer; however, the
interconnection customer is responsible for out-of-pocket costs incurred by the
EDC for deferring or rescheduling maintenance, construction or repair at the
interconnection customer's request.

3.4.3 Forced outages— The EDC may suspend interconnection service to repair the
EDC's electric distribution system. The EDC shall provide the interconnection
customer with prior notice, if possible. If prior notice is not possible, the EDC
shall, upon written request, provide the interconnection customer with written
documentation, after the fact, explaining the circumstances of the disconnection.

3.4.4 Adverse system impact — the EDC must provide the interconnection customer
with written notice of its intention to disconnect the distributed generation facility,
if the EDC determines that operation of the distributed generation facility creates
an adverse system impact. The documentation that supports the EDC's decision to
disconnect must be provided to the interconnection customer. The EDC may
disconnect the distributed generation facility if, after receipt of the notice, the
interconnection customer fails to remedy the adverse system impact, unless
emergency conditions exist, in which case, the provisions of Article 3.4.1 apply.
The EDC may continue to leave the generating facility disconnected until the
adverse system impact is corrected.

3.4.5 Modification of the distributed generation facility — The interconnection customer
must receive written authorization from the EDC prior to making any change to
the distributed generation facility, other than a minor equipment modification. If
the interconnection customer modifies its facility without the EDC's prior written
authorization, the EDC has the right to disconnect the distributed generation
facility until such time as the EDC concludes the modification poses no threat to
the safety or reliability of its electric distribution system.

3.4.6 The EDC is not responsible for any lost opportunity or other costs incurred by the
interconnection customer as a result of an interruption of service under Article 3.
Article 4. Cost Responsibility for Interconnection Facilities and Distribution Upgrades

4.1 Interconnection Facilities

4.1.1 The interconnection customer shall pay for the cost of the interconnection facilities itemized in Attachment 3. The EDC shall identify the additional interconnection facilities necessary to interconnect the distributed generation facility with the EDC's electric distribution system, the cost of those facilities, and the time required to build and install those facilities, as well as an estimated date of completion of the building or installation of those facilities.

4.1.2 The interconnection customer is responsible for its expenses, including overheads, associated with owning, operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing its interconnection equipment.

4.2 Distribution Upgrades
The EDC shall design, procure, construct, install, and own any distribution upgrades. The actual cost of the distribution upgrades, including overheads, shall be directly assigned to the interconnection customer whose distributed generation facility caused the need for the distribution upgrades.

Article 5. Billing, Payment, Milestones, and Financial Security

5.1 Billing and Payment Procedures and Final Accounting (Applies to supplemental reviews conducted under Level Level 1, 2 or 3 review with EDC construction necessary for accommodating the distributed generation facility, and Level 4 reviews)

5.1.1 The EDC shall bill the interconnection customer for the design, engineering, construction, and procurement costs of EDC-provided interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades contemplated by this Agreement as set forth in Attachment 3. The billing shall occur on a monthly basis, or as otherwise agreed to between the Parties. The interconnection customer shall pay each bill within 30 calendar days after receipt, or as otherwise agreed to between the Parties.

5.1.2 Within 90 calendar days after completing the construction and installation of the EDC's interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades described in Attachments 2 and 3 to this Agreement, the EDC shall provide the interconnection customer with a final accounting report of any difference between (1) the actual cost incurred to complete the construction and installation of the EDC's interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades; and (2) the interconnection customer's previous deposit and aggregate payments to the EDC for the interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades. If the interconnection customer's cost responsibility exceeds its previous deposit and aggregate payments, the EDC shall invoice the interconnection customer for the amount due and the interconnection customer shall make payment to the EDC within 30 calendar days. If the interconnection customer's previous deposit and aggregate payments exceed its cost responsibility under this Agreement, the EDC shall refund to the interconnection customer an amount equal to the difference within
30 calendar days after the final accounting report. Upon request from the interconnection customer, if the difference between the budget estimate and the actual cost exceeds 20%, the EDC will provide a written explanation for the difference.

5.1.3 If a Party disputes any portion of its payment obligation pursuant to this Article 5, the Party shall pay in a timely manner all non-disputed portions of its invoice, and the disputed amount shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions contained in Article 8. A Party disputing a portion of an Article 5 payment shall not be considered to be in default of its obligations under this Article.

5.2 Interconnection Customer Deposit
At least 20 business days prior to the commencement of the design, procurement, installation, or construction of the EDC's interconnection facilities and distribution upgrades, the interconnection customer shall provide the EDC with a deposit equal to 100% of the estimated, non-binding cost to procure, install, or construct any such facilities. However, when the estimated date of completion of the building or installation of facilities exceeds three months from the date of notification, pursuant to Article 4.1.1 of this Agreement, this deposit may be held in escrow by a mutually agreed-upon third-party, with any interest to inure to the benefit of the interconnection customer.

Article 6. Assignment, Limitation on Damages, Indemnity, Force Majeure, and Default

6.1 Assignment
This Agreement may be assigned by either Party. If the interconnection customer attempts to assign this Agreement, the assignee must agree to the terms of this Agreement in writing and such writing must be provided to the EDC. Any attempted assignment that violates this Article is void and ineffective. Assignment shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason of the assignment. An assignee is responsible for meeting the same obligations as the assignor.

6.1.1 Either Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Party to any affiliate (including mergers, consolidations or transfers, or a sale of a substantial portion of the Party's assets, between the Party and another entity), of the assigning Party that has an equal or greater credit rating and the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement.

6.1.2 The interconnection customer can assign this Agreement, without the consent of the EDC, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the distributed generation facility.

6.2 Limitation on Damages
Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the liability of any Party to this Agreement shall be limited to direct actual damages and reasonable attorney's fees,
and all other damages at law are waived. Under no circumstances, except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, shall any Party or its directors, officers, employees and agents, or any of them, be liable to another Party, whether in tort, contract or other basis in law or equity for any special, indirect, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages, including lost profits, lost revenues, replacement power, cost of capital or replacement equipment. This limitation on damages shall not affect any Party’s rights to obtain equitable relief, including specific performance, as otherwise provided in this Agreement. The provisions of this Article 6.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement.

6.3 Indemnity

6.3.1 This provision protects each Party from liability incurred to third parties as a result of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement. Liability under this provision is exempt from the general limitations on liability found in Article 6.2.

6.3.2 The interconnection customer shall indemnify and defend the EDC and the EDC’s directors, officers, employees, and agents, from all damages and expenses resulting from a third party claim arising out of or based upon the interconnection customer’s (a) negligence or willful misconduct or (b) breach of this Agreement.

6.3.3 The EDC shall indemnify and defend the interconnection customer and the interconnection customer’s directors, officers, employees, and agents from all damages and expenses resulting from a third party claim arising out of or based upon the EDC’s (a) negligence or willful misconduct or (b) breach of this Agreement.

6.3.4 Within 5 business days after receipt by an indemnified Party of any claim or notice that an action or administrative or legal proceeding or investigation as to which the indemnity provided for in this Article may apply has commenced, the indemnified Party shall notify the indemnifying Party of such fact. The failure to notify, or a delay in notification, shall not affect a Party’s indemnification obligation unless that failure or delay is materially prejudicial to the indemnifying Party.

6.3.5 If an indemnified Party is entitled to indemnification under this Article as a result of a claim by a third party, and the indemnifying Party fails, after notice and reasonable opportunity to proceed under this Article, to assume the defense of such claim, that indemnified Party may, at the expense of the indemnifying Party, contest, settle or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, or pay in full, the claim.

6.3.6 If an indemnifying Party is obligated to indemnify and hold any indemnified Party harmless under this Article, the amount owing to the indemnified person shall be the amount of the indemnified Party’s actual loss, net of any insurance or other recovery.

6.4 Force Majeure
6.4.1 As used in this Article, a force majeure event shall mean any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, acts of terrorism, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment through no direct, indirect, or contributory act of a Party, any order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party's control. A force majeure event does not include an act of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Party claiming force majeure.

6.4.2 If a force majeure event prevents a Party from fulfilling any obligations under this Agreement, the Party affected by the force majeure event ("Affected Party") shall notify the other Party of the existence of the force majeure event within one business day. The notification must specify the circumstances of the force majeure event, its expected duration, and the steps that the Affected Party is taking and will take to mitigate the effects of the event on its performance. If the initial notification is verbal, it must be followed up with a written notification within one business day. The Affected Party shall keep the other Party informed on a continuing basis of developments relating to the force majeure event until the event ends. The Affected Party may suspend or modify its obligations under this Agreement (other than the obligation to make payments) only to the extent that the effect of the force majeure event cannot be otherwise mitigated.

6.5 Default

6.5.1 No default shall exist when the failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) results from a force majeure event as defined in this Agreement, or the result of an act or omission of the other Party.

6.5.2 A Party shall be in default ("Default") of this Agreement if it fails in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform, or defaults in the performance of, any covenant or obligation under this Agreement and fails to cure the failure within 60 calendar days after receiving written notice from the other Party. Upon a default of this Agreement, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of the default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in Article 6.5.3, the defaulting Party has 60 calendar days after receipt of the default notice to cure the default; provided, however, if the default cannot be cured within 60 calendar days, the defaulting Party shall commence the cure within 20 calendar days after original notice and complete the cure within six months from receipt of the default notice; and, if cured within that time, the default specified in the notice shall cease to exist.

6.5.3 If a Party has assigned this Agreement in a manner that is not specifically authorized by Article 6.1, fails to provide reasonable access pursuant to Article 2.3, and is in default of its obligations pursuant to Article 7, or if a Party is in default of its payment obligations pursuant to Article 5 of this Agreement, the defaulting Party has 30 days from receipt of the default notice to cure the default.
6.5.4 If a default is not cured as provided for in this Article, or if a default is not capable of being cured within the period provided for in this Article, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice, and be relieved of any further obligation under this Agreement and, whether or not that Party terminates this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due under this Agreement, plus all other damages and remedies to which it is entitled at law or in equity. The provisions of this Article shall survive termination of this Agreement.

Article 7. Insurance

For distributed generation facilities with a nameplate capacity of 1 MVA or above, the interconnection customer shall carry sufficient insurance coverage so that the maximum comprehensive/general liability coverage that is continuously maintained by the interconnection customer during the term shall be not less than $2,000,000 for each occurrence, and an aggregate, if any, of at least $4,000,000. The EDC, its officers, employees and agents shall be added as an additional insured on this policy. The interconnection customer agrees to provide the EDC with at least 30 calendar days advance written notice of cancellation, reduction in limits, or non-renewal of any insurance policy required by this Article.

Article 8. Dispute Resolution

8.1 Parties shall attempt to resolve all disputes regarding interconnection as provided in this Article in a good faith manner.

8.2 If there is a dispute between the Parties about an interpretation of the Agreement, the aggrieved Party shall issue a written notice to the other Party to the Agreement that specifies the dispute and the Agreement articles that are disputed.

8.3 A meeting between the Parties shall be held within ten days after receipt of the written notice. Persons with decision-making authority from each Party shall attend the meeting. If the dispute involves technical issues, persons with sufficient technical expertise and familiarity with the issue in dispute from each Party shall also attend the meeting. The meeting may be conducted by teleconference.

8.4 After the first meeting, each Party may seek resolution through complaint or mediation procedures available at the Commission. The Commission may designate an engineer from the Commission's Energy Division to assist in resolving the dispute. Dispute resolution shall be conducted in a manner designed to minimize costs and delay. Dispute resolution may be conducted by phone.

8.5 Pursuit of dispute resolution may not affect an interconnection request or an interconnection applicant's position in the EDC's interconnection queue.

8.6 If the Parties fail to resolve their dispute under the dispute resolution provisions of this Article, nothing in this Article shall affect any Party's rights to obtain equitable relief, including specific performance, as otherwise provided in this Agreement.
Article 9. Miscellaneous

9.1 Governing Law, Regulatory Authority, and Rules
The validity, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement and each of its provisions shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to its conflicts of law principles. This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and regulations. Each Party expressly reserves the right to seek change in, appeal, or otherwise contest any laws, orders or regulations of a governmental authority. The language in all parts of this Agreement shall in all cases be construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against the EDC or interconnection customer, regardless of the involvement of either Party in drafting this Agreement.

9.2 Amendment
Modification of this Agreement shall be only by a written instrument duly executed by both Parties.

9.3 No Third-Party Beneficiaries
This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations in this Agreement assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.

9.4 Waiver

9.4.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, a Party's compliance with any obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition in this Agreement may be waived by the Party entitled to the benefits thereof only by a written instrument signed by the Party granting the waiver, but the waiver or failure to insist upon strict compliance with the obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure.

9.4.2 Failure of any Party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, or to give notice or declare this Agreement or the rights under this Agreement terminated, shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of any rights set out in this Agreement, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect, unless and only to the extent expressly set forth in a written document signed by that Party granting the waiver or relinquishing any such rights. Any waiver granted, or relinquishment of any right, by a Party shall not operate as a relinquishment of any other rights or a waiver of any other failure of the Party granted the waiver to comply with any obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition of this Agreement.

9.5 Entire Agreement
Except as provided in Article 9.1, this Agreement, including all attachments, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants that constitute
any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, either Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.

9.6 Multiple Counterparts
This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all constitute one and the same instrument.

9.7 No Partnership
This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties, or to impose any partnership obligation or partnership liability upon either Party. Neither Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party.

9.8 Severability
If any provision or portion of this Agreement shall for any reason be held or adjudged to be invalid or illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental authority, (1) that portion or provision shall be deemed separate and independent, (2) the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to restore insofar as practicable the benefits to each Party that were affected by the ruling, and (3) the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

9.9 Environmental Releases
Each Party shall notify the other Party of the release of any hazardous substances, any asbestos or lead abatement activities, or any type of remediation activities related to the distributed generation facility or the interconnection facilities, each of which may reasonably be expected to affect the other Party. The notifying Party shall (1) provide the notice as soon as practicable, provided that Party makes a good faith effort to provide the notice no later than 24 hours after that Party becomes aware of the occurrence, and (2) promptly furnish to the other Party copies of any publicly available reports filed with any governmental authorities addressing such events.

9.10 Subcontractors
Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from using the services of any subcontractor it deems appropriate to perform its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that each Party shall require its subcontractors to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in providing services and each Party shall remain primarily liable to the other Party for the performance of the subcontractor.

9.10.1 A subcontract relationship does not relieve any Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement. The hiring Party remains responsible to the other Party for the acts or omissions of its subcontractor. Any applicable obligation imposed by this Agreement upon the hiring Party shall be equally binding upon, and shall be construed as having application to, any subcontractor of the hiring Party.
9.10.2 The obligations under this Article cannot be limited in any way by any limitation of subcontractor's insurance.

**Article 10. Notices**

10.1 General

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, any written notice, demand, or request required or authorized in connection with this Agreement ("Notice") shall be deemed properly given if delivered in person, delivered by recognized national courier service, or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the person specified below:

**If to Interconnection Customer:**

Interconnection Customer: ___________________________________________________________________

Attention: _____________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Phone: _______________ Fax: _______________ E-Mail: ________________________________

**If to EDC:**

EDC: ______________________________________________________________________________

Attention: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Phone: _______________ Fax: _______________ E-Mail: ________________________________

**Alternative Forms of Notice**

Any notice or request required or permitted to be given by either Party to the other Party and not required by this Agreement to be in writing may be given by telephone, facsimile or e-mail to the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses set out above.

10.2 Billing and Payment

Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses set out below:

**If to Interconnection Customer:**

Interconnection Customer: __________________________________________________________________

Attention: _____________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

**If to EDC:**

EDC: ______________________________________________________________________________
10.3 Designated Operating Representative
The Parties may also designate operating representatives to conduct the communications that may be necessary or convenient for the administration of this Agreement. This person will also serve as the point of contact with respect to operations and maintenance of the Party's facilities.

Interconnection Customer's Operating Representative:

EDC's Operating Representative:

10.4 Changes to the Notice Information
Either Party may change this notice information by giving five business days written notice before the effective date of the change.

Article 11. Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

For the Interconnection Customer:

Name: _____________________________________________
Title: _____________________________________________
Date: _____________________________________________

For EDC:

Name: _____________________________________________
Attachment 1

Definitions

Adverse system impact — A negative effect that compromises the safety or reliability of the electric distribution system or materially affects the quality of electric service provided by the electric distribution company (EDC) to other customers.

Applicable laws and regulations — All duly promulgated applicable federal, State and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, codes, decrees, judgments, directives, or judicial or administrative orders, permits and other duly authorized actions of any governmental authority, having jurisdiction over the Parties.

Commissioning test — Tests applied to a distributed generation facility by the applicant after construction is completed to verify that the facility does not create adverse system impacts. At a minimum, the scope of the commissioning tests performed shall include the commissioning test specified IEEE Standard 1547 Section 5.4 "Commissioning tests."

Distributed generation facility — The equipment used by an interconnection customer to generate or store electricity that operates in parallel with the electric distribution system. A distributed generation facility typically includes an electric generator, prime mover, and the interconnection equipment required to safely interconnect with the electric distribution system or a local electric power system.

Distribution upgrades — A required addition or modification to the EDC's electric distribution system at or beyond the point of interconnection to accommodate the interconnection of a distributed generation facility. Distribution upgrades do not include interconnection facilities.

Electric distribution company or EDC — Any electric utility entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Electric distribution system — The facilities and equipment used to transmit electricity to ultimate usage points such as homes and industries from interchanges with higher voltage transmission networks that transport bulk power over longer distances. The voltage levels at which electric distribution systems operate differ among areas but generally carry less than 100 kilovolts of electricity. Electric distribution system has the same meaning as the term Area EPS, as defined in 3.1.6.1 of IEEE Standard 1547.
Facilities study – An engineering study conducted by the EDC to determine the required modifications to the EDC's electric distribution system, including the cost and the time required to build and install the modifications, as necessary to accommodate an interconnection request.

Force majeure event – Any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, acts of terrorism, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment through no direct, indirect, or contributory act of a Party, any order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party's control. A force majeure event does not include an act of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

Governmental authority – Any federal, State, local or other governmental regulatory or administrative agency, court, commission, department, board, other governmental subdivision, legislature, rulemaking board, tribunal, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Parties, their respective facilities, or the respective services they provide, and exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, police, or taxing authority or power; provided, however, that this term does not include the interconnection customer, EDC or any affiliate of either.


Interconnection agreement or Agreement – The agreement between the interconnection customer and the EDC. The interconnection agreement governs the connection of the distributed generation facility to the EDC's electric distribution system and the ongoing operation of the distributed generation facility after it is connected to the EDC's electric distribution system.

Interconnection customer – The entity entering into this Agreement for the purpose of interconnecting a distributed generation facility to the EDC's electric distribution system.

Interconnection equipment – A group of components or an integrated system connecting an electric generator with a local electric power system or an electric distribution system that includes all interface equipment, including switchgear, protective devices, inverters or other interface devices. Interconnection equipment may be installed as part of an integrated equipment package that includes a generator or other electric source.

Interconnection facilities – Facilities and equipment required by the EDC to accommodate the interconnection of a distributed generation facility. Collectively, interconnection facilities include all facilities, and equipment between the distributed generation facility and the point of interconnection, including modification, additions, or upgrades that are necessary to physically and electrically interconnect the distributed generation facility to the electric distribution system. Interconnection facilities are sole use facilities and do not include distribution upgrades.
**Interconnection request** – An interconnection customer's request, on the required form, for the interconnection of a new distributed generation facility, or to increase the capacity or change the operating characteristics of an existing distributed generation facility that is interconnected with the EDC's electric distribution system.

**Interconnection study** – Any of the following studies, as determined to be appropriate by the EDC: the interconnection feasibility study, the interconnection system impact study, and the interconnection facilities study.


**Parallel operation or Parallel** – The state of operation that occurs when a distributed generation facility is connected electrically to the electric distribution system.

**Point of interconnection** – The point where the distributed generation facility is electrically connected to the electric distribution system. Point of interconnection has the same meaning as the term "point of common coupling" defined in 3.1.13 of IEEE Standard 1547.

**Witness test** – For lab-certified equipment, verification (either by an on-site observation or review of documents) by the EDC that the interconnection installation evaluation required by IEEE Standard 1547 Section 5.3 and the commissioning test required by IEEE Standard 1547 Section 5.4 have been adequately performed. For interconnection equipment that has not been lab-certified, the witness test shall also include verification by the EDC of the on-site design tests required by IEEE Standard 1547 Section 5.1 and verification by the EDC of production tests required by IEEE Standard 1547 Section 5.2. All tests verified by the EDC are to be performed in accordance with the test procedures specified by IEEE Standard 1547.1.

**Attachment 2**

**Construction Schedule, Proposed Equipment & Settings**

This attachment is to be completed by the interconnection customer and shall include the following:

1. The construction schedule for the distributed generation facility.
2. A one-line diagram indicating the distributed generation facility, interconnection equipment, interconnection facilities, metering equipment, and distribution upgrades.
3. Component specifications for equipment identified in the one-line diagram.
5. Proposed sequence of operations.

6. A three line diagram showing current potential circuits for protective relays.

7. Relay tripping and control schematic diagram.

Attachment 3

Description, Costs and Time Required to Build and Install the EDC's Interconnection Facilities

This attachment is to be completed by the EDC and shall include the following:

1. Required interconnection facilities, including any required metering.

2. An estimate of itemized costs charged by the EDC for interconnection, including overheads, based on results from prior studies.

3. An estimate for the time required to build and install the EDC's interconnection facilities based on results from prior studies and an estimate of the date upon which the facilities will be completed.

Attachment 4

Operating Requirements for Distributed Generation Facilities Operating in Parallel

The EDC shall list specific operating practices that apply to this distributed generation interconnection and the conditions under which each listed specific operating practice applies.

Attachment 5

Monitoring and Control Requirements

This attachment is to be completed by the EDC and shall include the following:

1. The EDC's monitoring and control requirements must be specified, along with a reference to the EDC's written requirements documents from which these requirements are derived.

2. An internet link to the requirements documents.

Attachment 6

Metering Requirements
This attachment is to be completed by the EDC and shall include the following:

1. The metering requirements for the distributed generation facility.
2. Identification of the appropriate tariffs that establish these requirements.
3. An internet link to these tariffs.

Attachment 7

As Built Documents

This attachment is to be completed by the interconnection customer and shall include the following:

When it returns the certificate of completion to the EDC, the interconnection customer shall provide the EDC with documents detailing the as-built status of the following:

1. A one-line diagram indicating the distributed generation facility, interconnection equipment, interconnection facilities, and metering equipment.
2. Component specifications for equipment identified in the one-line diagram.
3. Component settings.
4. Proposed sequence of operations.
5. A three-line diagram showing current potential circuits for protective relays.
6. Relay tripping and control schematic diagram.

(Source: Amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 862, effective January 20, 2017)
Section 466.APPENDIX E Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement

Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement

This agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this __________ day of __________ by and between ________________________ ("interconnection customer"), as an individual person, or as a ________________________ organized and existing under the laws of the State of __________, and ________________________ ("Electric Distribution Company" (EDC)), a ________________________ existing under the laws of the State of Illinois. Interconnection customer and EDC each may be referred to as a "Party", or collectively as the "Parties".

Recitals:

Whereas, interconnection customer is proposing to develop a distributed generation facility or modifying to an existing distributed generation facility consistent with the interconnection request application form submitted by interconnection customer on __________ ; and

Whereas, interconnection customer desires to interconnect the distributed generation facility with EDC's electric distribution system; and

Whereas, interconnection customer has requested EDC to perform an interconnection feasibility study to assess the feasibility of interconnecting the proposed distributed generation facility to EDC's electric distribution system;

Now, therefore, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agree as follows:

1. All terms defined in Section 466.30 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard shall have the meanings indicated in that Section when used in this Agreement.

2. Interconnection customer elects and EDC shall cause to be performed an interconnection feasibility study consistent with Section 466.120 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard.

3. The scope of the interconnection feasibility study shall be based upon the information set forth in the interconnection request application form and Attachment A to this Agreement.

4. The interconnection feasibility study shall be based on the technical information provided by interconnection customer in the interconnection request application form, as modified with the agreement of the Parties. EDC has the right to request additional technical information from interconnection customer during the course of the interconnection feasibility study. If the interconnection customer modifies its interconnection request, the time to complete the interconnection feasibility study may be extended by the EDC.
5. In performing the study, EDC shall rely on existing studies of recent vintage to the extent practical. The interconnection customer will not be charged for such existing studies; however, interconnection customer is responsible for the cost of applying any existing study to the interconnection customer specific requirements and for any new study that the EDC performs.

6. The interconnection feasibility study report must provide the following information:

6.1 Identification of any equipment short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection,

6.2 Identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection, and

6.3 A description and non-binding estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect the distributed generation facility to EDC's electric distribution system as required under Section 466.120(e)(1).

7. Interconnection customer shall provide a study deposit equal to 100% of the estimated non-binding study costs at least 20 business days prior to the date upon which the study commences.

8. The interconnection feasibility study shall be completed and the results shall be transmitted to interconnection customer within 25 business days after this Agreement is signed by the Parties.

9. Study fees shall be based on actual costs and will be invoiced to interconnection customer after the study is transmitted to interconnection customer. The invoice must include an itemized listing of employee time and costs expended on the study.

10. Interconnection customer shall pay any actual study costs that exceed the deposit without interest within 30 calendar days on receipt of the invoice. EDC shall refund any excess deposit amount without interest within 30 calendar days after the invoice.

In witness whereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

[Insert name of interconnection customer]
Signed: ____________________________________________
Name (Printed): ________________________________ Title: __________________________

[Insert name of EDC]
Signed: ____________________________________________
Name (Printed): ________________________________ Title: __________________________
Attachment A to Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement
Assumptions Used in Conducting the Interconnection System Impact Study

The interconnection feasibility study will be based upon the information in the interconnection request application form and agreed upon on __________________________: Date

1. Point of interconnection and configuration to be studied.

2. Alternative points of interconnection and configurations to be studied.

Note: 1 and 2 are to be completed by the interconnection customer. Any additional assumptions (explained below) may be provided by either the interconnection customer or the EDC.
Section 466 APPENDIX F Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement

Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement

This agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this __________ day of __________ by and between __________________________ ("interconnection customer"), as an individual person, or as a __________________________ organized and existing under the laws of the State of ___________, and __________________________ ("Electric Distribution Company" (EDC)), a __________________________ existing under the laws of the State of Illinois. Interconnection customer and EDC each may be referred to as a "Party", or collectively as the "Parties".

Recitals:

Whereas, interconnection customer is proposing to develop a distributed generation facility or modifying an existing distributed generation facility consistent with the interconnection request application form completed by interconnection customer on ___________; and

Whereas, interconnection customer desires to interconnect the distributed generation facility to EDC's electric distribution system; and

Whereas, EDC has completed an interconnection feasibility study and provided the results of said study to interconnection customer (this recital to be omitted if the Parties have agreed to forego the interconnection feasibility study); and

Whereas, interconnection customer has requested EDC to perform an interconnection system impact study to assess the impact of interconnecting the distributed generation facility to EDC's electric distribution system;

Now, therefore, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agree as follows:

1. All terms defined in Section 466.30 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard shall have the meanings indicated in that Section when used in this Agreement.

2. Interconnection customer elects and EDC shall cause to be performed an interconnection system impact study consistent with Section 466.120 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard.

3. The scope of the interconnection system impact study shall be based upon the information set forth in the interconnection request application form and in Attachment A to this Agreement.

4. The interconnection system impact study shall be based upon the interconnection feasibility study and the technical information provided by interconnection customer in the interconnection request application form. EDC reserves the right to request additional technical information from interconnection customer. If interconnection customer modifies its proposed point of interconnection, interconnection request, or the technical
information provided therein is modified, the time to complete the interconnection system impact study may be extended.

5. The interconnection system impact study report shall provide the following information:

5.1 Identification of any equipment short circuit capability limits exceeded as a result of the interconnection,

5.2 Identification of any thermal overload or voltage limit violations resulting from the interconnection,

5.3 Identification of any instability or inadequately damped response to system disturbances resulting from the interconnection, and

5.4 Description and non-binding estimated cost of facilities required to interconnect the distributed generation facility to EDC's electric distribution system and to address the identified short circuit, thermal overload, voltage and instability issues as required under Section 466.120(e)(2).

6. Interconnection customer shall provide a study deposit equal to 100% of the estimated non-binding study costs at least 20 business days prior to the date upon which the study commences.

7. The interconnection system impact study, if required, shall be completed and the results transmitted to interconnection customer within 25 business days after this Agreement is signed by the Parties.

8. Study fees shall be based on actual costs and shall be invoiced to interconnection customer after the study is transmitted to interconnection customer. The invoice shall include an itemized listing of employee time and costs expended on the study.

9. Interconnection customer shall pay any study costs that exceed the deposit within 30 calendar days after receipt of the invoice. EDC shall refund any excess deposit amount within 30 calendar days of the invoice.

In witness thereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

[Insert name of interconnection customer]

Signed: 

Name (Printed): ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

[Insert name of EDC]

Signed: 

Name (Printed): ___________________________ Title: ___________________________
Attachment A to Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement

Assumptions Used in Conducting the Interconnection System Impact Study

The interconnection system impact study shall be based upon the results of the interconnection feasibility study, subject to any modifications in accordance with Section 466.120 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection Standard, and the following assumptions:

1. Point of interconnection and configuration to be studied.

2. Alternative Points of interconnection and configurations to be studied.

Note: 1 and 2 are to be completed by the interconnection customer. Any additional assumptions (explained below) may be provided by either the interconnection customer or the EDC.
Section 466 APPENDIX G  Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement

Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement

This agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ______ day of _________
by and between ___________________________ ("interconnection customer"), as an
individual person, or as a ______________________ organized and existing under the
laws of the State of ______________________, and ______________________ ("Electric Distribution
Company" (EDC)), a ______________________ existing under the laws of the
State of Illinois. Interconnection customer and EDC each may be referred to as a "Party", or
collectively as the "Parties".

Recitals:

Whereas, interconnection customer is proposing to develop a distributed generation facility or
modifying an existing distributed generation facility consistent with the interconnection request
application form completed by interconnection customer on ______________; and

Whereas, interconnection customer desires to interconnect the distributed generation facility
with EDC's electric distribution system; and

Whereas, EDC has completed an interconnection system impact study and provided the results
of said study to interconnection customer (unless proceeding directly from Level 1, 2 or 3
review); and

Whereas, interconnection customer has requested EDC to perform an interconnection facilities
study to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and
construction work needed to interconnect the distributed generation facility;

Now, therefore, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained in this
Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

1. All terms defined in Section 466.30 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection
   Standard shall have the meanings indicated in that Section when used in this Agreement.

2. Interconnection customer elects and EDC shall cause an interconnection facilities study
   consistent with Section 466.120 of the Illinois Distributed Generation Interconnection
   Standard.

3. The scope of the interconnection facilities study shall be determined by the information
   provided in Attachment A to this Agreement.

4. An interconnection facilities study report (1) shall provide a description, estimated cost of
distribution upgrades, and a schedule for required facilities to interconnect the distributed
   generation facility to EDC’s electric distribution system; and (2) shall address all issues
   identified in the interconnection system impact study (or identified in this study if the
   system impact study is combined herein).
5. Interconnection customer shall provide a study deposit of 100% of the estimated non-binding study costs at least 20 business days prior to the date upon which the study commences.

6. In cases where no distribution upgrades are required, the interconnection facilities study shall be completed and the results shall be transmitted to interconnection customer within 15 business days after this Agreement is signed by the Parties. In cases where distribution upgrades are required, the interconnection facilities study shall be completed and the results shall be transmitted to interconnection customer within 30 business days after this Agreement is signed by the Parties.

7. Study fees shall be based on actual costs and will be invoiced to interconnection customer after the study is transmitted to interconnection customer. The invoice shall include an itemized listing of employee time and costs expended on the study.

8. Interconnection customer shall pay any actual study costs that exceed the deposit within 30 calendar days on receipt of the invoice. EDC shall refund any excess deposit amount within 30 calendar days after the invoice.

In witness whereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

[Insert name of interconnection customer]

Signed: ________________________________

Name (Printed): ________________________ Title: ________________________

[Insert name of EDC]

Signed: ________________________________

Name (Printed): ________________________ Title: ________________________
Attachment A to Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement

Minimum Information That Interconnection Customer Must Provide With the Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement.

Provide location plan and simplified one-line diagram of the distributed generation facilities.

For staged projects, please indicate size and location of planned additional future generation. On the one-line diagram, indicate the generation capacity attached at each metering location. (Maximum load on CT/PT).

On the one-line diagram, indicate the location of auxiliary power. (Minimum load on CT/PT) Amps.

One set of metering is required for each generation connection to the EDC’s electric distribution system.

Number of generation connections: ____________________________

Will an alternate source of auxiliary power be available during CT/PT maintenance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will a transfer bus on the generation side of the metering require that each meter set be designed for the total distributed generation capacity?

☐ Yes ☐ No (Please indicate on the one-line diagram).

What type of control system or PLC will be located at the distributed generation facility?

____________________________________________________________________

What protocol does the control system or PLC use?

____________________________________________________________________

Please provide a scale drawing of the site. Indicate the point of common coupling, distribution line, and property lines.

Number of third party easements required for EDC’s interconnection facilities: __________

To be completed in coordination with EDC.

Is the distributed generation facility located in EDC’s service area?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please provide name of local provider: ____________________________

Please provide the following proposed schedule dates below:

Begin construction date: _______________

Generator step-up transformers receive back feed power date: _______________

Generation testing date: _______________

Commercial operation date: _______________

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- **IMax. PV input voltage**: 191 V
- **Min. PV input voltage / Startup input voltage**: 191 V
- **Nominal input voltage**: 1050 V
- **MPP voltage**: 860 - 1450 V
- **MPP voltage range for nominal power**: 860 - 1250 V
- **No. of independent MPP inputs**: 1
- **Max. number of PV strings per MPPT**: 1
- **Max. DC short-circuit current**: 240 A

### Output (AC)

- **Nominal AC power (at 50 °C)**: 125000 W
- **Max. AC output at PF=1 (at 50 °C)**: 125000 W
- **Max. AC apparent power (at 50 °C)**: 125000 VA
- **Max. AC output current**: 120 A
- **Nominal AC voltage**: 3 / PE, 600 V
- **AC voltage range**: 480 - 690 V
- **Nominal grid frequency / Grid frequency range**: 50 Hz / 45 - 65 Hz, 60 Hz / 65 - 65 Hz
- **THD**: < 5 % (at nominal power)
- **DC current injection**: < 0.5 % in
- **Power factor at nominal power / Adjustable power factor**: > 0.9 / 0.9 lagging - 0.9 lagging
- **Feed-in phases / Connection phases**: 3 / 3

### Efficiency

- **CEC efficiency / Euro efficiency**: 98.8 % / 98.5 %

### Protection

- **DC reverse connection protection**: Yes
- **AC short-circuit protection**: Yes
- **Leakage current protection**: Yes
- **Grid monitoring**: Yes
- **DC switch / AC switch**: Yes / Yes
- **DC fuse**: No
- **PV string current monitoring**: Optional
- **Anti-PID function**: DC Type II / AC Type II

### General Data

- **Dimensions (W * H * D)**: 670 * 810 * 284 mm
- **Weight**: 68 kg (150 lbs)
- **Isolation method**: Transformerless
- **Degree of protection**: IP65
- **Night power consumption**: < 2 W
- **Operating ambient temperature range**: -20 to 65 °C (< 50 °C derating)
- **Allowable relative humidity range (non-condensing)**: 0 - 100 %
- **Cooling method**: Smart forced air cooling
- **Max. operating altitude**: 4000 m (> 3000 m derating)
- **Communication**: RS485, PLC Optional
- **DC connection type**: Screw Clamp terminal (Max. 120 mm²)
- **AC connection type**: Screw Clamp terminal (Max. 120 mm²)
- **Certifications/Compliance**: UL 1741/1741 SA, IEEE 1547.1, CSA C22.2 107.1-2001, FCC Part 15 Sub-part B Class A Limits, California Rule 21, LVRT, HVRT, active & reactive power control and power ramp rate control

### Efficiency Curve

[Graph showing efficiency curve with normalized output power on the x-axis and efficiency on the y-axis.]

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**SG125HV**

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Certificate of Compliance

Certificate: 70116160
Project: 70116160
Master Contract: 253758
Date Issued: 2017-03-13

Issued to: SUNGROW POWER SUPPLY CO., LTD
No. 1699 Xiyou Rd.
New & High Technology
Industrial Dev Zone
Hefei,
CHINA
Attention: Shandong Cao

The products listed below are eligible to bear the CSA Mark shown with adjacent indicators 'C' and 'US' for Canada and US or with adjacent indicator 'US' for US only or without either indicator for Canada only.

Issued by: [Redacted]
Michael Tong

PRODUCTS
CLASS - C531109 - POWER SUPPLIES-Distributed Generation Power Systems Equipment
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Transformerless Utility Interactive Inverter, Model SG125HV, permanently connected.

For details related to rating, size, configuration, etc., reference should be made to the CSA Certification Record, Certificate of Compliance Annex A, or the Descriptive Report.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS

CSA C22.2 No. 107.1-01 - General Use Power Supplies


Supplement to Certificate of Compliance

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TW 30 Thuja occidentalis `Woodwardii` Woodward Arborvitae #05/5 gal 24"-30" Ht. Min.

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TRANSIMMTAL LETTER

TO: GreenbergFarrow
DATE: May 22, 2018

21 South Evergreen Avenue, Ste 200
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

PROJECT: 16400 Newark Road

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ENCAP Project # 18-0115B

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WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT

16400 NEWARK ROAD

BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Prepared for:  GreenbergFarrow
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                Attn: Ms. Margaret Blum

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**Attachments**
- USFWS Section 7 Consultation Review Summary
- IDNR EcoCAT Natural Resources Review Results / Consultation Termination
- Floristic Quality Data Sheets
- Wetland Determination Data Forms
- Site Photographs
- WETS Station Data Aurora, Illinois

**Exhibits**
- A – Location Map
- B – National Wetlands Inventory
- C – Soil Map
- D – 2016 USGS Topographic Map
- E – Flood Insurance Rate Map
- F – IHPA HARGIS Map
- G – Aerial Photograph
WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT

Project Name and Client: 16400 Newark Road / GreenbergFarrow

Project Number: 18-0115B

Location: Illinois, Kendall County, Big Grove Township, Newark, T35N R6E, Section 5
Latitude 41.534736; Longitude -88.565952

Dates of Site Visits: January 26 & May 7, 2018

Field Investigators: S. Rowley & P. Meuer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project area (approximately 60 acres in size) is located in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois (Exhibit A: Location Map). The project area, as presented in this report, represents the property limits investigated by ENCAP, Inc. for the presence of regulated surface water resources. These limits do not necessarily reflect the boundaries of any proposed development activities. The project area is generally bounded by Newark Road to the north, Clear Creek to the south, agricultural fields to the east, and agricultural fields, an off-site wetland, and upland prairie area to the west. The project area is located within the Fox River watershed.

The project area consists primarily of tiled and tilled agricultural field that has consistently been utilized for row crop production, with Corn (Zea mays) having been produced last season. Non-native scrub-shrub and grassy vegetation are dominant along the western and southern project area boundaries. Topographically, the site is highest along the eastern property boundary and decreases in elevation towards Clear Creek, which is located off-site to the southwest of the project boundary.

Three (3) wetlands totaling 2.50 acres were identified on the project area. All three (3) of the wetlands are considered farmed wetlands, none of which extend off-site. The limits of farmed wetlands were identified using protocol established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and were not field staked. The location and extent of all three (3) wetlands are identified on the attached aerial photograph (Exhibit G).

Basic information regarding wetland regulations may be found in the Regulatory Statement portion of this report. Briefly, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates all Waters of the United States that are currently or historically navigable and all wetlands that are connected to or associated with these waterways. The Kendall County Stormwater Management Ordinance provides for the protection of wetlands and other depressional storage areas from damaging modifications and adverse changes in runoff quality and quantity associated with land developments. Farmed Wetland 1 appears to be isolated, and therefore not likely regulated by the USACE. Farmed Wetlands 2 and 3 appear to flow overland from east to west, and may contain a significant nexus that eventually connects them to Clear Creek, southwest of the site. However, the USACE must make a final determination regarding jurisdictional status.
Endangered & Threatened Resources Review

Based on a May 11, 2018 review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) technical assistance website, sensitive (federally threatened or endangered) plant or animal species habitat are not located on or adjacent to the project area and the proposed project will have “no effect” on those species (see attached USFWS Review Summary). Further consultation with this agency is not required for a Section 404 Permit from the USACE.

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), sensitive (threatened or endangered) plant or animal species are not known to exist within the vicinity of the project area (see attached IDNR EcoCAT Results Report/Consultation Termination). Formal consult with the IDNR has been initiated and further consultation has been terminated.

Illinois Historic Preservation Assessment

Based on a May 11, 2018 review of the IHPA Historic Architectural Resources Geographic Information System (HARGIS) map, no records were found indicating the presence of historically significant areas or remains within the project area (Exhibit F: IHPA, HARGIS).

Preliminary review of the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places does not indicate the presence of registered areas or remains within or near the vicinity of the project area. If a state or federal permit is required for the proposed project, a site-specific Phase I Archeological Survey may be required to be completed prior to development activities. If these types of permits are not necessary for this project, such a survey may not be required.

At the time of this wetland delineation report, current regulations state that this delineation is valid for 3 years from the date of site visit.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the site visit was to identify regulated surface water resources on, or within 100 feet of the project area. A floodplain determination was not included as part of our investigation. On-site wetland areas encountered were delineated using standard methods sanctioned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (1987) and 2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region and the United States Department of Agriculture National Food Security Act Manual (1994 and 1996). Plant observations were made for calculating the Coefficient of Conservatism (c) and Floristic Quality Index (FQI) for each wetland plant community using the Wilhelm method (Swink and Wilhelm, 1994).
METHODS


Prior to the site visit, a preliminary site evaluation is performed using aerial photography and natural resource mapping. Potential wetland areas identified by these resources are evaluated in the field to determine if they meet the requirements for a wetland based on the USACE parameters of vegetation, hydrology, and soils. In general, positive indication of each of the three parameters must be demonstrated to classify an area as wetland. Each of these parameters is discussed below.

- **Vegetation** – Three vegetative indicators are applied to plant communities in order to determine if the hydrophytic vegetation criterion is met.
  1. More than 50% of the dominant plant species across all strata must be hydrophytic (water tolerant). The USACE has prepared a regional list of plants occurring in wetlands which assigns the plant species different indicators. Wetland plants fall into three indicator classes based on differing tolerances to water level and soil saturation. These indicators are rated obligate wetland (OBL), facultative wetland (FACW), or facultative (FAC). Dominant plant species are recorded at sample points within investigated areas.
  2. The prevalence index is 3.0 or less. The prevalence index is a weighted-average wetland indicator status of all plant species in a sampling plot. Each indicator status category is given a numeric value (OBL = 1, FACW = 2, FAC = 3, FACU = 4, and UPL = 5) and weighting is by abundance. A prevalence index of 3.0 or less indicates that hydrophytic vegetation is present. The prevalence index is used to determine whether hydrophytic vegetation is present on sites where indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology are present but the vegetation initially fails the dominance test.
  3. The plant community passes either the dominance test (Indicator 1) or the prevalence index (Indicator 2) after reconsideration of the indicator status of certain plant species that exhibit morphological adaptations for life in wetlands. Common morphological adaptations include but are not limited to adventitious roots, multi-stemmed trunks, shallow root systems developed on or near the soil surface, and buttressing in tree species. To apply this indicator, these morphological features must be observed on more than 50% of the individuals of a FACU species living in an area where indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology are present.

- **Hydrology** – To be considered a wetland, an area must have 14 or more consecutive days of flooding or ponding, or a water table 12 inches or less below the soil surface, during the growing season at a minimum frequency of 5 years in 10. Wetland hydrology indicators are divided into four groups as described below:
  o **Group A** – indicators are based on the direct observation of surface water or groundwater during a site visit.
  o **Group B** – consists of evidence that the site is subject to flooding or ponding, although it may not be inundated currently. These indicators include water marks, drift deposits, sediment deposits, and similar features.
  o **Group C** – consists of other evidence that the soil is saturated currently or was saturated recently. Some of these indicators, such as oxidized rhizospheres surrounding living roots and the presence of reduced iron or sulfur in the soil profile, indicate that the soil has been saturated for an extended period.
• **Group D** – consists of landscape and vegetation characteristics that indicate contemporary rather than historical wet conditions. These indicators include stunted or stressed plants, geomorphic position, and the FAC-neutral test.

Wetland hydrology indicators are intended as one-time observations of site conditions that are sufficient evidence of wetland hydrology. Within each group, indicators are divided into two categories – *primary* and *secondary*. One primary indicator from any group is sufficient to conclude that wetland hydrology is present. In the absence of a primary indicator, two or more secondary indicators from any group are required to conclude that wetland hydrology is present.

- **Soils** - To be considered a wetland, an area must contain hydric soil. Hydric soils are formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic (lacking oxygen) conditions in the upper part. Soils generally, but not always, will develop indicators that are formed predominantly by the accumulation or loss of iron, manganese, sulfur, or carbon compounds in a saturated and anaerobic environment. The most current edition of the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service *Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States* is used for identification of hydric soils. Field indicators of hydric soils include but are not limited to the presence of any of the following: histic epipedon, sulfidic odor, at least 2 centimeters of muck, depleted matrix, and/or redoximorphic features. Field indicators are usually examined in the top 24 inches of the soil. Soil colors are determined using *Munsell Soil Color Charts*.

In most circumstances areas meeting these three criteria are staked in the field for surveying purposes. Boundaries are demarcated in the field with pink flagged pin stakes labeled “WETLAND DELINEATION.” Staked boundaries are mapped on an aerial photograph included in this report. Approximate off-site wetland boundaries are identified on the aerial photograph and were determined using available aerial photographs, wetland maps, and field observation.

**Farmed Wetland Determinations.**

ENCAP, Inc. conducted a wetland determination on the farmed portion of the project area using National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM) methodology. Aerial photographs are reviewed in order to identify potential farmed wetland signatures. The identified suspect areas are then field investigated to confirm that the areas are in fact wetlands. Copies of the aerial photographs used in identifying farmed wetlands are included in this report.
MAP REVIEW

- The National Wetlands Inventory does not identify any aquatic resources within the project area (Exhibit B).

- The Soil Map identifies the following soils within the project area: Lisbon silt loam (59A), La Rose silt loam (60B2, 60C2, 60C3), Saybrook silt loam (145B, 145C2), and Elburn silt loam (198A). None of the above soils are considered hydric in Kendall County (Exhibit C).

- The 2016 United States Geologic Survey (USGS) Topographic Map identifies Clear Creek off-site of the southwest portion of the project area (Exhibit D).

- The Flood Insurance Rate Map identifies the project area outside the 500-year floodplain (Exhibit E).

- The IHPA Historic Architectural Resources Geographic Information System (HARGIS) Map does not identify any records or the presence of historically significant areas or remains within the project area (Exhibit F).
SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFIED WATER RESOURCES

Farmed Wetland 1. This wetland (0.20 acre in total size) is located within the northwest portion of the project area. The wetland consists of a slight topographic depression that receives discharge from overland flows from the surrounding area, particularly from the northeast portion of the project area where severe soil erosion is present (Photographs 1-3). During significant rain events, excess water appears to flow towards a nearby culvert (Photograph 4) to the northwest of Farmed Wetland 1, which crosses under Newark Road, discharging into an off-site grassed swale that ultimately drains to Clear Creek to the north of the project area. Farmed Wetland 1 exhibited wetland signatures in 3 out of 5 historic aerial photographs from years with normal precipitation. The location and acreage of Farmed Wetland 1 were determined through aerial photograph interpretation, and its boundaries were not field staked by ENCAP, Inc. Based on the definition of a high-quality aquatic resource, Farmed Wetland 1 would not be considered a high quality aquatic resource. American Robins (Turdus migratorius) and various insect species were identified within the project area.

The buffer surrounding the wetland is comprised of tiled and tilled agricultural field with Corn (Zea mays) and Soybean (Glycine max) remnants present. Farmed Wetland 1 may be considered isolated, and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the USACE; however, the USACE must make a final determination regarding jurisdictional status. If a significant nexus to Clear Creek can be documented by the USACE, they may enforce a 50 buffer surrounding the wetland if impacts to the wetland are proposed during project development. In addition, Kendall County regulates isolated wetlands through implementation of a countywide stormwater ordinance.

One sample point was established within Farmed Wetland 1 to characterize the vegetation, soils, and hydrology (Exhibit G: Aerial Photograph). Farmed Wetland 1 was primarily vegetated by Corn and Soybean stubble. The mapped soil series is Lisbon silt loam (59A), a non-hydric soil. USDA field indicator F6: Redox Dark Surface provided evidence of hydric soil. Saturation, drainage patterns, saturation visible on aerial imagery, geomorphic position, and a review of historic aerial photographs provided evidence of persistent hydrology (See Wetland Determination Data Forms).

The native mean Coefficient of Conservatism (c) for Farmed Wetland 1 was 0.00, and the native Floristic Quality Index (FQI) of Farmed Wetland 1 was 0.00 (see attached Floristic Quality Data). These values indicate a low quality plant community.

Farmed Wetland 2. This wetland (1.30 acres in total size) is located within the central portion of the project area, extending from the western project area boundary to the east. The wetland consists of a shallow swale (Photographs 5-7) that appears to receive discharge through overland flows from the surrounding area which drain west into an off-site wetland area (Photograph 8). Portions of the wetland featured significant rutting and erosion, with sediment deposits accumulating along the low-lying western portion of the wetland. Farmed Wetland 2 exhibited wetland signatures in 4 out of 5 historic aerial photographs from years with normal precipitation. The location and acreage of Farmed Wetland 2 were determined through aerial photograph interpretation, and its boundaries were not field staked by ENCAP, Inc. Based on the definition of a high-quality aquatic resource, Farmed Wetland 2 would not be considered a high quality aquatic resource. Black Capped Chickadee (Poecile atricapillus), American Robin, and various insect species were identified within the project area.
The buffer surrounding the wetland consisted entirely of tiled and tilled agricultural field with Corn and Soybean remnants present. Farmed Wetland 2 may be considered isolated, and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the USACE; however, the USACE must make a final determination regarding jurisdictional status. If a significant nexus to Clear Creek can be documented by the USACE, they may enforce a 50 foot buffer surrounding the wetland if impacts to the wetland are proposed during project development. In addition, Kendall County regulates isolated wetlands through implementation of a countywide stormwater ordinance.

One sample point was established within Farmed Wetland 2 to characterize the vegetation, soils, and hydrology (Exhibit G: Aerial Photograph). Farmed Wetland 2 was primarily vegetated by Corn and Soybean stubble. The mapped soil series is Lisbon silt loam (59A), a non-hydric soil. USDA field indicator A12: Thick Dark Surface, provided evidence of hydric soil. Drainage patterns, saturation visible on aerial imagery, and a review of historic aerial photographs provided evidence of persistent hydrology (See Wetland Determination Data Forms).

The native mean Coefficient of Conservatism (ĉ) for Farmed Wetland 2 was 0.00, and the native Floristic Quality Index (FQI) of Farmed Wetland 2 was 0.00 (see attached Floristic Quality Data). These values indicate a low quality plant community.

**Farmed Wetland 3.** This wetland (1.00 acre in total size) is located within the southwest portion of the project area. The wetland consists of a shallow swale (Photographs 9-12) that receives overland flows from the surrounding area, which then flow southwest and pool within the low-lying southwest corner of the project area. Farmed Wetland 3 exhibited wetland signatures in 3 out of 5 historic aerial photographs from years with normal precipitation. The location and acreage of Farmed Wetland 3 were determined through aerial photograph interpretation, and its boundaries were not field staked by ENCAP, Inc. Based on the definition of a high-quality aquatic resource, Farmed Wetland 3 would not be considered a high quality aquatic resource. No waterfowl or amphibian species were observed while at the project area.

The buffer surrounding the wetland consisted entirely of tiled and tilled agricultural field with Corn and Soybean remnants present. Farmed Wetland 3 may be considered isolated, and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the USACE; however, the USACE must make a final determination regarding jurisdictional status. If a significant nexus to Clear Creek can be documented by the USACE, they may enforce a 50-foot buffer surrounding the wetland if impacts to the wetland are proposed during project development. In addition, Kendall County regulates isolated wetlands through implementation of a countywide stormwater ordinance.

One sample point was established within Farmed Wetland 3 to characterize the vegetation, soils, and hydrology (Exhibit G: Aerial Photograph). Farmed Wetland 3 was primarily vegetated by Corn and Soybean stubble. The mapped soil series is Lisbon silt loam (59A), a non-hydric soil. USDA field indicator A12: Thick Dark Surface provided evidence of hydric soil. Surface soil cracks, drainage patterns, saturation visible on aerial imagery, geomorphic position, and a review of historic aerial photographs provided evidence of persistent hydrology (See Wetland Determination Data Forms).

The native mean Coefficient of Conservatism (ĉ) for Farmed Wetland 3 was 0.00, and the native Floristic Quality Index (FQI) of Farmed Wetland 3 was 0.00 (see attached Floristic Quality Data). These values indicate a low quality plant community.
INVESTIGATION OF FARMED AREAS

During the field investigation, the majority of the site consisted of agricultural land. ENCAP, Inc. evaluated Farm Service Agency (FSA) aerial photographs (slides) year-by-year using NRCS wetland signature criteria. Wetland signatures consist of wetland vegetation, surface water, drowned-out crops, patches of greener vegetation, and avoided areas. Areas exhibiting wetland signatures in >50% or more of reviewed aerial photographs and containing hydric soil are considered farmed wetlands. Additionally, if areas do not exhibit wetland signatures in >50% or more of reviewed aerial photographs but do exhibit positive primary or secondary wetland hydrology indicators in the field, they are also considered farmed wetlands. See the attached aerial photographs for years reviewed and wetland signatures observed. WETS Station data from Aurora, Illinois (closest location available) is also attached.

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Percent wetland signatures present in years with normal precipitation:

- 0% 60% 80% 60% 0%

Hydric soil present based on field inspection:

- No Yes Yes Yes No

Identified as wetland on the NWI:

- No No No No No

Qualifies as Farmed Wetland:

- No Yes Yes Yes No

D=Discoloration  
N=No Wetland Signatures Observed  
Y=Yes / Identified
ADDITIONAL AREAS INVESTIGATED FOR WETLAND STATUS

Three additional vegetated sites located within the project area were examined to determine if they satisfied wetland criteria. None of these sites so qualified; therefore, they are referred to as Investigated Areas in this report. Each area is briefly described herein and USACE data forms are provided to support our negative findings (See USACE data forms).

Investigated Area 1. This investigated area is located in the northeast portion of the project area (Exhibit G: Aerial Photograph – Sample Point A). This area was investigated because it consisted of a tiled and tilled agricultural field with highly eroded and rutted soil that appeared to receive discharge through overland flows from the surrounding area. Portions of the area were highly eroded and featured severe rutting, which allowed for the pooling of water (Photographs 13-14).

Investigated Area 1 was primarily vegetated by Corn and Soybean stubble. The mapped soil series is Saybrook silt loam (145B), a non-hydric soil. The field investigated soils did not exhibit hydric characteristics and evidence of persistent hydrology was not observed (See Wetland Determination Data Forms). This area did not display wetland signatures during a review of historic aerial photographs with normal precipitation.

Based on the non-persistent hydrology and the presence of non-hydric soil, Investigated Area 1 does not qualify as farmed wetland.

Investigated Area 2. This investigated area is located off-site of the southwest portion of the project area (Exhibit G: Aerial Photograph – Sample Point E). This area was investigated because it consisted of a topographic depression that featured a mixture of hydrophytic and upland vegetation (Photographs 15-16).

Investigated Area 2 was primarily vegetated by Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Boxelder (*Acer negundo*), and European Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). The mapped soil series is La Rose silt loam (60B2), a non-hydric soil. The field investigated soils did not exhibit hydric characteristics and evidence of persistent hydrology was not observed (See Wetland Determination Data Forms).

Based on the non-persistent hydrology and the presence of non-hydric soil, Investigated Area 2 does not qualify as wetland.

Investigated Area 3. This investigated area is located in the southeast portion of the project area (Exhibit G: Aerial Photograph – Sample Point F). This area was investigated because it consisted of drift deposits and visible drainage patterns with high levels of surface soil erosion, therefore exhibiting potential wetland hydrology (Photographs 17-18).

Investigated Area 3 was primarily vegetated by Corn stubble. The mapped soil series is Elburn silt loam (198A), a non-hydric soil. The field investigated soils did not exhibit hydric characteristics. Drift deposits, drainage patterns, and geomorphic position provided evidence of persistent hydrology (See Wetland Determination Data Forms). This area did not display wetland signatures during a review of historic aerial photographs with normal precipitation.

Based on the presence of non-hydric soil, Investigated Area 3 does not qualify as farmed wetland.
REGULATORY STATEMENT

**Federal Regulations:** The deposition of dredged or fill materials into federally jurisdictional wetlands or Waters of the United States is regulated by the USACE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The USACE Nationwide Permit (NWP) 51 authorizes wetland impact less than 0.5 acre for the construction of Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities and their attendant features. NWP 51 authorizes 0.1 acre or less of low quality wetlands to be filled without mitigation compensation. If over 0.1 acre is proposed for filling or is subject to secondary impacts, in-kind mitigation will be required at a minimum ratio of 1:1, and often greater (1.5:1.0). The aggregate total loss of waters of the U.S. authorized by NWP 51 cannot exceed **0.5 acre** or 300 linear feet of streambed for each project. The time frame for obtaining a nationwide permit is generally between three and six months.

The Nationwide Permit Program does not explicitly regulate wetland buffers, however, buffers may be enforced at the discretion of the appointed USACE Project Manager. Buffers for low quality jurisdictional wetlands do not often exceed 50 feet and buffers for high quality wetlands do not exceed 100 feet. USACE buffer widths may only be enforced after initial jurisdictional wetland impact.

Under the existing regulations, secondary impacts (both on-site and off-site) from construction/development also must be evaluated. Mitigation may be required at a higher rate if a project will significantly alter wetland functions such as stormwater detention, water filtration, sediment trapping, and/or wildlife habitat. Before mitigation will be approved, reasonable proof that avoidance or minimization of wetland impacts has been attempted must be provided to the USACE.

A USACE permit is not required if the wetlands are avoided and construction erosion near a wetland is controlled.

**Kendall County Stormwater Management Ordinance:** In September 2002 Kendall County adopted a Stormwater Management Ordinance. The ordinance provides for the protection of wetlands and other depressional storage areas from damaging modifications and adverse changes in runoff quality and quantity associated with land developments. Specifically, the ordinance requires the following:

1. Existing wetlands shall not be modified for the purposes of stormwater detention unless it is demonstrated that the existing wetland is low in quality and the proposed modifications will maintain or improve its habitat and ability to perform beneficial functions.
2. Existing storage and release rate characteristics of wetlands and other depressional storage areas shall be maintained and the volume of detention storage provided to meet the requirements of the ordinance shall be in addition to this existing storage.
3. The existing wetland shall be protected during construction by appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures and shall not be filled.
4. Site drainage patterns shall not be altered to substantially decrease or increase the existing area tributary to the wetland.
5. All runoff from the development shall be routed through a preliminary detention/sedimentation basin designed to provide a minimum 24-hour hydraulic
detention time, before being discharged to the wetland. This basin shall be constructed before property grading begins.

6. A buffer strip of at least 25 feet in width, preferably vegetated with native plant species, shall be maintained or restored around the periphery of the wetland.

In addition, the Kendall County Stormwater Management Ordinance discourages the placement of detention basins in floodplains and streams. However, detention in these areas is allowed if certain requirements are met. We recommend reviewing the ordinance for further information.

**Illinois Department of Natural Resources Agency Action Plans for Interagency Wetlands Policy Act of 1989:** The Illinois Interagency Wetlands Policy Act of 1989 is intended to ensure that there is no overall net loss of the State’s existing wetland acres or their functional values resulting from State-supported activities. The Act charges State agencies with a further duty to “preserve, enhance and create wetlands where necessary to increase the quality and quantity of the State’s wetland resource base.”

The Interagency Wetlands Policy Act of 1989 states that any construction, land management or other activity performed by, or for which financial assistance is administered or provided by, a State agency that will result in an adverse impact to a wetland shall be subject to compliance. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- The alteration, removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, minerals, organic matter, vegetation, or naturally occurring minerals of any kind from a wetland;
- The discharge or deposit of fill material or dredged material in a wetland;
- The alteration of existing drainage characteristics, sedimentation patterns, or flood retention characteristics of a wetland;
- The disturbance of water level or water table of a wetland;
- The destruction or removal of plant life that would alter the character of a wetland, except for activities undertaken in accordance with the Illinois Noxious Weed Act;
- The transfer of State owned wetlands to any entity other than another state agency; and
- Other actions that cause or may cause adverse wetland impacts.

The Act is to be implemented through a State Wetland Mitigation Policy. The State Wetland Mitigation Policy requires preservation of wetlands as the primary objective. Where adverse wetland impacts are unavoidable, progressive levels of compensation based upon the level of impact to the existing wetland and the location of compensation wetlands are required.

**Archaeological Survey Requirements:** An archaeological survey may be required before a Section 404 permit will be issued for wetland impacts. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make this determination as part of the permit application review. The archaeological survey must cover all areas of the project area, not wetlands only. If you already have a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) stating an archaeological survey is required, you should act on it because the USACE will support this notification.
RECOMMENDATIONS

Three farmed wetlands totaling 2.50 acres were identified on the project area. The boundaries of Farmed Wetlands 1-3 were not field staked by ENCAP, Inc. Farmed wetland boundaries must be scaled from the attached aerial photograph (Exhibit G) onto the property boundary survey.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the final authority in determining the jurisdictional status of the wetlands identified on site. A USACE permit is not required if the wetlands are avoided and construction erosion near a wetland is controlled; however, it is highly recommended to submit for and receive a Letter of No Objection (LONO) from the USACE to ensure project compliance with federal regulations.

Any impacts to jurisdictional wetland, Waters of the U.S., or associated buffers will require U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Kendall County notification. ENCAP, Inc. can assist you with the request for jurisdictional determination, letter of no objection request, permit applications, agency negotiations, wetland design plans, and mitigation plans which may be applicable to your project. The wetland consultant should be involved during the planning and design stages of the project to avoid complications with the agencies after the plan has been drafted. Proper planning regarding wetlands can reduce delays caused by the permitting process and costly changes in site plans.
REFERENCES


USFWS Section 7 Consultation Review Summary
May 11, 2018

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Rock Island Illinois Field Office
1511 47th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

Re: USFWS Review Summary - Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation
Project: 16400 Newark Road, located in Illinois, Kendall County, Big Grove Township, Newark, T35N R6E Section 5; Latitude 41.534736 N; Longitude -88.565952 W
ENCAP, Inc. Project # 18-0115B
Client: GreenbergFarrow

The project area consists primarily of tiled and tilled agricultural field that has consistently been utilized for row crop production, with Corn (Zea mays) having been produced last season. Non-native scrub-shrub and grassy vegetation are dominant along the western and southern project area boundaries. Topographically, the site is highest along the eastern property boundary and decreases in elevation towards Clear Creek, which is located off-site to the southwest of the project boundary. The proposed project involves the development of a solar panel array and associated infrastructure, including access points and power terminal stations. The site is located within the Fox River watershed.

ENCAP, Inc. carefully reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) technical assistance website on May 11, 2018, for federally listed threatened and endangered species. According to the website, three (3) species are listed and may be present in Kendall County: the Indiana Bat (Myotis sodalis), the Northern Long-Eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis), and the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (Platanthera leucophaea).

Three low-quality farmed wetlands totaling 2.50 acres were identified within the project area. Each of the three identified wetlands featured native mean C-values and native FQI values of 0.00. None of the areas on-site contain suitable habitats for the above species. Therefore, ENCAP, Inc. concludes that the 16400 Newark Road project does not contain the aforementioned listed species, their habitats, or designated critical habitat and will have “no effect” on the aforementioned species.

Paul Meuer
Junior Ecological Consultant
ENCAP, Inc.
IDNR EcoCAT Natural Resources Review Results
/ Consultation Termination
Applicant: ENCAP, Inc.  
IDNR Project Number: 1809075
Contact: Paul Meuer  
Date: 03/22/2018
Address: 2585 Wagner Court  
Alternate Number: 18-0115B, 1806711
DeKalb, IL 60115

Project: 16400 Newark Road  
Address: 16400 Newark Road, Newark

Description: Construction of a solar power array and associated infrastructure

Natural Resource Review Results

Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location.

Consultation is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary. Termination does not imply IDNR’s authorization or endorsement.

Location
The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Kendall

Township, Range, Section:
35N, 6E, 5

IL Department of Natural Resources
Contact
Natalia Jones
217-785-5500
Division of Ecosystems & Environment

Government Jurisdiction
Kendall County- Planning, Building & Zoning
Matt Asselmeier
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

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Project Code 1809075

APPLICANT DATE
ENCAP, Inc. 3/22/2018
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Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Springfield, IL 62702
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dnr.ecocat@illinois.gov
**SITE:** 16400 Newark Road  
**LOCATE:** Farmed Wetland 1  
**BY:** S. Rowley / P. Meuer  
**NOTES:** 5/7/2018

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**LOCALE:**
Farmed Wetland 2

**BY:**
S. Rowley / P. Meuer

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Wetland Determination Data Forms
WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: 16400 Newark Road
City/County: Newark / Kendall
Sampling Date: 05/07/2018

Applicant/Owner: GreenbergFarrow
State: IL

Investigator(s) S. Rowley / P. Meuer
Section, Township, Range: S5, T35N, R6E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Agricultural Field
Local Relief (concave, convex, none): Concave

Slope (%): 0%
Lat: 41.534736
Long: -88.565952
Datum: Investigated Area 1

Soil Map Unit Name: Saybrook silt loam 2 to 5 percent slopes (145B)
NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☒ No ☐
(If no explain in remarks)

Are vegetation ☒ Soil ☒ Hydrology ☒ significantly disturbed?
Are normal circumstances present? Yes ☒ No ☐
(If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | Yes ☒ No ☐ | Is the Sampled Area Within a Wetland? | Yes ☒ No ☐ |
| Hydric Soils Present? | Yes ☒ No ☐ |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | Yes ☒ No ☐ |
| Remarks: Tiled and tilled agricultural field. |

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

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Remarks: Photograph 13 (See Site Photographs)
### SOIL

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**Hydric Soil Indicators**
- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- 2 cm Muck (A10)
- Depleted below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes

**Restrictive Layer (if observed)**
- Type: Rock
- Depth: 16"

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes

### HYDROLOGY

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

**Primary Indicators (Minimum of one is required: check all that apply)**
- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)

**Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)**
- Water Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B 3)
- True Aquatic Plants (B14)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Gauge or Well Data (D9)

**Field Observations:**
- Surface Water Present? Yes
- Water Table Present? Yes
- Saturation Present? Yes

**Wetland Hydrology Present?** Yes

**Remarks:**
- Wetland signatures in 0/5 historical aerials with normal precipitation. Does not meet farmed wetland hydrology criterion.
### WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

**Project/Site:** 16400 Newark Road  
**City/County:** Newark / Kendall  
**Sampling Date:** 05/07/2018  

**Applicant/Owner:** GreenbergFarrow  
**State:** IL  
**Sampling Point:** B

**Investigator(s):** S. Rowley / P. Meuer  
**Section, Township, Range:** S5, T35N, R6E

**Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.):** Agricultural Field  
**Local Relief (concave, convex, none):** Concave

**Slope (%):** 0%  
**Lat:** 41.534736  
**Long:** -88.565952  
**Datum:** Farmed Wetland 1

**Soil Map Unit Name:** Lisbon silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (59A)  
**NWI classification:** None

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year?  Yes ☑ No ☐ (If no explain in remarks)
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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**  Yes ☑ No ☐  
**Hydric Soils Present?**  Yes ☑ No ☐  
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**Remarks:** Tiled and tilled agricultural field.

### VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

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**Dominance Test worksheet:**

- Number of Dominant Species
- Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata
- Percent of Dominant Species

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

- Total % Cover of OBL species: Multiply by:
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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- Dominance Test is >50%
- Prevalence Index is < 3.0
- Morphological Adaptations *(Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)*
- Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation *(Explain)*
- Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**  Yes ☑ No ☐

**Remarks:** Photograph 1 (See Site Photographs)
### Profile Description:
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### Restrictive Layer (if observed)
Type: ____________________________
Depth: ____________________________

### Remarks:

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#### Field Observations:

- Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐
- Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐
- Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐

#### Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

### Remarks:
Wetland signatures in 3/5 historical aerials with normal precipitation. Meets farmed wetland hydrology criterion.
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Slope (%): 0
Lat: 41.534736
Long: -88.565952
Datum: Farmed Wetland 2

Soil Map Unit Name: Lisbon silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (59A)

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☑ No ☐ (If no explain in remarks)

Are vegetation ☑ Soil ☑ Hydrology ☑ significantly disturbed? Are normal circumstances present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL,FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That are OBL,FACW, or FAC: 0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species: x 1 =
FACW species: x 2 =
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Column Totals = (A) =

Prevalence Index = B/A =

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

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Remarks: Photograph 5 (See Site Photographs)
SOIL

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- Black Histic (A3)
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- Stratified Layers (A5)
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- Depleted below Dark Surface (A11)
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Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
- Dark Surface (S7)
- Iron- Manganese Masses (F12)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Restrictive Layer (if observed)

Type: ________________________

Depth: ________________________

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks: ________________________

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (Minimum of one is required: check all that apply)
- Surface Water (A1)
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- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
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- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
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- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
- Water Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B 3)
- True Aquatic Plants (B14)
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- Geomorphic Position (D2)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches) N/A
Water Table Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches) N/A
Saturation Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches) N/A

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:
- Wetland signatures in 4/5 historical aerials with normal precipitation. Meets farmed wetland hydrology criterion.
WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: 16400 Newark Road  
City/County: Newark / Kendall  
Sampling Date: 05/07/2018

Applicant/Owner: GreenbergFarrow  
State: IL

Investigator(s): S. Rowley / P. Meuer  
Section, Township, Range: S5, T35N, R6E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Agricultural Field  
Local Relief (concave, convex, none): Concave

Slope (%): 0%  
Lat: 41.534736  
Long: -88.565952  
Datum: Farmed Wetland 3

Soil Map Unit Name: Lisbon silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (59A)

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no explain in remarks)

Are vegetation significantly disturbed? Are normal circumstances present? Yes No

Are vegetation naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No  
Hydric Soils Present? Yes No  
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No

Remarks: Tiled and tilled agricultural field.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

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- Other (Explain in Remarks)

### Restrictive Layer (if observed)
- Type: ________________
- Depth: ________________

### Remarks:

## HYDROLOGY

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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### Remarks:

Wetland signatures in 3/5 historical aerials with normal precipitation. Meets farmed wetland hydrology criterion.
WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: 16400 Newark Road  City/County: Newark / Kendall  Sampling Date: 05/07/2018
Applicant/Owner: GreenbergFarrow  State: IL
Investigator(s) S. Rowley / P. Meuer  Section, Township, Range: S5, T35N, R6E
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression  Local Relief (concave, convex, none): Concave
Slope (%): 0.5%  Lat: 41.534736  Long: -88.565952  Datum: Investigated Area 2
Soil Map Unit Name: La Rose silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, eroded (60B2)
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☑ No ☐
Are vegetation ☐ Soil ☐ Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed? Are normal circumstances present? Yes ☑ No ☐
Are vegetation ☐ Soil ☐ Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ No ☐  Hydric Soils Present? Yes ☑ No ☐  Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐
Is the Sampled Area Within a Wetland? Yes ☑ No ☐
Remarks: Off-site area.

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Remarks: Photograph 15 (See Site Photographs)
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- Other (Explain in Remarks)

### Restrictive Layer (if observed)

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### HYDROLOGY

#### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

**Primary Indicators (Minimum of one is required: check all that apply)**
- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
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**Field Observations:**

- Surface Water Present? Yes [X] No [☐]
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- Saturation Present? Yes [X] No [☐]

**Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes [X] No [☐]**

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

### Remarks:
**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region**

**Project/Site:** 16400 Newark Road  
**City/County:** Newark / Kendall  
**Sampling Date:** 05/07/2018

**Applicant/Owner:** GreenbergFarrow

**Sampling Point:** F

**Investigator(s):** S. Rowley / P. Meuer

**Section, Township, Range:** S5, T35N, R6E

**Landform:** Agricultural Field  
**Local Relief:** Concave

**Slope (%):** 0%  
**Lat:** 41.534736  
**Long:** -88.565952

**Datum:** Investigated Area 3

**Soil Map Unit Name:** Elburn silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (198A)

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes

**Is the Sampled Area Within a Wetland?** Yes

**Hydric Soils Present?** Yes

**Wetland Hydrology Present?** Yes

**Remarks:** Tiled and tilled agricultural field.

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**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS** – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes  
**Hydric Soils Present?** Yes  
**Wetland Hydrology Present?** Yes  
**Is the Sampled Area Within a Wetland?** Yes  
**Remarks:** Tiled and tilled agricultural field.

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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- Dominance Test is >50%
- Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0
- Morphological Adaptations
- Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation

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### SOIL

Profile Description: (Describe the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators)

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1Type: C = Concentration, D= Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, CS = Covered or Coated Sand Grains
2Locaton: PL =Pore Lining, M = Matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators**
- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- 2 cm Muck (A10)
- Depleted below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils**
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
- Dark Surface (S7)
- Iron- Manganese Masses (F12)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

**Restrictive Layer (if observed)**
- **Type:**
- **Depth:**
- **Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**
- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)

**Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)**
- Water Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B 3)
- True Aquatic Plants (B14)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Gauge or Well Data (D9)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

**Field Observations:**
- Surface Water Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches) N/A
- Water Table Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches) N/A
- Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches) N/A (includes capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

**Remarks:**
Wetland signatures in 0/5 historical aerials with normal precipitation. However, positive hydrology indicators were present. Does meet farmed wetland hydrology criterion.

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Site Overview (eastern boundary)
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- *July data is only used if the photo appears to have an unusually high number of surface water signatures indicating that the photo was taken soon after an unusually wet period. Otherwise it is assumed that the photo was taken in late June or early July before most of July's precipitation.*
Soil Map

16400 Newark Road
GreenbergFarrow

NORTH
SCALE: 1"=400'

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Web Soil Survey 3.1
Natural Resources Conservation Service

LEGEND:

- Hydric (100%)
- Hydric (65 to 90%)
- Hydric (33 to 65%)
- Hydric (1 to 32%)
- Not Hydric (0%)
- Not rated or not available

Project Area
Attachment 9, Page 68

Project Number: 18-0115B
GreenbergFarrow
Exhibit C
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HUDDLESTON - MCBRIDE LAND DRAINAGE CO.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
March 15, 2018

1. Company Summary

ESTABLISHED: MAY 1, 1976  (By Tom Huddleston & Fred McBride)

ADDRESS:  Rt. 1, 9605 Fowler Road, Rochelle, Il.  61068
          Phone - 815-562-6007  Fax - 815-562-6007
          116 W. Main St., #208, St. Charles, Il.  60174
          Phone 630-513-0757  Fax - 630-584-0591

Huddleston - Mcbride Land Drainage Co. (Hudmac) has been actively involved in providing subsurface Agricultural drainage, Natural area restoration, Existing drain tile investigations and Consulting services for over 42 years.

Hudmac provides complete design, materials furnish and construction services for environmental restoration, commercial, agricultural and municipal underdrain projects. We also have developed methodology for the identification and assessment of existing subsurface drainage tile systems including specific location and hydrologic evaluation. Our research projects include evaluation and testing in efforts to improve solutions for watertable management, hydrology restoration, soil permeability, water quality, drainage system abandonment and construction procedures.

Hudmac owns and operates a complete construction equipment fleet and support. Our construction crews maintain existing drainage systems on over 350 farms and install over 950,000 feet of new agricultural drainage tile annually. Existing drain tile investigation services include approximately 240 individual parcels ranging from 10 to 7,000 acres in size and totaling over 26,000 acres annually. Hudmac also owns and operates Cooprider Drainage Co., Rochelle, Il. (established November 1930), and Countryside Drainage, Rochelle, Il., (established 2005) which exclusively designs, constructs and maintains agricultural and horticultural drainage systems.

PRINCIPALS OF HUDDLESTON MCBRIDE LAND DRAINAGE CO.

Thomas L. Huddleston
Frederick J. Mc Bride

TOTAL PERSONAL: 11.

1  Administrative
1  Cadd Drafter
2  Field Operations Managers
4  Operating Engineers
4  Labors
2. Typical Drainage Services, Sample Projects: (completed within the last 5 years)

2.a Drainage Tile Investigation Services for Linear projects:

Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co. (Huddmac) provides existing drain tile location mapping and condition evaluations for linear projects such as pipelines and subsurface utility projects. Our consulting service includes existing drainage tile location, gps survey, video inspection, repair recommendation, and public presentations. Tom Huddleston provides land owner consultation and assistance to right of way agents during acquisition negotiations. Our company completes more than 20 mutual drainage planning and coordination projects annually within the northern Illinois area. Listed below is a typical land drainage consulting project completed within the past year:

Enbridge Energy, New pipeline construction:

Client: Enbridge Energy and QPS Engineering, Mike Dunakey
Project Cost: $ 25,200.00 (for this specific parcel)
Contractor: Huddleston McBride (no sub-contractors)
Location: Will County, Illinois

Purpose: This project included the location, staking, gps location and evaluation of all agricultural drain tile system impacted by proposed pipeline construction project within random sections of Will County Forest Preserve. These drain tile investigation projects were completed as part of the landowner requirement for right of way acquisition. Additional consulting services where provided to the Embridge right of way agents during negotiations. This is an example of a plan prepared for Embridge in efforts to assure existing drain tile protection and identification.
2.b Agricultural Drainage Consulting, Design, and Construction Services:

Cooprider Agri Drainage Co.-1930 (Coop) and Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co.-1976 (Huddmac) are third generation companies and have over 75 years of experience in agricultural drainage tile planning, repair and construction services. Countryside Drainage-2005 (Cd) which is our newest company specializes in advanced precision construction including gps / laser drain tile installation. Our ongoing farm relationships include agricultural land owners, farm managers, corporate producers, government land agencies, active farm operators, bank held assets and drainage districts. Our companies maintain existing drainage systems on over 250 farms parcels and install over 750,000 of new drain tile annually.

Listed below is a typical agricultural drain tile evaluation and repair project recently completed:

FERMI Agricultural Parcels, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, U.S.Department of Energy

Client: Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Mike Becker, grounds & maintenance
Project Cost: $360,000.00
Contractor: Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co.
Location: Sections no. 13, 24, 25, & 36, Batavia Township, Kane Co., IL.

Purpose: This project included the location, staking, gps location and evaluation of all agricultural drain tile system within the 4600+ acres of agricultural production areas. Following the location process, consulting services were provided in regard to existing drain tile modification, maintenance and new drain tile construction. This project is a multi-phase project, phase 8 of 12 was recently completed in December of 2016, phase no. 9 will start in Fall of 2017.
2. c. Drainage Tile Mapping and Hydrology Restoration Services:

Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co. (Huddmac) has 35 years of experience in existing drainage tile evaluation, planning, abandonment and modification implementation procedures for natural area restoration. Our services include existing drainage tile mapping, gps location, benefit assessment, recommendations for modification or abandonment, legal drain protection, public presentations and construction implementation.

Our company completes more than 35 natural hydrology and water quality restoration projects within northern Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin annually.

Listed below is a typical drainage evaluation and modification project which has been recently completed:

**WisDot Wetland Bank**, Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Client: Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Project Cost: $152,000.00  
Contractor: Huddleston McBride (no sub-contractors)  
Location: Madison, Wisconsin

Purpose: This project included the location, staking, gps location and evaluation of all agricultural drain tile system within the 564 acres of prior agricultural production areas. This project will be used for wetland mitigation for Interstate 39 improvement from the Illinois to Madison. Following the location process, consulting and construction services were provided regarding existing drain tile modification for wetland enhancement. Valve construction was completed I summer 2017
2.d Land Drainage Consulting Services

Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co. (Huddmac) provides existing condition evaluations and failure analysis for existing drainage deficiencies. Our consulting services include existing drainage tile location, GPS survey, video inspection, coordination between landowners, and recommendations for improvement, public presentations and construction implementation. Our company completes more than 50 mutual drainage planning and coordination projects annually within the northern Illinois area.

Listed below is a typical land drainage consulting project completed within the past year:

**Countyline Subdivision, Kane Co. Water Resource Division**

Client: Kane County Department of Water Resources, Paul Schuch, P.E.,
Project Cost: $42,000.00 (under retainment contract)
Contractor: Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co.
Location: Section no. 36, St. Charles Township, Kane Co., IL., Kautz Road

Purpose: This project included site reconnaissance, on-site main drain tile investigation, pipeline video inspection, GPS location, staking and evaluation. Following the location process our services included meeting with homeowners, Kane Co. Water Resources and St. Charles Twp. Road District regarding existing conditions and recommendations for repair. Following municipal acceptance, funding and contract approval, failed systems were repaired by our company in accordance with design documents.
2.e Drainage Tile Investigation Services for Land Use Change:

Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co. (Huddmac) owns and maintains an extensive electronic record archive of Existing Agricultural Drain Tile Historic Mapping Records. This mapping system is based upon geographic parcel location including record information from Huddleston-Mcbride Land Drainage Co. (1975), Cooprider Farm Drainage Co. (1930), Elbridge F. Ball & Sons, (drainage engr.) Survey notes (1940), and Countryside Drainage (2005). These record files include historic farm parcel notes, active / inactive drainage district maps and documents, conservation resource mapping, agricultural drain tile contractor records, aerial photo delineation, S.C.S./ N.R.C.S design notes and soil maps, typical drain tile investigation reports, record construction drawings, estate records, and land owner sketch drawings.

Our drainage tile inventory services include complete location, gps survey, evaluation, consulting, modification and abandonment services.

Listed below is a typical land drainage investigation project completed within the past year:

**Home Depot Regional Warehouse, Centerpoint Development**

Client: Jeremy Grey, Centerpoint Intermodal and City of Joliet,

Project Cost: $ 176,000.00

Contractor: Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co.

Location: Section no. 7, Jackson Township, City of Joliet, Will Co., Il.

Purpose: This project included the location, staking, gps location and evaluation of all agricultural mainline drainage tiles within the 4860 acres of agri land and natural areas for the construction of an intermodal center. Following the location process, consulting services were provided regarding existing drain tile evaluation and the protection of the rights of others to drain. Our consulting services included meeting with adjacent landowners, city officials, private ecologist, and review engineers regarding abandonment of existing system and the construction of replacement systems. *(listed below is an individual development parcel plan for Home Depot)*
2.f Drainage Tile Investigation Services for Transportation:

Plank Road Realignment, New public road improvements:

Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Co. (Huddmac) provides existing drain tile location mapping and condition evaluations for lineal transportation projects including, railroads, state / local roads, intersection improvement and related structures. Our consulting service includes existing drainage tile location, gps survey, video inspection, repair recommendation, and public presentations.

Our company completes more than 25 roadway planning and construction projects annually within the northern Illinois area.

Listed below is a typical land drainage consulting project completed within the past year:

Kane County Transportation, New roadway construction:

Client: Kane County Department of Transportation
Project Cost: > $ 25,000.00
Contractor: Huddleston McBride (no sub-contractors)
Location: Kane County, Illinois
3. Recent Project References:

EXISTING DRAIN TILE INVESTIGATIONS, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSULTING SERVICES

1. Spring Creek U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers Wetland Project
   Reference Person: Robbie Sliwinski, U.S.ARMY CORPS.
   Project Description: Provide existing drain tile investigation and evaluation services on approx. 2,600 acres of prior agricultural lands, consult, design and implement the construction of a subsurface valve system for hydro restoration.

2. Sauer Farm Wetland Violation Mitigation
   Reference Person: Mike Machalek, U.S.ARMY CORPS.
   Project Description: Provide existing drain tile investigation and evaluation of drainage violation activity within a jurisdictional farmed wetland area. Continue to provide a mitigation plan for U.S.Armyp and Natural Resource Conservation Service authorization. Proceed with abandonment and modification construction for compliance.

3. Morton Arboretum New Tree Nursery Development
   Reference Person: Kris Bachtell, MORTON ARBORETUM
   Project Description: Furnish land drainage consulting services, complete site analysis, consulting services, construction plans and furnish materials and construction of complete subsurface water control system for a new tree research nursery.

4. Midewin Tallgrass Prairie, Drummond & Grant Creek Wetland Mitigation Project
   Reference Person: Bill Glass, U.S.FOREST SERVICE
   Project Description: Complete existing drain tile inventory and evaluation, including design plans, consulting services, construction typicals. Continue with construction of a subsurface valve system for hydrology restoration.

5. Deer Grove Wetland Mitigation for Ohare Airfield Improvements
   Reference Person: Joe Roth, OPENLANDS
   Project Description: Complete existing drain tile investigation and the installation of a valve testing system for hydrology measurement. Continue with design plans, consulting services, construction typicals and final construction of a subsurface valve system for hydrology restoration.

6. Orland Park Ecosystem Restoration Project
   Reference Person: Brook Herman, U.S.ARMY CORPS
   Project Description: Provide existing drain tile investigation and evaluation services on approx. 950 acres of prior agricultural lands, including consulting and abandonment plans. Continue with existing drain tile modification construction and abandonment by trench removal methods.

7. Bartell Grassland & Tinley Creek Restoration Areas
   Reference Person: Joe Roth & Linda Masters OPENLANDS
   Project Description: Complete existing drain tile investigation and the installation of a valve testing system for hydrology measurement. Continue with design plans, consulting services, construction typicals and final construction of a subsurface valve system for hydrology restoration. Final abandon valve system by bentonite slurry injection.

8. Wisconsin Department of Resources, Hertzberg Wetland Mitigation Area
   Reference Person: Kathie Van Price, WISCONSIN DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
   Project Description: Complete existing drain tile inventory and evaluation, including design plans, consulting services and construction typicals for a wetland mitigation bank.
4. Personal References:

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Ken Anderson, Kane County Dept of Water Resources (5 year retainer contract)
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Evanston IL 60201
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5. Key Staff Resume:

Tom Huddleston is a qualified technical specialist in subsurface land drainage including existing conditions evaluation, improvement design, construction implementation and project oversight. His expertise and experience continue to provide urban and rural hydrology failure assessment and improvement services.

He is a third generation (1929 to present) drain tile contractor and has been personally involved in subsurface drainage services since 1970. Huddleston presently owns and supervises three drainage construction companies which operate within the mid-west and are annually responsible for >920,000 feet of new drain tile construction, >26,000 acres of investigation services, and existing system maintenance /repair.

Tom Huddleston looks forward to this opportunity and is personally committed to provide skillful and professional drainage consulting services.

Title:
Partner / owner, Huddleston-Mcbride Land Drainage Co.
Partner / owner, Cooprider Farm Drainage Co.
Partner/ owner, Countryside Farm Drainage Co.

Areas of specialization:
Subsurface land drainage design, construction and consulting, Existing agricultural drain tile investigations and research services since 1970.

Education:
Louisiana State University, Agri-Engineering
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1974 to 1980

Research experience:
Kane County Development Department, subdivision control ordinance advisory committee.
Kane County Dept. of Water Resources, stormwater ordinance advisory committee.


Ogle county soil conservation service soil erosion and land improvement advisory committee

Independent study in subsurface irrigation, University of Illinois Department of Agriculture and Ayers and Associates Engineering, subsurface irrigation construction procedures, drain mode water table control management, and subsurface drainage modification.


Natural resource conservation services, contractor conference on soil erosion and land improvement design and construction procedures, 1986 - present

Independent study in applications and operations of subsurface interface radar systems, Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc. Hudson, New Hampshire finding and mapping buried subsurface pipes, ducts. Cables and other natural and manmade objects, 1983 - present

Independent study and test contractor in construction procedures, materials design and watertable control management, Springfield Plastic Pipe Manufacturing, Auburn, Il. 1985 – present
6. Contact information:

Key persons who will administrate these projects are listed below:

Tom Huddleston, Consulting service and administration
   Cell phone no. 815-757-6007

or

Fred McBride, Crew leader and field services
   Cell phone no. 815-757-6008
Solar Decommissioning Estimate/Plan

Key assumptions in this decommissioning estimate include the fact that the fencing, electrical cabinetry, solar racks, solar panels, and wiring are all recyclable, therefore, the primary cost of decommissioning is the labor to dismantle and load as well as the cost of trucking. The concrete pads will be broken up at the site and hauled to where it will be accepted without a charge. Salvage values for the racking, foundation screws/piles, electrical wiring, and solar panels have been included in this estimate.

The following items from the 2488.32 kilowatt (kW) array will be recycled:
- 6912 solar panels
- 3276 linear feet of electrical wiring
- Racking
- 3081 linear feet of fencing

This decommissioning estimate is based on the following costs:

- Labor rate = 35.6/hour
- Backhoe cost = 245/hour
- Bobcat cost = 195/hour
- Grader cost = 1800/day
- Trucking cost = 130/hour
- Front End Loader/Excavator cost = 2000/day

Labor / Materials / Equipment Costs:

1. Remove Panels:

   The panels are clamped in. They slide in a track. A laborer needs only unclamp the panel and reach over and slide the panel out of the track.

   \[
   \text{Panel Removal Rate} \cdot \text{Total Number of Solar Panels} \cdot \text{Labor Rate} = \text{Panel Removal Cost}
   \]

   \[
   1 \text{ min/panel} \cdot 6,912 \text{ solar panels} \cdot 1 \text{ hr/60min} \cdot $35.6/\text{hr} = $4,101
   \]

   Total = $4,101

2. Remove Rack Wiring:

   The panels are plugged together in the same manner as an electrical cord from a light is plugged into a wall socket. A laborer needs only reach over and pull the plug. The string wires lie in a tray. A laborer needs only reach into the tray and remove the strands of wire.

   \[
   \text{Wire Removal Rate} \cdot \text{Total Number of Solar Panels} \cdot \text{Labor Rate} = \text{Rack Wiring Removal Cost}
   \]

   \[
   0.25 \text{ min/panel} \cdot 6,912 \text{ solar panels} \cdot 1 \text{ hr/60min} \cdot $35.6/\text{hr} = $1,025
   \]

   Total = $1,025

3. Dismantle Racks:

   Tracker module racking primarily consists of a torque tube and a driveline. These are supported on driven piles.

   \[
   \text{Total Number of Racks} \cdot \text{Rack Removal Rate} \cdot \text{Labor Rate} = \text{Rack Dismantling Cost}
   \]

   \[
   1,317 \text{ racks} \cdot 20 \text{ min/rack} \cdot 1 \text{ hr/60min} \cdot $35.6/\text{hr} = $15,628
   \]

   Total = $15,628
4. **Load Racks:**

\[
\text{Number of Racks} \times \text{Rack Loading Rate} \times (\text{Labor Cost} + \text{Front End Loader Cost} + \text{Trucking Cost}) = \text{Total Rack Removal Cost}
\]

\[
1,317 \text{ racks} \times 1 \text{ min/rack} \times 1 \text{ hr/60min} \times [\$35.6/\text{hr} + (\$2000/\text{day} \times 1\text{day}/8\text{hr}) + \$130/\text{hr}] = \$7,915
\]

**Total = $7,915**

5. **Remove and Load Electrical Equipment** (includes transformer, inverters, drive motors, and controllers):

   Inverters are smaller and easier to remove and so take less time than the other electrical components.

   Number of units: 1 transformers + 16 inverters + 0 batteries + 4 motors + 1 controller

\[
(\text{Inverter Removal Rate} \times \text{Number of Inverters} + \text{Elec. Equip. Removal Rate} \times \text{Number of Units}) \times (\text{Labor Rate} + \text{Bobcat Cost} + \text{Trucking Cost}) = \text{Total Elec. Equip. Removal Cost}
\]

\[
(0.5 \text{ hr/inverter} \times 16 \text{ inverters} + 1 \text{ hr/unit} \times 6 \text{ units}) \times [\$35.6/\text{hr} + \$195/\text{hr} + \$130/\text{hr}] = \$5,048
\]

**Total = $5,048**

6. **Break Up Concrete Pads:**

   Using an excavator and jackhammer:

\[
\text{Number of days} \times (\text{Front end loader and excavator cost} + \text{Labor Cost}) = \text{Total Concrete Pad Removal}
\]

\[
1 \text{ day} \times [\$2000/\text{day} \times 1\text{day}/8\text{hr}] + \$35.6/\text{hr} = \$2,285
\]

**Total = $2,285**

7. **Remove Cable:**

\[
\text{Total Cable Linear Footage} \times \text{Cable Removal Rate} \times (\text{Labor Cost} + \text{Backhoe Cost}) = \text{Total Cable Removal Cost}
\]

\[
3,276 \text{ ft} \times 3 \text{ min/ft} \times 1 \text{ hr/60min} \times [\$35.6/\text{hr} + \$245/\text{hr}] = \$45,962
\]

**Total = $45,962**

8. **Remove Foundation Screws/Piles and Power Poles:**

\[
\left[\frac{\text{Total Number of Foundation Screws/Piles}}{\text{Daily Pile Removal Rate}}\right] + [\text{Total Number of Poles} \times \text{Pole Removal Rate}] = \text{Total Foundation Screw/Piles and Power Pole Removal Cost}
\]

\[
1317 \text{ piles} / 100 \text{ piles/day} \times [\$35.6/\text{hr} + (\$2000/\text{day} \times 1\text{day}/8\text{hr})] + [4 \text{ poles} \times \$1500/\text{pole}] = \$36,091
\]

**Total = $36,091**

9. **Remove Fence:**

\[
\text{Total Fence Length} \times \text{Fence Removal Rate} \times (\text{Labor Cost} + \text{Bobcat Cost} + \text{Trucking Cost}) = \text{Total Fence Removal Cost}
\]

\[
3,081 \text{ ft} \times 1 \text{ min/ft} \times 1 \text{ hr/60min} \times [\$35.6/\text{hr} + \$195/\text{hr} + \$130/\text{hr}] = \$18,517
\]

**Total = $18,517**

10. **Grading:**

   \[
   \text{Rough Grading (days} \times \text{Grader Cost}) + \text{Fine Grading (days} \times \text{Grader Cost}) = \text{Total Grading Cost}
   \]

\[
[1 \text{ day} \times \$1800/\text{day}] + [1 \text{ day} \times \$1800/\text{day}] = \$3,600
\]

**Total = $3,600**
11. Truck to Republic Services Illiana Crown Point Transfer Station

\[
\text{Total Truckloads} \cdot \text{Round trip} = \text{Distance to Site} \cdot \text{Distance to Transfer Station} \cdot \text{Fuel Cost} + \text{Total Truckloads} \cdot \text{Round Trip Time} \cdot \text{Trucking Cost} = \text{Total Trucking to Transfer Cost}
\]

\[
[17 \text{ trips} \times 31 \text{ miles/trip} \times $5/\text{mile}] + [17 \text{ trips} \times 1 \text{ hrs} \times $130/\text{hr}] = $4,845 \\
\text{Total} = $4,845
\]

12. Remove Gravel Road / Equipment Area

\[
\text{Road Width} \times \text{Road Length} / \text{Equipment Area} \times \text{Road Depth} \times \text{Gravel Export Cost} = \text{Total Removal Cost}
\]

\[
14\text{ ft} \times 1327\text{ ft} \times (10\text{ in/ft} \times 1\text{ ft}) / (12\text{ in/ft} \times 27\text{ cu yd}) \times $10/\text{cu yd} = $5,732 \\
\text{Total} = $5,732
\]

13. Reclamation of Disturbed Areas (gravel road)

\[
\text{Road Width} \times \text{Road Length} \times \text{Road Depth} \times \text{Loam Import Cost} = \text{Total Reclamation Cost}
\]

\[
14\text{ ft} \times 1327\text{ ft} \times (10\text{ in/ft} \times 1\text{ ft}) / (12\text{ in/ft} \times 27\text{ cu yd}) \times $25/\text{cu yd} = $14,329 \\
\text{Total} = $14,329
\]

14. Seed Disturbed Areas:

\[
\text{Re} = \text{seeding time} \times \text{Labor Cost} + \text{Hydroseeding Cost} \times \text{Disturbed Area} = \text{Total Seeding Disturbed Area Cost}
\]

\[
16\text{ hr} \times $35.6/\text{hr} + $0.1/\text{square foot} \times 18578 \text{ square feet} = $2,427 \\
\text{Total} = $2,427
\]

15. Fencing, Racking, and Foundation Pile Recycling Value

\[
\text{Total Fencing Weight} \times \text{Total Racking Weight} \times \text{Total Foundation Pile Weight} \times \text{Galvanized Steel Salvage Value} = \text{Total Steel Salvage Value}
\]

\[
[2,188 \text{ lbs} + 276,480 \text{ lbs} + 177,795 \text{ lbs}] \times $0.05/\text{lb} = -$22,823 \\
\text{Total} = -$22,823
\]

16. Copper Wire Recycling Cost

\[
\text{Total Copper Wire Weight} \times \text{Insulated Copper Wire Salvage Value} = \text{Total Copper Salvage Value}
\]

\[
511 \text{ lbs} \times $0.5/\text{lb} = $256 \\
\text{Total} = $256
\]

17. Aluminum Wire Recycling Cost

\[
\text{Total Aluminum Wire Weight} \times \text{Insulated Aluminum Wire Salvage Value} = \text{Total Aluminum Salvage Value}
\]

\[
2,703 \text{ lbs} \times $0.25/\text{lb} = $-676 \\
\text{Total} = $-676
\]

18. Panel Recycling Cost

\[
\text{Total Number of Panels} \times \text{Panel Salvage Value} = \text{Total Panel Salvage Value}
\]

\[
6,912 \text{ panels} \times $5.33/\text{panel} = -$36,841 \\
\text{Total} = -$36,841
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Total Cost after 20 Years (2% inflation rate) = $158,864
Memorandum
April 11, 2018

To: Matt Asselmeier
Senior Planner
Kendall County PBZ Department
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

From: Jason Bolling

Re: Additional Support Documents

Copies: Justin Hardt, BSSI
Melissa Samaroo, BSSI
Alex Farkes, BSSI
Sarah Wochos, BSSI

01 Kendall County-Solar Expectations Letter
The attached letter provides a brief summary to explain the recent increase in solar farm applications the County may be experiencing and also provides State-wide context as relates to the expectation for future solar farm applications in the County.

02 ISEA Zoning & Regulation Document
The attached Illinois Solar Energy Association document provides information related to solar development in Illinois and also addresses anticipated impacts of solar development. Highlights include:

- Solar development has a very low-impact on the land that is hosting the equipment and the surrounding area.
- Solar projects provide local clean energy generation.
- Solar projects will have a positive impact on jobs, tax revenue and other forms of direct and indirect economic activity in local communities.
- Solar system developers and owners have a vested interest in making sure that projects are constructed in an efficient manner and that the systems operate for the full life of the panels.
- Building solar is no more disruptive than any other typical development, and in many cases, is less impactful.
- Ground-mount systems are hard to see beyond the borders of the property. Neighboring properties are unlikely to even notice the system on a daily basis, and it will have no impact on property values or quality of life.

03 NC Appraisal – Oakwood Solar Impact Study
This 2016 study was completed by Kirkland Appraisals, LLC. The purpose of the analysis was to determine whether a proposed solar farm would maintain or enhance adjoining or contiguous property values and whether the location and character of the use would be in harmony with the area in which it was to be located. Analysis was prepared using several existing NC solar farms to determine the impact on the value of adjoining property. Findings are as follows:

- Market analysis concluded there had been no impact on sale price for residential, agricultural, or vacant residential land that adjoined the existing solar farms included in the study.
- The price per square foot for finished homes was not being impacted negatively by the presence of the solar farms.
- The solar farm use presents no potential hazardous waste byproduct as part of normal operation. Any fertilizer, weed control, vehicular traffic, or construction will be significantly less than typically applied in a residential development or even most agricultural uses.
- The solar farms inspected produced no noticeable odor.
- Regarding noise, the solar farms inspected were inaudible from the roadways.
- Visual impact of the solar panels will be similar in height to a typical greenhouse and lower than a single story residential dwelling.

**Conclusion:** Analysis shows no impact in home values due to the adjacency to the solar farm as well as no impact to adjacent vacant residential or agricultural land. The criteria for making downward adjustments on property values such as appearance, noise, odor, and traffic all indicate that a solar farm is a compatible use for rural/residential transition areas.

**04 Article: No Evidence of Residential Property Value Impacts Near U.S. (Wind)**

The 2013 Berkeley Lab study found no statistical evidence that operating wind turbines have had any measurable impact on home sales prices.

- Per the study, "Findings comport with the large set of studies that have investigated other potentially similar disamenities, such as high voltage transmission lines, land-fills, and noisy roads, which suggest that widespread impacts from wind turbines would be either relatively small or nonexistent."
- We would offer the opinion that solar farm projects are significantly less impacting than the other uses studied.

**05 NC State White Paper: Health & Safety Impacts of Solar Photovoltaics**

This 2017 paper provides detailed analysis of health and safety impacts of solar project materials and dispels many commonly held misconceptions. Highlights include the following:

- PV technology and its potential impacts have been studied since the 1950s.
- The technology and the solar inverters are not known to pose any significant health dangers to their neighbors.
- Risks of site contamination are much less than for most other industrial uses because PV technologies employ few toxic chemicals and those used are used in very small quantities.
- Due to the reduction in the pollution from fossil-fuel-fired electric generators, the overall impact of solar development on human health is overwhelmingly positive.
- The system installation, or construction, process does not require toxic chemicals or processes.
- Solar PV panels typically consist of glass, polymer, aluminum, copper, and semiconductor materials that can be recovered and recycled at the end of their useful life.
• The vertical post portion of the racking is galvanized steel and the remaining above-ground racking components are either galvanized steel or aluminum, which are both extremely common and benign building materials.
• Concern over solar fire hazards should be limited because only a small portion of materials in the panels are flammable, and those components cannot self-support a significant fire.

Conclusion: The purpose of the paper was to address and alleviate concerns of public health and safety for utility-scale solar PV projects. Concerns of public health and safety were divided and discussed in four sections: (1) Toxicity, (2) Electromagnetic Fields, (3) Electric Shock and Arc Flash, and (4) Fire. In each of these sections, the negative health and safety impacts of utility-scale PV development were shown to be negligible, while the public health and safety benefits of installing these facilities are significant and far outweigh any negative impacts.

06 BSSI Proposed Panel – Material Data Safety Sheet
The attached 2017 MDSD sheet is provided for your reference. It outlines the materials that comprise the proposed panels and also addresses potential health and environmental hazards: Little to none.

07 BSSI Transformer Fluid
The attached data sheet provides information on the type of fluid that will be used in the proposed project’s transformers.

• It is a renewable, bio-based coolant specially formulated to minimize health and environmental risks.
• The fluid is non-toxic and thoroughly biodegrades in the environment.
• It is UL-classified as Less-Flammable with an exceptionally high flash/fire point.

08 Solar PV Recycling – Untapped Business Opportunity
Recycling of PV panels is in its’ infancy in Illinois. This 2017 article outlines the anticipated business opportunity for PV recycling with projections extended to 2050. Established Solar PV Recycling businesses and/or programs should be readily available by the time currently proposed solar projects reach their roughly 30-year lifetime expectancy.

End of Memorandum
April 12, 2018

To Matt Asselmeier
Senior Planner
Kendall County PBZ Department
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

Project Special Use Request – 16400 Newark Road
Project # 20180117.0
Re Projected Solar Projects in Kendall County

Dear Matt & Members of the County Board:

On behalf of our client, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., we thought it might be helpful to provide background information regarding the volume of Community Solar projects like ours. While we feel the County is on the very cusp of a very exciting and active time in the development and maturation of Illinois solar industry, we feel it is important to keep this brief but fast paced expansion of the industry in context. As such, we offer the following synopsis.

Solar development is a result of the passage of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA), which revised Illinois’ Renewable Portfolio Standard. The RPS has been around since 2007, but the recent revisions focus the policy on solar development whereas in the past it has been focused on wind.

FEJA has a goal of developing at least 2,500-3,000 MW of solar in Illinois by 2030, with the bulk of that development happening by 2021.

There are several different types of solar that will be developed across Illinois:

Likely Solar Development

- Utility Scale Solar
- Brownfield Solar
- Community Solar
- Residential Behind-the-Meter
- Commercial Behind-the-Meter
Roughly 25% of development (or 625-750 MW) will be rooftop solar, either residential or commercial, across the state. These projects range in size from 3 kilowatts for a residential system, to 2 MW for a larger industrial system. These systems are for use to offset the property’s energy use. Kendall County can expect to see applications for these types of systems, but the full 750 MW will be spread throughout the State of Illinois, so the number of applications shouldn’t be overwhelming.

Another 50% (1,500 MW) will be utility scale solar. These projects can range in size from 10 MW to 100s of MW and are ground mounted. The total acreage needed to develop all these utility scale projects is approximately 9,000 acres. These projects do not have to be in any specific part of the state. These projects participate in the program by answering an RFP, and the lowest price bidders in the RFP win the contract. So, some of the projects being developed and being permitted in this category may never be built because they will not win the RFP. There has been one RFP so far for this category and the 100 MW project that won will be built in Perry County. There are two open RFPs right now and we will see who wins. Kendall County may or may not see any projects of this size built within its borders.

The most likely category of projects that Kendall County will see built are community solar projects. These projects are 2 MW in size, or 12-20 acres of land each. We expect that the total amount of community solar developed by 2030 will be 625-750 MW. Some of these projects must be built in ComEd territory, and some must be built in Ameren territory. The most that will be built in Ameren under this program is 425-525 MW. Each of these projects is likely to be the maximum size of 2 MW, so the total number of projects is 212-262 projects. The community solar projects will be spread across the 30 or so counties in the ComEd territory. If development is split evenly among those counties, Kendall County could see 6-9 projects. If development isn’t split evenly, Kendall could see more projects. Our company is actively pursuing development throughout the entire Ameren footprint. We already know that Stephenson County has approved 5 projects, LaSalle County has approved 2 projects, and there are several more projects awaiting permitting approval in those counties. Similar dynamics are playing out in the remaining northern counties.

Taking all of this into consideration Kendall County may see 15-20 community solar projects, not 100s.

Sincerely,

Jason Bolling
Due Diligence Coordinator
Local Zoning and Building Regulation of Solar in Illinois

As a result of the Future Energy Jobs Act, local government in Illinois can expect to see increased interest in solar development. By 2025, the demand for solar will result in the development of over 2,000 MW of solar. Solar development will provide many new jobs as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in new investment into the state. This amount of development will require between 10,000-15,000 acres of land or rooftop, which represents only a small fraction of Illinois’ overall area. Projects will come in a variety of forms, and local governments should plan to see interest from solar developers in all of these categories. Short descriptions of the different types of solar that will be built are in the table below, as well as the amount of MW that is likely to be developed by 2025 because of the Future Energy Jobs Act.

Generally, solar development has a very low-impact on the land that is hosting the equipment and the surrounding area. While local officials may have had experience with wind development in Illinois, these two clean energy sources have very different impacts on land and land use and should be regulated differently.

The Illinois Solar Energy Association has developed this set of comments and principles as guidance for local governments that are confronted with the prospect of increased development. This document is the result of industry collaboration and is fully endorsed by members of the Illinois Solar Energy Association.

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<td>All behind-the-meter projects are limited to 2 MW in size, but each must be sized to appropriately meet the owner’s electric need. A typical residential project is between 3-10 kW, whereas a commercial project could be 10 kW – 2 MW depending on the size of the business.</td>
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**General Principles:**

1. Solar projects provide local clean energy generation as well as local investment. Projects of all sizes will have a positive impact on jobs, tax revenue and other forms of direct and indirect economic activity in local communities.

2. Solar developers will look to develop projects in areas where projects are encouraged and where the permitting process is clear and straightforward. Solar developers and solar owners want to work with communities in which they build and operate systems. Developers are interested in partnering with communities where their systems are installed and are ready to address any concerns that communities or local authorities may have with the construction or operation of those systems.

3. Solar system developers and owners have a vested interest in making sure that the project is constructed in an efficient manner and that the system operates for the full life of the panels. For developers to get financing for the construction and operation of the system, they need to prove that the system is not at risk of impacting endangered species and other wildlife and that the system isn’t at risk for flooding. Protecting the system from property damage and maintaining the site are key parts of maintenance that contribute to the continued efficient operation of the system.

4. Building solar is no more disruptive than any other typical development, and in many cases, is less impactful. Unlike other large-scale energy developments, solar has minimal impact on land, roads, water, and neighboring properties. The most significant disturbance is during construction, but the equipment needed is no different than equipment needed for other types of general construction. Residential rooftop solar can be installed in several days, and large-scale ground-mount systems can be installed in 6-9 months.

5. Solar systems operate with minimal impact to the area and minimal maintenance. Once constructed, solar systems tend to blend into the surroundings and are a positive compliment to agricultural and other existing land uses. Ground-mount systems sit between 10-20 feet tall, and are hard to see beyond the borders of the property. Neighboring properties are unlikely to even notice the system on a daily basis, and it will have no impact on property values or quality of life. Once operational, solar systems provide energy without any pollution, minimal noise, and few, if any, moving parts.
Specific Recommendations:

**Applicability:** Solar should be permitted in all zones (accessory use for behind-the-meter systems and principle use for other systems) as "by-right" if it meets certain requirements.

**Process:** Authorities should distinguish between projects. Smaller projects (behind-the-meter or community solar) should be evaluated separately from larger projects. Preferably, all projects would be allowed "by-right" through administrative review if they meet the requirements and subject to special use permit if not.

**System Size:** Authorities should distinguish between types of systems and have those systems track the size requirements in the Future Energy Jobs Act (see the table above). In this Act, distributed (roof-top or ground-mount behind-the-meter) solar is limited to 2 MW AC. Community solar is also limited to 2 MW AC, though projects may be able to co-locate. Utility scale solar must be bigger than 2 MW AC, but has no upward limit. Brownfield solar has no size limit.

**Lot Size:** If systems meet the other requirements in the regulation and conform to the project size outlined in the regulation, there should be no limit (minimum or maximum) on the size of the lot or the number of parcels or lots the project covers. Community solar projects can be as small as 100 kW, which would take approximately 1/2 an acre of space, or may be able to co-located, thereby using upwards of 20 acres.

**System Height:** For ground-mount systems, a 20' limit is appropriate, however the authority should have a waiver or variance process for unique situations.

**Setbacks:** As discussed in the general principles above, ground-mount solar projects have minimal impact on the land used for development as well as surrounding properties, therefore setbacks should be minimal. At most, ground-mount solar projects should be subject to the same setbacks as other standard structures in the same zone or twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is less. It is appropriate to limit roof-mounted systems to the size of the roof with appropriate room for fire-fighting purposes.

**Fencing:** The owner of the ground-mount system has a vested interest in making sure the system is secure. In most instances, an 8' fence is appropriate, though the authority should allow for some waivers if there are natural borders or surrounding neighbors approve.

**Equipment:** Developers should use UL approved equipment for all projects.

**Glare/Visibility:** The majority of panel technology is antireflective, so glare risk is minimal to non-existent. If the authority wants to include glare guidance, it should be minimal but should provide clear requirements; open-ended requirements provide risk to the developer. Per federal regulations, projects around airports need approval from the FAA.

**Airport:** Projects developed near airports are subject to approval from the FAA. Any additional regulation at the local level is unnecessary.

**Installers:** The Illinois Power Agency Act requires that all systems (utility-scale, distributed and community solar) are installed by qualified installers. This requirement is regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Any additional requirements are unnecessary and burdensome.

**Site Plan:** A site plan is appropriate for all systems, and systems that meet the plan requirements should not need Planning Commission or Zoning Board approval.
Environmental Impact: For large solar systems to secure financing, the developer will have to show that the system does not have an endangered species impact, wetland impact or historical places impact. This is standard practice, and the developer should be able to provide the authority with this information.

Floodplain: All ground-mount systems will have a topographical and hydro analysis that will be completed prior to issuance of a building permit. Additional requirements are unnecessary.

Storm water/Drainage: Ground-mount systems should be exempt from impervious surface requirements if the developer is doing minimal grading (i.e. less than 1 acre of soil disturbance) and will maintain vegetation or other regulatory approved surface application (i.e. gravel or synthetic surface liners) under and around the system. There will be some impact through pier placement and conduit trenching, but overall the impact is minimal. Impact to drainage tiles and other subsurface utility concerns are addressed in the arrangement with the landowner and does not require additional oversight at the local level.

Landscaping: For ground-mount systems, native vegetation is typical, and mowing maintenance is common. In most instances topsoil will be minimally impacted during construction. There should not be additional requirements, and a clear path for variances if the development is atypical.

Transportation: In general, solar projects do not need the same level of heavy equipment as wind projects, and in most instances roads and access roads will only need to bear, at maximum, a 60,000-pound wheel load for construction. Developers will follow load limits for local roads and will apply for permits to use overweight vehicles if necessary, but road commissioner approval for general construction is unnecessary and burdensome.

Interconnection: Systems should show proof of application for interconnection, but not a final agreement with the utility. Developers will not go through the entire interconnection process before starting the local permitting process; these processes generally happen in parallel.

Transmission: In most instances, developers will bury many of the interior lines associated with the project. But it is impractical and, in most cases, impossible to bury the lines related to interconnection with the utility. If the authority requires interior lines to be buried, the developer should be able to apply for a waiver.

Operations and Maintenance: Solar system owners have a vested interest in making sure the system is operating efficiently. Many systems have ongoing O&M contracts that include system maintenance, mowing, etc. Proof of this maintenance is unnecessary.

Decommissioning: System owners have a vested interest in making sure the system operates for the full life of the panels, which are warrantied for 25 years, but can often be much longer. Solar system owners will decommission the sites after they are no longer productive, and in most cases, developers include this provision in the agreement with the landowner. Therefore, it is duplicative to have this provision in the permitting process. If the authority decides to nonetheless require a decommissioning plan, a letter of credit or bond as well as an engineering cost estimate of decommissioning demonstrating feasibility should be required after 10-15 years, not at the outset, and cash should not be required. Requiring a bond at the beginning of the project is unnecessary and will only deter development. If the system is found to be inoperable, which is unlikely, there should be a limited amount of time for system owners to get the system back online before the authority forces decommissioning.

Property Value: Solar will not have an adverse effect on neighboring properties. Any requirement to protect neighboring properties will completely prevent development. If a LESA evaluation is required, it should be clear how the county will use the LESA score.
**Complaint Resolution:** Many solar developers are members of the Illinois Solar Energy Association, and as such are required to comply with the association's codes of conduct. Solar systems should not be subject to any more stringent complaint processes than other types of development.

**Fees:** If the authority requires a fee for permit application, the industry prefers a clear delineation of such fees.

For more information, please contact Lesley McCain, Executive Director, Illinois Solar Energy Association at Lesley.mccain@illinoissolar.org.
February 12, 2016

Ms. Jessica Galloza  
ESA Renewables, LLC  
4150 St. Johns Parkway, Suite 1000  
Sanford, F32771

RE: Oakwood Solar Impact Study

Dear Ms. Galloza:

At your request, I have considered the likely impact of solar farms proposed to be constructed on 53.74 acres of land located at 6517 US Highway 70, in Mebane, North Carolina. Specifically, I have been asked to give my professional opinion on whether the proposed solar farm will “maintain or enhance adjoining or contiguous property values” and whether “the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located.”

To form an opinion on these issues, I have researched and visited existing and proposed solar farms in North Carolina, researched articles through the Appraisal Institute and other studies, and discussed the likely impact with other real estate professionals. I have not been asked to assign any value to any specific property.

This letter is a limited report of a real property appraisal consulting assignment and subject to the limiting conditions attached to this letter. My client is ESA Renewables, LLC, represented to me by Ms. Jessica Galloza. My findings support the Conditional/Special Use Permit application. The effective date of this consultation is February 12, 2016.

Proposed Use Description

The proposed solar farm will be constructed on 53.74 acres of land located at 6517 US Highway 70, in Mebane, North Carolina.

Adjoining land is primarily residential low density and agricultural uses, which is common for solar farms as detailed later in this report. The solar farm will consist of fixed solar panels that will generate no noise, no odor, and less traffic than a residential subdivision. The panels will be less than 15 feet in height and located behind a chain link fence.

I have considered adjoining uses and included a map to identify each parcel’s location. The breakdown of those uses by acreage and number of parcels is summarized below.

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I. Overview of Solar Farms Development in North Carolina

Across the nation the number of solar installations has dramatically increased over the last few years as changes in technology and the economy made these solar farms more feasible. The charts below show how this market has grown and is expected to continue to grow from 2010 to 2017, the drop off in 2017 is expected due to the expiration of tax credits for solar installations. The U.S. Solar Market Insight Reports for 2010 and 2011 which is put out by the Solar Energy Industries Association note that 2010 was a “breakout” year for solar energy. The continued boom of solar power is shown in the steady growth. North Carolina was ranked as having the second most active photovoltaic installed capacity in 2014.

As shown in the charts above, North Carolina ranked second in installed solar energy in 2014. North Carolina ranked fifth in cumulative installed solar energy in the United States.
II. **Market Analysis of the Impact on Value from Solar Farms**

I have researched a number of solar farms in North Carolina to determine the impact of these facilities on the value of adjoining property. I have provided a breakdown of the adjoining uses to show what adjoining uses are typical for solar farms and what uses would likely be considered consistent with a solar farm use. This breakdown is included in the Harmony of Use section of this report.

I also conducted a series of matched pair analyses. A matched pair analysis considers two similar properties with only one difference of note to determine whether or not that difference has any impact on value. Within the appraisal profession, matched pair analysis is a well-recognized method of measuring impact on value. In this case, I have considered residential properties adjoining a solar farm versus similar residential properties that do not adjoin a solar farm. I have also considered matched pairs of vacant residential and agricultural land.

As outlined in the discussion of each matched pair, I concluded from the data and my analysis that there has been no impact on sale price for residential, agricultural, or vacant residential land that adjoins the existing solar farms included in my study.
1. **Matched Pair – AM Best Solar Farm, Goldsboro, NC**

This solar farm adjoins Spring Garden Subdivision which had new homes and lots available for new construction during the approval and construction of the solar farm. The recent home sales have ranged from $200,000 to $250,000. This subdivision sold out the last homes in late 2014. The solar farm is clearly visible particularly along the north end of this street where there is only a thin line of trees separating the solar farm from the single-family homes.

Homes backing up to the solar farm are selling at the same price for the same floor plan as the homes that do not back up to the solar farm in this subdivision. According to the builder, the solar farm has been a complete non-factor. Not only do the sales show no difference in the price paid for the various homes adjoining the solar farm versus not adjoining the solar farm, but there are actually more recent sales along the solar farm than not. There is no impact on the sellout rate, or time to sell for the homes adjoining the solar farm.

I spoke with a number of owners who adjoin the solar farm and none of them expressed any concern over the solar farm impacting their property value.

The data presented on the following page shows multiple homes that have sold in 2013 and 2014 adjoining the solar farm at prices similar to those not along the solar farm. These series of sales indicate that the solar farm has no impact on the adjoining residential use.

The homes that were marketed at Spring Garden are shown below.
AM Best Solar Farm, Goldsboro, NC

**Matched Pairs**

As of Date: 9/3/2014

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Average: 1.27 $253,600 2013.4 3,418 $74.27

Median: 1.13 $253,000 2013 3,400 $74.41

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Median: 1.59 $219,000 2012 2,940 $74.95

### Nearby Sales After Solar Farm Completed

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Average: 0.91 $246,000 2013.625 3,189 $77.85

Median: 0.92 $249,000 2014 3,346 $74.46

### Nearby Sales Before Solar Farm Announced

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Average: 1.07 $232,750 2012 3,374 $69.01

Median: 1.14 $233,000 2012 3,349 $69.13
I note that 2308 Granville Drive sold again in November 2015 for $267,500, or $7,500 more than when it was purchased new from the builder two years earlier (Tax ID 3600195361, Owner: Leak). The neighborhood is clearly showing appreciation for homes adjoining the solar farm.

The Median Price is the best indicator to follow in any analysis as it avoids outlying samples that would otherwise skew the results. The median sizes and median prices are all consistent throughout the sales both before and after the solar farm whether you look at sites adjoining or nearby to the solar farm. The average for the homes nearby the solar farm shows a smaller building size and a higher price per square foot. This reflects a common occurrence in real estate where the price per square foot goes up as the size goes down. This is similar to the discount you see in any market where there is a discount for buying larger volumes. So when you buy a 2 liter coke you pay less per ounce than if you buy a 16 oz. coke. So even comparing averages the indication is for no impact, but I rely on the median rates as the most reliable indication for any such analysis.

### Matched Pair Summary

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### Percentage Differences

- Median Price: -2%
- Median Size: -2%
- Median Price/SF: 0%
AM Best Solar Farm, Goldsboro, NC

View of home in Spring Garden with solar farm located through the trees and panels – photo taken on 9/23/15.

View from vacant lot at Spring Garden with solar farm panels visible through trees taken in the winter of 2014 prior to home construction. This is the same lot as the photo above.
2. **Matched Pair – White Cross Solar Farm, Chapel Hill, NC**

A new solar farm was built at 2159 White Cross Road in Chapel Hill, Orange County in 2013. After construction, the owner of the underlying land sold the balance of the tract not encumbered by the solar farm in July 2013 for $265,000 for 47.20 acres, or $5,606 per acre. This land adjoins the solar farm to the south and was clear cut of timber around 10 years ago. I compared this purchase to a nearby transfer of 59.09 acres of timber land just south along White Cross Road that sold in November 2010 for $361,000, or $6,109 per acre. After purchase, this land was divided into three mini farm tracts of 12 to 20 acres each. These rates are very similar and the difference in price per acre is attributed to the timber value and not any impact of the solar farm.

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The difference in price is attributed to the trees on the older sale.
No impact noted for the adjacency to a solar farm according to the broker.
I looked at a number of other nearby land sales without proximity to a solar farm for this matched pair, but this land sale required the least allowance for differences in size, utility and location.

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**Percentage Differences**

Median Price Per Acre: 0%

This matched pair again supports the conclusion that adjacency to a solar farm has no impact on adjoining residential/agricultural land.

3. **Matched Pair – Wagstaff Farm, Roxboro, NC**

This solar farm is located at the northeast corner of a 594-acre farm with approximately 30 acres of solar farm area. This solar farm was approved and constructed in 2013.

After approval, 18.82 acres were sold out of the parent tract to an adjoining owner to the south. This sale was at a similar price to nearby land to the east that sold in the same time from for the same price per acre as shown below.

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This matched pair again supports the conclusion that adjacency to a solar farm has no impact on adjoining residential/agricultural land.

4. **Matched Pair – Mulberry, Selmer, TN**

This solar farm adjoins two subdivisions with Central Hills having a mix of existing and new construction homes. Lots in this development have been marketed for $15,000 each with discounts offered for multiple lots being used for a single home site. I spoke with the agent with Rhonda Wheeler and Becky Hearnberheger with United County Farm & Home Realty who noted that they have seen no impact on lot or home sales due to the solar farm in this community.

I have included a map below as well as data on recent sales activity on lots that adjoin the solar farm or are near the solar farm in this subdivision both before and after the announced plan for this solar farm facility. I note that using the same method I used to breakdown the adjoining uses at the subject property I show that the predominant adjoining uses are residential and agricultural, which is consistent with the location of most solar farms.

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**Percentage Differences**

Median Price Per Acre 0%

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This matched pair again supports the conclusion that adjacency to a solar farm has no impact on adjoining residential/agricultural land.
From the above map, I identified four recent sales of homes that occurred adjoining the solar farm both before and after the announcement of the solar farm. I have adjusted each of these for differences in size and age in order to compare these sales among themselves. As shown below after adjustment, the median value is $130,776 and the sales prices are consistent with one outlier which is also the least comparable home considered. The close grouping and the similar price per point overall as well as the similar price per square foot both before and after the solar farm.

### Adjoining Use Breakdown

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I also considered a number of similar home sales nearby that were both before and after the solar farm was announced as shown below. These homes are generally newer in construction and include a number of larger homes but show a very similar price point per square foot.

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Average: $180,667 1.59 2010 2,030 $88.99
Median: $165,000 1.03 2012 2,045 $83.93

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Average: $134,450 1.67 2009 1,606 $83.87
Median: $134,450 1.67 2009 1,606 $83.87

I then adjusted these nearby sales using the same criteria as the adjoining sales to derive the following breakdown of adjusted values based on a 2011 year built 1,586 square foot home. The adjusted values are consistent with a median rate of $128,665, which is actually lower than the values for the homes that back up to the solar farm.
If you consider just the 2015 nearby sales, the range is $117,648 to $143,727 with a median of $130,688. If you consider the recent adjoining sales the range is $123,501 to $131,553 with a median of $127,527. This difference is less than 3% in the median and well below the standard deviation in the sales. The entire range of the adjoining sales prices is overlapped by the range from the nearby sales. These are consistent data sets and summarized below.

Based on the data presented above, I find that the price per square foot for finished homes are not being impacted negatively by the presence of the solar farm. The difference in pricing in homes in the neighborhood is accounted for by differences in size, building age, and lot size. The median price for a home after those factors are adjusted for are consistent throughout this subdivision and show no impact due to the proximity of the solar farm. This is consistent with the comments from the broker I spoke with for this subdivision as well.
III. Harmony of Use/Compatibility

I have visited over 170 solar farms and sites on which solar farms are proposed in North Carolina to determine what uses are compatible with a solar farm. The data I have collected and provide in this report strongly supports the compatibility of solar farms with adjoining agricultural and residential uses. While I have focused on adjoining uses, I note that there are many examples of solar farms being located within a quarter mile of residential developments, including such notable developments as Governor's Club in Chapel Hill, which has a solar farm within a quarter mile as you can see on the following aerial map. Governor's Club is a gated golf community with homes selling for $300,000 to over $2 million.

The subdivisions included in the matched pair analysis also show an acceptance of residential uses adjoining solar farms as a harmonious use.

Beyond these anecdotal references, I have quantified the adjoining uses for a number of solar farm comparables to derive a breakdown of the adjoining uses for each solar farm. The chart below shows the breakdown of adjoining or abutting uses by total acreage. While most of these solar farms were located in North Carolina, the breakdown of adjoining uses is very similar to that shown for Oregon as shown earlier in this report.
I have also included a breakdown of each solar farm by number of adjoining parcels rather than acreage. Using both factors provides a more complete picture of the neighboring properties.

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Res = Residential, Ag = Agriculture, Sub = Substation, Com = Commercial, Ind = Industrial.

Both of the above charts show a marked residential and agricultural adjoining use for most solar farms. Every single solar farm considered included an adjoining residential use except for one, which included an adjoining residential/agricultural use. These comparable solar farms clearly support a compatibility with adjoining residential uses along with agricultural uses.

**IV. Specific Factors on Harmony of Use**

I have completed a number of Impact Studies related to a variety of uses and I have found that the most common areas for impact on adjoining values typically follow the following hierarchy with descending levels of potential impact. I will discuss each of these categories and how they relate to a solar farm.

1. Hazardous material
2. Odor
3. Noise
4. Traffic
5. Stigma
6. Appearance

**1. Hazardous material**

The solar farm presents no potential hazardous waste byproduct as part of normal operation. Any fertilizer, weed control, vehicular traffic, or construction will be significantly less than typically applied in a residential development or even most agricultural uses.

The various solar farms that I have inspected and identified in the addenda have no known pending environmental impacts associated with the development and operation.

**2. Odor**

The various solar farms that I have inspected produced no noticeable odor.
3. **Noise**

These are passive solar panels with no associated noise beyond a barely audible sound during daylight hours. The transformer reportedly has a hum similar to a fluorescent light in an office building that can only be heard in close proximity to this transformer and the buffers on the property are sufficient to make emitted sounds inaudible from the adjoining properties. No sound is emitted from the facility at night.

The various solar farms that I have inspected were inaudible from the roadways. I heard nothing on any of these sites associated with the solar farm.

4. **Traffic**

The solar farm will have no onsite employee’s or staff. The site requires only minimal maintenance. Relative to other potential uses of the site (such as a residential subdivision), the additional traffic generated by a solar farm use on this site is insignificant.

5. **Stigma**

There is no stigma associated with solar farms and solar farms and people generally respond favorably towards such a use. While an individual may express concerns about proximity to a solar farm, there is no specific stigma associated with a solar farm. Stigma generally refers to things such as adult establishments, prisons, rehabilitation facilities, and so forth.

Solar panels have no associated stigma and in smaller collections are found in yards and roofs in many residential communities. Solar panels on a roof are often cited as an enhancement to the property in marketing brochures.

I see no basis for an impact from stigma due to a solar farm.

6. **Appearance**

Larger solar farms using fixed panels are a passive use of the land that is considered in keeping with a rural/residential area. As shown below, solar farms are comparable to larger greenhouses. This is not surprising given that a greenhouse is essentially another method for collecting passive solar energy. The greenhouse use is well received in residential/rural areas and has a similar visual impact as a solar farm.
The fixed solar panels are all less than 15 feet high, which means that the visual impact of the solar panels will be similar in height to a typical greenhouse and lower than a single story residential dwelling. Were the subject property developed with single family housing, it would have a much greater visual impact on the surrounding area given that a two-story home with attic could be three to four times as high as these proposed panels. The panels will be located behind a chain link fence.

7. Conclusion

On the basis of the factors described above, it is my professional opinion that the proposed solar farm will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be developed. The breakdown of adjoining uses is similar to the other solar farms tracked.

V. Market Commentary

I have surveyed a number of builders, developers and investors regarding solar farms over the last year. I have received favorable feedback from a variety of sources; below are excerpts from my conversations with different clients or other real estate professionals.

I spoke with Betty Cross with Keller Williams Realty in Chapel Hill, who sold the tract of land adjoining the White Cross Road solar farm. She indicated that the solar farm was not considered a negative factor in marketing the property and that it had no impact on the final price paid for the land.

I spoke with Lynn Hayes a broker with Berkshire Hathaway who sold a home at the entrance to Pickards Mountain where the home exits onto the Pickard Mountain Eco Institute’s small solar farm. This property is located in rural Orange County west of Chapel Hill. This home closed in January 2014 for $735,000. According to Ms. Hayes the buyer was excited to be living near the Eco Institute and considered the solar farm to be a positive sign for the area. There are currently a number of 10 acre plus lots in Pickards Meadow behind this house with lots on the market for $200,000 to $250,000.

A new solar farm was built on Zion Church Road, Hickory at the Two Lines Solar Farm on the Punch property. After construction of the solar farm in 2013, an adjoining tract of land with 88.18 acres sold for $250,000, or $2,835 per acre. This was a highly irregular tract of land with significant tree cover between it and the solar farm. I have compared this to a current listing of 20.39 acres of land that is located southeast just a little ways from this solar farm. This land is on the market for $69,000, or $3,428 per acre. Generally, a smaller tract of land would be listed for more per acre. Considering a size adjustment of 5% per doubling in size, and a 10% discount for the likely drop in the closed price off of the asking price, I derive an indicated value per acre of the smaller tract of $2,777 per acre. This is very similar to the recently closed sale adjoining the solar farm, which further supports the matched pair analysis earlier in this report.

Rex Vick with Windjam Developers has a subdivision in Chatham County off Mt. Gilead Church Road known as The Hamptons. Home prices in The Hamptons start at $600,000 with homes over $1,000,000. Mr. Vick expressed interest in the possibility of including a solar farm section to the development as a possible additional marketing tool for the project.
Mr. Eddie Bacon, out of Apex North Carolina, has inherited a sizeable amount of family and agricultural land, and he has expressed interest in using a solar farm as a method of preserving the land for his children and grandchildren while still deriving a useful income from the property. He believes that solar panels would not in any way diminish the value for this adjoining land.

I spoke with Carolyn Craig, a Realtor in Kinston, North Carolina who is familiar with the Strata Solar Farms in the area. She noted that a solar farm in the area would be positive: “A solar farm is color coordinated and looks nice.” “A solar farm is better than a turkey farm,” which is allowed in that area. She would not expect a solar farm will have any impact on adjoining home prices in the area.

Mr. Michael Edwards, a broker and developer in Raleigh, indicated that a passive solar farm would be a great enhancement to adjoining property: “You never know what might be put on that land next door. There is no noise with a solar farm like there is with a new subdivision.”

These are just excerpts I've noted in my conversations with different clients or other real estate participants that provided other thoughts on the subject that seemed applicable.

VI. Conclusion

The matched pair analysis shows no impact in home values due to the adjacency to the solar farm as well as no impact to adjacent vacant residential or agricultural land. The criteria for making downward adjustments on property values such as appearance, noise, odor, and traffic all indicate that a solar farm is a compatible use for rural/residential transition areas.

Similar solar farms have been approved adjoining agricultural uses, schools and residential developments. Industrial uses rarely absorb negative impacts from adjoining uses. The adjoining residential uses to other solar farms have included single family homes up to $260,000 on lots as small as 0.74 acres. The solar farm at the Pickards Mountain Eco Institute adjoins a home that sold in January 2014 for $735,000 and in proximity to lots being sold for $200,000 to $250,000 for homes over a million dollars.

Based on the data and analysis in this report, it is my professional opinion that the solar farm proposed at the subject property will maintain or enhance the value of adjoining or abutting property and that the proposed use is in harmony with the area in which it is located.

If you have any further questions please call me any time.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Kirkland, Jr., MAI
State Certified General Appraiser
Limiting Conditions and Assumptions

Acceptance of and/or use of this report constitutes acceptance of the following limiting conditions and assumptions; these can only be modified by written documents executed by both parties.

- The basic limitation of this and any appraisal is that the appraisal is an opinion of value, and is, therefore, not a guarantee that the property would sell at exactly the appraised value. The market price may differ from the market value, depending upon the motivation and knowledge of the buyer and/or seller, and may, therefore, be higher or lower than the market value. The market value, as defined herein, is an opinion of the probable price that is obtainable in a market free of abnormal influences.

- I do not assume any responsibility for the legal description provided or for matters pertaining to legal or title considerations. I assume that the title to the property is good and marketable unless otherwise stated.

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- I am not qualified to detect the presence of floodplain or wetlands. Any information presented in this report related to these characteristics is for this analysis only. The presence of floodplain or wetlands may affect the value of the property. If the presence of floodplain or wetlands is suspected the property owner would be advised to seek professional engineering assistance.

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- Unless otherwise stated in this report the subject property is appraised without a specific compliance survey having been conducted to determine if the property is or is not in conformance with the requirements of the
Americans with Disabilities Act (effective 1/26/92). The presence of architectural and/or communications barriers that are structural in nature that would restrict access by disabled individuals may adversely affect the property’s value, marketability, or utility.

- Any allocation of the total value estimated in this report between the land and the improvements applies only under the stated program of utilization. The separate values allocated to the land and buildings must not be used in conjunction with any other appraisal and are invalid if so used.

- Possession of this report, or a copy thereof, does not carry with it the right of publication.

- I have no obligation, by reason of this appraisal, to give further consultation or testimony or to be in attendance in court with reference to the property in question unless further arrangements have been made regarding compensation to Kirkland Appraisals, LLC.

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- This is a Real Property Appraisal Consulting Assignment.
Certification – Richard C. Kirkland, Jr., MAI

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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2. The reported analyses, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions;
3. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal interest with respect to the parties involved;
4. I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved with this assignment;
5. My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results;
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7. The reported analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice of the Appraisal Institute;
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9. The use of this report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives;
10. I have not made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report, and;
11. No one provided significant real property appraisal assistance to the person signing this certification.
12. As of the date of this report I have completed the requirements of the continuing education program of the Appraisal Institute;
13. I have not appraised this property within the last three years.

Disclosure of the contents of this appraisal report is governed by the bylaws and regulations of the Appraisal Institute and the National Association of Realtors.

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- Analyzing Distressed Real Estate 2011
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- Valuation of Detrimental Conditions in Real Estate 2007
- The Appraisal of Small Subdivisions 2007
- Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Update 2006
- Evaluating Commercial Construction 2005
No Evidence of Residential Property Value Impacts Near U.S. Wind Turbines, a New Berkeley Lab Study Finds

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) analyzed more than 50,000 home sales near 67 wind facilities in 27 counties across nine U.S. states, yet was unable to uncover any impacts to nearby home property values.

“This is the second of two major studies we have conducted on this topic [the first was published in 2009 – see below], and in both studies [using two different datasets] we find no statistical evidence that operating wind turbines have had any measurable impact on home sales prices,” says Ben Hoen, the lead author of the new report.

Hoen is a researcher in the Environmental Energy Technologies Division of Berkeley Lab.

The new study used a number of sophisticated techniques to control for other potential impacts on home prices, including collecting data that spanned well before the wind facilities’ development was announced to after they were constructed and operating. This allowed the researchers to control for any pre-existing differences in home sales prices across their sample and any changes that occurred due to the housing bubble.

This study, the most comprehensive to-date, builds on both the previous Berkeley Lab study as well a number of other academic and published U.S. studies, which also generally find no measurable impacts near operating turbines.
“Although there have been claims of significant property value impacts near operating wind turbines that regularly surface in the press or in local communities, strong evidence to support those claims has failed to materialize in all of the major U.S. studies conducted thus far”, says Hoen. “Moreover, our findings comport with the large set of studies that have investigated other potentially similar disamenities, such as high voltage transmission lines, land fills, and noisy roads, which suggest that widespread impacts from wind turbines would be either relatively small or non-existent.”

The report was authored by Ben Hoen (Berkeley Lab), Jason P. Brown (formerly USDA now Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City), Thomas Jackson (Texas A & M and Real Property Analytics), Ryan Wiser (Berkeley Lab), Mark Thayer (San Diego State University) and Peter Cappers (Berkeley Lab). The research was supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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Additional Information:

Download the new 2013 report “A Spatial Hedonic Analysis of the Effects of Wind Energy Facilities on Surrounding Property Values in the United States”


More information about DOE's Wind Program

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Health and Safety Impacts of Solar Photovoltaics

The increasing presence of utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) systems (sometimes referred to as solar farms) is a rather new development in North Carolina’s landscape. Due to the new and unknown nature of this technology, it is natural for communities near such developments to be concerned about health and safety impacts. Unfortunately, the quick emergence of utility-scale solar has cultivated fertile grounds for myths and half-truths about the health impacts of this technology, which can lead to unnecessary fear and conflict.

Photovoltaic (PV) technologies and solar inverters are not known to pose any significant health dangers to their neighbors. The most important dangers posed are increased highway traffic during the relative short construction period and dangers posed to trespassers of contact with high voltage equipment. This latter risk is mitigated by signage and the security measures that industry uses to deter trespassing. As will be discussed in more detail below, risks of site contamination are much less than for most other industrial uses because PV technologies employ few toxic chemicals and those used are used in very small quantities. Due to the reduction in the pollution from fossil-fuel-fired electric generators, the overall impact of solar development on human health is overwhelmingly positive. This pollution reduction results from a partial replacement of fossil-fuel fired generation by emission-free PV-generated electricity, which reduces harmful sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NOₓ), and fine particulate matter (PM₂.₅). Analysis from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, both affiliates of the U.S. Department of Energy, estimates the health-related air quality benefits to the southeast region from solar PV generators to be worth 8.0 ¢ per kilowatt-hour of solar generation.¹ This is in addition to the value of the electricity and suggests that the air quality benefits of solar are worth more than the electricity itself.

Even though we have only recently seen large-scale installation of PV technologies, the technology and its potential impacts have been studied since the 1950s. A combination of this solar-specific research and general scientific research has led to the scientific community having a good understanding of the science behind potential health and safety impacts of solar energy. This paper utilizes the latest scientific literature and knowledge of solar practices in N.C. to address the health and safety risks associated with solar PV technology. These risks are extremely small, far less than those associated with common activities such as driving a car, and vastly outweighed by health benefits of the generation of clean electricity.

This paper addresses the potential health and safety impacts of solar PV development in North Carolina, organized into the following four categories:

1. Hazardous Materials
2. Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)
3. Electric Shock and Arc Flash
4. Fire Safety
1. Hazardous Materials

One of the more common concerns towards solar is that the panels (referred to as “modules” in the solar industry) consist of toxic materials that endanger public health. However, as shown in this section, solar energy systems may contain small amounts of toxic materials, but these materials do not endanger public health. To understand potential toxic hazards coming from a solar project, one must understand system installation, materials used, the panel end-of-life protocols, and system operation. This section will examine these aspects of a solar farm and the potential for toxicity impacts in the following subsections:

(1.2) Project Installation/Construction
(1.2) System Components
  1.2.1 Solar Panels: Construction and Durability
  1.2.2 Photovoltaic technologies
      (a) Crystalline Silicon
      (b) Cadmium Telluride (CdTe)
      (c) CIS/CIGS
  1.2.3 Panel End of Life Management
  1.2.4 Non-panel System Components
(1.3) Operations and Maintenance

1.1 Project Installation/Construction

The system installation, or construction, process does not require toxic chemicals or processes. The site is mechanically cleared of large vegetation, fences are constructed, and the land is surveyed to layout exact installation locations. Trenches for underground wiring are dug and support posts are driven into the ground. The solar panels are bolted to steel and aluminum support structures and wired together. Inverter pads are installed, and an inverter and transformer are installed on each pad. Once everything is connected, the system is tested, and only then turned on.

Figure 1: Utility-scale solar facility (5 MWAC) located in Catawba County. Source: Strata Solar
1.2 System Components

1.2.1 Solar Panels: Construction and Durability

Solar PV panels typically consist of glass, polymer, aluminum, copper, and semiconductor materials that can be recovered and recycled at the end of their useful life. Today there are two PV technologies used in PV panels at utility-scale solar facilities, silicon, and thin film. As of 2016, all thin film used in North Carolina solar facilities are cadmium telluride (CdTe) panels from the US manufacturer First Solar, but there are other thin film PV panels available on the market, such as Solar Frontier’s CIGS panels. Crystalline silicon technology consists of silicon wafers which are made into cells and assembled into panels, thin film technologies consist of thin layers of semiconductor material deposited onto glass, polymer or metal substrates. While there are differences in the components and manufacturing processes of these two types of solar technologies, many aspects of their PV panel construction are very similar. Specifics about each type of PV chemistry as it relates to toxicity are covered in subsections a, b, and c in section 1.2.2; on crystalline silicon, cadmium telluride, and CIS/CIGS respectively. The rest of this section applies equally to both silicon and thin film panels.

To provide decades of corrosion-free operation, PV cells in PV panels are encapsulated from air and moisture between two layers of plastic. The encapsulation layers are protected on the top with a layer of tempered glass and on the backside with a polymer sheet. Frameless modules include a protective layer of glass on the rear of the panel, which may also be tempered. The plastic ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) commonly provides the cell encapsulation. For decades, this same material has been used between layers of tempered glass to give car windshields and hurricane windows their great strength. In the same way that a car windshield cracks but stays intact, the EVA layers in PV panels keep broken panels intact (see Figure 4). Thus, a damaged module does not generally create small pieces of debris; instead, it largely remains together as one piece.
PV panels constructed with the same basic components as modern panels have been installed across the globe for well over thirty years. The long-term durability and performance demonstrated over these decades, as well as the results of accelerated lifetime testing, helped lead to an industry-standard 25-year power production warranty for PV panels. These power warranties warrant a PV panel to produce at least 80% of their original nameplate production after 25 years of use. A recent SolarCity and DNV GL study reported that today’s quality PV panels should be expected to reliably and efficiently produce power for thirty-five years.

Local building codes require all structures, including ground mounted solar arrays, to be engineered to withstand anticipated wind speeds, as defined by the local wind speed requirements. Many racking products are available in versions engineered for wind speeds of up to 150 miles per hour, which is significantly higher than the wind speed requirement anywhere in North Carolina. The strength of PV mounting structures were demonstrated during Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and again during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. During Hurricane Sandy, the many large-scale solar facilities in New Jersey and New York at that time suffered only minor damage. In the fall of 2016, the US and Caribbean experienced destructive winds and torrential rains from Hurricane Matthew, yet one leading solar tracker manufacturer reported that their numerous systems in the impacted area received zero damage from wind or flooding.

In the event of a catastrophic event capable of damaging solar equipment, such as a tornado, the system will almost certainly have property insurance that will cover the cost to cleanup and repair the project. It is in the best interest of the system owner to protect their investment against such risks. It is also in their interest to get the project repaired and producing full power as soon as possible. Therefore, the investment in adequate insurance is a wise business practice for the system owner. For the same
reasons, adequate insurance coverage is also generally a requirement of the bank or firm providing financing for the project.

1.2.2 Photovoltaic (PV) Technologies

a. Crystalline Silicon

This subsection explores the toxicity of silicon-based PV panels and concludes that they do not pose a material risk of toxicity to public health and safety. Modern crystalline silicon PV panels, which account for over 90% of solar PV panels installed today, are, more or less, a commodity product. The overwhelming majority of panels installed in North Carolina are crystalline silicon panels that are informally classified as Tier I panels. Tier I panels are from well-respected manufacturers that have a good chance of being able to honor warranty claims. Tier I panels are understood to be of high quality, with predictable performance, durability, and content. Well over 80% (by weight) of the content of a PV panel is the tempered glass front and the aluminum frame, both of which are common building materials. Most of the remaining portion are common plastics, including polyethylene terephthalate in the backsheet, EVA encapsulation of the PV cells, polyphenyl ether in the junction box, and polyethylene insulation on the wire leads. The active, working components of the system are the silicon photovoltaic cells, the small electrical leads connecting them together, and to the wires coming out of the back of the panel. The electricity generating and conducting components makeup less than 5% of the weight of most panels. The PV cell itself is nearly 100% silicon, and silicon is the second most common element in the Earth's crust. The silicon for PV cells is obtained by high-temperature processing of quartz sand (SiO₂) that removes its oxygen molecules. The refined silicon is converted to a PV cell by adding extremely small amounts of boron and phosphorus, both of which are common and of very low toxicity.

The other minor components of the PV cell are also generally benign; however, some contain lead, which is a human toxicant that is particularly harmful to young children. The minor components include an extremely thin antireflective coating (silicon nitride or titanium dioxide), a thin layer of aluminum on the rear, and thin strips of silver alloy that are screen-printed on the front and rear of cell. In order for the front and rear electrodes to make effective electrical contact with the proper layer of the PV cell, other materials (called glass frit) are mixed with the silver alloy and then heated to etch the metals into the cell. This glass frit historically contains a small amount of lead (Pb) in the form of lead oxide. The 60 or 72 PV cells in a PV panel are connected by soldering thin solder-covered copper tabs from the back of one cell to the front of the next cell. Traditionally a tin-based solder containing some lead (Pb) is used, but some manufacturers have switched to lead-free solder. The glass frit and/or the solder may contain trace amounts of other metals, potentially including some with human toxicity such as cadmium. However, testing to simulate the potential for leaching from broken panels, which is discussed in more detail below, did not find a potential toxicity threat from these trace elements. Therefore, the tiny amount of lead in the glass frit and the solder is the only part of silicon PV panels with a potential to create a negative health impact. However, as described below, the very limited amount of lead involved and its strong physical and chemical attachment to other components of the PV panel means that even in worst-case scenarios the health hazard it poses is insignificant.

As with many electronic industries, the solder in silicon PV panels has historically been a lead-based solder, often 36% lead, due to the superior properties of such solder. However, recent advances in lead-free solders have spurred a trend among PV panel manufacturers to reduce or remove the lead in their panels. According to the 2015 Solar Scorecard from the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, a group that tracks environmental responsibility of photovoltaic panel manufacturers, fourteen companies (increased from twelve companies in 2014) manufacture PV panels certified to meet the European Restriction of
Hazardous Substances (RoHS) standard. This means that the amount of cadmium and lead in the panels they manufacture fall below the RoHS thresholds, which are set by the European Union and serve as the world’s de facto standard for hazardous substances in manufactured goods. The Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) standard requires that the maximum concentration found in any homogenous material in a produce is less than 0.01% cadmium and less than 0.10% lead, therefore, any solder can be no more than 0.10% lead.

While some manufacturers are producing PV panels that meet the RoHS standard, there is no requirement that they do so because the RoHS Directive explicitly states that the directive does not apply to photovoltaic panels. The justification for this is provided in item 17 of the current RoHS Directive: “The development of renewable forms of energy is one of the Union’s key objectives, and the contribution made by renewable energy sources to environmental and climate objectives is crucial. Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (4) recalls that there should be coherence between those objectives and other Union environmental legislation. Consequently, this Directive should not prevent the development of renewable energy technologies that have no negative impact on health and the environment and that are sustainable and economically viable.”

The use of lead is common in our modern economy. However, only about 0.5% of the annual lead consumption in the U.S. is for electronic solder for all uses; PV solder makes up only a tiny portion of this 0.5%. Close to 90% of lead consumption in the US is in batteries, which do not encapsulate the pounds of lead contained in each typical automotive battery. This puts the lead in batteries at great risk of leaching into the environment. Estimates for the lead in a single PV panel with lead-based solder range from 1.6 to 24 grams of lead, with 13g (less than half of an ounce) per panel seen most often in the literature. At 13 g/panel, each panel contains one-half of the lead in a typical 12-gauge shotgun shell. This amount equates to roughly 1/750th of the lead in a single car battery. In a panel, it is all durably encapsulated from air or water for the full life of the panel.

As indicated by their 20 to 30-year power warranty, PV modules are designed for a long service life, generally over 25 years. For a panel to comply with its 25-year power warranty, its internal components, including lead, must be sealed from any moisture. Otherwise, they would corrode and the panel’s output would fall below power warranty levels. Thus, the lead in operating PV modules is not at risk of release to the environment during their service lifetime. In extreme experiments, researchers have shown that lead can leach from crushed or pulverized panels. However, more real-world tests designed to represent typical trash compaction that are used to classify waste as hazardous or non-hazardous show no danger from leaching. For more information about PV panel end-of-life, see the Panel Disposal section.

As illustrated throughout this section, silicon-based PV panels do not pose a material threat to public health and safety. The only aspect of the panels with potential toxicity concerns is the very small amount of lead in some panels. However, any lead in a panel is well sealed from environmental exposure for the operating lifetime of the solar panel and thus not at risk of release into the environment.

b. Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) PV Panels

This subsection examines the components of a cadmium telluride (CdTe) PV panel. Research demonstrates that they pose negligible toxicity risk to public health and safety while significantly reducing the public’s exposure to cadmium by reducing coal emissions. As of mid-2016, a few hundred MWs of
cadmium telluride (CdTe) panels, all manufactured by the U.S. company First Solar, have been installed in North Carolina.

Questions about the potential health and environmental impacts from the use of this PV technology are related to the concern that these panels contain cadmium, a toxic heavy metal. However, scientific studies have shown that cadmium telluride differs from cadmium due to its high chemical and thermal stability. Research has shown that the tiny amount of cadmium in these panels does not pose a health or safety risk. Further, there are very compelling reasons to welcome its adoption due to reductions in unhealthy pollution associated with burning coal. Every GWh of electricity generated by burning coal produces about 4 grams of cadmium air emissions. Even though North Carolina produces a significant fraction of our electricity from coal, electricity from solar offsets much more natural gas than coal due to natural gas plants being able to adjust their rate of production more easily and quickly. If solar electricity offsets 90% natural gas and 10% coal, each 5-megawatt (5 MWAC, which is generally 7 MWDC) CdTe solar facility in North Carolina keeps about 157 grams, or about a third of a pound, of cadmium out of our environment.

Cadmium is toxic, but all the approximately 7 grams of cadmium in one CdTe panel is in the form of a chemical compound cadmium telluride, which has 1/100th the toxicity of free cadmium. Cadmium telluride is a very stable compound that is non-volatile and non-soluble in water. Even in the case of a fire, research shows that less than 0.1% of the cadmium is released when a CdTe panel is exposed to fire. The fire melts the glass and encapsulates over 99.9% of the cadmium in the molten glass.

It is important to understand the source of the cadmium used to manufacture CdTe PV panels. The cadmium is a byproduct of zinc and lead refining. The element is collected from emissions and waste streams during the production of these metals and combined with tellurium to create the CdTe used in PV panels. If the cadmium were not collected for use in the PV panels or other products, it would otherwise either be stockpiled for future use, cemented and buried, or disposed of. Nearly all the cadmium in old or broken panels can be recycled which can eventually serve as the primary source of cadmium for new PV panels.

Similar to silicon-based PV panels, CdTe panels are constructed of a tempered glass front, one instead of two clear plastic encapsulation layers, and a rear heat strengthened glass backing (together >98% by weight). The final product is built to withstand exposure to the elements without significant damage for over 25 years. While not representative of damage that may occur in the field or even at a landfill, laboratory evidence has illustrated that when panels are ground into a fine powder, very acidic water is able to leach portions of the cadmium and tellurium, similar to the process used to recycle CdTe panels. Like many silicon-based panels, CdTe panels are reported (as far back as 1998) to pass the EPA’s Toxic Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test, which tests the potential for crushed panels in a landfill to leach hazardous substances into groundwater. Passing this test means that they are classified as non-hazardous waste and can be deposited in landfills. For more information about PV panel end-of-life, see the Panel Disposal section.

There is also concern of environmental impact resulting from potential catastrophic events involving CdTe PV panels. An analysis of worst-case scenarios for environmental impact from CdTe PV panels, including earthquakes, fires, and floods, was conducted by the University of Tokyo in 2013. After reviewing the extensive international body of research on CdTe PV technology, their report concluded, “Even in the worst-case scenarios, it is unlikely that the Cd concentrations in air and sea water will exceed the environmental regulation values.” In a worst-case scenario of damaged panels abandoned on the ground, insignificant amounts of cadmium will leach from the panels. This is because this scenario is
much less conducive (larger module pieces, less acidity) to leaching than the conditions of the EPA’s TCLP test used to simulate landfill conditions, which CdTe panels pass.  

First Solar, a U.S. company, and the only significant supplier of CdTe panels, has a robust panel take-back and recycling program that has been operating commercially since 2005. The company states that it is “committed to providing a commercially attractive recycling solution for photovoltaic (PV) power plant and module owners to help them meet their module (end of life) EOL obligation simply, cost-effectively and responsibly.” First Solar global recycling services to their customers to collect and recycle panels once they reach the end of productive life whether due to age or damage. These recycling service agreements are structured to be financially attractive to both First Solar and the solar panel owner. For First Solar, the contract provides the company with an affordable source of raw materials needed for new panels and presumably a diminished risk of undesired release of Cd. The contract also benefits the solar panel owner by allowing them to avoid tipping fees at a waste disposal site. The legal contract helps provide peace of mind by ensuring compliance by both parties when considering the continuing trend of rising disposal costs and increasing regulatory requirements.

c. **CIS/CIGS and other PV technologies**

Copper indium gallium selenide PV technology, often referred to as CIGS, is the second most common type of thin-film PV panel but a distant second behind CdTe. CIGS cells are composed of a thin layer of copper, indium, gallium, and selenium on a glass or plastic backing. None of these elements are very toxic, although selenium is a regulated metal under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The cells often also have an extremely thin layer of cadmium sulfide that contains a tiny amount of cadmium, which is toxic. The promise of high efficiency CIGS panels drove heavy investment in this technology in the past. However, researchers have struggled to transfer high efficiency success in the lab to low-cost full-scale panels in the field. Recently, a CIGS manufacturer based in Japan, Solar Frontier, has achieved some market success with a rigid, glass-faced CIGS module that competes with silicon panels. Solar Frontier produces the majority of CIGS panels on the market today. Notably, these panels are RoHS compliant, thus meeting the rigorous toxicity standard adopted by the European Union even thought this directive exempts PV panels. The authors are unaware of any completed or proposed utility-scale system in North Carolina using CIS/CIGS panels.

### 1.2.3 Panel End-of-Life Management

Concerns about the volume, disposal, toxicity, and recycling of PV panels are addressed in this subsection. To put the volume of PV waste into perspective, consider that by 2050, when PV systems installed in 2020 will reach the end of their lives, it is estimated that the global annual PV panel waste tonnage will be 10% of the 2014 global e-waste tonnage. In the U.S., end-of-life disposal of solar products is governed by the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as well as state policies in some situations. RCRA separates waste into hazardous (not accepted at ordinary landfill) and solid waste (generally accepted at ordinary landfill) based on a series of rules. According to RCRA, the way to determine if a PV panel is classified as hazardous waste is the Toxic Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) test. This EPA test is designed to simulate landfill disposal and determine the risk of hazardous substances leaching out of the landfill. Multiple sources report that most modern PV panels (both crystalline silicon and cadmium telluride) pass the TCLP test. Some studies found that some older (1990s) crystalline silicon panels, and perhaps some newer crystalline silicon panels (specifics are not given about vintage of panels tested), do not pass the lead (Pb) leachate limits in the TCLP test.
The test begins with the crushing of a panel into centimeter-sized pieces. The pieces are then mixed in an acid bath. After tumbling for eighteen hours, the fluid is tested for forty hazardous substances that all must be below specific threshold levels to pass the test. Research comparing TCLP conditions to conditions of damaged panels in the field found that simulated landfill conditions provide overly conservative estimates of leaching for field-damaged panels. Additionally, research in Japan has found no detectable Cd leaching from cracked CdTe panels when exposed to simulated acid rain.

Although modern panels can generally be landfilled, they can also be recycled. Even though recent waste volume has not been adequate to support significant PV-specific recycling infrastructure, the existing recycling industry in North Carolina reports that it recycles much of the current small volume of broken PV panels. In an informal survey conducted by the NC Clean Energy Technology Center survey in early 2016, seven of the eight large active North Carolina utility-scale solar developers surveyed reported that they send damaged panels back to the manufacturer and/or to a local recycler. Only one developer reported sending damaged panels to the landfill.

The developers reported at that time that they are usually paid a small amount per panel by local recycling firms. In early 2017, a PV developer reported that a local recycler was charging a small fee per panel to recycle damaged PV panels. The local recycling firm known to authors to accept PV panels described their current PV panel recycling practice as of early 2016 as removing the aluminum frame for local recycling and removing the wire leads for local copper recycling. The remainder of the panel is sent to a facility for processing the non-metallic portions of crushed vehicles, referred to as “fluff” in the recycling industry. This processing within existing general recycling plants allows for significant material recovery of major components, including glass which is 80% of the module weight, but at lower yields than PV-specific recycling plants. Notably almost half of the material value in a PV panel is in the few grams of silver contained in almost every PV panel produced today. In the long-term, dedicated PV panel recycling plants can increase treatment capacities and maximize revenues resulting in better output quality and the ability to recover a greater fraction of the useful materials. PV-specific panel recycling technologies have been researched and implemented to some extent for the past decade, and have been shown to be able to recover over 95% of PV material (semiconductor) and over 90% of the glass in a PV panel.

A look at global PV recycling trends hints at the future possibilities of the practice in our country. Europe installed MW-scale volumes of PV years before the U.S. In 2007, a public-private partnership between the European Union and the solar industry set up a voluntary collection and recycling system called PV CYCLE. This arrangement was later made mandatory under the EU’s WEEE directive, a program for waste electrical and electronic equipment. Its member companies (PV panel producers) fully finance the association. This makes it possible for end-users to return the member companies’ defective panels for recycling at any of the over 300 collection points around Europe without added costs. Additionally, PV CYCLE will pick up batches of 40 or more used panels at no cost to the user. This arrangement has been very successful, collecting and recycling over 13,000 tons by the end of 2015.

In 2012, the WEEE Directive added the end-of-life collection and recycling of PV panels to its scope. This directive is based on the principle of extended-producer-responsibility. It has a global impact because producers that want to sell into the EU market are legally responsible for end-of-life management. Starting in 2018, this directive targets that 85% of PV products “put in the market” in Europe are recovered and 80% is prepared for reuse and recycling.

The success of the PV panel collection and recycling practices in Europe provides promise for the future of recycling in the U.S. In mid-2016, the US Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA) announced that they are starting a national solar panel recycling program with the guidance and support of many
leading PV panel producers. The program will aggregate the services offered by recycling vendors and PV manufacturers, which will make it easier for consumers to select a cost-effective and environmentally responsible end-of-life management solution for their PV products. According to SEIA, they are planning the program in an effort to make the entire industry landfill-free. In addition to the national recycling network program, the program will provide a portal for system owners and consumers with information on how to responsibly recycle their PV systems.

While a cautious approach toward the potential for negative environmental and/or health impacts from retired PV panels is fully warranted, this section has shown that the positive health impacts of reduced emissions from fossil fuel combustion from PV systems more than outweighs any potential risk. Testing shows that silicon and CdTe panels are both safe to dispose of in landfills, and are also safe in worst case conditions of abandonment or damage in a disaster. Additionally, analysis by local engineers has found that the current salvage value of the equipment in a utility scale PV facility generally exceeds general contractor estimates for the cost to remove the entire PV system.

1.2.4 Non-Panel System Components (racking, wiring, inverter, transformer)

While previous toxicity subsections discussed PV panels, this subsection describes the non-panel components of utility-scale PV systems and investigates any potential public health and safety concerns. The most significant non-panel component of a ground-mounted PV system is the mounting structure of the rows of panels, commonly referred to as “racking”. The vertical post portion of the racking is galvanized steel and the remaining above-ground racking components are either galvanized steel or aluminum, which are both extremely common and benign building materials. The inverters that make the solar generated electricity ready to send to the grid have weather-proof steel enclosures that protect the working components from the elements. The only fluids that they might contain are associated with their cooling systems, which are not unlike the cooling system in a computer. Many inverters today are RoHS compliant.

The electrical transformers (to boost the inverter output voltage to the voltage of the utility connection point) do contain a liquid cooling oil. However, the fluid used for that function is either a non-toxic mineral oil or a biodegradable non-toxic vegetable oil, such as BIOTEMP from ABB. These vegetable transformer oils have the additional advantage of being much less flammable than traditional mineral oils. Significant health hazards are associated with old transformers containing cooling oil with toxic PCBs. Transfers with PCB-containing oil were common before PCBs were outlawed in the U.S. in 1979. PCBs still exist in older transformers in the field across the country.

Other than a few utility research sites, there are no batteries on- or off-site associated with utility-scale solar energy facilities in North Carolina, avoiding any potential health or safety concerns related to battery technologies. However, as battery technologies continue to improve and prices continue to decline we are likely to start seeing some batteries at solar facilities. Lithium ion batteries currently dominate the world utility-scale battery market, which are not very toxic. No non-panel system components were found to pose any health or environmental dangers.

1.4 Operations and Maintenance – Panel Washing and Vegetation Control
Throughout the eastern U.S., the climate provides frequent and heavy enough rain to keep panels adequately clean. This dependable weather pattern eliminates the need to wash the panels on a regular basis. Some system owners may choose to wash panels as often as once a year to increase production, but most in N.C. do not regularly wash any PV panels. Dirt build up over time may justify panel washing a few times over the panels’ lifetime; however, nothing more than soap and water are required for this activity.

The maintenance of ground-mounted PV facilities requires that vegetation be kept low, both for aesthetics and to avoid shading of the PV panels. Several approaches are used to maintain vegetation at NC solar facilities, including planting of limited-height species, mowing, weed-eating, herbicides, and grazing livestock (sheep). The following descriptions of vegetation maintenance practices are based on interviews with several solar developers as well as with three maintenance firms that together are contracted to maintain well over 100 of the solar facilities in N.C. The majority of solar facilities in North Carolina maintain vegetation primarily by mowing. Each row of panels has a single row of supports, allowing sickle mowers to mow under the panels. The sites usually require mowing about once a month during the growing season. Some sites employ sheep to graze the site, which greatly reduces the human effort required to maintain the vegetation and produces high quality lamb meat.

In addition to mowing and weed eating, solar facilities often use some herbicides. Solar facilities generally do not spray herbicides over the entire acreage; rather they apply them only in strategic locations such as at the base of the perimeter fence, around exterior vegetative buffer, on interior dirt roads, and near the panel support posts. Also unlike many row crop operations, solar facilities generally use only general use herbicides, which are available over the counter, as opposed to restricted use herbicides commonly used in commercial agriculture that require a special restricted use license. The herbicides used at solar facilities are primarily 2-4-D and glyphosate (Round-up®), which are two of the most common herbicides used in lawns, parks, and agriculture across the country. One maintenance firm that was interviewed sprays the grass with a class of herbicide known as a growth regulator in order to slow the growth of grass so that mowing is only required twice a year. Growth regulators are commonly used on highway roadsides and golf courses for the same purpose. A commercial pesticide applicator license is required for anyone other than the landowner to apply herbicides, which helps ensure that all applicators are adequately educated about proper herbicide use and application. The license must be renewed annually and requires passing of a certification exam appropriate to the area in which the applicator wishes to work. Based on the limited data available, it appears that solar facilities in N.C. generally use significantly less herbicides per acre than most commercial agriculture or lawn maintenance services.

### 2. Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)

PV systems do not emit any material during their operation; however, they do generate electromagnetic fields (EMF), sometimes referred to as radiation. EMF produced by electricity is non-ionizing radiation, meaning the radiation has enough energy to move atoms in a molecule around (experienced as heat), but not enough energy to remove electrons from an atom or molecule (ionize) or to damage DNA. As shown below, modern humans are all exposed to EMF throughout our daily lives without negative health impact. Someone outside of the fenced perimeter of a solar facility is not exposed to significant EMF from the solar facility. Therefore, there is no negative health impact from the EMF.
produced in a solar farm. The following paragraphs provide some additional background and detail to support this conclusion.

Since the 1970s, some have expressed concern over potential health consequences of EMF from electricity, but no studies have ever shown this EMF to cause health problems. These concerns are based on some epidemiological studies that found a slight increase in childhood leukemia associated with average exposure to residential power-frequency magnetic fields above 0.3 to 0.4 µT (microteslas) (equal to 3.0 to 4.0 mG (milligauss)). µT and mG are both units used to measure magnetic field strength. For comparison, the average exposure for people in the U.S. is one mG or 0.1 µT, with about 1% of the population with an average exposure in excess of 0.4 µT (or 4 mG). These epidemiological studies, which found an association but not a causal relationship, led the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to classify ELF magnetic fields as “possibly carcinogenic to humans”. Coffee also has this classification. This classification means there is limited evidence but not enough evidence to designate as either a “probable carcinogen” or “human carcinogen”. Overall, there is very little concern that ELF EMF damages public health. The only concern that does exist is for long-term exposure above 0.4 µT (4 mG) that may have some connection to increased cases of childhood leukemia. In 1997, the National Academies of Science were directed by Congress to examine this concern and concluded:

“Based on a comprehensive evaluation of published studies relating to the effects of power-frequency electric and magnetic fields on cells, tissues, and organisms (including humans), the conclusion of the committee is that the current body of evidence does not show that exposure to these fields presents a human-health hazard. Specifically, no conclusive and consistent evidence shows that exposures to residential electric and magnetic fields produce cancer, adverse neurobehavioral effects, or reproductive and developmental effects.”

There are two aspects to electromagnetic fields, an electric field and a magnetic field. The electric field is generated by voltage and the magnetic field is generated by electric current, i.e., moving electrons. A task group of scientific experts convened by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2005 concluded that there were no substantive health issues related to electric fields (0 to 100,000 Hz) at levels generally encountered by members of the public. The relatively low voltages in a solar facility and the fact that electric fields are easily shielded (i.e., blocked) by common materials, such as plastic, metal, or soil means that there is no concern of negative health impacts from the electric fields generated by a solar facility. Thus, the remainder of this section addresses magnetic fields. Magnetic fields are not shielded by most common materials and thus can easily pass through them. Both types of fields are strongest close to the source of electric generation and weaken quickly with distance from the source.

The direct current (DC) electricity produced by PV panels produce stationary (0 Hz) electric and magnetic fields. Because of minimal concern about potential risks of stationary fields, little scientific research has examined stationary fields’ impact on human health. In even the largest PV facilities, the DC voltages and currents are not very high. One can illustrate the weakness of the EMF generated by a PV panel by placing a compass on an operating solar panel and observing that the needle still points north.

While the electricity throughout the majority of a solar site is DC electricity, the inverters convert this DC electricity to alternating current (AC) electricity matching the 60 Hz frequency of the grid. Therefore, the inverters and the wires delivering this power to the grid are producing non-stationary EMF, known as extremely low frequency (ELF) EMF, normally oscillating with a frequency of 60 Hz. This frequency is at the low-energy end of the electromagnetic spectrum. Therefore, it has less energy than
other commonly encountered types of non-ionizing radiation like radio waves, infrared radiation, and visible light.

The wide use of electricity results in background levels of ELF EMFs in nearly all locations where people spend time – homes, workplaces, schools, cars, the supermarket, etc. A person’s average exposure depends upon the sources they encounter, how close they are to them, and the amount of time they spend there. As stated above, the average exposure to magnetic fields in the U.S. is estimated to be around one mG or 0.1 µT, but can vary considerably depending on a person’s exposure to EMF from electrical devices and wiring. At times we are often exposed to much higher ELF magnetic fields, for example when standing three feet from a refrigerator the ELF magnetic field is 6 mG and when standing three feet from a microwave oven the field is about 50 mG. The strength of these fields diminish quickly with distance from the source, but when surrounded by electricity in our homes and other buildings moving away from one source moves you closer to another. However, unless you are inside of the fence at a utility-scale solar facility or electrical substation it is impossible to get very close to the EMF sources. Because of this, EMF levels at the fence of electrical substations containing high voltages and currents are considered “generally negligible”.

The strength of ELF-EMF present at the perimeter of a solar facility or near a PV system in a commercial or residential building is significantly lower than the typical American’s average EMF exposure. Researchers in Massachusetts measured magnetic fields at PV projects and found the magnetic fields dropped to very low levels of 0.5 mG or less, and in many cases to less than background levels (0.2 mG), at distances of no more than nine feet from the residential inverters and 150 feet from the utility-scale inverters. Even when measured within a few feet of the utility-scale inverter, the ELF magnetic fields were well below the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection’s recommended magnetic field level exposure limit for the general public of 2,000 mG. It is typical that utility scale designs locate large inverters central to the PV panels that feed them because this minimizes the length of wire required and shields neighbors from the sound of the inverter’s cooling fans. Thus, it is rare for a large PV inverter to be within 150 feet of the project’s security fence.

Anyone relying on a medical device such as pacemaker or other implanted device to maintain proper heart rhythm may have concern about the potential for a solar project to interfere with the operation of his or her device. However, there is no reason for concern because the EMF outside of the solar facility’s fence is less than 1/1000 of the level at which manufacturers test for ELF EMF interference, which is 1,000 mG. Manufacturers of potentially affected implanted devices often provide advice on electromagnetic interference that includes avoiding letting the implanted device get too close to certain sources of fields such as some household appliances, some walkie-talkies, and similar transmitting devices. Some manufacturers’ literature does not mention high-voltage power lines, some say that exposure in public areas should not give interference, and some advise not spending extended periods of time close to power lines.

3. Electric Shock and Arc Flash Hazards

There is a real danger of electric shock to anyone entering any of the electrical cabinets such as combiner boxes, disconnect switches, inverters, or transformers; or otherwise coming in contact with voltages over 50 Volts. Another electrical hazard is an arc flash, which is an explosion of energy that can occur in a short circuit situation. This explosive release of energy causes a flash of heat and a shockwave, both of which can cause serious injury or death. Properly trained and equipped technicians and electricians know how to safely install, test, and repair PV systems, but there is always some risk of
injury when hazardous voltages and/or currents are present. Untrained individuals should not attempt to inspect, test, or repair any aspect of a PV system due to the potential for injury or death due to electric shock and arc flash. The National Electric Code (NEC) requires appropriate levels of warning signs on all electrical components based on the level of danger determined by the voltages and current potentials. The national electric code also requires the site to be secured from unauthorized visitors with either a six-foot chain link fence with three strands of barbed wire or an eight-foot fence, both with adequate hazard warning signs.

4. Fire Safety

The possibility of fires resulting from or intensified by PV systems may trigger concern among the general public as well as among firefighters. However, concern over solar fire hazards should be limited because only a small portion of materials in the panels are flammable, and those components cannot self-support a significant fire. Flammable components of PV panels include the thin layers of polymer encapsulates surrounding the PV cells, polymer backsheets (framed panels only), plastic junction boxes on rear of panel, and insulation on wiring. The rest of the panel is composed of non-flammable components, notably including one or two layers of protective glass that make up over three quarters of the panel’s weight.

Heat from a small flame is not adequate to ignite a PV panel, but heat from a more intense fire or energy from an electrical fault can ignite a PV panel. One real-world example of this occurred during July 2015 in an arid area of California. Three acres of grass under a thin film PV facility burned without igniting the panels mounted on fixed-tilt racks just above the grass. While it is possible for electrical faults in PV systems on homes or commercial buildings to start a fire, this is extremely rare. Improving understanding of the PV-specific risks, safer system designs, and updated fire-related codes and standards will continue to reduce the risk of fire caused by PV systems.

PV systems on buildings can affect firefighters in two primary ways, 1) impact their methods of fighting the fire, and 2) pose safety hazard to the firefighters. One of the most important techniques that firefighters use to suppress fire is ventilation of a building’s roof. This technique allows superheated toxic gases to quickly exit the building. By doing so, the firefighters gain easier and safer access to the building. Ventilation of the roof also makes the challenge of putting out the fire easier. However, the placement of rooftop PV panels may interfere with ventilating the roof by limiting access to desired venting locations.

New solar-specific building code requirements are working to minimize these concerns. Also, the latest National Electric Code has added requirements that make it easier for first responders to safely and effectively turn off a PV system. Concern for firefighting a building with PV can be reduced with proper fire fighter training, system design, and installation. Numerous organizations have studied fire fighter safety related to PV. Many organizations have published valuable guides and training programs. Some notable examples are listed below.

- The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and International Renewable Energy Council (IREC) partnered to create an online training course that is far beyond the PowerPoint click-and-view model. The self-paced online course, “Solar PV Safety for Fire Fighters,” features rich video content and simulated environments so fire fighters can practice the knowledge they’ve learned. www.iaff.org/pvsafetytraining
- Photovoltaic Systems and the Fire Code: Office of NC Fire Marshal
- Fire Service Training, Underwriter's Laboratory
The purpose of this paper is to address and alleviate concerns of public health and safety for utility-scale solar PV projects. Concerns of public health and safety were divided and discussed in the four following sections: (1) Toxicity, (2) Electromagnetic Fields, (3) Electric Shock and Arc Flash, and (4) Fire. In each of these sections, the negative health and safety impacts of utility-scale PV development were shown to be negligible, while the public health and safety benefits of installing these facilities are significant and far outweigh any negative impacts.


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SECTION 3- HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview: warning, non-demolition, not exposed to flame or fire. There is the risk of explosion and burn under fire conditions. Do not short-circuit, squeezing, burning, or removing the module.

Potential health hazards

Risk Categories: None  Invasive Ways: None
Environmental Hazards: None  Health Hazards: None

Explosion Hazard: Tempered glass has a 1/10000 explosion risk.

The inverter device does not meet the provision, the flaws on system design, the quality problem of the junction box, the hot spot effect will be the reason of spontaneous combustion of this product.

SECTION 4- FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact: No damage found on eye contact, no special provisions.

Skin contact: No skin contact injury found. It is proposed to wash hands before and after touch back sheet. If molten polymer contacts skin, immediately cool it with cold water, and do not directly peel them from the skin, go to hospital for treatment by burns drugs.

- Ingestion: No damage found, no special provisions.
- Inhalation: No damage found, no special provisions. If you have overheating or fire hazard, be away from heat. Go to hospital if any discomfort.

SECTION 5- FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

In general: during normal operation, this product is not prone to burning.

Hazardous Combustion Products: CO, HF,

Extinguishing Media: The hydrogen produced under the using of water may be mixed with air to form an explosive mixture if the module is burning. For small fires, carbon dioxide, dry powder or foam extinguishing agent are preferred medium. But they may not work to the burning module until the combustion module will be completely burned out. LITH-X (powdered graphite) or copper powder extinguisher, sand, dried, pulverized dolomite or soda ash can also be used, and these materials can be used as a smothering agent.

Extinguishing Note: transfer people to a safe area in the upwind air, wear respirators, protective gloves and fire fighting clothing. If large amounts are inhaled, give emergency medical treatment.
SECTION6- ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Emergency treatment: solid normally, NA.

SECTION7- HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Precautions Outline

1. In strict accordance with the requirements of the specification to install modules, and are not free to install, maintain.

2. Do not strongly illuminate module artificially (artificial sunlight is unavailable)

3. The system DC voltage exceeds 100V, operation must be done by specialized electrician.

4. It is potentially dangerous to contact a voltage of 30V or above.

5. Junction boxes, cables, brackets, etc. should be matched with modules during installation of electrical systems.

6. Installation of all accessories must follow safe working practices (other accessories must also comply with the security provisions of operation)

7. The installation should be in accordance with local, national and international standards.

8. Module installation should be operated by professionals.

Safe handling

1. Properly packed before installation of modules.

2. Do not directly holding the junction box to handle the modules

3. Not drop modules or obstacles fall on it.

4. Handle it gently, especially angular point.

5. Do not disassemble the modules and move any part of the modules or label after installation.

6. Do spray paint or stick other items on the back of the modules.

7. Do not drill on the glass and module border.

8. Do not place the module without bracket or not an unsafe place

9. The module cannot be used after glass is broken.

10. To operate with dry tool in the clean environment.
Install security

1. Do not allow the children to close during installation.

2. Module cannot be installed in high winds.

3. Appropriate Installation methods and safety equipment should be used in the installation site to prevent the falling of modules.

4. Do not touch the wire or connection port when the installation of the modules or the modules are exposed to the sunlight.

5. Do not wear metal jewelry during the installation.

6. Do not disconnect the line or unplug the connection plug when circuit is working.

Fire safety

1. Roof structures and installations that may affect the fire safety of the entire building, unreasonable installation will aggravate to the severity of the fire.

2. The modules should be installed on the fire isolation layer, in order to improve security

3. Module installation on the rooftop and ground should be the same, with insurance device and circuit fuse.

4. Do not install the modules near the storage equipment and place of flammable gas.

Electrical Installation

1. Avoid the risk of electric shock during installation, wiring, module operating.

2. The module of different specifications cannot used in the same array.

3. The open circuit voltage of module is less than the maximum voltage of standard system.

4. All of the modules no matter how much voltage should be grounding.

5. The cable is to be placed where the children and animals cannot touch.

6. Cables and junction boxes may overheat at high current.

7. Make sure junction box and wire can go through the short-circuit current.

8. Make sure the positive and negative polarity of the cable and terminal during connection.

9. Grounding line is provided.

Mechanical Installation

1. Fix the modules with the installation tools and special bracket to support modules

2. Make sure the module can still work carrying a certain load, which is not affected by the impact of the snow load or thermal expansion and contraction
3, Make sure that the modules can still work in the ambient temperature within the variable range of -40 to +80 F / -40 to 176 F

4, Off-grid power generation system installed in large areas of snow, require module position lower and bracket narrower

5, Providing install mounting holes for frame modules which can withstand a certain degree of mechanical strength.

6, All four position holes on the module are used for installation.

7, Be well-ventilated behind the module. (5 cm / 2 inch gap)

8, Be away from the other items behind the modules.

Storage:
Use wooden boxes (carton) packaging and store it in a cool, well-ventilated place, be away from heat and fire sources.

SECTION 8-EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Engineering Controls: NA

Eye protection: NA

Skin contact: NA under normal conditions, if the module is damaged, please wear appropriate protective gloves.

Clothing: NA under normal conditions, if the module is on fire and burst, please wear appropriate protective clothing.

Respirator: NA under normal conditions

SECTION 9- PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Solid

Odor: None

Voltage: different specifications, different voltage

Weight: 19.5 kg

Solubility in water: insoluble in water

SECTION 10- STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable under normal storage and operating conditions.

Conditions to avoid: fire, high temperature, high humidity, salt spray

Substances to be avoided: strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products: fire conditions may produce hazardous decomposition products.

Hazardous Polymerization: No information available.
SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute poisoning: under normal conditions, the product will not cause any abnormal emergency injury
Irritation: None

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecological toxicity: the proper use and disposal of the module will not cause harm to the environment. Disposal of waste modules, be away from the water, rain and snow.

SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL

Disposal: Should refer to national and local laws and regulations before disposal.

SECTION 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Dangerous Goods Code: No information
UN Number: information
Packing mark: no information
Packaging category: Z01
Packing method: No information available.
Transportation Note: Package should be complete before transportation, and loading should be safe. To ensure that the container does not leak, not fall, not damaged during transportation. Do not be together with oxidizing agents, alkalis, food chemicals. Goods should be anti-exposure, rain, anti-high temperature during transportation.

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

Regulatory Information: Refer to local, domestic, EU / international regulations

SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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Dielectric Fluids

**DESCRIPTION**

Envirotemp™ FR3™ fluid is a renewable, bio-based natural ester dielectric coolant for use in distribution and power class transformers where its unique fire safety, environmental, electrical, and chemical properties are advantageous. Acceptance limits for new fluid are shown in Table 1. More than 20 years of field experience (with over one million transformers in service) confirms excellent performance.

Envirotemp FR3 fluid is formulated from seed oils and performance enhancing additives. It does not contain petroleum, halogens, silicones or corrosive sulfur. It quickly and thoroughly biodegrades¹ in the environment. The fluid is non-toxic in acute aquatic² and oral toxicity tests³. The Color Green tint reflects its favorable environmental profile (See Table 2) and readily distinguishes it from petroleum based oils.

Envirotemp FR3 fluid has exceptionally high flash/fire points of approximately 330/360 °C - the highest ignition resistance of any high fire point dielectric fluid currently available. It qualifies as a "high-fire-point", "less-flammable", "IEC Class K", and "non-propagating" fluid. Envirotemp FR3 fluid is Approved⁴ by FM Global and Classified⁵ by Underwriters Laboratories as a Less-Flammable Dielectric Liquid for use in complying with the National Electric Code⁶ (NEC) and insurance listing requirements⁷.

Envirotemp FR3 fluid is compatible with standard transformer construction materials and components. Envirotemp FR3 fluid should be stored, handled, and processed in a similar meticulous manner as transformer mineral oil. See Cargill’s Envirotemp FR3 Fluid Storage and Handling Guide, S10, for additional information.

A transformer filled with FR3 fluid complies with the transformer temperature operating range requirements defined in IEEE C57.12.00 and IEC 60076-1.

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**TABLE 1**

Acceptable values for receipt of shipments of new FR3 fluid

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**NOTE:** Specifications should be written referencing only the defined ASTM or IEC industry standard acceptance values and test methods. The listed "typical" values are average values summarized from a significant number of data points over many years; they are not to be identified as acceptance values.

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1 Per OECD 420
2 Per OECD 203, Method B
3 Per OECD 301
4 EOVK.MH10678, Transformer Fluids, UL Listed and Classified Products, Underwriters Laboratories, Northbrook, IL, USA
5 EOVK.MH10678, Dielectric Media, UL Listed and Classified Products, Underwriters Laboratories, Northbrook, IL, USA
6 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, USA
7 Transformers, 5-4, Property Loss Prevention Sheets, FM Global, Norwood, MA, USA
In addition to new distribution and power class transformers, a variety of other equipment, including voltage regulators, sectionalizing switches, transformer rectifiers, and electromagnets use Envirotemp FR3 fluid. The fluid is also used in retrofit applications for transformers and other fluid-filled distribution and power equipment.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH**

Envirotemp FR3 fluid is specifically formulated to help minimize health and environmental risks. The base oils come from renewable resources - commodity seeds - and are recyclable and reusable.

The US and California Environmental Protection Agencies published Envirotemp FR3 fluid’s Environmental Technology Verification Report in 2003. The verification process includes biodegradation and toxicity testing. Results from the aquatic biodegradation test confirm that Envirotemp FR3 fluid’s rate of biodegradation is the same as that of the standard reference material. Envirotemp FR3 fluid meets the “ultimately biodegradable” criteria (Figure 1). When tested for acute oral toxicity, Envirotemp FR3 fluid is not toxic.

The Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act (US Public Law 104-55, 1995) makes Envirotemp FR3 fluid eligible for current and future regulatory relief. The options of alternative spill response procedures, such as bio-based remediation, are now available. The fluid’s inherent viscosity and tendency of thin layers to polymerize help prevent migration along the surface and into subsurface soils.

The EPA, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) do not list Envirotemp FR3 fluid as hazardous. Its Hazardous Material Information System (HMIS) rating is 1 for both health and reactivity. Envirotemp FR3 fluid is not classified as bio-accumulating or mutagenic. It is not listed as a carcinogen by National Toxicology Program (NTP), in International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) monographs, or by OSHA Regulation. The products of complete combustion of Envirotemp FR3 fluid are essentially carbon dioxide and water.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES) software, available from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, uses a life-cycle assessment approach, analyzing raw material acquisition, manufacture, transportation, installation, use, and recycling and waste management, to determine a product’s global warming potential. Table 3 shows the BEES amounts of greenhouse gas generated from raw materials through end of life for mineral oil and Envirotemp FR3 fluid. The cost of mineral oil, in terms of carbon dioxide equivalents, is calculated.

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**TABLE 3**

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a carbon dioxide equivalents
b In BEES 4.0e, one unit is a 1000 kVA transformer containing 500 gallons of fluid

FR3 fluid is essentially carbon dioxide and water.
emissions, is expensive. Meanwhile, Envirotemp FR3 fluid is relatively inexpensive, about 8.2 lb/gal less green house gas emitted to produce it. Additionally, the study reports that Envirotemp FR3 fluid’s overall environmental performance impact score is 1/4th that reported for mineral oil (and that’s without consideration for Envirotemp FR3 fluid’s transformer insulation life extending properties). This cumulative score results from adding the impacts of water intake, smog, ozone depletion, indoor air, human health, habitat alteration, global warming, fossil fuel depletion, eutrophication, ecological toxicity, critical air pollutants, and acidification.

Envirotemp FR3 fluid, and transformers filled with Envirotemp FR3 fluid are listed in the US Federal BioPreferred Products Program, making them readily identifiable as BioPreferred to all applicable Federal agencies. Envirotemp FR3 fluid is an excellent option for ISO 14000, Green Build, and other similar environmental programs that promote the use of alternative, environmentally preferable and sustainable materials and procedures.

**FIRE SAFETY**

Envirotemp FR3 fluid has a fire point of approximately 360°C, well above the minimum of 300°C required for high fire point fluid classifications. Its flash point (approximately 330°C) is higher than the fire point of most other ignition resistant dielectric fluids in use today (Figure 2).

In laboratory and full-scale ignition tests, Envirotemp FR3 fluid has demonstrated greater fire resistance than other dielectric fluid types. Based on large-scale arc ignition testing, FM Global concluded that the probability of a pool fire evolving from Envirotemp Envirotemp FR3 fluid was so low that a heat release rate need not be determined or considered for FM Global approval.

Based on large-scale arc ignition and hot metal ignition tests, FM Global recognizes Envirotemp FR3 fluid as an equivalent safeguard to space separation, fire barriers, and fire suppression systems for most installations.

FM Global recognizes Envirotemp FR3 fluid as a component of Approved transformers per FM Global Standard 3990. When used in transformers containing 10,000 gallons of fluid or less, transformers’ separation distance to buildings and other equipment may be up to 1/10th the distance required for mineral oil filled transformers, without fire walls or deluge systems.

OSHA recognizes this FM Global standard as fitting the definition of a Listed and Labeled Product per NEC Section 110-3(b). The standard permits Envirotemp FR3 fluid-filled transformers to be installed indoors, typically without sprinklers or vaults, with a minimum clearance to walls of just 3 feet (0.9M).

UL Standard 340 compares the fire hazard ratings of various fluids. Figure 3 shows the favorable rating assigned to Envirotemp FR3 fluid.

![Figure 2. Flash & Fire Point of Dielectric Fluids (°C).](image)

![Figure 3. Fire Hazard Rating UL Standard 340.](image)
The aging rate of transformer insulating paper is generated by aging paper. This exceptional ability to remove water and gases is due to Envirotemp FR3 fluid.

Envirotemp FR3 fluid has an efficient coolant than higher molecular weight silicone and hydrocarbon fluids. The thermal properties of Envirotemp FR3 fluid provide superior insulation system performance compared to other types of dielectric fluids. The thermal properties of Envirotemp FR3 fluid make it a more efficient coolant than higher molecular weight silicone and hydrocarbon dielectric coolants.

Envirotemp FR3 fluid has an exceptional ability to remove water generated by aging paper. This enables the fluid to significantly reduce the aging rate of transformer insulating paper. Per IEEE C57.100, accelerated aging tests show that Thermally Upgraded Paper (TUK) paper insulation aged in Envirotemp FR3 fluid takes 5-8 times longer to reach the same end-of-life points as TUK paper insulation aged in conventional mineral oil.

Table 4 compares the time to reach end-of-life for TUK paper aged in Envirotemp FR3 fluid and conventional transformer oil. The time to transformer end-of-life calculated using the IEEE C57.91 loading guide is included for comparison. Accelerated aging tests show similar thermal aging improvement for non-thermally upgraded Kraft paper.

### APPLICATIONS

**NOTE:** The suitability of each application of Envirotemp FR3 fluid is the responsibility of the user. Contact Cargill Envirotemp FR3 Fluids group for application guidelines.

### New Transformers

Distribution and Power class transformers filled with Envirotemp FR3 fluid for indoor, submersible and outdoor applications are available from manufacturers worldwide. For indoor applications, Envirotemp FR3 fluid-filled transformers provide the proven technical and performance advantages of liquid-filled designs over dry types as well as a lower total life cycle cost when compared to all other transformer types.

Many types of Envirotemp FR3 fluid-filled transformers are in service: pole-mounted, pad-mounted, networks, reactors, small, medium and large substations, transmission substations, and generator step-ups. Envirotemp FR3 fluid-filled transformers are accepted in both industry and government. Contact Cargill Envirotemp FR3 Fluids group for a copy of the Envirotemp FR3 Fluid User’s List, Bulletin B110.

### Retrofilling Transformers

Envirotemp FR3 fluid is especially suited for upgrading the environmental and fire safety of mineral oil-filled transformers. It is miscible with mineral oil, high molecular weight hydrocarbons and other ester fluids. FR3 fluid is not miscible with silicone and should not be applied in transformers previously containing silicone. FR3 fluid can also be used in PCB (Askarel) replacement initiatives.

Unlike most other fluid types, the residual transformer oil in a properly retrofilled transformer should not reduce the fire point of Envirotemp FR3 fluid below the NEC minimum of 300°C (Figure 4). This is true even after full equilibrium has been achieved between the replacement fluid and the residual mineral oil in the paper.

Additional advantages of retrofilling with Envirotemp FR3 fluid include high dielectric strength, better match of dielectric constant to Kraft paper insulation, excellent lubricity, material compatibility, and a coefficient of expansion similar to conventional transformer oil. Envirotemp FR3 fluid has superior resistance to coking and sludge formation when compared to conventional transformer oil. In addition to passing the Power Factor Valued Oxidation (PFVO) test, Doble Laboratories’ Sludge-Free Life tests resulted in no measurable sludge. The fluid also acts as a drying agent for transformer insulation that has become wet from aging, extending the useful life of the transformer insulation system.

### Switching Devices

With excellent dielectric strength retention (Figure 5), lubricity, and gassing tendencies, Envirotemp FR3 fluid is an excellent switching medium at normal operating temperatures. Proven applications include new and retrofilled sectionalizing switches and transformers with load break accessories such as Bay-O-Net and current-limiting fusing, on-off and four position switches, and Vacuum Fault Interruption protection devices.

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Accelerated life tests confirm stationary contacts are most stable in Envirotemp FR3 fluid. In coking tests, Envirotemp FR3 fluid produced less than 1/20th of the deposits that were produced in conventional mineral oil. Due to the low temperature viscosity difference of Envirotemp FR3 fluid compared to conventional transformer oil, the equipment manufacturer should verify applications at low ambient temperatures.

Other Applications

The inherent safety and performance properties of Envirotemp FR3 fluid have led to its application in electrical equipment other than transformers, including industrial electromagnets, superconducting motors, klystron modulators, transformer/rectifier sets, and heat transfer applications. Envirotemp FR3 fluid has excellent lubricity, an important characteristic for application in equipment with moving parts. High voltage bushing applications also appear promising due to the fluid’s excellent ability to minimize insulating paper degradation and its low gassing tendency value of approximately -79 µl/min.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

Similar meticulous procedures for storing and handling conventional transformer mineral oil should be followed with Envirotemp FR3 fluid. To help maintain the extremely low percent moisture saturation at time of fluid manufacture, exposure time to air should be minimized. Drum and tote storage should be indoors or outdoors protected from the elements, including sunlight. Refer to the Cargill Envirotemp FR3 Fluid Storage and Handling Guide S10.

Note: To maintain the optimal fluid properties for its intended use as an electrical insulating fluid, exposure to oxygen, moisture, and other contaminants must be minimized. Except for short storage periods, material that has been immersed in Envirotemp FR3 fluid should not be exposed to air. Thin films of natural esters tend to polymerize much faster than conventional transformer oil. For equipment drained of Envirotemp FR3 fluid, it is recommended that the equipment be placed in an inert gas environment, be re-immersed in fluid, or rinsed with mineral oil. Where the transformer power factor is a concern, hot air drying is an unacceptable process for assemblies already impregnated with a natural ester fluid. For impregnated assemblies that require additional drying, a method of drying that does not expose the impregnated insulation to air is required to avoid excessive oxidation of the dielectric fluid.

FLUID MAINTENANCE

Periodic preventive maintenance tests for Envirotemp FR3 fluid-filled equipment should follow the same schedule used for transformers filled with conventional transformer oil. Key tests on fluid samples include:

1. Dielectric Strength: The IEEE C57.147 minimum acceptable ASTM D1816, 2mm gap limits for continued use of service-aged Envirotemp FR3 fluid are 40 kV (≤ 69 kV), 47 kV (69 ≤ kV < 230), and 50 kV (≥ 230 kV).

2. Flash Point and Fire Point. Small amounts of mineral oil will not significantly reduce the fire point of Envirotemp FR3 fluid. Contamination above 7% may lower the fire point below 300°C. If contamination is suspected, the flash and fire points should be measured.
FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATION FOR NEW ENVIROTEMP FR3 NATURAL ESTER LESS-FLAMMABLE TRANSFORMER DIELECTRIC COOLANT

1.0 Scope

1.1. This specification describes a non-toxic (in acute aquatic\textsuperscript{10}, and oral toxicity\textsuperscript{11} tests), biodegradable\textsuperscript{12}, fire resistant, bio-based\textsuperscript{13} natural ester dielectric fluid. It is intended for use in electrical equipment as an environmentally preferred, less-flammable insulating and cooling medium.

2.0 Requirements

2.1 Fluid Manufacturer

Fluid manufacturer shall have a minimum of ten (10) years experience producing and testing dielectric coolants. Manufacturer upon request shall provide AC withstand and impulse withstand for both gap and creep from 3mm to 150mm.

2.2 Dielectric Coolant

The dielectric coolant shall be a biobased biodegradable, bi FM Global Approved, UL\textsuperscript{®} Classified as a less-flammable fluid. It shall meet the property limits listed below. The base fluid shall be 100% derived from seed oils.

2.3 Acceptable values for receipt of shipments of new Enviotemp FR3 fluid are shown in Table 1

2.4 Environmental and Health Third Party Validations

The fluid shall have a US EPA Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Statement published. The fluid shall meet the test limits shown in Table 2

2.5 Packaging

The electrical insulating fluid shall be furnished in sealed vessels suitable for the purpose, including 5-gallon containers, 55-gallon drums, 330-gallon totes, or in bulk. Each vessel shall have tampering indicating devices.

3.0 Recommended Customer Receiving Quality Control

3.1 Inspection

Each lot received shall be visibly inspected for container integrity. Verify that tamper proof seals are intact and no leaks are visible.

3.2 Receiving Tests

Samples shall be taken from containers per ASTM D 923 Section 2.2, as follows:

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When material will be combined for production, samples may be mixed together in equal proportions to create a composite sample for testing. Minimum tests required are dielectric strength and visual inspection. Dissipation factor test is highly recommended, although not essential.

4.0 Important information

4.1 Storage

Avoid storing drums and totes outdoors. Extreme temperature variations can stress the integrity of container protective seals. Exposure of totes to sunlight can cause fluid discoloration.

4.2 Intended Use

The use of electrical insulating and cooling fluid is generally dictated by the engineering design of the electrical apparatus. The electrical insulating fluid covered by this specification is intended for use as an insulating and cooling medium in electrical equipment.

\textsuperscript{10} Per OECD 203, Method B
\textsuperscript{11} Per OECD 420
\textsuperscript{12} Per US EPA OPPTS 835.3100 and US EPA OPPTS 835.8110 (ii)
\textsuperscript{13} Per USDA Biopreferred minimum biobased content for Fluid-Filled Transformers - Vegetable Oil-Based

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4.3 Fluid Transfer

When transferring electrical insulating fluid from its original container, take care to prevent contamination with moisture, dust, and foreign matter. These impurities can cause deterioration of the dielectric strength and electrical performance.

4.4 Partial Containers

Provide nitrogen blanket for partially filled containers, and properly seal to prevent contamination.

Visit envirotempfluids.com for additional information.
Solar PV Recycling Identified as Untapped Business Opportunity

June 27, 2016


The report, co-authored by NREL, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the International Energy Agency's Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme (IEA-PVPS), is the first time projections of PV panel waste volumes have been made to 2050.

"The technical potential of materials recovered from end-of-life solar PV panels could exceed $15 billion by 2050," said NREL Analyst Garvin Heath and co-author of the report. "Enabling policy frameworks and technology R&D are needed to address the challenge and will entail long lead times. Lessons learned that are summarized in this report can help guide the future effort. Supporting data collection and analysis are critical to providing information and insights necessary for strategic investments and effective, efficient and affordable end of life management strategies."

The global solar photovoltaic (PV) boom currently underway could represent a significant untapped business opportunity as decommissioned solar panels enter the waste stream in the years ahead.
The report estimates that PV panel waste, comprised mostly of glass, could total 78 million tons globally by 2050. If fully injected back into the economy, the value of the recovered material could exceed $15 billion by 2050. This potential material influx could produce 2 billion new panels or be sold into global commodity markets, thus increasing the security of future PV supply or other raw material-dependent products.

The report suggests that addressing growing solar PV waste, and spurring the establishment of an industry to handle it, would require: the adoption of effective, PV-specific waste regulation; the expansion of existing waste management infrastructure to include end-of-life treatment of PV panels; and the promotion of ongoing innovation in panel waste management.

Heath, who leads the IEA-PVPS group, says the group is preparing an additional publication that reviews global public- and private-sector trends in the technology development of PV module recycling.
April 18, 2018

Mr. Matt Asselmeier
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-1498

Subject: Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.
Kendall County (WBK Project No. 16-0100.S)

Dear Mr. Asselmeier:

WBK Engineering has reviewed the stormwater submittal and site plans for the subject project. We received the following information:

- Stormwater Management Narrative prepared by Greenberg Farrow dated April 11, 2018 and received April 16, 2018.
- Site Use Plans prepared by Greenberg Farrow dated April 12, 2018 and received April 16, 2018.

The following comments are offered for the petitioner’s consideration and require resolution prior to our recommendation for final approval.

**Stormwater Narrative**

1. The CN values for existing conditions appear to be overstated based on potential crop type. Since we don’t know the crop type assume the most conservative value; CN of 85. Similarly, the proposed CN value appears to be understated based on vegetation. Consider using a CN of 84. The end result will most likely not change relative to improvements but the report will more accurately state the proposed conditions will not significantly change the existing conditions.

2. Provide a plans, exhibits or narrative that generally describe the solar panel size, rotation, post size, material, installation, configuration and total number of posts anticipated.

3. A field tile survey that indicates size and depth of existing field tile.

4. Identify the presence of any depressional storage and documentation of wetlands within the project limits. Describe buffer requirements.

5. Provide a description of facility decommissioning.
6. Provide a description of any vegetation prep prior to placement of the solar panels (i.e. tilling, herbicide, etc.)

Site Use Plans

1. The landscape plan identifies a 100 foot buffer. Please clarify the required and proposed buffers.

The applicant’s design professionals are responsible for performing and checking all design computations, dimensions, details, and specifications in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations, and obtaining all permits necessary to complete this work. In no way does this review relieve applicant’s design professionals of their duties to comply with the law and any applicable codes and regulations, nor does it relieve the Contractors in any way from their sole responsibility for the quality and workmanship of the work and for strict compliance with the permitted plans and specifications.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at (630) 443-7755.

Sincerely,

Greg Chismark, P.E.
Municipal Practice Principal
WBK Engineering LLC
BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP
Post Office Box 245
Newark Illinois 60541

Jamie Winner                                                   Wendy Bernard
Supervisor                                                   Clerk

To Whom It May Concern,

Big Grove Township is in receipt of Kendall County Petition 18-15-Request of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for a Special Use Permit for a solar farm facility. The Township Board has reviewed the Special Use Permit request and has no objections to the Special Use on the subject property.

Wendy Bernard
BGT Clerk
May 16, 2018
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-1498

Ref. Petition 18-15 Nancy Harazin on Behalf of the Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101 – Special Use Permit for a Public or Private Utility-Other (Solar Panels) at 16400 Newark Road

Sir,

As discussed, the Village Board of Newark has voted to forward the following as concerns, to be addressed in the planning/scope of the (above referenced) final project:

➤ Moved further back on property – the current position would create an “eyesore” as it is currently positioned

➤ Better landscape than the chain link fence (self-explanatory)

➤ Assurances there will be no harm to environment

➤ Assurances there will be no glare issues

➤ Assurances the equipment is removed timely at the end of the project/canceling of the lease

The above is a consensus of the Village Board, as voted on, at the regular meeting on May 9, 2018.

Please contact me if you need anything further.

Cliff Fox
Village Administrator
May 1, 2018

Mr. Matt Asselmeier  
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning  
111 West Fox Street  
Yorkville, IL 60560-1498

Subject: Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.  
Kendall County (WBK Project No. 16-0100.S)

Dear Mr. Asselmeier:
WBK Engineering has reviewed the stormwater submittal and site plans for the subject project. We received the following information:

- Response Letter from Greenberg Farrow dated April 27, 2018 received April 29, 2018.
- Drain Tile Investigation Plan prepared by Huddleston McBride dated April 10, 2018 and received April 29, 2018.
- Site Use Plans prepared by Greenberg Farrow dated April 12, 2018 and received April 29, 2018.
- Solar Post Information – unknown source, not dated.

The following comments are offered for the petitioner’s consideration and require resolution prior to our recommendation for final approval.

Site Use Plans

1. Provide documentation of wetlands within the project limits. Describe buffer requirements.

2. The landscape plan identifies a 100 foot buffer. Please clarify the required and proposed wetland buffers.

The following additional comments relate to additional documentation and recommendations for the project.

Stormwater Narrative

1. Depict or describe how many posts are provided for each panel. Describe the depth of bury for the panel posts.
2. Describe the daily routine of the panel rotation and how panel rotation is controlled (i.e. sensor or a time based and individual or master controlled). Do the panels have a night time position? If erosion is noted, is there the ability to modify the function of specific panels where erosion is observed?

3. We recommend replacing the field tile under the access road with PVC and non-shear couplings since it is serving off-site properties.

The applicant’s design professionals are responsible for performing and checking all design computations, dimensions, details, and specifications in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations, and obtaining all permits necessary to complete this work. In no way does this review relieve applicant’s design professionals of their duties to comply with the law and any applicable codes and regulations, nor does it relieve the Contractors in any way from their sole responsibility for the quality and workmanship of the work and for strict compliance with the permitted plans and specifications.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at (630) 443-7755.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Greg Chismark, P.E.
Municipal Practice Principal
WBK Engineering LLC
April 27, 2018

To Greg Chismark, P.E.
Municipal Practice Principal
WBK Engineering LLC
116 W Main Street, Suite 201
St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 443-7755

Project 16400 Newark Road – Borrego Solar Farm
Project # WBK No. 16-0100.S
Re Stormwater and Site Plan review

Dear Greg:

Please find enclosed:
• Site Use Plan dated-4-12-18 GF.
• JA Solar Cut sheet and support post cross section.
• Existing Drain Tile Investigation Plan, prepared by Huddleston-McBride dated 4-10-18.
• Existing Conditions Plan dated 4-24-18.
• Decommissioning Plan dated 4-24-18.

The above items are enclosed for your use as requested in review letter dated 4-18-18.

In response to your review items we offer the following response:

Stormwater Narrative
1. As discussed on the phone, we can adjust CN values for different types of crop, but the result will not significantly change the fact that the improved ground cover within the proposed solar array will generate a lower CN value and lower runoff. Furthermore, the Meadow Low Mow seed mix will remain in place year-round as opposed to the row crop cover which is tilled and harvested yearly exposing the soil and creating a more erosive surface with higher CN values and greater runoff.
2. See attached cut sheet for solar panel size and material. The solar panels will rotate from east to west daily returning to east facing during the night. Detail 8 on Sheet C-4.0 of the SUP set shows mounting height, range of rotation and support post which is typically a W6x9 galvanize post driven into the ground. Per attached Decommissioning plan it is anticipated there will be 1,317 posts driven in ground to support the solar array system.
3. See attached Drain Tile survey with size, depth, and configuration of existing drain tile.
4. Per attached 'Existing Conditions Plan”, we have outlined the area of the solar array and noted no depessional storage areas present within the project area. We are working with a wetland consultant who noted potential farmed wetland areas and/or areas of interest via desktop review and have shown these on our plans. Currently we are working on field verification of wetland limits and jurisdictional determination with our wetland consultant.
5. See decommissioning plan within SUP set Sheet C5.0 and attached report.
Stormwater Narrative cont’d

6. The preferred method of vegetation prep prior to seeding within solar development is to till area of proposed seed mix.

Site Use Plans

1. As stated in response #4 above the wetland buffer areas shown will be finalized once our wetland consultant has made final jurisdictional determination of wetlands.

We trust the attached will be sufficient for your office to provide the county with a final approval recommendation for this Special Use. If you have any questions or additional comments please call me at (630) 327-1417 or email me at Jcoyle@greenbergfarrow.com

Sincerely,

Jim Coyle, P.E. CFM
Senior Civil Project Manager

Cc: Matt Asselmeier/ Kendall County
    Justin Hardt/ BSSI
    Mel Samaroo/ BSSI
    Steve Long / BSSI
    Margaret Blum/ GF
SITE USE PLANS
16400 NEWARK ROAD, NEWARK, IL 60541
2488.320 kW DC STC RATED SOLAR ELECTRIC SYSTEM

PROJECT SCOPE

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

AERIAL VIEW

PROJECT DIRECTORY

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS

GENERAL NOTES

1. AS DESIGNED ABOVE, "CONTRACTOR" IS ASSUMED TO BE FIRM NAME SOLAR SYSTEMS, INC.

2. CONSTRUCTION OF ROOF MOUNTED PV SYSTEMS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS BID DOCUMENT.

3. GENERAL NOTES MUST BE REVIEWED BEFORE THE AGREEMENT CAN BE ENTERED INTO.

4. SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND REASONS MAY AFFECT THE CONTRACT.

5. CONTRACTOR MUST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION, THEY ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTRACTOR.


7. PROJECT SCOPE INCLUDES ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, THEY ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTRACTOR.

8. SITE USE PLANS SPECIFY THE LOCATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, THE AMOUNT OF SPACE REQUIRED, AND THE LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PANELS TO BE INSTALLED.

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SHADE HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS ARE TO BE AS MEASURED FROM TOP OF FOOTER (1'-0"").

SEED LIST

ABOVE SEED SCHEDULE WILL BE BASED ON 3" DEEP SHREDDED BARK MULCH IN ALL PLANTING BEDS.

PROTECT DURING CONSTRUCTION. ANY DAMAGE TO THIS CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL NO MOW LAWN SEED MIX CULTIVATED BEDLINE 4" DEPTH. SEE DETAIL.
LANDSCAPE NOTES AND DETAILS

SITE USE PLANS
16400 NEWARK ROAD
NEWARK, IL 60541

1. SHrub PLANTING DETAIL
   - Erosion Control Blanket (Only if along steep slopes)

2. Natural Spade Edge
   - Seeding

3. Shrubs Planting Detail
   - Natural Spade Edge

4. Natural Space Edge
   - Seeding

Attachment 24, Page 10

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
Related Resources:

- AISI, ASTM Angle Unequal Leg (Aluminum)
- AISI, ASTM Angle Equal Leg (Aluminum)
- AISI, ASTM Angle Unequal Leg (Steel)
- Structural Steel Angle Section Properties, Unequal Leg BSI BS EN 10056
- Structural Steel Angle Section Properties, Equal Leg BSI BS EN 10056

The following chart table gives cross section engineering data for ASTM Structural Steel Wide Channel I Beam as follows:

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340-360 1500V Series

**JAM72S01**

340-360/PR

1500V Percium Series

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**ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS AT NOCT**

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**SPECIFICATIONS**

- **Cell**: Mono 156.75x156.75mm
- **Dimensions**: 1680x991x40mm
- **Weight**: 22.5kg±3%
- **No. of cells**: 6 (2x3)
- **Connector**: Amphenol UTX
- **Junction Box**: IP67, 3 diodes
- **Packaging Configuration**: 44 Per Carton, 7 Per Pallet
- **Customized cable length available upon request**
- **Rated Maximum Power (Pmax) [W]**: 340, 345, 350, 355, 360
- **Open Circuit Voltage (Voc) [V]**: 47.05, 47.45, 47.66, 47.86, 47.76
- **Maximum Power Voltage (Vmp) [V]**: 38.39, 38.76, 39.54, 39.26, 39.07
- **Short Circuit Current (Isc) [A]**: 9.46, 9.54, 9.46, 9.54, 9.54
- **Maximum Power Current (Imp) [A]**: 8.99, 9.07, 8.99, 9.07, 9.07
- **Temperature Coefficient of Voc (℃)**: -0.390%/℃
- **Temperature Coefficient of Imp (℃)**: -0.390%/℃
- **Temperature Coefficient of Pmax (℃)**: -0.590%/℃
- **Topper Tolerance**: +0.050% (StC)
- **StC**: 1500V DC (UL) Maximum System Voltage
- **Maximum Series Fuse**: 15A
- **Maximum Static Load, Front**: 2400Pa
- **Maximum Static Load, Back**: 1600Pa
- **NOCT**: 25℃
- **Irradiance 800 W/m², cell temperature 25℃, AM 1.5G**
- **Application Class**: Class A
- **Fire Performance**: Type 1

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**360W Mono Si 72 Cells**

**CHARACTERISTICS**

**MECHANICAL DIAGRAMS**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

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- Installation costs
- BOS costs

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**Benefit: Excellent Low-light Performance**

**Benefit: 7% More Power**
Conventional module 330Wp vs. Percium module 355Wp

**Benefit: Save System Costs Per Watt**
Cost saving estimation made by comparison between 330Wp and 355Wp modules

**High Reliability**
- Long-term reliability tests
- Harsh climate environment endurance tests
- PID-resistance tests
- Certified by TÜV SD and ETL
- Industry-leading cell technology
- High quality components from best suppliers
- Manufacturing inspected and certified by PI-Berlin and Solar-IF
- 100% in-house automatic manufacturing

**Other Features**
- Positive power tolerance: 0~+5W
- Modules binned by current to improve system performance
- Excellent mechanical load resistance: Certified to withstand high wind loads (2400Pa) and heavy snow loads (5400Pa)

**Comprehensive Certificates**
- IEC 61215, IEC 61730, UL 1703, CEC Listed, MCS and CE
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- 12-year product warranty
- 25-year linear power warranty

**Additional Insurance Options**

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**Additional Insurance Options**

**Other Features**
- Positive power tolerance: 0~+5W
- Modules binned by current to improve system performance
- Excellent mechanical load resistance: Certified to withstand high wind loads (2400Pa) and heavy snow loads (5400Pa)

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**Specifications**
Specifications subject to technical changes and tests. JA Solar reserves the right of final interpretation.
EXISTING AGRICULTURAL DRAIN TILE INVESTIGATION PLAN

16400 NEWARK RD - KENDALL
PREPARED FOR GreenbergFarrow
SECTION NO. 5, BIG GROVE TWP., KENDALL CO., IL.

EXISTING SUBSURFACE AGRICULTURAL DRAIN TILE INVESTIGATION REPORT

16400 NEWARK RD - KENDALL
GreenbergFarrow

NOTE: EXISTING 4" CLAY DRAIN TILE
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NOTE: EXISTING DRAIN TILE FLOW AND FINAL RELEASE TO SURFACE.

NOTE: EXISTING RANDOM 4" PVC CONTINUES TO SERVICE UPLAND WATERSHED AS A MUTUAL DRAIN.

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NOTE: THIS DRAIN TILE INVESTIGATION REPORT SHALL BE FILED WITH HUDDLESTON DRAINAGE LAND MANAGEMENT CO., AND WILL BE REPRODUCED AND DISBURSED ONLY BY PERMISSION OF THE CONTRACT PRINCIPALS.

NOTE: PERTINENT TO FINAL DESIGN SHALL BE VERIFIED BY THE PROJECT SURVEYOR.

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Solar Decommissioning Estimate/Plan

Key assumptions in this decommissioning estimate include the fact that the fencing, electrical cabinetry, solar racks, solar panels, and wiring are all recyclable, therefore, the primary cost of decommissioning is the labor to dismantle and load as well as the cost of trucking. The concrete pads will be broken up at the site and hauled to where it will be accepted without a charge. Salvage values for the racking, foundation screws/piles, electrical wiring, and solar panels have been included in this estimate.

The following items from the 2488.32 kilowatt (kW) array will be recycled:
- 6912 solar panels
- 3276 linear feet of electrical wiring
- Racking
- 3081 linear feet of fencing

This decommissioning estimate is based on the following costs:

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Labor / Materials / Equipment Costs:

1. Remove Panels:

   The panels are clamped in. They slide in a track. A laborer needs only unclamp the panel and reach over and slide the panel out of the track.

   \[ \text{Panel Removal Rate} \times \text{Total Number of Solar Panels} \times \text{Labor Rate} = \text{Panel Removal Cost} \]

   \[ 1 \text{ min/panel} \times 6,912 \text{ solar panels} \times 1\text{hr/60min} \times 35.6/\text{hr} = 4,101 \]
   \[ \text{Total} = 4,101 \]

2. Remove Rack Wiring:

   The panels are plugged together in the same manner as an electrical cord from a light is plugged into a wall socket. A laborer needs only reach over and pull the plug. The string wires lie in a tray. A laborer needs only reach into the tray and remove the strands of wire.

   \[ \text{Wire Removal Rate} \times \text{Total Number of Solar Panels} \times \text{Labor Rate} = \text{Rack Wiring Removal Cost} \]

   \[ 0.25 \text{ min/panel} \times 6,912 \text{ solar panels} \times 1\text{hr/60min} \times 35.6/\text{hr} = 1,025 \]
   \[ \text{Total} = 1,025 \]

3. Dismantle Racks:

   Tracker module racking primarily consists of a torque tube and a driveline. These are supported on driven piles.

   \[ \text{Total Number of Racks} \times \text{Rack Removal Rate} \times \text{Labor Rate} = \text{Rack Dismantling Cost} \]

   \[ 1,317 \text{ racks} \times 20 \text{ min/rack} \times 1\text{hr/60min} \times 35.6/\text{hr} = 15,628 \]
   \[ \text{Total} = 15,628 \]
4. **Load Racks:**

   Number of Racks · Rack Loading Rate (Labor Cost + Front End Loader Cost + Trucking Cost)  
   = Total Rack Removal Cost

   \[
   1,317 \text{ racks} \times 1 \text{ min/rack} \times 1 \text{ hr/60min} \times \left\{ \frac{\$35.6/\text{hr} + \left( \$2000/\text{day} \times 1\text{day}/8\text{hrs} \right) + \$130/\text{hr}}{} \right\} = \$7,915
   \]

   **Total**: \$7,915

5. **Remove and Load Electrical Equipment** (includes transformer, inverters, drive motors, and controllers):

   Inverters are smaller and easier to remove and so take less time than the other electrical components.

   Number of units: 1 transformers + 16 inverters + 0 batteries + 4 motors + 1 controller

   \[
   \left( \text{Inverter Removal Rate} \times \text{Number of Inverters} + \text{Elec. Equip. Removal rate} \times \text{Number of Units} \right) \times \left( \text{Labor Rate} + \text{Bobcat Cost} + \text{Trucking Cost} \right) = \text{Total Elec. Equip. Removal Cost}
   \]

   \[
   \left( 0.5 \text{ hr/inverter} \times 16 \text{ inverters} + 1 \text{ hr/unit} \times 6 \text{ units} \right) \times \left( \frac{\$35.6/\text{hr} + \$195/\text{hr} + \$130/\text{hr}}{} \right) = 5,048
   \]

   **Total**: \$5,048

6. **Break Up Concrete Pads:**

   Using an excavator and jackhammer:

   \[
   \# \text{ of days} \times (\text{Front end loader and excavator cost} + \text{Labor Cost}) = \text{Total Concrete Pad Removal}
   \]

   \[
   1 \text{ day} \times \left( \$2000/\text{day} \times 1\text{day}/8\text{hrs} \right) + \$35.6/\text{hr} = \$2,285
   \]

   **Total**: \$2,285

7. **Remove Cable:**

   Total Cable Linear Footage · Cable Removal Rate · (Labor Cost + Backhoe Cost)  
   = Total Cable Removal Cost

   \[
   3,276 \text{ ft} \times 3 \text{ min/ft} \times 1 \text{ hr/60min} \times \left\{ \frac{\$35.6/\text{hr} + \$245/\text{hr}}{} \right\} = \$45,962
   \]

   **Total**: \$45,962

8. **Remove Foundation Screws/Piles and Power Poles:**

   \[
   \left( \frac{\text{Total Number of Foundation Screws/Piles}}{\text{Daily Pile Removal Rate}} \right) + \left( \frac{\text{Total Number of Poles}}{\text{Pole Removal Rate}} \right) = \text{Total Foundation Screw/Piles and Power Pole Removal Cost}
   \]

   \[
   1317 \text{ piles} / 100 \text{ piles/day} \times \left( \frac{\$35.6/\text{hr} + \left( \$2000/\text{day} \times 1\text{day}/8\text{hrs} \right) + \left[ 4 \text{ poles} \times \$1500/\text{pole} \right]}{} \right) = \$36,091
   \]

   **Total**: \$36,091

9. **Remove Fence:**

   1 min/LF

   Total Fence Length · Fence Removal Rate · (Labor Cost + Bobcat Cost + Trucking Cost) = Total Fence Removal Cost

   \[
   3,081 \text{ ft} \times 1 \text{ min/ft} \times 1 \text{ hr/60min} \times \left\{ \frac{\$35.6/\text{hr} + \$195/\text{hr} + \$130/\text{hr}}{} \right\} = \$18,517
   \]

   **Total**: \$18,517

10. **Grading:**

    Rough Grading (days · Grader Cost) + Fine Grading (days · Grader Cost) = Total Grading Cost

    \[
    [1 \text{ day} \times \$1800/\text{day}] + [1 \text{ day} \times \$1800/\text{day}] = \$3,600
    \]

    **Total**: \$3,600
### 11. Truck to Republic Services Illiana Crown Point Transfer Station

\[
\text{Total Truckloads} \times \text{Round trip} - \text{Site to Transfer Station Distance} \times \text{(Fuel Cost)} + \text{Total Truckloads} \times \text{Round Trip Time} \times \text{Trucking Cost} = \text{Total Trucking to Transfer Cost}
\]

\[
[17 \text{ trips} \times 31 \text{ miles/trip} \times $5/\text{mile}] + [17 \text{ trips} \times 1 \text{ hrs} \times $130/\text{hr}] = $4,845
\]

**Total = $4,845**

### 12. Remove Gravel Road / Equipment Area

\[
\text{Road Width} \times \text{Road Length/Equipment Area} \times \text{Road Depth} \times \text{Gravel Export Cost} = \text{Total Removal Cost}
\]

\[
14\text{ ft} \times 1327\text{ ft} \times (10\text{ in} \times 1\text{ ft}/12\text{ in})(1 \text{ cu ft}/27\text{ cu yd}) \times $10/\text{cu yd} = $5,732
\]

**Total = $5,732**

### 13. Reclamation of Disturbed Areas (gravel road)

\[
\text{Road Width} \times \text{Road Length} \times \text{Road Depth} \times \text{Loam Import Cost} = \text{Total Reclamation Cost}
\]

\[
14\text{ ft} \times 1327\text{ ft} \times (10\text{ in} \times 1\text{ ft}/12\text{ in})(1 \text{ cu ft}/27\text{ cu yd}) \times $25/\text{cu yd} = $14,329
\]

**Total = $14,329**

### 14. Seed Disturbed Areas:

\[
\text{Re - seeding time} \times \text{Labor Cost} + \text{Hydroseeding Cost} \times \text{Disturbed Area} = \text{Total Seeding Disturbed Area Cost}
\]

\[
16\text{ hr} \times $35.6/\text{hr} + $0.1/\text{square foot} \times 18578 \text{ square feet} = $2,427
\]

**Total = $2,427**

### 15. Fencing, Racking, and Foundation Pile Recycling Value

\[
\text{Total Fencing Weight} \times \text{Total Racking Weight} \times \text{Total Foundation Pile Weight} \times \text{Galvanized Steel Salvage Value} = \text{Total Steel Salvage Value}
\]

\[
[2,188 \text{ lbs} + 276,480 \text{ lbs} + 177,795 \text{ lbs}] \times $0.05/\text{lb} = $-22,823
\]

**Total = ($22,823)**

### 16. Copper Wire Recycling Cost

\[
\text{Total Copper Wire Weight} \times \text{Insulated Copper Wire Salvage Value} = \text{Total Copper Salvage Value}
\]

\[
511 \text{ lbs} \times $0.5/\text{lb} = $-256
\]

**Total = ($256)**

### 17. Aluminum Wire Recycling Cost

\[
\text{Total Aluminum Wire Weight} \times \text{Insulated Aluminum Wire Salvage Value} = \text{Total Aluminum Salvage Value}
\]

\[
2,703 \text{ lbs} \times $0.25/\text{lb} = $-676
\]

**Total = ($676)**

### 18. Panel Recycling Cost

\[
\text{Total Number of Panels} \times \text{Panel Salvage Value} = \text{Total Panel Salvage Value}
\]

\[
6,912 \text{ panels} \times $5.33/\text{panel} = $-36,841
\]

**Total = ($36,841)**
The resultant projected costs:

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Total Cost after 20 Years (2% inflation rate) = $158,864
Senior Planner Matt Asselmeier called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present:
Aaron Rybski – Health Department
Fran Klaas – Highway Department
David Guritz – Forest Preserve
Megan Andrews – Soil and Water Conservation District (Left at 9:37 a.m.)
Deputy Commander Jason Langston – Sheriff’s Department
Brian Holdiman – PBZ Department
Matt Asselmeier – PBZ Department

Absent:
Greg Chismark – WBK Engineering, LLC
Robert Davidson – PBZ Committee Chair
Don Clayton – GIS

Audience:
Michael Saar, Jim Coyle, Margaret Blum, Jason Bolling, Stuart Petersen, Jorge Ramirez, and Cliff Fox

AGENDA
Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to approve the agenda as proposed. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

MINUTES
Mr. Rybski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klaas, to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

PETITIONS
Petition 18-14 Michael and Dayle Saar – Map Amendment Rezoning from A-1 to R-1 Property Located on the East Side of Route 71 Approximately 0.06 Miles Southwest of Timbercreek Drive (PIN 05-07-328-003) in Kendall Township

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Michael and Dayle Saar are requesting a map amendment rezoning the majority of the subject property from A-1 to R-1 in order to have the ability to sell the property and market the property as a single-family home site. The subject property does not have an allocation for the construction of a home and does not possess forty (40) acres. Therefore, a map amendment is required in order to construct a home onsite. The Petitioners own one (1) of the houses northeast of the subject parcel. They would like to divide a portion of the northeast corner off of the subject property and merge it with their property in the Timber Creek Subdivision and rezone the northeast corner to R-3 at some point in the future.

The Petitioner does not believe that the property is large enough for farming.

The Land Resource Management Plan calls for this area to be rural residential in the future. Existing single-family homes are located to the north and east of the subject property. For these reasons, Staff does not believe that the approval of this request would constitute spot zoning.

The area surrounding the property is a mix of residential and agricultural zoning.

EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.

The application for NRI was submitted on April 12, 2018.

Petition information was sent to Kendall Township on April 20, 2018.

Petition information was sent to the United City of Yorkville on April 20, 2018. Yorkville will conduct its meetings on this petition in June.

Any structures constructed on the property would have to meet applicable building and health related laws.
No new odors or lighting issues are foreseen.

The northeast portion of the property will remain zoned A-1. At some point in the future, if this proposal is approved, the Petitioner will ask that the northeast corner be rezoned to R-3 to match the rest of his existing property.

If the property is rezoned to R-1, the minimum lot size would be one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) square feet. Based on the existing parcel size, only one (1) home could be constructed on the property. If additional homes are desired for the property, another map amendment would be required.

Mr. Saar did not have any additional comments.

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, recommend approval of the map amendment as requested.

Ayes (7): Klaas, Guritz, Langston, Rybski, Andrews, Holdiman, and Asselmeier
Nays (0): None
Absent (3): Clayton, Chismark, and Davidson

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on May 23rd.

Petition 18-15 Nancy Harazin on Behalf of the Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101 – Special Use Permit for a Public or Private Utility-Other (Solar Panels) at 16400 Newark Road Located Approximately 0.2 Miles East of Route 71 on the South Side of Newark Road (PIN 07-05-400-003) in Big Grove Township

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Nancy Harazin, on behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101, submitted a petition for a special use permit to operate a public or private utility system – other on her property at 16400 Newark Road. Specifically, the Petitioner would like to contract with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the installation and operation of a solar energy system. The energy generated from the system will be fed into Ameren’s system and consumed offsite.

The surrounding land uses are agricultural. A farmstead is currently located across the street from the subject property. The driveway of the house lines up with the existing farm entrance to the subject property.

EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.

The NRI Application was submitted on April 16, 2018 and all final submittals were received on April 23rd.

Petition information was sent to Big Grove Township on April 24, 2018.

Petition information was sent to the Village of Newark April 24, 2018.

According to the information provided by the Petitioner, the Petitioner would like to lease approximately twenty-three (23) acres to 312 Solar Development, LLC c/o Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for an initial period of twenty (20) years. The lease could be renewed up to four (4) additional periods of five (5) years (Attachment 6, Page 1). If approved, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. would install and maintain six thousand, nine hundred twelve (6,912) solar panels on the north side of the subject property. The solar panels would be seven feet (7') in height at maximum tilt and three to four feet (3' - 4') off of the ground. The panels would rotate with the sun. The system would connect to Ameren’s system at the northeast corner of the property at Newark Road. The system is planned to generate two mega-watts (2MW) of energy. If approved, the system would be operation by approximately July 31, 2019.

Other than periodic mowing and maintenance, no personnel will be onsite and no parking is required.

The construction process is estimated to take between four and six (4-6) months.

The solar panels will be located at their closest point approximately one hundred seventy-five feet (175') from Newark Road and approximately one hundred forty-seven feet (147') from the nearest neighboring property line. The solar panels shall not be closer than fifty feet (50') from the identified wetlands.

The laydown area indicated on Page 3 of Attachment 7 will be used for the placement of equipment during construction, decommissioning, and maintenance activities.
The Landscaping Plan can be found on Pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 7. The plan calls for the planting of eighteen (18) Black Chokeberries, eighteen (18) Sea Green Junipers, twenty-nine (29) Spiraea, and thirty (30) Woodward Arborvitae. The shrubs would grow to approximately thirty inches (30) inches in height maximum. Several existing trees shall remain on the west side of the property.

A lawn seed mix will be planted under and around the solar panels. The growth would require mowing three (3) or four (4) times per year.

Vegetation would be planted when the panels are in place.

As mentioned previously, two (2) wetlands and two (2) farmed wetlands are located on the property. The proposed solar panels should be located away from these areas. The Petitioner submitted a wetland study (see Attachment 9) that verified these areas will not be negatively impacted by the placement of solar panels.

Several drain tiles were located on the property. Any drain tiles impacted by the placement of the solar panels shall be relocated.

The project will be required to meet Kendall County’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Greg Chismark submitted comments and questions on the proposal and seemed satisfied with the proposal.

The proposed solar panels shall be required to meet all applicable building codes.

The supports would be buried approximately twelve to thirteen feet (12’-13’) in the ground depending on soil conditions. The supports would not be encased in concrete.

Electric lines will be buried inside the fence. On Attachment 7, Page 3, there is a utility pole indicated east of the access drive. The electric lines will go above ground at that point and connect to the Ameren system at the point on connection on the northeast corner of the site.

A fourteen foot (14) wide gravel access from Newark Road will be installed. The property already possesses a field access at this location. The access is across the street from the driveway of 16295 Newark Road.

Per the Site Plan (Attachment 7, Page 4), a seven foot (7’) high chained link fence shall surround the solar panels. The fence shall have a sixteen foot (16’) wide vehicle access gate on the east side and a four (4’) wide man gate on the south side. The fence will be installed approximately one (1) week after construction starts.

A light will be installed for security reasons at the electrical equipment area.

Approximately eight (8) signs will be placed around the property along the fence and anywhere required by the NEC. A "Danger High Voltage" sign will be placed around the fence every two hundred feet (200’). A sign will also be placed on the vehicle gate entrance. There will be plaques stating emergency contact information and a site key.

No new odors are foreseen.

The Petitioner supplied a report (Attachment 13) outlining that solar panels do not cause damage to neighboring property value or harm the environment.

The solar panels have life expectancy of thirty (30) years.

Decommission is estimated to take between two and three (2-3) months.

As noted on Pages 4 and 5 of Attachment 13, the Future Energy Jobs Act set a goal of between two thousand five hundred and three thousand mega-watts (2,500-3,000 MW) of solar in Illinois by 2030. Based on the information provided by the Petitioner, most of these projects will be around two mega-watts (2 MW) and use between twelve to twenty (12-20) acres of land. The information provided by the Petitioner estimates that between fifteen and twenty (15-20) solar projects may occur in Kendall County.

Kendall County is currently in the process of adopting solar panel regulations for offsite usage of energy. Some of the proposed language is included in the proposed recommendations.
The proposed conditions and restrictions were:

1. The site will be developed in accordance with the Site Plan, (Attachment 7, Pages 3-5).
2. Lighting will be installed in accordance with the Site Plan (Attachment 7, Pages 3-5).
3. The landscaping shall occur in accordance with the Landscaping Plan (Attachment 7, Pages 7-8).
4. Replacement of dead and/or damaged vegetation shall occur on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.
5. Signage shall be installed as described in the Sheet Notes (Attachment 7, Page 9). In addition, at least one (1) sign shall be placed at the vehicle access gate stating emergency contact information.
6. The site shall be decommissioned in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan (Attachment 7, Page 6). In the event the Decommissioning Plan changes, the property owner shall supply the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department with revised plans as soon as they are available.
7. The Decommissioning Plan shall be initiated if the solar panels are not used for ninety (90) consecutive days. This condition shall not apply if maintenance on the impacted solar panel(s) is occurring.
8. The property owner shall have six (6) months to complete the Decommissioning Plan and remove the solar panels and related equipment from the property.
9. In addition to other applicable fees, the following fees should be paid to the County prior to the installation of the solar panels:
   Building Permit Fees
   0-10 KW $150
   51-100   $300
   101-500   $600
   501-1000 $1200
   1001-2000 $2750
   1001-2000 $6000
   Over 2000 KW $200 for Each Additional 0-100 KW
   Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining Building Permit
10. The property owner or operator shall maintain current liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage at least Three Million Dollars per occurrence and Five Million Dollars in aggregate and must have policy for the duration of the special use permit, such insurance may be provided pursuant to a plan of self-insurance by a party with a net worth of Twenty Million Dollars or more and the County shall be named as additional insured to the extent that the County is entitled to indemnification.
11. The property owner shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents (collectively and individually, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of actions, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees, except to the extent arising in whole or part out of negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties (such liabilities together known as "liability") arising out of Applicant, Owner, or Operators selection, construction, operation, and removal of the solar energy system and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence). This general indemnification shall not be construed as limited or qualifying the County's other indemnification rights available under the law.
12. The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the operations of the solar panels allowed by this special use permit comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws.
13. Failure to comply with above conditions or restrictions could result in the amendment or revocation of the special use permit.

Margaret Blum introduced Jim Coyle and Jason Bolling. Ms. Blum asked if the conditions should apply to the project owner instead of the property owner. Mr. Asselmeier responded that ultimately the property owner is responsible for their land. Restrictions 8, 11, and 12 will be amended to include the operator.
Ms. Blum said that the wetlands shown in the documents previously submitted are potential areas of interest. The developer will be examining the areas in greater detail. Mr. Guritz asked, if the areas shown are not jurisdictional wetlands, will a buffer be installed. Ms. Blum responded that the system will not move; the system will be installed at the location proposed. Ms. Andrews discussed the regulatory jurisdiction of wetlands; USDA could have jurisdiction. The balance of the property will continue to be farmed.

No buildings, water, or sewer will be installed.

The access will remain at the same location. Mr. Klaas said that the proposal would not trigger the County's Access Ordinance.

The fence will not be in the right-of-way.

Mr. Klaas requested additional right-of-way dedication to address an erosion problem at the roadway. Ms. Blum will ask the property owner if they are agreeable to dedicating an additional fifteen feet (15') of property along the northern part of the property.

The panels are constantly monitored remotely. No gate alarm will be installed.

The interconnection point would be at Newark Road. The lines might have to be upgraded per Ameren’s requirements. Three-phase power is available.

Mowing may occur more frequently initially. However, after the plantings are established, mowing may occur three-four (3-4) times per year. Ms. Andrews asked what constitutes a "no mow" mix; she requested a list of the vegetation. Ms. Blum was agreeable to this request. Plantings would occur by hand near the panels and would be by mechanical means where more room was available.

Ms. Andrews asked about temporary erosion control and site stabilization during construction. A corridor of seeding will occur along the gravel road.

Cliff Fox, Village of Newark, asked about property assessment for taxation purposes for schools. Ms. Blum responded that the solar industry is working the tax assessors association to determine the tax value.

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, recommend approval of the special use permit as requested.

Ayes (7): Klaas, Guritz, Langston, Rybski, Andrews, Holdiman, and Asselmeier
Nays (0): None
Absent (3): Clayton, Chismark, and Davidson

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on May 23rd.

Ms. Andrews left at this time (9:37 a.m.)

**Petition 18-16 Lawrence Slattery on Behalf of R.Y. Property Management, Corp. (Owner) and Jorge Ramirez a/k/a Rancho La Purisima (Prospective Buyer) – Special Use Permit for a Banquet Facility at 8218 Route 30 (PIN 02-03-200-001) in Bristol Township**

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Lawrence Slattery currently owns the subject property and leases the property to Jorge Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez is requesting an A-1 Special Use to operate a banquet facility at the subject property under the business name Rancho La Purisima. Mr. Ramirez would purchase the property from Mr. Slattery.

Bristol Township expressed no opinion on the request. Staff of the Village of Montgomery recommended denial.

Per the business plan, the banquet facility would operate inside the existing red barn located on the property. The outside and inside elevations of the barn are included as Attachments 7 and 8. The kitchen and restrooms would be located on the northeast side of the first floor of the barn. The dining and dancing area would be located on the south half of the first floor of the barn. A chapel or additional meeting space would be located on the northeast corner of the second floor of the barn. Mr. Ramirez indicated that the capacity for the first floor areas was two hundred fifty (250) people and the maximum capacity for the second floor area was one hundred fifty (150) people. These capacity number have not been verified by a fire or building official. Mr. Ramirez does not have any plans to use both space at the same time. The maximum number of guests at the property would be two hundred fifty (250). The barn is approximately eight thousand, three hundred (8,300) square feet in size.
The facility would be operational from May 1\textsuperscript{st} through October 31\textsuperscript{st}. The proposed hours of operation are Fridays from 3:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m., Saturdays from Noon until 11:30 p.m., and Sundays from Noon until 9:00 p.m. At a meeting with Staff on April 20\textsuperscript{th}, Mr. Ramirez indicated that setup and takedown for events would occur during hours of operation. In addition, tours of the facility for prospective customers shall occur only during the hours of operation. Mr. Ramirez indicated that he did not want more than one (1) event at the property per weekend.

Mr. Ramirez plans to employ three (3) part-time employees and contract security services. Patrons will bring their own food and drinks. No alcohol will be sold on the premises.

The banquet hall will be used for weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, baptisms, and similar events.

Mr. Ramirez will live on the property and he has fourteen (14) years of experience as a banquet chef. He is in the framing business full-time and hopes to use the banquet facility for additional revenue.

A Change of Occupancy Permit will be required for each existing structure or portion of each existing structure that will be used in conjunction with the proposed banquet facility.

Mr. Ramirez submitted a soil study.

The well and septic systems for the house are located on the northwest side of the house. The proposed location for the well and septic system for the barn will be located on the northeast corner of the property.

While bathrooms are planned inside the existing barn, porta-potties will be needed for some events.

Mr. Ramirez submitted a parking plan showing eighty-one (81) parking spaces and four (4) handicapped parking spaces.

Mr. Ramirez submitted a lighting plan as part of the parking lot survey (See Attachment 5). Five (5) individual light poles and one (1) pole with four (4) lights are planned for the parking area. In addition, several lights are already located on the existing red barn.

An illuminated sign is proposed inside the fence west of the trees and driveway. The sign will be approximately five feet, five inches (5'5") in height and approximately eight feet eight inches (8'8") in width.

Mr. Ramirez provided a Landscaping Plan. The plan calls for the planting of Northern White Cedar trees on the northeast, east, and most of the south side of the property. According to information provided to Staff, the trees would be approximately six feet (6') in height at the time of planting.

The barn would not be air conditioned. The doors and windows on the south and east sides would be open.

Mr. Ramirez agreed that no music would occur outdoors except processionals and recessionals at wedding ceremonies.

Mr. Ramirez indicated that he would be willing to install noise measuring and controlling devices to comply with the noise requirements.

Before Staff makes a recommendation on the request, the following information is requested. The Petitioners’ attorney was sent this request on April 20\textsuperscript{th}:

1. A revised plat of survey or topographic survey showing a scale, north arrow, location map, name of the owner/developer, all existing structures on adjacent properties within 100’ of the property line, and the present zoning classification and PINs for the subject property and all adjacent properties.

2. The Findings of Fact from the special use application.

The results of the EcoCat and NRI would also be needed before a final recommendation is offered.

Mr. Rybski asked if events would be public or private. Stuart Petersen responded that events would be private only. Only one (1) event would occur per weekend. The party renting the barn would bring in their own food and alcohol would not be sold at events. The food would not be prepared at the barn.
Mr. Rybski requested a meeting in the future regarding the septic system. Drainage would remain the same; the parking area would be chalked line. Mr. Rybski asked if the existing well and septic systems have been mapped. Mr. Petersen responded they located the existing well and septic system. Discussion occurred regarding well sampling.

Mr. Holdiman asked about the timeline for using temporary bathrooms. Jorge Ramirez said that it would take two (2) years to build out the banquet area. Mr. Ramirez agreed to a condition regarding bathrooms and prep kitchen to be installed within two (2) years.

Mr. Holdiman noted that a Change of Occupancy Permit will be required. Mr. Holdiman requested engineering and architectural plans for the building. These plans would be used to determine the occupant load for the building. A sprinkler system would not be required.

Mr. Langston asked about the number of events. Mr. Petersen stated that one (1) event per weekend would occur initially, but that number could increase if the business is successful. Mr. Asselmeier noted that Mr. Ramirez agreed to do setup and cleanup during the hours of operation and Mr. Ramirez would show the property only during the hours of operation.

Mr. Langston asked about the use of the security services. The security services would be used to assist with parking and traffic control.

Discussion occurred regarding widening Route 30 at some point in the future.

Discussion occurred regarding noise. Mr. Langston stated that, if either the Montgomery Police Department or Kane County Sheriff’s Office receive a noise complaint, the Kendall County Sheriff's Department would investigate the matter because the property creating the noise is in Kendall County.

Mr. Klaas stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation bought right-of-way in 1956 and the right-of-way is accessed control. Mr. Klaas read a provision from the right-of-way plat that said access at the property was limited to farming operations and single-family residential uses; commercial uses were not allowed.

The Petitioner has not talked to large number of neighbors across the street.

Mr. Holdiman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, layover the request until the June ZPAC to give the Petitioner time to obtain the occupancy loads, research the access issue with the Illinois Department Transportation, provide the revised plat of survey or topographic survey showing a scale, north arrow, location map, name of the owner/developer, all existing structures on adjacent properties within 100’ of the property line, and the present zoning classification and PINs for the subject property and all adjacent properties, and provide the Findings of Fact for the special use request.

Ayes (6): Klaas, Guritz, Langston, Rybski, Holdiman, and Asselmeier  
Nays (0): None  
Absent (4): Andrews, Clayton, Chismark, and Davidson

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before ZPAC again on June 5th.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 17-33 transferring special use hearings from the Hearing Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals was approved by the County Board.

Mr. Asselmeier also reported that Petition 17-29 regarding distance notification requirements for special use applicants was approved by the County Board. The new notification distance for A-1 special use applications is seven hundred fifty feet (750').

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langston to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The ZPAC, at 10:12 a.m., adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner

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May 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern;

The Newark Fire Protection District Trustee’s have examined the information provided and discussed at length the proposed facility.

Our conclusion is that we have no objection to the facility proposed on Newark Road at the east edge of the Village of Newark.

Sincerely,

David E. Thompson
Clerk, Newark Fire Protection District
May 17, 2018

To Greg Chismark, P.E.
Municipal Practice Principal
WBK Engineering LLC
116 W Main Street, Suite 201
St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 443-7755

Dear Greg:

Please find enclosed:

• Site Use Plan C-6.0 Landscape Plan dated 5-17-18 GF.
• Encap Inc. Staked sketch 1’=300’ from field investigation.
• Tracker Solar Array photo.

The above items are enclosed for your use as requested in review letter dated 5-1-18.

In response to your review items we offer the following response:

**Site Use Plans**

1. Per the Wetland Determination Report provided with our original submission (prepared by ENCAP, dated 2/14/18), two potential farmed wetlands and three additional areas of interest were identified within the project area. Since that time, the wetland consultant has returned to the site to perform a wetland delineation. We are awaiting ENCAP’s updated findings report however, per their preliminary staked sketch (enclosed) it appears there are only two Farmed Wetlands on the site, neither of which are anticipated to be high quality. The ENCAP findings report will be submitted to ACOE for a Jurisdictional Determination. That said, Borrego (BSSI) intends to maintain a minimum 25-foot setback in anticipation of a County farmed wetland determination to minimize any potential disturbance to these areas. It should also be noted that BSSI
   a. Does not intend to modify existing wetlands for the purposes of stormwater detention.
   b. Will protect existing farmed wetlands during construction by appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures.
   c. Does not intend to fill existing farmed wetlands.
   d. Does not intend to re-grade or alter site drainage patterns to substantially decrease or increase the existing area tributary to farmed wetlands.

2. There is a twenty-five (25’) foot buffer now shown on attached Landscape Plan 5-17-18, based on field investigation and responses noted above.
Stormwater Narrative

1. The number of posts per panel is largely dependent on geotechnical investigations (pull tests/borings) which will not be completed until after this project has County Board approval. A conservative estimate is one post every 15'-20' of racking. As for depth, the racking manufacturer recommendation and based on minimum clearances and Illinois snow loads, the embedment would be 8-9' (the total post length is anticipated to be 13' to allow for 4-5' post reveals). Both the spacing and the depth of support posts will be designed by a structural engineer and shown on building permit and final site use plans.

2. The panels continuously move throughout the day as they follow the sun. The array field is calibrated twice a day, which can be programmed remotely. At the end of the day, the panels reset to their starting position (all the way to the east at 52°) but this can be set to a different position especially if erosion is observed. However, it should be noted that BSSI has not observed erosion or a drip line on any of their fixed tilt systems in the northeast which remain in the same position all the time rain/shine/snow/sleet. Once the site is stabilized with proposed Meadow Mix no erosion or drip line is anticipated.

3. BSSI will replace field tile under access road and in conflict with support posts with PVC field tile as requested.

We trust the attached will be sufficient for your office to provide the county with a final approval recommendation for this Special Use. If you have any questions or additional comments please call me at (630) 327-1417 or email me at Jcoyle@greenbergfarrow.com

Sincerely,

Jim Coyle, P.E. CFM
Senior Civil Project Manager

Cc: Matt Asselmeier/ Kendall County
    Justin Hardt/ BSSI
    Mel Samaroo/ BSSI
    Steve Long / BSSI
    Margaret Blum/ GF
REFERENCE NOTES SCHEDULE

PLANT SCHEDULE

SEED LIST

PERMANENT GRASS CHART

TEMPORARY SEEDING
Farmed Wetland 1
Farmed Wetland 2
Farmed Wetland 3

LEGEND:
- Project Area
- On-site Farmed Wetland Boundary
- Culvert

Stake Sketch
Image Courtesy of Google Earth
2017

16400 Newark Road
Project Number: 18-0115B
GreenbergFarrow
May 18, 2018

Matt Asselmeier, County Planner
Kendall County PBZ Department
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
T: (630) 553-4139

Project: Borrego Solar – Newark Road - Kendall County, IL
Project #: 20180117.0
From: Jason Bolling

Dear Matt,

In response to ZPAC meeting comments and in anticipation of the KCRPC meeting on May 23rd we have enclosed a revised set of SUP plans Dated 5-17-18.

The SUP set has been revised as follows:

- Hydroseed application method of the Low Mow Meadow seed mix has been confirmed.
- A temporary seed mix and timetable has been added to the plans as requested by the SWCD. It should be noted the plan will be to till project area plant permanent Low Mow Meadow seed mix allow for germination and then start to install racking and conduits for array field weather and time line permitting.
- The landowner is willing to dedicate additional ROW to the county. The SUP set has been updated to show a fifteen (15') foot ROW dedication along Newark Road as requested.
- SUP set has included note to remove and replace drain tile under access road with new PVC drain tile and non-shear couplings. See letter Dated 5-17-18 to WBK.
- Farmed wetland limits and twenty-five (25') buffer updated per field investigation completed by Encap.
- No NEPA permitting required for this project since no federal funding or permits are required.

Sincerely,

Jason Bolling
Due Diligence Coordinator
NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION (NRI) REPORT: 1804

Petitioner: Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. c/o Justin Hardt
Contact: Matt Walsh, GreenbergFarrow

May 2018

Prepared by:

Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District
7775A Route 47 • Yorkville, Illinois 60560
Phone: (630)553-5821 x3 • Fax: (630)553-7442
www.kendallswcd.org
**Petitioner:** Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. c/o Justin Hardt  
**Contact Person:** Matt Walsh, GreenbergFarrow  
**County or Municipality the petition is filled with:** Kendall County  
**Location of Parcel:** SE1/4 Section 5, T.35N.-R.6E. (Big Grove Township) of the 3rd Principal Meridian  
**Project or Subdivision Name:** Borrego Solar Farm  
**Existing Zoning & Land Use:** A-1; Agricultural Row Crop Production  
**Proposed Zoning & Land Use:** A-1 Special Use Permit; Solar Farm Utility  
**Proposed Water Source:** None  
**Proposed Type of Sewage Disposal System:** None  
**Proposed Type of Storm Water Management:** TBD  
**Size of Site:** 37.7 acres  
**Land Evaluation Site Assessment Score:** 205 (Land Evaluation: 94; Site Assessment: 111)

**Natural Resource Information**

**Soil Map:**

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**SOIL INFORMATION:**
Based on information from the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) 2008 Kendall County Soil Survey, this parcel is shown to contain the following soil types (please note this does not replace the need for or results of onsite soil testing; please refer to onsite soil test results for planning/engineering purposes):
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**Hydrologic Soil Groups:** Soils have been classified into four (A, B, C, D) hydrologic groups based on runoff characteristics due to rainfall. If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D or C/D), the first letter is for drained areas and the second letter is for undrained areas.

- **Hydrologic group A:** Soils have a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.
- **Hydrologic group B:** Soils have a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet, consist chiefly of moderately deep to deep, moderately well drained to well drained soils that have a moderately fine to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.
- **Hydrologic group C:** Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.
- **Hydrologic group D:** Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

**Hydric Soils:** A soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part of the soil profile. Of the soils found onsite none are classified as hydric. However, one soil type found onsite, 59A Lisbon silt loam is classified as having the potential to have hydric inclusions.

**Prime Farmland:** Prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for agricultural production. Prime farmland soils are an important resource to Kendall County and some of the most productive soils in the United States occur locally. Of the soils found onsite, two, 59A Lisbon silt loam and 145B Saybrook silt loam, are classified as prime farmland. The two remaining soils are denoted as farmland of statewide importance.

**Soil Limitations:** Limitations for shallow excavations, local roads/streets and lawns/landscaping.

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Kendall County Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA):

Decision-makers in Kendall County use the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system to determine the suitability of a land use change and/or a zoning request as it relates to agricultural land. The LESA system was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and takes into consideration local conditions such as physical characteristics of the land, compatibility of surrounding land-uses, and urban growth factors. The LESA system is a two-step procedure that includes:

- **LAND EVALUATION (LE)** – The soils of a given area are rated and placed in groups ranging from the best to worst suited for a stated agriculture use, cropland or forestland. The best group is assigned a value of 100 and all other groups are assigned lower values. The Land Evaluation is based on data from the Kendall County Soil Survey. The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.
  - The Land Evaluation score for this site is 94, indicating that this site is currently well suited for agricultural uses.

- **SITE ASSESSMENT (SA)** – The site is numerically evaluated according to important factors that contribute to the quality of the site. Each factor selected is assigned values in accordance with the local needs and objectives. The Kendall County LESA Committee is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.
  - The Site Assessment score for this site is 111.

**Not Limited**
Not Limited

**Somewhat Limited**

**Very Limited**

The **LESA Score for this site is 205 which indicates a medium level of protection** for the proposed project site. Note: Selecting the project site with the lowest total points will generally protect the best farmland located in the most viable areas and maintain and promote the agricultural industry in Kendall County. It is helpful to note that the project is proposed for an A-1 Special Use Permit and the parcel will return to an agricultural use after the decommissioning of the solar farm utility has been decommissioned.

**Wetlands:**

The US Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory map does not indicate the presence of a wetland on the project site. If a wetland is present, a wetland delineation specialist, who is recognized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), should determine the exact boundaries and value of the wetlands. Based on submitted materials, a wetland delineation has been completed for the purposes of reviewing the site for any wetlands related to the US Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction.

The US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) wetland map does not indicate the presence of a wetland on the project site. However, a certified wetland determination has not been completed by USDA-NRCS on this project parcel. Since a portion of the parcel will remain in agricultural production and the remainder of the parcel is slated to return to agricultural production after the decommissioning of the solar farm, for the purposes of compliance with applicable requirements for the owner to maintain any farm bill subsidies and benefits, consultation with the USDA-
Farm Service Agency (FSA) is recommended. The USDA Service Center in Yorkville is located at 7775A Route 47, Yorkville, IL 60560 and the contact number is (630)553-5821 x2.

**Floodplain:** The parcel is not located within the floodplain.

**Sediment and Erosion Control:**
Development on this site should include an erosion and sediment control plan in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Soil erosion on construction sites is a resource concern because suspended sediment from areas undergoing development is a primary nonpoint source of water pollution. Please consult the [Illinois Urban Manual](http://www.aiswcd.org/illinois-urban-manual/) for appropriate best management practices.

Based upon review of the site plan provided, some erosion/sediment control measures have been detailed: a stabilized construction entrance where vehicles will enter and leave the site, a temporary concrete washout area, silt fence to control the perimeter and seeding; these are all encouraging to see since during construction is when the biggest potential for erosion will occur. While the measures listed above can be helpful in addressing erosion and sediment control during construction, attention should also be provided to stabilizing disturbed soils. Since over an acre of soil will be disturbed a permit (General NPDES Permit No ILR10 for Construction Site Activities) through the Illinois EPA will be necessary. As part of these permit conditions, it notes that stabilization of disturbed areas must, at a minimum, be initiated immediately wherever earth disturbing activities have temporarily or permanently ceased onsite and will not resume for a period exceeding 14 calendar days; stabilization must be initiated within 1 working day of conditions of temporary or permanent work cessation onsite. Temporary measures can include a variety of practices including, but not limited to, temporary seeding, erosion control blanket or anionic polyacrylamide application. The best way to address erosion and associated stormwater runoff during the active construction phase is to stabilize disturbed soils as soon as possible.

**Soil Health – Stormwater Runoff and Vegetation:**
At the request of Kendall County, the SWCD has reviewed information provided by the Petitioner/Contact regarding management of the existing soil onsite to address erosion, runoff and vegetation.

Information regarding addressing soil erosion and sediment control during construction has been provided above.

As it relates to stormwater runoff post-construction, the project submittal notes that the site will be established to a perennial vegetative mix that will provide reduction in stormwater runoff.

Related to establishment of vegetation onsite, it will be important to provide a vegetative cover that is quick growing and sod forming that will provide soil stabilization. To promote a uniform perennial vegetative cover, maintenance during the first year will be important to monitor establishment and prevent weeds. Monitoring may be necessary after the first year to address any needed maintenance.

Review of the identified mix has a combination of fescue species to provide bunch-forming vegetation. It will be important to establish vegetation during seeding dates established for the local geographic area to promote the growth of vegetation. If the timing of seeding is outside of eligible seeding dates, having a plan in place to provide soil stabilization will be important. Consideration can be given to apply a temporary cover such as oats or wheat outside of the established seeding dates to provide temporary soil stabilization until permanent seeding can be completed as bare soil can increase the likelihood for erosion and sediment laden stormwater runoff. The method of seeding should be clearly established to provide the application method best suited to promote uniform vegetative growth onsite. The now mow mixture identified may require a level of management to establish and then be maintained during the duration of the intended use.
The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board has reviewed the proposed development plans for Petitioner Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the proposed A-1 Special Use with Kendall County located in the SE1/4 of Section 5 in Big Grove Township (T.35N-R.6E of the 3rd Principal Meridian) in Kendall County. Based on the information provided by the petitioner and a review of natural resource related data available to the Kendall County SWCD, the SWCD Board presents the following information.

The Kendall County SWCD has always had the opinion that Prime Farmland should be preserved whenever feasible. A land evaluation, which is a part of the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) was conducted on this parcel. The soils on this parcel scored a 94 out of a possible 100 points indicating the soils are well suited for agricultural uses. The LESA Score for this site is 205 which indicates a medium level of protection for the proposed project site. It is helpful to note that the project is proposed for an A-1 Special Use Permit and the parcel will return to an agricultural use after the solar farm utility has been decommissioned. Additionally, two of the soils found onsite are classified as prime farmland.

Additionally, soils found on the project site are rated for specific uses and can have potential limitations for development. Soil types with severe limitations do not preclude the ability to develop the site for the proposed use but it is important to note the limitation that may require soil reclamation, special design/engineering, or maintenance to obtain suitable soil conditions to support development with significant limitations. This report indicates that for soils located on the parcel, 100% are very limited for local roads/streets and 23.4% are very limited for shallow excavations. This information is based on the soil in an undisturbed state.

This site is located within the Fox River Watershed and Clear Creek subwatershed.

This development should include a soil erosion and sediment control plan to be implemented during construction. Sediment may become a primary non-point source of pollution; eroded soils during the construction phase can create unsafe conditions on roadways, degrade water quality and destroy aquatic ecosystems lower in the watershed. Soil stabilization is an important component of the project to properly stabilize the site to prevent erosion and limit runoff post construction. Please refer to the comments provide above for additional information.

For intense use, it is recommended during the land use planning process to refer to the completed drainage tile survey that located subsurface drainage tile for the parcel. Drainage tile expedites drainage and facilitates farming. It is imperative that these drainage tiles remain undisturbed. Impaired tile may affect a few acres or hundreds of acres of drainage.

The information that is included in this Natural Resources Information Report is to assure the Land Developers take into full consideration the limitations of that land that they wish to develop. Guidelines and recommendations are also a part of this report and should be considered in the planning process. The Natural Resource Information Report is required by the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act (Ill. Complied Statues, Ch. 70, Par 405/22.02a).

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PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this report is to inform officials of the local governing body and other decision-makers with natural resource information. This information may be useful when undertaking land use decisions concerning variations, amendments or relief of local zoning ordinances, proposed subdivision of vacant or agricultural lands and the subsequent development of these lands. This report is a requirement under Section 22.02a of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act.

The intent of this report is to present the most current natural resource information available in a readily understandable manner. It contains a description of the present site conditions, the present resources, and the potential impacts that the proposed change may have on the site and its resources. The natural resource information was gathered from standardized data, on-site investigations and information furnished by the petitioner. This report must be read in its entirety so that the relationship between the natural resource factors and the proposed land use change can be fully understood.

Due to the limitations of scale encountered with the various resource maps, the property boundaries depicted in the various exhibits in this report provide a generalized representation of the property location and may not precisely reflect the legal description of the PIQ (Parcel in Question).

This report, when used properly, will provide the basis for proper land use change decisions and development while protecting the natural resource base of the county. It should not be used in place of detailed environmental and/or engineering studies that are warranted under most circumstances, but in conjunction with those studies.

The conclusions of this report in no way indicate that a certain land use is not possible, but it should alert the reader to possible problems that may occur if the capabilities of the land are ignored. Any questions on the technical data supplied in this report or if anyone feels that they would like to see more additional specific information to make the report more effective, please contact:

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PARCEL LOCATION

Location Map for Natural Resources Information Report # 1804
SE¼ Section 5 Township 35 North, Range 6 East (Big Grove Township) on 37.7 acres. This parcel is located on the south side of Newark Road and southeast of the intersection of Route 71 and Newark Road. The parcel is located in unincorporated Kendall County.

Figure 1: 2017 Plat Map and 2017 Aerial Map with NRI Site Boundary
Simply stated, cultural resources are all the past activities and accomplishments of people. They include the following: buildings; objects made or used by people; locations; and less tangible resources, such as stories, dance forms, and holiday traditions. The Soil and Water Conservation District most often encounters cultural resources as historical properties. These may be prehistoric or historical sites, buildings, structures, features, or objects. The most common type of historical property that the Soil and Water Conservation District may encounter is non-structural archaeological sites. These sites often extend below the soil surface, and must be protected against disruption by development or other earth moving activity if possible. Cultural resources are non-renewable because there is no way to “grow” a site to replace a disrupted site. Landowners with historical properties on their land have ownership of that historical property.

However, the State of Illinois owns all of the following: human remains, grave markers, burial mounds, and artifacts associated with graves and human remains. Non-grave artifacts from archaeological sites and historical buildings are the property of the landowner. The landowner may choose to disturb a historical property, but may not receive federal or state assistance to do so. If an earth moving activity disturbs human remains, the landowner must contact the county coroner within 48 hours.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has not been notified of the proposed land use change by the Kendall County SWCD. The applicant may need to contact the IHPA according to current Illinois law.
ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

What is Biological Diversity and Why Should it be Conserved?¹

Biological diversity, or biodiversity, is the range of life on our planet. A more thorough definition is presented by botanist Peter H. Raven: “At the simplest level, biodiversity is the sum total of all the plants, animals, fungi and microorganisms in the world, or in a particular area; all of their individual variation; and all of the interactions between them. It is the set of living organisms that make up the fabric of the planet Earth and allow it to function as it does, by capturing energy from the sun and using it to drive all of life’s processes; by forming communities of organisms that have, through the several billion years of life’s history on Earth, altered the nature of the atmosphere, the soil and the water of our Planet; and by making possible the sustainability of our planet through their life activities now.” (Raven 1994)

It is not known how many species occur on our planet. Presently, about 1.4 million species have been named. It has been estimated that there are perhaps 9 million more that have not been identified. What is known is that they are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. Reliable estimates show extinction occurring at a rate several orders of magnitude above “background” in some ecological systems. (Wilson 1992, Hoose 1981)

The reasons for protecting biological diversity are complex, but they fall into four major categories.

First, loss of diversity generally weakens entire natural systems. Healthy ecosystems tend to have many natural checks and balances. Every species plays a role in maintaining this system. When simplified by the loss of diversity, the system becomes more susceptible to natural and artificial perturbations. The chances of a system-wide collapse increase. In parts of the midwestern United States, for example, it was only the remnant areas of natural prairies that kept soil intact during the dust bowl years of the 1930s. (Roush 1982)

Simplified ecosystems are almost always expensive to maintain. For example, when synthetic chemicals are relied upon to control pests, the target species are not the only ones affected. Their predators are almost always killed or driven away, exasperating the pest problem. In the meantime, people are unintentionally breeding pesticide-resistant pests. A process has begun where people become perpetual guardians of the affected area, which requires the expenditure of financial resources and human ingenuity to keep the system going.

A second reason for protecting biological diversity is that it represents one of our greatest untapped resources. Great benefits can be reaped from a single species. About 20 species provide 90% of the world’s food. Of these 20, just three, wheat, maize and rice-supply over one half of that food. American wheat farmers need new varieties every five to 15 years to compete with pests and diseases. Wild strains of wheat are critical genetic reservoirs for these new varieties.

Further, every species is a potential source of human medicine. In 1980, a published report identified the market value of prescription drugs from higher plants at over $3 billion. Organic alkaloids, a class of chemical compounds used in medicines, are found in an estimated 20% of plant species. Yet only 2% of plant species have been screened for these compounds. (Hoose 1981)

The third reason for protecting diversity is that humans benefit from natural areas and depend on healthy ecosystems. The natural world supplies our air, our water, our food and supports human economic activity. Further,

¹Taken from The Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Great Lakes Ecosystem: Issues and Opportunities, prepared by the Nature Conservancy Great Lakes Program 79W. Monroe Street, Suite 1309, Chicago, IL 60603, January 1994
humans are creatures that evolved in a diverse natural environment between forest and grasslands. People need to be reassured that such places remain. When people speak of “going to the country,” they generally mean more than getting out of town. For reasons of their own sanity and well being, they need a holistic, organic experience. Prolonged exposure to urban monotony produces neuroses, for which cultural and natural diversity cure.

Historically, the lack of attention to biological diversity, and the ecological processes it supports, has resulted in economic hardships for segments of the basin’s human population. The final reason for protecting biological diversity is that species and natural systems are intrinsically valuable. The above reasons have focused on the benefits of the natural world to humans. All things possess intrinsic value simply because they exist.

**Biological Resources Concerning the Subject Parcel**

As part of the Natural Resources Information Report, staff checks office maps to determine if any nature preserves are in the general vicinity of the parcel in question. If there is a nature preserve in the area, then that resource will be identified as part of the report. The SWCD recommends that every effort be made to protect that resource. Such efforts should include, but are not limited to erosion control, sediment control, stormwater management, and groundwater monitoring.

*Office maps indicate that ecologically sensitive areas, Newark Forest Preserve and Clear Creek, are located near the parcel in question (PIQ).*

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**SOILS INFORMATION**

**Importance of Soils Information**

Soils information comes from the Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Maps and Descriptions for Kendall County. This information is important to all parties involved in determining the suitability of the proposed land use change.

Each soil polygon is given a number, which represents its soil type. The letter found after the soil type number indicates the soils slope class.

Each soil map unit has limitations for a variety of land uses such as septic systems, buildings with basements, and buildings without basements. It is important to remember that soils do not function independently of each other. The behavior of a soil depends upon the physical properties of adjacent soil types, the presence of artificial drainage, soil compaction, and its position in the local landscape.

The limitation categories (slight, moderate or severe) indicate the potential for difficulty in using that soil unit for the proposed activity and, thus, the degree of need for thorough soil borings and engineering studies. A limitation does not necessarily mean that the proposed activity cannot be done on that soil type. It does mean that the reasons for the limitation need to be thoroughly understood and dealt with in order to complete the proposed activity successfully. A severe limitation indicates that the proposed activity will be more difficult and costly to do on that soil type than on a soil type with a moderate or slight rating.

Soil survey interpretations are predictions of soil behavior for specified land uses and specified management practices. They are based on the soil properties that directly influence the specified use of the soil. Soil survey interpretations allow users of soil surveys to plan reasonable alternatives for the use and management of soils.

Soil interpretations do not eliminate the need for on-site study and testing of specific sites for the design and construction for specific uses. They can be used as a guide for planning more detailed investigations and for avoiding undesirable sites for an intended use. The scale of the maps and the range of error limit the use of the soil delineation.
Figure 2: Soil Map

Table 1: Soil Map Unit Descriptions

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*SOURCE: National Cooperative Soil Survey – USDA-NRCS

SOIL INTERPRETATIONS EXPLANATION

Nonagricultural

General
These interpretative ratings help engineers, planners, and others to understand how soil properties influence behavior when used for nonagricultural uses such as building site development or construction materials. This report gives ratings for proposed uses in terms of limitations and restrictive features. The tables list only the most restrictive features. Other features may need treatment to overcome soil limitations for a specific purpose.

Ratings come from the soil's "natural" state, that is, no unusual modification occurs other than that which is considered normal practice for the rated use. Even though soils may have limitations, an engineer may alter soil features or adjust building plans for a structure to compensate for most degrees of limitations. Most of these practices, however, are costly. The final decision in selecting a site for a particular use generally involves weighing the costs for site preparation and maintenance.
Soil properties influence development of building sites, including the selection of the site, the design of the structure, construction, performance after construction, and maintenance. Soil limitation ratings of slight, moderate, and severe are given for the types of proposed improvements that are listed or inferred by the petitioner as entered on the report application and/or zoning petition. The most common types of building limitation that this report gives limitations ratings for is: septic systems. It is understood that engineering practices can overcome most limitations for buildings with and without basements, and small commercial buildings. Limitation ratings for these types of buildings are not commonly provided. Organic soils, when present on the parcel, are referenced in the hydric soils section of the report. This type of soil is considered to be unsuitable for all types of construction.

Limitations Ratings

1. **Not Limited** - This soil has favorable properties for the use. The degree of limitation is minor. The people involved can expect good performance and low maintenance.

2. **Somewhat Limited** - This soil has moderately favorable properties for the use. Special planning, design, or maintenance can overcome this degree of limitation. During some part of the year, the expected performance is less desirable than for soils rated slight.

3. **Very Limited** - This soil has one or more properties that are unfavorable for the rated use. These may include the following: steep slopes, bedrock near the surface, flooding, high shrink-swell potential, a seasonal high water table, or low strength. This degree of limitation generally requires major soil reclamation, special design, or intensive maintenance, which in most situations is difficult and costly.

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**BUILDING LIMITATIONS**

**Building on Poorly Suited or Unsuitable Soils:** Can present problems to future property owners such as cracked foundations, wet basements, lowered structural integrity and high maintenance costs associated with these problems. The staff of the Kendall County SWCD strongly urges scrutiny by the plat reviewers when granting parcels with these soils exclusively.

**Shallow Excavations** - Trenches or holes dug to a maximum depth of 5 or 6 feet for utility lines, open ditches or other purposes. Ratings are based on soil properties that influence the ease of digging and the resistance to sloughing.

**Lawns and Landscaping** - Require soils on which turf and ornamental trees and shrubs can be established and maintained (irrigation is not considered in the ratings). The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect plant growth and trafficability after vegetation is established.

**Local Roads and Streets** - They have an all-weather surface and carry automobile and light truck traffic all year. They have a subgrade of cut or fill soil material, a base of gravel, crushed rock or soil material stabilized by lime or cement; and a surface of flexible material (asphalt), rigid material (concrete) or gravel with a binder. The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect the ease of excavation and grading and the traffic-supporting capacity.
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Figure 3a: Map of Building Limitations – Shallow Excavation

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Figure 3b: Map of Building Limitations – Local Roads & Streets

SOIL WATER FEATURES

This table gives estimates of various soil water features that should be taken into consideration when reviewing engineering for a land use project.

**Hydrologic Soil Groups (HSGs):** The groups are based on estimates of runoff potential. Soils are assigned to one of four groups according to the rate of water infiltration when the soils are not protected by vegetation, are thoroughly wet, and receive precipitation from long-duration storms.

- **Group A:** Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.
- **Group B:** Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well drained or well drained soils that have moderately fine texture to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.
- **Group C:** Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.
- **Group D:** Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

**Note:** If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D or C/D) the first letter is for drained areas and the second is for undrained areas.

**Surface Runoff:** Refers to the loss of water from an area by flow over the land surface. Surface runoff classes are based upon slope, climate and vegetative cover and indicates relative runoff for very specific conditions (it is assumed that the surface of the soil is bare and that the retention of
surface water resulting from irregularities in the ground surface is minimal). The classes are: negligible, very low, low, medium, high and very high.

**Months:** Indicates the portion of the year in which a water table, ponding, and/or flooding is most likely to be a concern.

**Water Table:** Refers to a saturated zone in the soil and the data indicates, by month, depth to the top (upper limit) and base (lower limit) of the saturated zone in most years. These estimates are based upon observations of the water table at selected sites and on evidence of a saturated zone (grayish colors or mottles (redoximorphic features)) in the soil. Note: A saturated zone that lasts for less than a month is not considered a water table.

**Ponding:** Refers to standing water in a closed depression and the data indicates surface water depth, duration and frequency of ponding.

**Duration:** Expressed as: *very brief* if less than 2 days, *brief* is 2 to 7 days, *long* if 7 to 30 days and *very long* if more than 30 days.

**Frequency:** Expressed as: *none* meaning ponding is not possible; *rare* means it is unlikely but possible under extreme unusual weather conditions (chance of ponding is less than 1% in any year); *occasional* means it occurs infrequently under normal weather conditions (chance of ponding is 5 to 50% in any year); *frequent* means that it is likely to occur very often under normal weather conditions (chance of flooding is more than 50% in all months of any year).

**Flooding:** The temporary inundation of an area caused by overflowing streams, by runoff from adjacent slopes, or by tides. Water standing for short periods after rainfall or snowmelt is not considered flooding, and water standing in swamps and marshes is considered ponding rather than flooding.

**Duration:** Expressed as: *extremely brief* if 0.1 hour to 4 hours; *very brief* if 4 hours to 2 days; *brief* if 2 to 7 days; *long* if 7 to 30 days; and *very long* if more than 30 days.

**Frequency:** Expressed as: *none* means flooding is not probable; *very rare* means that it is very unlikely but possible under extremely unusual weather conditions (chance of flooding is less than 1% in any year); *rare* means that it is unlikely but possible under unusual weather conditions (chance of flooding is 1 to 5% in any year); *occasional* means that it occurs infrequently under normal weather conditions (chance of flooding is 5 to 50% in any year but is less than 50% in all months in any year); and *very frequent* means that it is likely to occur very often under normal weather conditions (chance of flooding is more than 50% in all months of any year).

**Note:** The information is based on evidence in the soil profile. In addition, consideration is also given to local information about the extent and levels of flooding and the relation of each soil on the landscape to historic floods. Information on the extent of flooding based on soil data is less specific than that provided by detailed engineering surveys that delineate flood-prone areas at specific flood frequency levels.

**Table 3: Water Features**

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<th>Map Unit</th>
<th>Hydrologic Group</th>
<th>Surface Runoff</th>
<th>Water Table</th>
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<th>Flooding</th>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>January - May Upper Limit: 1.0’-2.0’ Lower Limit: 2.0’-4.0’</td>
<td>January - May Surface Water Depth &amp; Duration: -- Frequency: None</td>
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<td>145B</td>
<td>C</td>
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<td>Medium</td>
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SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL

Erosion is the wearing away of the soil by water, wind, and other forces. Soil erosion threatens the Nation’s soil productivity and contributes the most pollutants in our waterways. Water causes about two thirds of erosion on agricultural land. Four properties, mainly, determine a soil’s erodibility: texture, slope, structure, organic matter content.

Slope has the most influence on soil erosion potential when the site is under construction. Erosivity and runoff increase as slope grade increases. The runoff then exerts more force on the particles, breaking their bonds more readily and carrying them farther before deposition. The longer water flows along a slope before reaching a major waterway, the greater the potential for erosion.

Soil erosion during and after this proposed construction can be a primary non-point source of water pollution. Eroded soil during the construction phase can create unsafe conditions on roadways, decrease the storage capacity of lakes, clog streams and drainage channels, cause deterioration of aquatic habitats, and increase water treatment costs. Soil erosion also increases the risk of flooding by choking culverts, ditches and storm sewers, and by reducing the capacity of natural and man-made detention facilities.

The general principles of erosion and sedimentation control measures include:

- reducing or diverting flow from exposed areas, storing flows or limiting runoff from exposed areas,
- staging construction in order to keep disturbed areas to a minimum,
- establishing or maintaining or temporary or permanent groundcover,
- retaining sediment on site and
- properly installing, inspecting and maintaining control measures.

Erosion control practices are useful controls only if they are properly located, installed, inspected and maintained.

The SWCD recommends an erosion control plan for all building sites, especially if there is a wetland or stream nearby.

Table 4: Soil Erosion Potential

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<tr>
<th>Soil Type</th>
<th>Slope</th>
<th>Rating</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
<th>Percent of Parcel</th>
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<td>22.8%</td>
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<td>5-10%</td>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>2-5%</td>
<td>Slight</td>
<td>28.7</td>
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<td>145C2</td>
<td>5-10%</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
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PRIME FARMLAND SOILS

Prime farmland soils are an important resource to Kendall County. Some of the most productive soils in the United States occur locally. Each soil map unit in the United States is assigned a prime or non-prime rating. Prime agricultural land does not need to be in the production of food & fiber.

Section 310 of the NRCS general manual states that urban or built-up land on prime farmland soils is not prime farmland. The percentages of soils map units on the parcel reflect the determination that urban or built up land on prime farmland soils is not prime farmland.

Table 5: Prime Farmland Soils

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<th>Soil Types</th>
<th>Prime Designation</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
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<td>Prime Farmland</td>
<td>8.6</td>
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<td>60C3</td>
<td>Farmland of Statewide Importance</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<td>145B</td>
<td>Prime Farmland</td>
<td>28.7</td>
<td>76.1%</td>
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<td>145C2</td>
<td>Farmland of Statewide Importance</td>
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<td>0.5%</td>
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LAND EVALUATION & SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA)

Decision-makers in Kendall County use the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system to determine the suitability of a land use change and/or a zoning request as it relates to agricultural land. The LESA system was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and takes into consideration local conditions such as physical characteristics of the land, compatibility of surrounding land-uses, and urban growth factors. The LESA system is a two-step procedure that includes:

LAND EVALUATION (LE) – The soils of a given area are rated and placed in groups ranging from the best to worst suited for a stated agriculture use, cropland or forestland. The best group is assigned a value of 100 and all other groups are assigned lower values. The Land Evaluation is based on data from the Kendall County Soil Survey. The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.

SITE ASSESSMENT (SA) – The site is numerically evaluated according to important factors that contribute to the quality of the site. Each factor selected is assigned values in accordance with the local needs and objectives. The Kendall County LESA Committee is responsible for this portion of the LESA system.

The value group is a predetermined value based upon prime farmland designation. The LE score is calculated by multiplying the relative value of each soil type by the number of acres of that soil. The sum of the products is then divided by the total number of acres; the answer is the Land Evaluation score on this site.

Please Note: A land evaluation (LE) score will be compiled for every project parcel. However, when a parcel is located within municipal planning boundaries, a site assessment score is not compiled as the scoring factors are not applicable. As a result, only the LE score is available and a full LESA score is unavailable for the parcel.
Table 6a: Land Evaluation Computation

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Soil Type</th>
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<th>Acres</th>
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<td>94</td>
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<td>82</td>
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<td>LE=3543.3/37.7 LE=94</td>
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The Land Evaluation score for this site is 94, indicating that this site is currently designated as prime farmland that is well suited for agricultural uses.

Table 6b: Site Assessment Computation

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<th>A. Agricultural Land Uses</th>
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<td>1. Percentage of area in agricultural uses within 1.5 miles of site. (20-10-5-0)</td>
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<td>2. Current land use adjacent to site. (30-20-15-10-0)</td>
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<td>3. Percentage of site in agricultural production in any of the last 5 years. (20-15-10-5-0)</td>
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<td>4. Size of site. (30-15-10-0)</td>
<td>10</td>
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<th>B. Compatibility / Impact on Uses</th>
<th>Points</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Distance from city or village limits. (20-10-0)</td>
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<td>2. Consistency of proposed use with County Land Resource Management Concept Plan and/or municipal comprehensive land use plan. (20-10-0)</td>
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<td>3. Compatibility of agricultural and non-agricultural uses. (15-7-0)</td>
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<th>C. Existence of Infrastructure</th>
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<td>1. Availability of public sewage system. (10-8-6-0)</td>
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<td>2. Availability of public water system. (10-8-6-0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Transportation systems. (15-7-0)</td>
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<td>4. Distance from fire protection service. (10-8-6-2-0)</td>
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Site Assessment Score: 111

Land Evaluation Value: 94 + Site Assessment Value: 111 = LESA Score: 205

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<th>LESA SCORE</th>
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<tr>
<td>251-300</td>
<td>Very High</td>
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The LESA Score for this site is 205 which indicates a medium level of protection for the proposed project site. Note: Selecting the project site with lower total points will generally protect the best farmland located in the most viable areas and maintain and promote the agricultural industry in Kendall County. It is helpful to note that the project is proposed for an A-1 Special Use Permit and the parcel will return to an agricultural use after the solar farm utility has been decommissioned.

LAND USE PLANS

Many counties, municipalities, villages and townships have developed land-use plans. These plans are intended to reflect the existing and future land-use needs of a given community. Please contact the Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning for information regarding the County’s comprehensive land use plan and map.
U.S.G.S Topographic maps give information on elevations, which are important mostly to determine slopes, drainage directions, and watershed information.

Elevations determine the area of impact of floods of record. Slope information determines steepness and erosion potential. Drainage directions determine where water leaves the PIQ, possibly impacting surrounding natural resources.

Watershed information is given for changing land use to a subdivision type of development on parcels greater than 10 acres.

What is a watershed?
Simply stated, a watershed is the area of land that contributes water to a certain point. The watershed boundary is important because the area of land in the watershed can now be calculated using an irregular shape area calculator such as a dot counter or planimeter.

Using regional storm event information, and site specific soils and land use information, the peak stormwater flow through the point marked “Q” for a specified storm event can be calculated. This value is called a “Q” value (for the given storm event), and is measured in cubic feet per second (CFS).

When construction occurs, the Q value naturally increases because of the increase in impermeable surfaces. This process decreases the ability of soils to accept and temporarily hold water. Therefore, more water runs off and increases the Q value.

Theoretically, if each development, no matter how large or small, maintains their preconstruction Q value after construction by the installation of stormwater management systems, the streams and wetlands and lakes will not suffer damage from excessive urban stormwater.

For this reason, the Kendall County SWCD recommends that the developer for intense uses such as a subdivision calculate the preconstruction Q value for the exit point(s). A stormwater management system should be designed, installed, and maintained to limit the postconstruction Q value to be at or below the preconstruction value.

Importance of Flood Information
A floodplain is defined as land adjoining a watercourse (riverine) or an inland depression (non-riverine) that is subject to periodic inundation by high water. Floodplains are important areas demanding protection since they have water storage and conveyance functions which affect upstream and downstream flows, water quality and quantity, and suitability of the land for human activity. Since floodplains play distinct and vital roles in the hydrologic cycle, development that interferes with their hydrologic and biologic functions should be carefully considered.

Flooding is both dangerous to people and destructive to their properties. The following maps, when combined with wetland and topographic information, can help developers and future homeowners to “sidestep” potential flooding or ponding problems.

FIRM is the acronym for the Flood Insurance Rate Map, produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These maps define flood elevation adjacent to tributaries and major bodies of water, and superimpose that onto a simplified USGS topographic map. The scale of the FIRM maps is generally dependent on the size and density of parcels in that area. (This is to correctly determine the parcel location and flood plain location.) The FIRM map has three (3) zones. A is the zone of 100 year flood, zone B is the 100 to 500 year flood, and zone C is outside the flood plain.

The Hydrologic Atlas (H.A.) Series of the Flood of Record Map is also used for the topographic information. This map is different from the FIRM map mainly because it will show isolated, or pocketed flooded areas. Kendall County uses both these maps in conjunction with each other for flooded area determinations. The Flood of Record maps, show the areas of flood for various years. Both of these maps stress that the recurrence of flooding is merely statistical. That is to say a 100-year flood may occur twice in one year, or twice in one week, for that matter.
It should be noted that greater floods than those shown on the two maps are possible. The flood boundaries indicated provide a historic record only until the map publication date. Additionally, these flood boundaries are a function of the watershed conditions existing when the maps were produced. Cumulative changes in runoff characteristics caused by urbanization can result in an increase in flood height of future flood episodes.

Floodplains play a vital role in reducing the flood damage potential associated with an urbanizing area and, when left in an undisturbed state, also provide valuable wildlife habitat benefits. If it is the petitioner's intent to conduct floodplain filling or modification activities, the petitioner and the Unit of Government responsible need to consider the potentially adverse effects this type of action could have on adjacent properties. The change or loss of natural floodplain storage often increases the frequency and severity of flooding on adjacent property.

If the available maps indicate the presence of a floodplain on the PIQ, the petitioner should contact the IDOT-DWR and FEMA to delineate a floodplain elevation for the parcel. If a portion of the property is indeed floodplain, applicable state, county and local regulations will need to be reflected in the site plans. Another indication of flooding potential can be found in the soils information. Hydric soils indicate the presence of drainageways, areas subject to ponding, or a naturally occurring high water table. These need to be considered along with the floodplain information when developing the site plan and the stormwater management plan. If the site does include these hydric soils and development occurs, thus raising the concerns of the loss of water storage in these soils and the potential for increased flooding in the area.

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**Figure 5: FEMA Floodplain Map**

![FEMA Floodplain Map](image-url)
This parcel is located on topography (slopes 0 to 10%) involving high and low areas (elevation is approximately 700' to 730' above sea level). The parcel lies within the Fox River Watershed and Clear Creek subwatershed.

**WATERSHED PLANS**

Watershed and Subwatershed Information

A watershed is the area of land that drains into a specific point including a stream, lake or other body of water. High points on the Earth’s surface, such as hills and ridges define watersheds. When rain falls in the watershed, it flows across the ground towards a stream or lake. Rainwater carries any pollutants it comes in contact with such as oils, pesticides, and soil. Everyone lives in a watershed. Their actions can impact natural resources and people living downstream. Residents can minimize this impact by being aware of their environment and implications of their activities, implementing practices recommended in watershed plans and educating others about their watershed.

This parcel is located within the **Fox River Watershed**.

The following are recommendations to developers for protection of this watershed:

- Preserve open space.
- Maintain wetlands as part of development.
- Use natural water management.
- Prevent soil from leaving a construction site.
- Protect subsurface drainage.
- Use native vegetation.
- Retain natural features.
- Mix housing styles and types.
- Decrease impervious surfaces.
- Reduce area disturbed by mass grading.
- Shrink lot size and create more open space.
- Maintain historical and cultural resources.
- Treat water where it falls.
- Preserve views.
- Establish and link trails.
Office maps indicate that a wetland **may not be** present on the parcel in question (PIQ).

**Figure7b: Wetland Map – USDA-NRCS**

Office maps indicate that a wetland **may not be** present on the parcel in question (PIQ). Please note that a certified wetland determination has not been completed by USDA-NRCS on this project parcel. Since a portion of the parcel will remain in agricultural production and the remainder of the parcel is slated to return to agricultural production after the decommissioning of the solar farm, for the purposes of compliance with applicable requirements for the owner to maintain any farm bill subsidies and benefits, consultation with the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) is recommended. The USDA Service Center in Yorkville is located at 7775A Route 47, Yorkville, IL 60560 and the contact number is (630)553-5821 x2.
Importance of Wetland Information

Wetlands function in many ways to provide numerous benefits to society. They control flooding by offering a slow release of excess water downstream or through the soil. They cleanse water by filtering out sediment and some pollutants, and can function as rechargers of our valuable groundwater. They also are essential breeding, rearing, and feeding grounds for many species of wildlife.

These benefits are particularly valuable in urbanizing areas as development activity typically adversely affects water quality, increases the volume of stormwater runoff, and increases the demand for groundwater. In an area where many individual homes rely on shallow groundwater wells for domestic water supplies, activities that threaten potential groundwater recharge areas are contrary to the public good. The conversion of wetlands, with their sediment trapping and nutrient absorbing vegetation, to biologically barren stormwater detention ponds can cause additional degradation of water quality in downstream or adjacent areas.

It has been estimated that over 95% of the wetlands that were historically present in Illinois have been destroyed while only recently has the true environmental significance of wetlands been fully recognized. America is losing 100,000 acres of wetland a year, and has saved 5 million acres total (since 1934).

One acre of wetland can filter 7.3 million gallons of water a year. These are reasons why our wetlands are high quality and important.

This section contains the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) Wetlands Inventory, which is the most comprehensive inventory to date. The NRCS Wetlands Inventory is reproduced from an aerial photo at a scale of 1” equals 660 feet. The NRCS developed these maps in cooperation with U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency,) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, using the National Food Security Act Manual, 3rd Edition. The main purpose of these maps is to determine wetland areas on agricultural fields and areas that may be wetlands but are in a non-agriculture setting.

The NRCS Wetlands Inventory in no way gives an exact delineation of the wetlands, but merely an outline, or the determination that there is a wetland within the outline. For the final, most accurate wetland determination of a specific wetland, a wetland delineation must be certified by NRCS staff using the National Food Security Act Manual (on agricultural land.) On urban land, a certified wetland delineator must perform the delineation using the ACOE 1987 Manual. See the glossary section for the definitions of “delineation” and “determination.

Hydric Soils

Soils information gives another indication of flooding potential. The soils map on this page indicates the soil(s) on the parcel that the Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates as hydric. Hydric soils by definition have seasonal high water at or near the soil surface and/or have potential flooding or ponding problems. All hydric soils range from poorly suited to unsuitable for building. One group of the hydric soils, are the organic soils, which formed from dead organic material. Organic soils are unsuitable for building because of not only the high water table, but also their subsidence problems.

It is also important to add the possibility of hydric inclusions in a soil type. An inclusion is a soil polygon that is too small to appear on these maps. While relatively insignificant for agricultural use, hydric soil inclusions become more important to more intense uses such as a residential subdivision.

While considering hydric soils and hydric inclusions, it is noteworthy to mention that subsurface agriculture drainage tile occurs in almost all poorly drained and somewhat poorly drained soils. Drainage tile expedites drainage and facilitates farming. It is imperative that these drainage tiles remain undisturbed. A damaged subsurface drainage tile may return original hydrologic conditions to all of the areas that drained through the tile (ranging from less than one acre to many square miles.)

For an intense land use, such as a subdivision, the Kendall County SWCD recommends the following: a topographical survey with 1 foot contour intervals to accurately define the flood area on the parcel, an intensive soil survey to define most accurately the locations of the hydric soils and inclusions and a drainage tile survey on the area to locate the tiles that must be preserved to maintain subsurface drainage.
Table 7: Hydric Soils

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<th>Drainage Class</th>
<th>Hydric Designation</th>
<th>Hydric Inclusions Likely</th>
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<td>Moderately well drained</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>145C2</td>
<td>Moderately well drained</td>
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Figure 8: Hydric Soils Map
WETLAND AND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO ANY WORK NEAR A STREAM (THIS INCLUDES SMALL UNNAMED STREAMS), LAKE, WETLAND OR FLOODWAY.

The laws of the United States and the State of Illinois assign certain agencies specific and different regulatory roles to protect the waters within the State's boundaries. These roles, when considered together, include protection of navigation channels and harbors, protection against floodway encroachments, maintenance and enhancement of water quality, protection of fish and wildlife habitat and recreational resources, and, in general, the protection of total public interest. Unregulated use of the waters within the State of Illinois could permanently destroy or alter the character of these valuable resources and adversely impact the public. Therefore, please contact the proper regulatory authorities when planning any work associated with Illinois waters so that proper consideration and approval can be obtained.

WHO MUST APPLY
Anyone proposing to dredge, fill, rip rap, or otherwise alter the banks or beds of, or construct, operate, or maintain any dock, pier, wharf, sluice, dam, piling, wall, fence, utility, flood plain or floodway subject to State or Federal regulatory jurisdiction should apply for agency approvals.

REGULATORY AGENCIES:

- **Wetlands or U.S. Waters**: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Clock Tower Building, Rock Island, IL
- **Flood plains**: Illinois Department of Natural Resources \ Office of Water Resources, Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1270.
- **Water Quality \ Erosion Control**: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield, IL

COORDINATION
We recommend early coordination with the regulatory agencies before finalizing work plans. This allows the agencies to recommend measures to mitigate or compensate for adverse impacts. Also, the agency can make possible environmental enhancement provisions early in the project planning stages. This could reduce time required to process necessary approvals.

CAUTION: Contact with the United States Army Corps of Engineers is strongly advised before commencement of any work in or near a water of the United States. This could save considerable time and expense. Persons responsible for willful and direct violation of Section 10 of the River And Harbor Act of 1899 or Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act are subject to fines ranging up to $27,500 per day of violation and imprisonment for up to one year or both.
GLOSSARY

AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION AREAS (AG AREAS) - Allowed by P.A. 81-1173. An AG AREA consists of a minimum of 350 acres of farmland, as contiguous and compact as possible. Petitioned by landowners, AG AREAS protect for a period of ten years initially, then reviewed every eight years thereafter. AG AREA establishment exempts landowners from local nuisance ordinances directed at farming operations, and designated land cannot receive special tax assessments on public improvements that do not benefit the land, e.g. water and sewer lines.

AGRICULTURE - The growing, harvesting and storing of crops including legumes, hay, grain, fruit and truck or vegetable including dairying, poultry, swine, sheep, beef cattle, pony and horse production, fur farms, and fish and wildlife farms; farm buildings used for growing, harvesting and preparing crop products for market, or for use on the farm; roadside stands, farm buildings for storing and protecting farm machinery and equipment from the elements; farm dwellings occupied by farm owners, operators, tenants or seasonal or year around hired farm workers.

B.G. - Below Grade. Under the surface of the Earth.

BEDROCK - Indicates depth at which bedrock occurs. Also lists hardness as rippable or hard.

FLOODING - Indicates frequency, duration, and period during year when floods are likely to occur.

HIGH LEVEL MANAGEMENT - The application of effective practices adapted to different crops, soils, and climatic conditions. Such practices include providing for adequate soil drainage, protection from flooding, erosion and runoff control, near optimum tillage, and planting the correct kind and amount of high quality seed. Weeds, diseases, and harmful insects are controlled. Favorable soil reaction and near optimum levels of available nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium for individual crops are maintained. Efficient use is made of available crop residues, barnyard manure, and/or green manure crops. All operations, when combined efficiently and timely, can create favorable growing conditions and reduce harvesting losses -- within limits imposed by weather.

HIGH WATER TABLE - A seasonal high water table is a zone of saturation at the highest average depth during the wettest part of the year. May be apparent, perched, or artesian kinds of water tables.

Water Table, Apparent - A thick zone of free water in the soil. An apparent water table is indicated by the level at which water stands in an uncased borehole after adequate time is allowed for adjustment in the surrounding soil.

Water Table, Artesian - A water table under hydrostatic head, generally beneath an impermeable layer. When this layer is penetrated, the water level rises in an uncased borehole.

Water Table, Perched - A water table standing above an unsaturated zone. In places an upper, or perched, water table is separated from a lower one by a dry zone.

DELINEATION - For Wetlands: A series of orange flags placed on the ground by a certified professional that outlines the wetland boundary on a parcel.

DETERMINATION - A polygon drawn on a map using map information that gives an outline of a wetland.

HYDRIC SOIL - This type of soil is saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 1987)

INTENSIVE SOIL MAPPING - Mapping done on a smaller more intensive scale than a modern soil survey to determine soil properties of a specific site, e.g. mapping for septic suitability.

LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (L.E.S.A.) - LESA is a systematic approach for evaluating a parcel of land and to determine a numerical value for the parcel for farmland preservation purposes.

MODERN SOIL SURVEY - A soil survey is a field investigation of the soils of a specific area, supported by information from other sources. The kinds of soil in the survey area are identified and their extent shown on a map, and an accompanying report describes, defines, classifies, and interprets the soils. Interpretations predict the behavior of the soils under different used and the soils' response to management. Predictions are made for areas of soil at specific places. Soils information collected in a soil survey is useful in developing land-use plans and alternatives involving soil management systems and in evaluating and predicting the effects of land use.

PALUSTRINE - Name given to inland fresh water wetlands.

PERMEABILITY - Values listed estimate the range (in rate and time) it takes for downward movement of water in the major soil layers when saturated, but allowed to drain freely. The estimates are based on soil texture, soil structure, available data on
permeability and infiltration tests, and observation of water movement through soils or other geologic materials.

**PIQ** - Parcel in question

**POTENTIAL FROST ACTION** - Damage that may occur to structures and roads due to ice lens formation causing upward and lateral soil movement. Based primarily on soil texture and wetness.

**PRIME FARMLAND** - Prime farmland soils are lands that are best suited to food, feed, forage, fiber and oilseed crops. It may be cropland, pasture, woodland, or other land, but it is not urban and built up land or water areas. It either is used for food or fiber or is available for those uses. The soil qualities, growing season, and moisture supply are those needed for a well managed soil economically to produce a sustained high yield of crops. Prime farmland produces in highest yields with minimum inputs of energy and economic resources, and farming the land results in the least damage to the environment.

Prime farmland has an adequate and dependable supply of moisture from precipitation or irrigation. The temperature and growing season are favorable. The level of acidity or alkalinity is acceptable. Prime farmland has few or no rocks and is permeable to water and air. It is not excessively erodible or saturated with water for long periods and is not frequently flooded during the growing season. The slope ranges mainly from 0 to 5 percent. (Source USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)

**PRODUCTIVITY INDEXES** - Productivity indexes for grain crops express the estimated yields of the major grain crops grown in Illinois as a single percentage of the average yields obtained under basic management from several of the more productive soils in the state. This group of soils is composed of the Muscatine, Ipava, Sable, Lisbon, Drummer, Flanagan, Littleton, Elburn and Joy soils. Each of the 425 soils found in Illinois are found in Circular 1156 from the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

**SEASONAL** - When used in reference to wetlands indicates that the area is flooded only during a portion of the year.

**SHRINK-SWELL POTENTIAL** - Indicates volume changes to be expected for the specific soil material with changes in moisture content.

**SOIL MAPPING UNIT** - A map unit is a collection of soil areas of miscellaneous areas delineated in mapping. A map unit is generally an aggregate of the delineations of many different bodies of a kind of soil or miscellaneous area but may consist of only one delineated body. Taxonomic class names and accompanying phase terms are used to name soil map units. They are described in terms of ranges of soil properties within the limits defined for taxa and in terms of ranges of taxadjuncts and inclusions.

**SOIL SERIES** - A group of soils, formed from a particular type of parent material, having horizons that, except for texture of the A or surface horizon, are similar in all profile characteristics and in arrangement in the soil profile. Among these characteristics are color, texture, structure, reaction, consistence, and mineralogical and chemical composition.

**SUBSIDENCE** - Applies mainly to organic soils after drainage. Soil material subsides due to shrinkage and oxidation.

**TERRAIN** - The area or surface over which a particular rock or group of rocks is prevalent.

**TOPSOIL** - That portion of the soil profile where higher concentrations of organic material, fertility, bacterial activity and plant growth take place. Depths of topsoil vary between soil types.

**WATERSHED** - An area of land that drains to an associated water resource such as a wetland, river or lake. Depending on the size and topography, watersheds can contain numerous tributaries, such as streams and ditches, and ponding areas such as detention structures, natural ponds and wetlands.

**WETLAND** - An area that has a predominance of hydric soils and that is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does support, a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.
REFERENCES

Hydrologic Unit Map for Kendall County. Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.
Land Evaluation and Site Assessment System. The Kendall County Department of Planning Building and Zoning, and The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District. In cooperation with: USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
Natural Resources Conservation Service Wetland Inventory Map. United States Department of Agriculture.
Wetlands - The Corps of Engineers’ Administration of the Section 404 Program (GAO/RCED-88-110)
Chairman Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Members Present:  Bill Ashton, Roger Bledsoe, Larry Nelson, Ruben Rodriguez, Claire Wilson, Budd Wormley, and Angela Zubko
Members Absent:  Tom Casey and John Shaw
Staff Present:  Matthew H. Asselmeier, Senior Planner
In the Audience: Robert Davidson, Chris Childress, Michael Saar, Tom Bromeland, Mary Bromeland, Melissa Samaroo, Justin Hardt, Jim Coyle, Margaret Blum, and Cliff Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Wormley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to amend the agenda by moving Petition 18-14 to before Petition 18-13 and to approve the agenda as amended.  With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to approve the April 25, 2018, Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented.  With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

PETITIONS
Petition 18-14 Michael and Dayle Saar
Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Michael and Dayle Saar are requesting a map amendment rezoning the majority of the subject property from A-1 to R-1 in order to have the ability to sell the property and market the property as a single-family home site. The subject property does not have an allocation for the construction of a home and does not possess forty (40) acres. Therefore, a map amendment is required in order to construct a home onsite. The Petitioners own one (1) of the houses northeast of the subject parcel. They would like to divide a portion of the northeast corner off of the subject property and merge it with their property in the Timber Creek Subdivision and rezone the northeast corner to R-3 at some point in the future.

The Petitioners do not believe that the property is large enough for farming.

The Land Resource Management Plan calls for this area to be rural residential in the future. Existing single-family homes are located to the north and east of the subject property.

The area surrounding the property is a mix of residential and agricultural zoning.

EcoCAT Report submitted and consultation was terminated.

The application for NRI was submitted on April 12, 2018 and the LESA score was 178 indicating a low level of protection.
Petition information was sent to Kendall Township on April 20, 2018.

Petition information was sent to the United City of Yorkville on April 20, 2018. Yorkville will conduct its meetings on this petition in June.

ZPAC met on this proposal on May 1, 2018 and unanimously recommended approval.

Any structures constructed on the property would have to meet applicable building and health related laws and secure the necessary permits.

No new odors or lighting issues are foreseen.

Mr. Saar stated that he did not have any additional information to provide the Commission.

Ms. Zubko wanted to make sure that a future property owner was notified that a trail could be installed in the future. A concrete ditch is located along Route 71.

The northeast portion of the property will remain A-1. The property owners’ home is zoned R-3. The northeast corner of the property will not be landlocked because the Petitioners’ adjoining property touches Timbercreek Drive.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to recommend approval of the map amendment as requested, seconded by Ms. Zubko.

Yes – Ashton, Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, Wormley, and Zubko (7)
No – None (0)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (2)

The motion passed. This proposal will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 4th.

**Petition 18-13 Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee**

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

In recent months, the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department has received inquiries from solar energy consultants and property owners desiring to place solar panels on properties throughout the County. These solar panels would be used to generate power offsite from the location where the solar panels are placed. Kendall County adopted solar panel zoning regulations in 2010 and 2011, but these regulations focused on generating solar energy and using that energy onsite. The County also has zoning regulations for power plants, but many solar energy consultants were uncomfortable with a “power plant” classification.

At their meeting on March 12, 2018, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee approved initiating text amendments to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance incorporating DeKalb County’s proposed regulations into the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance.

At the April Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting, Staff was asked to review the proposed solar panel regulations, contact the counties previously contacted regarding the number of solar panel projects they approved and any changes to their regulations they wish could be made in hindsight, obtain information from Fulton and Shelby Counties, and obtain Yorkville’s solar panel regulations.
As of April 30th, DeKalb County had not approved any solar panel project. There were four (4) applications for projects. The only change they suggested was, as of April 3rd, the State of Illinois allows collocation. Prior to April 3rd, the State would not have allowed two (2) 2 MW systems to be located next to each other, but now they could be located adjacently.

As of April 30th, Will County had approved one (1) project and they have three (3) tabled for the past two (2) months. Discussion has occurred about whether or not to require a decommissioning bond; this was not required in the approved ordinance. Also, Will County is discussing a density limitation, i.e. how many solar panels should be allowed in a given area.

As of April 30th, Grundy County had approved one (1) project, a one hundred forty-three (143) acre solar farm. There are three (3) additional projects under consideration. The distance of the front yard setback has been an issue, some favor one hundred fifty feet (150’) while others favor “farm ground”. There are landscaping concerns (nature and type) and concerns that the roots of the landscaping could impact field tile. Discussion has occurred regarding requiring lighting at the gate entrance.

As of April 30th, Kankakee County had approved eleven (11) solar gardens and nine (9) more are at some stage of the adoption. In addition, there is one (1) solar farm that is under consideration. Their ordinance made no distinction between solar gardens and solar farms; that is the only change they would suggest.

As of April 30th, Tazewell County had one (1) approved project and two (2) projects at some form of the review process. They are considering changing the setback requirements from non-participating residences; it started at five hundred feet (500’) and was reduced to one hundred feet (100’).

As of May 6th, Boone County had not approved any solar projects and had four (4) projects at some form of the review process. The big issue of discussion is whether or not to allow solar projects on landfills and the impacts of the required setbacks for the landfills on the solar project.

Shelby County has not approved a separate solar panel project and they are in the process of writing an ordinance. They amended an existing special use permit for their electric co-operative to allow them to have solar panels on their existing site.

As of May 14th, Fulton County has not returned Staff’s phone calls.

The regulations for the United City of Yorkville were provided.

Staff went through the proposal and offered the following amendments:

1. The definition of solar garden was clarified that energy generated from the panels would be used for offsite consumption.

2. The existing regulations for roof mounted and freestanding systems were clarified to apply for onsite consumption of energy only.

3. The existing regulations for roof mounted and freestanding systems were clarified that the systems had to follow applicable federal, state, and local laws and the regulations of the local electrical utility.

4. The building permit fee was clarified to apply to solar energy systems that consumed energy offsite or solar energy systems that consumed energy onsite for non-agricultural purposes.
5. The definition of solar gardens was clarified to include projects twenty (20) acres in size in Section 4.18.C.4.

6. The references to airports in Section 4.18.C.7, 4.18.D.9, and 4.18.F.4 were removed and replaced with a blanket statement in 4.18.Q.9 regarding all solar energy systems in relation to airports.

7. The reference to the State of Illinois Uniform Building Code in 4.18.C.8 was deleted because the Code does not exist.

8. The phrase “or vegetation” was added to Section 4.18.D.4 per the request of ZPAC.

9. Section 4.18.D.10 was deleted because it repeated the language found in 4.18.Q.3.

10. Solar energy systems must comply with State plumbing and energy codes (4.18.Q.8). Therefore, sections K and L are repetitive.

Mr. Holdiman previously suggested that 4.18.O.2 be removed from the proposal because the County currently does not require insurance for existing solar panels.

The Kendall County Farm Bureau was sent the proposal in March. They questioned why the bonding requirement was “may” and not “shall” (4.18.P.6).

The townships were mailed the proposal on March 22nd. To date, no townships have submitted comments.

ZPAC met on the proposal on April 3rd and unanimously recommended approval of the proposal with the following amendments:

1. Section 4.18.D.10 should be removed because the same language is found in 4.18.Q.3.

2. A more detailed contour map with existing vegetation, waterways, wetland boundaries, and FEMA FIRM information in a manner described in the Boone County ordinance should be added to the proposal.

3. The reference to the State of Illinois Uniform Building Code found in Section 4.18.C.8 should be removed.

4. Greater discussion should occur regarding the desire to have solar gardens in residential zoned districts.

5. The word “crops” found in line 7 of 4.18.C.4 should be replaced with the word “vegetation” because crops probably will not be the only plants growing around the solar panels and crops probably will not grow around the solar panels.

Ms. Wilson asked the difference between the solar energy system and the solar photovoltaic system. The photovoltaic system is the collectors and solar energy systems are all of the components.

The reference to county solar garden mentioned in the definition of solar garden was removed.
Onsite consumption of energy would be accessory to the existing use and would be allowed by right. Discussion occurred regarding the difference in regulations between onsite and offsite consumption of energy as applied to the regulations.

Ms. Zubko expressed her opposition to the waiver requirements listed in various sections. The consensus of the Commission was to have these references removed to protect neighbors.

The consensus of the Commission was also that solar gardens and solar farms had to follow the setback requirements of the zoning district in which they are located to avoid confusion and ensure consistency with the application of the Zoning Ordinance.

The reference to solar farms requiring a special use permit found in Section 4.18.D.1 was redundant because this language was in the definitions section.

Mr. Nelson asked if Greg Chismark commented on this proposal. Mr. Asselmeier said that Mr. Chismark reviewed the proposal and he was satisfied with the existing language because of the NPDES and Stormwater Ordinance requirement contained in the proposal. Discussion occurred about stormwater runoff, the importance of vegetation, and the method for controlling and maintaining the vegetation. Top soils will not be removed per 4.18.D.4.

Chris Childress, the County’s consultant, discussed the importance of the distinction between onsite and offsite consumption of the energy generated. In the agreement for the County’s proposed solar field, the developer is responsible for the maintenance and control of vegetation. The owner or developer should be responsible for maintaining the vegetation. Fixed panels could have stormwater drainage issues; these panels do not generate the same kilowatt hours.

The State has been collecting funds on electricity bills to fund the incentives for solar panel projects. Mr. Childress does not believe that many solar panel projects will occur in Kendall County because the funds for incentives will be gone within a year or year and a half. Most projects are in the advanced stage of approval. Once the incentives are used, solar panel projects will not occur because they are not economically beneficial.

Mr. Wormley asked the lifespan of the panels. Mr. Childress said that twenty-five (25) years is not an issue, but new technologies could arise to make the solar panels obsolete.

Mr. Childress said that holding a bond for twenty-five (25) years is expensive. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the bonding requirement says “may” in the current proposal. Mr. Davidson discussed the scrap value of the solar energy system.

Mr. Childress expressed concerns regarding damaging field tiles. He would like to see a provision for the repair of field tile.

Mr. Childress discussed the permit fees. He supported the fees so long as they were not required at the time of the special use permit application.

Mr. Nelson asked about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Petitioners for Petition 18-15 will discuss this issue.

Discussion occurred regarding the exemption of building permits for agricultural related onsite consumption. A property owner would be required to get an agriculture-exempt permit, but not a building permit and no fees would be assessed.
Discussion occurred regarding the setbacks for the solar gardens and solar farms. The consensus of the Commission was to require solar gardens and solar farms to follow the setbacks and petitioners could request variances.

Discussion occurred regarding the relationship of solar panels to the County’s Land Resource Management Plan. Renewable energy systems are mentioned in the Land Resource Management Plan.

Ms. Zubko requested that a provision for drain tile repair be placed in the proposal. The Commission requested that Staff ask the State’s Attorney’s Office for an opinion on this matter. If a provision could be added, the provision should be added in the Design Standards section. A drain tile replacement or repair restriction could be placed in each special use permit.

Ms. Zubko asked when the Department would know if the solar panels were not in use. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the Department would receive a complaint and ask for documentation of use per Section 4.18.P.1.

Ms. Wilson asked about the measures to minimize glare. Mr. Asselmeier responded that specific measures would be addressed in individual special use permits.

Chairman Ashton asked if knox boxes should be required. The consensus of the Commission was not to require knox boxes.

Ms. Wilson asked the impervious soil language in Section G. The issue of impervious surface calculations was addressed in the NPDES and Stormwater Ordinance requirements.

Ms. Zubko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to recommend approval of the text amendment with the following changes:

1. The reference to a county solar garden in the definition of “Solar Garden” should be deleted.

2. All references to waiving the special use permit requirements and setback requirements should be deleted.

3. Solar gardens and solar farms had to follow the setback requirements for the zoning district in which they are located. Accordingly, the reference to a one hundred foot (100’) distance from the right-of-way or property line found in 4.18.D.2 should be deleted.

4. The statement that solar farms require a special use permit found in Section 4.18.D.1 should be removed.

5. If allowed by the State’s Attorney’s Office, a provision should be added to Section 4.18.F regarding repair of damaged drain tile.

Yes – Ashton, Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, Wormley, and Zubko (7)
No – None (0)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (2)

The motion passed. This proposal will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 2nd.
Petition 18-15 Nancy Harazin on Behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101

Mr. Asselmeier noted that this petition would not be required to follow the solar panel proposal because the proposal was not adopted at the time they submitted the application.

Mr. Asselmeier summarized the request.

Nancy Harazin, on behalf of Nancy L. Harazin Trust Number 101, submitted a petition for a special use permit to operate a public or private utility system – other on her property at 16400 Newark Road. Specifically, the Petitioner would like to contract with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the installation and operation of a solar energy system. The energy generated from the system will be fed into Ameren’s system and consumed offsite.

The property is sixty (60) acres in size. The special use area is approximately twenty-two (22) acres in size and the solar panel area is approximately twelve (12) acres in size.

The subject property and all of the properties are zoned A-1.

The wetland buffer area was reduced from fifty feet (50’) to twenty-five feet (25’). There were two (2) wetlands and two (2) farmable wetlands identified.

The EcoCat report was submitted and consultation was terminated.

The LESA score was 205 indicating a medium area of protection.

Big Grove Township reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns.

The Village of Newark expressed the following concerns:

1. They would like the solar panels be set back further to the south.
2. They would like larger landscaping or fencing that better blocks the view of the solar panels from adjoining properties other than a chain link fence.
3. They had concerns regarding the safety of the environment if the solar panels break and their contents spill onto the ground.
4. They had concerns about glare if the tracking system malfunctions.
5. They would like assurances that the equipment is removed in a timely manner at the end of the project or when the lease is terminated.

The Newark Fire Protection District reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns.

ZPAC reviewed this proposal on May 1, 2018. The representatives from the Petitioner requested that the operator be included on conditions 8, 11, and 13 because the operator will be responsible for decommissioning and insurance. The County Highway Department requested a fifteen foot (15’) right-of-way dedication at the north side of the property along Newark Road to address an erosion issue. This request was added as condition 12 and the property owner agreed to this request.

According to the information provided by the Petitioner, the Petitioner would like to lease approximately twenty-three (23) acres to 312 Solar Development, LLC c/o Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for an initial period of twenty (20) years. The lease could be renewed up to four (4) additional periods of five (5) years. If approved, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. would install and maintain six thousand, nine hundred twelve (6,912) solar panels.
on the north side of the subject property. The solar panels would be seven feet (7’) in height at maximum tilt and three to four feet (3’-4’) off of the ground. The panels would rotate with the sun. The system would connect to Ameren’s system at the northeast corner of the property at Newark Road. The system is planned to generate two mega-watts (2 MW) of energy. If approved, the system would be operational by approximately July 31, 2019.

Other than periodic mowing and maintenance, no personnel will be onsite and no parking is required.

The construction process is estimated to take between four and six (4-6) months.

The solar panels will be located at their closest point approximately one hundred seventy-five feet (175’) from Newark Road and approximately one hundred forty-seven feet (147’) from the nearest neighboring property line. The solar panels shall not be closer than twenty-five feet (25’) from the identified wetlands.

The laydown area indicated on the site plan will be used for the placement of equipment during construction, decommissioning, and maintenance activities.

The Landscaping Plan calls for the planting of eighteen (18) Black Chokeberries, eighteen (18) Sea Green Junipers, twenty-nine (29) Spiraea, and thirty (30) Woodward Arborvitae. The shrubs would grow to approximately thirty inches (30”) in height maximum. Several existing trees shall remain on the west side of the property.

A lawn seed mix will be planted under and around the solar panels. The growth would require mowing three (3) or four (4) times per year.

According to information provided to the County, the no mow is a blend of bunch-forming and creeping fescues derived from species that are native to the Northern Hemisphere. A combination of six (6) complementary varieties of fine fescues makes our no mow lawn seed mix a versatile and adaptable blend that is an excellent choice for a wide variety of planting situations and applications. The bunch grasses are exceptionally drought resistant, thrive in low nitrogen soils, and have moderate tolerance to heavy foot traffic. The creeping fescues spread gradually by underground rhizomes to help fill in between the bunch grasses to create a weed-resistant sod. The creeping fescues also help to fill in areas that may experience turf damage.

Some of the fine fescue grasses in the no mow lawn mix have been documented to possess allelopathic properties, in which the grasses produce compounds that prevent or retard the growth other plants and weeds. This “natural herbicide” makes the no mow particularly resistant to invasion by other herbaceous plants that often plague other types of turf.

- Hard Fescue (Festuca brevipila)
- Sheep Fescue (Festuca ovina)
- Chewings Fescue (Festuca rubra subs. fallax)
- Red Fescue (Festuca rubra)
- Creeping Red Fescue (Festuca rubra var. rubra)

The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District expressed no concerns regarding the ability of the proposed mix to handle erosion control provided that the property owner or operator conducted annual inspections.

Vegetation would be planted when the panels are in place.
The proposed solar panels should be located away from the wetlands. The Petitioner submitted a wetland study that verified these areas will not be negatively impacted by the placement of solar panels.

Several drain tiles were located on the property. Any drain tiles impacted by the placement of the solar panels shall be relocated.

The project will be required to meet Kendall County’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. Greg Chismark submitted comments and questions on the proposal and the Petitioner addressed Mr. Chismark’s concerns.

The proposed solar panels shall be required to meet all applicable building codes.

The supports would be buried approximately twelve to thirteen feet (12’-13’) in the ground depending on soil conditions. The supports would not be encased in concrete.

Electric lines will be buried inside the fence. There is a utility pole east of the access drive. The electric lines will go above ground at that point and connect to the Ameren system at the point on connection on the northeast corner of the site.

A fourteen foot (14’) wide gravel access from Newark Road will be installed. The property already possesses a field access at this location. The access is across the street from the driveway of 16295 Newark Road.

Per the Site Plan, a seven foot (7’) high chained link fence shall surround the solar panels. The fence shall have a sixteen foot (16’) wide vehicle access gate on the east side and a four foot (4’) wide man gate on the south side. The fence will be installed approximately one (1) week after construction starts.

A light will be installed for security reasons at the electrical equipment area.

Approximately eight (8) signs will be placed around the property along the fence and anywhere required by the NEC. A “Danger High Voltage” sign will be placed around the fence every two hundred feet (200’). A sign will also be placed on the vehicle gate entrance. There will be plaques stating emergency contact information and a site key.

No new odors are foreseen.

The Petitioner supplied a report outlining that solar panels do not cause damage to neighboring property value or harm the environment.

The solar panels have life expectancy of thirty (30) years. The anticipated decommissioning costs were provided to the Commission. Decommission is estimated to take between two and three (2-3) months.

Kendall County is currently in the process of adopting solar panel regulations for offsite usage of energy. Some of the proposed language is included in the proposed recommendations.

Staff recommended approval of the requested special use permit with the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The site will be developed in accordance with the Site Plan.
2. Lighting will be installed in accordance with the Site Plan.
3. The landscaping shall occur in accordance with the Landscaping Plan.

4. Replacement of dead and/or damaged vegetation shall occur on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

5. Signage shall be installed as described in the Sheet Notes. In addition, at least one (1) sign shall be placed at the vehicle access gate stating emergency contact information.

6. The site shall be decommissioned in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan. In the event the Decommissioning Plan changes, the property owner shall supply the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department with revised plans as soon as they are available.

7. The Decommissioning Plan shall be initiated if the solar panels are not used for ninety (90) consecutive days. This condition shall not apply if maintenance on the impacted solar panel(s) is occurring.

8. The property owner or operator shall have six (6) months to complete the Decommissioning Plan and remove the solar panels and related equipment from the property (Amended by ZPAC).

9. In addition to other applicable fees, the following fees should be paid to the County prior to the installation of the solar panels:

   Building Permit Fees
   0-10 KW  $150
   51-100  $300
   101-500 $600
   501-1000 $1200
   1001-2000$2750
   2001-2000 $6000
   Over 2000 KW $200 for Each Additional 0-100KW
   Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining Building Permit

10. The property owner or operator shall maintain current liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage at least Three Million Dollars per occurrence and Five Million Dollars in aggregate and must have policy for the duration of the special use permit, such insurance may be provided pursuant to a plan of self-insurance by a party with a net worth of Twenty Million Dollars or more and the County shall be named as additional insured to the extent that the County is entitled to indemnification.

11. The property owner or operator shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents (collectively and individually, the “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of actions, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney’s fees, except to the extent arising in whole or part out of negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties (such liabilities together known as “liability”) arising out of Applicant, Owner, or Operators selection, construction, operation, and removal of the solar energy system and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence). This general indemnification shall not be construed as limited or qualifying the County’s other indemnification rights available under the law (Amended by ZPAC).

12. Within sixty (60) days of the approval of this special use permit ordinance, the owner shall dedicate
a fifteen foot (15’) wide strip along the northern portion of the property to Kendall County to be used as Newark Road right-of-way (Added by ZPAC).

13. The property owner or operator shall be responsible for ensuring that the operations of the solar panels allowed by this special use permit comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws (Amended by ZPAC).

14. Damaged or non-functioning solar panels shall be replaced or repaired on a timetable agreed to between the property owner and the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department (Added after Village of Newark meeting).

15. Failure to comply with above conditions or restrictions could result in the amendment or revocation of the special use permit.

16. If one or more of the above conditions is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining conditions shall remain valid (Added after ZPAC).

Ms. Zubko requested that a condition be added that drain tile should be repaired and/or rerouted. The consensus of the Commission was to add this condition.

Margaret Blum, Justin Hardt, Jim Coyle, and Melissa Samaroo presented a powerpoint presentation, see enclosure. Mr. Hardt provided a description of Borrego and the various types of solar energy systems. He also discussed the various studies involved in the permitting process. Ms. Blum explained the installation process of the solar panels and related equipment. She also discussed the maintenance of the panels and vegetation. A sample panel was passed around to the Commissioners. Federal NEPA regulations do not apply to this project. The mature height for the plants is approximately four to six feet (4’-6”) for the vegetation planted along the northern portion of the property.

Mr. Nelson asked about the taxing of the property. The taxing for solar panel projects is currently under review in the General Assembly.

They will do weekly inspections to get the landscaping started.

The south portion of the property will be farmed. The area between the solar panels and the road may not be farmed.

The panels rotate east to west. The coating is anti-glare with the objection to absorb as much sunlight as possible.

The reasons that the project is its current size are because of the capacity of Ameren’s system and State regulations.

Mr. Wormley asked why the panels were placed on the northern portion of the property. They wanted to avoid the wetlands and avoid extending the driveway and electricity lines.

Mr. Wormley disagreed with the statement that the project will not negatively impact property values. He argued that the southern part of the property cannot be used for anything but farming for the duration of the solar panel lease. Ms. Blum stated the studies examined the property values of adjacent parcels.
Ms. Wilson asked about guarantees for decommissioning and the incentive for Borrego to remove the solar panels and restore property to agricultural condition. Mr. Hardt stated that the lease requires removal of the solar panel related equipment. No bond or monetary holdbacks were included in the lease. Salvage value exists.

Ms. Wilson asked about the noise level in rain and general noise. A noise diagram was presented. The noise at one hundred feet (100’) from the transformer is thirty-five (35) dBa. The noise level reduces the further away from the transformer. The transformer is fifty-five to sixty-five (55-65) dBa at the transformer. The transformer does not run at night.

No impact on birds exists.

Most of the provisions of the proposed solar panel ordinance were incorporated in the special use permit conditions.

Borrego will be involved in the maintenance of the solar panels.

The whole site will be weed eaten a few times a year.

The posts are rated for one hundred thirty-four (134) mile per hour winds.

Maintenance includes mowing and inspections.

Cliff Fox, Village Administrator of the Village of Newark, requested a copy of the landscaping plan. The Petitioner is not planning to move the solar panels further south at this time. The Village wanted the panels moved south to prevent an eyesore.

Tom Bromeland, Newark Road, expressed his opposition to the proposal. He was concerned about the environmental impact of broken panels. Runoff from the subject property drains onto his property. He expressed concerns about glare and he would like to see a different type of fencing other than chain-link. He would like to see the panels moved further south because of noise concerns and aesthetics. He argued that land values will be impacted and that the County will not benefit from the project.

The components of the solar panels do not have a hazardous substance inside them.

A solid fence would create a different wind load inside the solar panel project. The posts would almost certainly need concrete casings.

The suggestion was made to plant arborvitae every six to eight feet (6’-8’).

Discussion of the LaSalle project in Streator occurred, focusing on the visibility of the project from roads and nearby property. This project is much larger than the one (1) proposed outside Newark.

Cell phone and television reception will not be impacted.

Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to recommend approval of the special use permit with the conditions proposed by Staff, the addition of a condition that damaged drain tile be repaired and/or rerouted, and the suggestion that arborvitaes be planted on the north side of the property and/or the installation of taller shrubs during installation.

Yes – Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, and Zubko (5)
No – Ashton and Wormley (2)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (2)

The motion passed. This proposal will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 4th.

Mr. Wormley voted no because he believed the property values of the subject property will be impacted.

Chairman Ashton voted no because he thought their plans to farm on the sides were unrealistic and taking into consideration the comments of the neighbor.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/ PUBLIC COMMENT
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

OLD BUSINESS
Consideration and Action on Amendments to Petition 18-04 Regarding Amending the Future Land Use Map for Property Near Route 47 in Lisbon Township-Commission Could Vote to Schedule a Public Hearing on the Petition
Mr. Asselmeier noted the change made to the proposal; references to the Prairie Parkway are in past tense.

Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Land Resource Management Plan for June 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at 111 W. Fox Street in Yorkville.

Yes – Ashton, Bledsoe, Nelson, Rodriguez, Wilson, Wormley, and Zubko (7)
No – None (0)
Absent – Casey and Shaw (0)

The motion passed.

Update on Petition 17-28 Pertaining to text Amendments to Outdoor Target Practice or Shooting Ranges (Not Including Private Shooting in Your Own Yard)
Mr. Asselmeier stated that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee is reviewing one (1) paragraph in the proposal. Upon completion of that review, the proposal will come back to the Planning Commission.

Update on Petition 18-03 Pertaining to Removing the Requirements for the Zoning, Platting and Advisory Committee and the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission to Meet and Issue Recommendations on Proposed Map Amendments, Special Use Permits, Major Amendments to Special Use Permits, and Text Amendments on Matters Not Involving the Powers and Duties of the Zoning, Platting and Advisory Committee or the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission and Related Zoning Text Citation Amendments
Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee laid this proposal over until the September 2018 meeting.

Request from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee for Comments Pertaining to Petition 18-07 Regarding Text Amendments Establishing Procedures for Renewing Special Use Permits
Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee instructed Staff to rewrite the proposal to allow the County Board to initiate amendments to and revocations of special use permits at any time.

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and any reason.

**REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD**
Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 18-05 rezoning the Warpinski property on Walker Road from A-1 to R-1 was approved by the County Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
None

**ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Wormley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zubko, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion passed unanimously. The Kendall County Regional Plan Commission meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner

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Agenda

• Team Introduction (GF)

• Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. (BSSI)
  o Company Background
  o IL - Community Solar

• Project Presentation (GF)
  o Petition# 18-15 Borrego Solar

• Additional Questions?

• Conclusion/Findings of Fact
We’ve been engineering, constructing and maintaining solar power projects since 1980.

- Over 35 Years Solar Experience
- Over 1,000 Completed Projects
- Over 500MW Under Management
- Over $500M in Financed PPAs
Borrego Solar Overview

• **Illinois**: Core Borrego market for the long term

• **#1 Massachusetts**: Over 225 MW installed, we have been the largest installer of commercial- and utility-scale solar in the state since 2007

• **#1 New York**: Over 70 MW installed

• **Local Office**: Chicago presence

• **Top 10 in California**: Almost 100 MW installed

• **Top 5 National**: Commercial and/or community scale installer since 2013

• **More than 400 MW**: Projects financed and constructed

• **200+ employee firm**: Partially family owned
# Community Solar

## Types of Solar

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Probable MW of Development by 2025</th>
<th>Size Limit per Project, per the Future Energy Jobs Act</th>
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<td><strong>Residential Rooftop Solar</strong></td>
<td>System is on the customer’s roof (main building or accessory structure). In rare instances, a residential customer may want to put solar on the ground.</td>
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<td>All behind-the-meter projects are limited to 2 MW in size, but each must be sized to appropriately meet the owner’s electric need. A typical residential project is between 3-10 kW, whereas a commercial project could be 10 kW – 2 MW depending on the size of the business.</td>
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<td><strong>Commercial &amp; Industrial Solar</strong></td>
<td>System is on the customer’s property, either on the roof (main building or accessory structure) or the ground.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Solar</strong></td>
<td>Generally, a larger system where a combination of several entities (residents, businesses, governments) have a partial interest (subscription) in the output of a system. Systems can be located on a roof or on the ground, but do not have to be located near the subscribers.</td>
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<td>Developers may be allowed to locate more than one project at the same site (co-locate).</td>
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<td><strong>Brownfield Solar</strong></td>
<td>System is located on blighted land that is not suitable for redevelopment, such as closed landfills or Superfund sites.</td>
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<td>There is no minimum or maximum size for brownfield projects.</td>
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<td><strong>Utility Scale Solar</strong></td>
<td>Large systems (2 MW-200 MW) that generally do not serve an individual customer and are located near electrical infrastructure.</td>
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<td>Systems must be larger than 2 MW, but have no upward limit. These projects could use anywhere from 10 acres to 100s of acres for a single project.</td>
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Location: 16400 Newark Road

Special Use Request:
- Existing Zoning: A-1 Agricultural
- Proposed: A-1 Agricultural
- Future Land Use: A-1 Agriculture

Community Outreach:
- Kendall County – Pre-app
- Big Grove Township
- Village of Newark
- Newark Fire Protection
- Abutting Neighbors
- Kendall Co Farm Bureau
Project Components

- Solar panel arrays with trackers/racking system/string inverters (< 8 ft.)
- Concrete pad-mounted transformers-switch gear (< 7 ft.)
- Data Acquisition System (DAS) for remote monitoring (24/7)
- Riser poles with OH power lines for interconnection (4 to 6)
- Underground trenching/cabling
- Security fencing at 7 ft. height
- Limited area of gravel/paved drive for site access and maintenance
- Drainage flow through the property to be maintained
- Soil erosion control/drainage design vetted with KC SWCD and Engineering Consultant
- Post-construction site area to be seeded with low-mow seed mix
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- Parcel: +/- 66 acres
- BSSI Project: +/- 14 acres
- Size: One 2MW system
- Access: Newark Rd (County)
- Environmental Impacts: N/A
  - ✓ Wetland Determination
  - ✓ T & E Species
  - ✓ ESA Phase I
  - ✓ Archeological Survey
  - ✓ Drain Tile Survey
- Setbacks: Exceed required
- Variance Requests: N/A
- NRI/LESA:
  - ✓ KCSWCD – Report Pending
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Construction Timeframe
- 4 to 6 months
- 2 to 3 trucks/day average
- Max. weight at 80k#s

Operations & Maintenance
- Remote monitoring
- 3 to 4 times/year for equipment
- 3 to 4 times per year for mowing
- No pesticides/herbicides/fertilizers

Decommissioning
- Removable system
- Decommissioning plan/estimate
- Addressed per lease agreement

Impacts
- Noise – only during construction
- Clean use, no traffic
- Little/no impact on County utilities or services
- Property Values – no effect
Findings and Results:
- No measurable/consistent difference in adj. values
- No difference in price/marketing periods/demand
- Supported by research - confirmed by local brokers
- Little/no measurable and consistent difference in value attributable to solar farm adjacencies

Conclusion:
- Adjoining property sales not adversely affected by proximity to solar farms over short or long term
Solar Farm Materials and Safety

- Panels will be PV silicon (NC State Paper/MSDS – JA Solar Panels)
  - Tier I panels warrantied for 25 years
  - Internal components are completely sealed
- Panel materials
  - Frame: Tempered glass (130mph wind rating) and aluminum
  - PV cell: Primarily silicon, small amounts of phosphorus, boron
- Racking system is comprised of galvanized steel/aluminum, common and benign building materials
- EMF/RF Concerns (MassCEC report/NC State Paper)
  - No negative impacts, no heightened levels from these types of solar PV facilities to nearby homes
**Solar Farms and Recycling**

- Currently no demand for recycling in Illinois
  - Panels can be land-filled
  - Current waste volume not adequate to support PV-specific recycling infrastructure
  - Per 2016 NC survey, most NC developers return damaged panels to manufacturer or local recycler

- Future recycling centers are anticipated
  - SEIA is working with the IL Sustainable Technology Center to create requirements for recyclers/handlers...working to build recycling centers in IL
  - Recycling centers do exist nearby in Minnesota, Ohio and Michigan
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Other Project Benefits

- Local Tax Revenue
- Stabilizes Electric Grid
- Renewable Energy Source
- Local Job Stimulation
  - IL Future Energy Jobs Act
- Environmental Benefits Equivalent to...
  - Power for over 300 homes
  - Offsetting of over 3.5 thousand acres of trees
  - Emissions from 6,892 barrels of oil consumed
  - Emissions from 3.3 million pounds of coal burned
  - Emissions from 335 thousand gallons of gasoline
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Specific County Concerns - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

• The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was signed into law on January 1, 1970. NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. The range of actions covered by NEPA is broad and includes:
  - Making decisions on permit applications
  - Adopting federal land management actions, and
  - Constructing highways and other publicly-owned facilities.

• Borrego project is not federal, no federal permits, no federal funding.
  - System owner will receive a federal tax break via the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) – no cash outlay.
  - Project is not federally regulated.
  - NEPA – not applicable.
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Specific County Concerns – Landscaping

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SHRUB HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS ARE TO BE AS MEASURED FROM TOP OF FOOTBALL (TYP.)

SEED LIST

- NO MOW LAWN SEED MIX WITH EROSION CONTROL BLANKET (≥15.52 ac)

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NO MOW LAWN SEED MIX ONLY:
Platform Turf Inc.
Box 7366, Lubbock, TX 79407-7366
1-800-454-9463

PERMANENT GRASS CHART

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Land Resources Management Plan - Goals and Objectives

WATER
- Goal: Safe, ample and reliable sources of water available throughout the County, and the protection of all surface and ground water resources.
  ✓ No negative impact

LAND
- Goal: Use of the County's land resources in a manner sensitive to inherent environmental limitations.
  ✓ No negative impact

ENERGY CONSERVATION
- Goal: An energy-efficient and energy-wise county
  ✓ Positive impact
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Land Resources Management Plan - Goals and Objectives (cont’d.)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- Goal: A pattern of compact, contiguous urban development, countryside residential and agricultural environments in a natural equilibrium that enhances the quality of personal and community life.
  - ✓ No negative impact

AGRICULTURE
- Goal: A rural environment that provides for continuation of viable agricultural activities and a rural character and lifestyle.
  - ✓ No negative impact

HOUSING
- Goal: Management of the quality, quantity, location, and rate of housing development to insure the efficient use and conservation of the County’s natural and public resources production and soil and water conservation.
  - ✓ No negative impact
TRANSPORTATION

- Goal: A transportation plan that has the capacity to promote the safe, efficient, and speedy movement of persons and goods. This network must anticipate the demands of growth, promote energy conservation, reduce pollution, and be updated regularly.
  - No negative impact

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Goal: The provision of public facilities and services in a healthful, economical manner.
  - Positive impact
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Questions?
Thank you for your consideration.
System Photos
System Photos
Grand Ridge Solar Farm:

- Streator, IL
- Utility Scale Solar
- +/- 126 acre array field
- 10x Borrego Project

➢ View at 250 ft. Distance
Grand Ridge Solar Farm:

- Streator, IL
- Utility Scale Solar
- +/- 126 acre array field
- 10x Borrego Project

➢ View at 500 ft. Distance
Grand Ridge Solar Farm:

- Streator, IL
- Utility Scale Solar
- +/- 126 acre array field
- 10x Borrego Project

View at 750 ft. Distance
Grand Ridge Solar Farm:

- Streator, IL
- Utility Scale Solar
- +/- 126 acre array field
- 10x Borrego Project

➢ View at 1,000 ft. distance
Layout Plan
Wetland Delineation

LEGEND:
- Project Area
- On-site Farmed Wetland Boundary
- Culvert
- Sample Points A-F
Future Land Use Plan
KENDALL COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND
SPECIAL USE HEARING OFFICER
GENERAL RULES AND BY-LAWS

Article I Definitions
Section 1. "Board", "Zoning Board" shall mean the Kendall County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 2. "County Board," "Appointing Authority," or "Governing Body" shall mean the County Board of Kendall County, Illinois.

Section 3. "Hearing Officer" shall mean the Special Use Hearing Officer

Article II General Provisions
Section 1. These rules are supplementary to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the County of Kendall, Illinois as they relate to procedures of the Board of Appeals and the Hearing Officer.

Section 2. Any member who has any direct interest in a matter before the Board shall not vote thereon and shall not participate as a board member.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall be construed to give or grant to the Board the power or authority to alter or change the zoning ordinance including the zoning map, which authority is reserved to the governing body.

Section 4. The State's Attorney shall be consulted in cases where the powers of the Board are not clearly defined.

Section 5. The Office of the Board shall be located at Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Office, 111 West Fox Street-Room 203, Yorkville, Illinois, 60560.

Section 6. Each Zoning Board of Appeals member shall strive to attend each meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Each member shall contact the Chairman, Zoning Administrator or Zoning Administrator Deputies, whenever he or she knows in advance that they will not be attending a Zoning Board meeting. Failure to attend three (3) or more meetings in a twelve (12) month period may be cited as a basis for removing the member from the Zoning Board.

Section 7. All members of the Zoning Board shall be residents of different townships.

Article III Officers and Duties
Section 1. The officers of the Board shall be a Chairman, an Acting Chairman, and a
Section 2. The County Board shall appoint the Chairman of the Board. The Zoning Board shall elect from amongst its members the Acting Chairman when the Chairman is absent. The Zoning Board shall designate the Secretary who may, or may not, be a member of the Board.

Section 3. The Chairman shall supervise the affairs of the Board of Appeals. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board, shall appoint such committees and sub-committees as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Board, and shall provide for the oath to be administered to all witnesses in cases before the Board. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees so appointed.

Section 4. The Acting Chairman, in the absence or disability of the Chairman, shall perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Chairman.

Section 5. The Secretary shall record and maintain permanent minutes of the Board's proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon every question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating that fact; shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions; shall summarize accurately the testimony of those appearing before the Board or keep a verbatim transcript of all hearings; shall record the names and addresses of all persons appearing before the Board; Shall, subject to the Board and Chairman, conduct the correspondence of the Board and have published in a local newspaper public notices of meetings or hearings as required by law and these rules of procedures; shall file said minutes and records in the office of the Board which minutes and records shall be a public record, and shall be the custodian of the files of this Board and keep all records.

Section 6.—— The County Board shall appoint the Special Use Hearing Officer who may or may not be a member of the Zoning Board.

Article IV Order of Business

Section 1. All meetings of the Board shall proceed as follows:
   a. Roll call
   b. Approval of Minutes
   c. Petitions on agenda and requests for continuances. Continuances may be granted at the discretion of the Board in any case for good cause shown and to any interested party who has entered his appearance.
   d. Hearing of petitions on agenda.
   e. New Business
   f. Old Business
   g. Public Comment
h. Adjournment

Article V Procedure for Types of Applications

Section 1. All requests for Zoning map amendments, special uses, appeals and variations shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Board to the secretary. Upon receipt of the properly filed application and proof of receipt of fee, the secretary of the Board shall assign a case number. Applications shall be assigned for a hearing by the chairman of the Zoning Board.

Article VI Notice for Hearings

Section 1. In instances which Kendall County Board is the petitioner, the Secretary of the Board shall provide for a public notice to be published at least once in a newspaper published in the County not more than thirty (30) days nor less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing. Said notice shall provide a brief statement of the nature of the petition and all other information as required by State Statute. Said notice shall be delivered to all parties, if any, as required by State Statute.

Section 2. In instances in which the property petitioned is located in an Agricultural District, the petitioner shall notify all property owners, as determined by County tax records, within five hundred (500) feet of the overall parent parcel. The petitioner shall provide proof of notification of said property owners to the Secretary.

Section 3. In all other instances, the petitioner shall provide proof of notification and publication as required by Kendall County Ordinance and State Statute to the Secretary.

Article VII Procedures on Hearings

Section 1. At the time of the hearing, the applicant may appear in his own behalf or be represented by counsel or agent.

Section 2. All witnesses shall testify under oath.

Section 3. Evidence shall be presented in the following order:
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GENERAL RULES AND BY-LAWS

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