The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held its board meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2025 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY.

Present: Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, David Converse, Paul Warneck, John Condino,

William Johnson Zoom: Lisa L'Huillier

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Charles Capone, Rob Aiken, Dawn Robinson, Ryan Piche (Jefferson County Administrator) Zoom: Justin Miller, Esq. (Harris Beach), Craig Fox (Watertown Daily Times)

Staff Present: Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Robin Stephenson

I. Call to Order: Chairman Aliasso called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

II. Privilege of the Floor: No one spoke.

- III. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Warneck reviewed the financials for the period ending February 28, 2025. Mr. Warneck mentioned the large payment made to North Country Contractors and noted that Mr. Eaton has not transferred the \$1M loan from JCLDC yet. He reviewed the delinquent accounts: MICRO Painful Acres, Taste of Design, and Colleen's Cherry Tree Inn (CCTI) and RLF Convalt (legal action) and LCO (to close on sale of building in April). After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Warneck to accept the financial statement as presented, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Loan Review Committee – Mr. Condino reviewed the minutes. He said the committee reviewed the AES Black River Solar PILOT application. He said the committee recommended it be brought to the full board today. Mr. Weir said the public hearing was held and noted that there was one attendee, and no comments were made.

Mr. Walldroff asked if the board will remain firm on declining sales tax abatement on solar projects. AES did request it in the application. Mr. Warneck said it's important to remember that not granting the sales tax abatement was because the County took a strong position on not providing it. He said if the County's position changes, then ours might change.

Mr. Walldroff asked if other solar projects around the state are getting sales tax abatement. Attorney Miller said generally yes and indicated that it is a mixed bag for exemptions in NYS for the actual solar equipment where the state provides an exemption from their share across the board and subject to local opt-in at the County level, the local share could be exempted

(just for the equipment). He said in our particular case the County hasn't opted in for their portion of the exemption and communicated to the IDA that an outright exemption shouldn't be considered or provided. He said the balance of the project is always subject to sales tax. He said JCIDA is the only IDA that he is aware of that generally doesn't provide it.

Board members briefly discussed tariffs and our Foreign Trade Zone. Mr. Warneck said it's something to look into, just knowing what some of the products our businesses use.

- b. Alternative Energy Mr. Warneck shared that the Supreme Court decision came down that deemed the state's valuation model unconstitutional, which started a year and a half ago by Schoharie County. Mr. Warneck thinks the state will appeal the decision and indicated that we may see more projects if it is not in place. He said that until we know the final decision, he is encouraging assessors to continue to use the model for this year or use last year's assessment for a second year.
- c. Building and Grounds Committee No report.

Mr. Aiken asked about the activity at the airport site. Mr. Condino said the contractor for the bridge in Brownville is using the site for staging equipment and the County is out there moving soil and removing stumps. Mr. Matteson said the County Highway Department has a crew out there working to clean up some of the old piles of stumps and moving things around to clean up the property.

Mr. Walldroff asked if all the stuff is going to the landfill or used at other sites. Mr. Weir said that Jim Lawrence does a great job of saving all of the material and will move it to wherever it is appropriate.

VI. Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution No. 03.06.2025.01 to Amend the Audit Fee to Include a Single Audit and Extra Billing – Chairman Aliasso read the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Walldroff asked if this is a one-time deal. Chairman Aliasso said it could occur next year if we surpass the threshold. Chairman Aliasso said Bowers initially quoted \$13,250. Mr. Walldroff said even with carryover we shouldn't hit the \$750,000 threshold. Mr. Weir said he doesn't believe so. He said the issue with the single audit came up because of when the cost is incurred, and we were functioning under when the bill was paid. He said the issue is going to be the amount of grant funds that are being used for the infrastructure project at the Business Complex. Chairman Aliasso said in 2025 we are not expecting it to be significant to reach the \$750,000 threshold. Mr. Converse said Bowers is saying \$3,500 for the single audit; Mr. Weir said yes. Mr. Converse asked where the extra \$10,000 is coming from. Chairman Aliasso said the extra time for them to do it. Mr. Converse said it is above their initial quote. Mr. Weir said yes and indicated that the initial quote didn't include a single audit. Mr. Converse said the way he is reading the resolution is that the quote for a single audit is \$3,500. Mr. Aliasso said it is not their time. Mr. Weir said no, it is just their single audit fee. Mr. Converse said they are saying now they need an additional \$10,000 on top of that to do the audit. Mr. Weir said the only additional piece on top of that is the \$6,500 to

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\$7,000. Chairman Aliasso said that if you put the two paragraphs together, the time and audit fee filing will be \$10,000 for the single audit. Mr. Converse said the single audit is basically going to cost us up to \$10,000. Mr. Weir said yes. Mr. Converse said the resolution reads differently than that. Mr. Warneck said it is a significant ask but indicated that it is a significant requirement. Mr. Converse said they came in and gave us a price to do our audit and wanted to know how they are justifying upwards of \$10,000 for the single audit when they are saying \$3,500 for a single audit. Mr. Weir said they weren't anticipating doing a single audit and then when they got into the numbers and all the files it came to light. He said we hadn't anticipated the single audit because we thought that project grant funds would have been in 2025.

Mr. Converse said the resolution should read that the quote for the single audit is between \$3,500 and \$7,000. Mr. Weir said it should be read that the single audit could cost \$10,500. Chairman Aliasso said he believes the \$3,500 is their filing fee and then there is the time to complete it. Mr. Weir said that he may have overstated it. He said the typical single audit filing fee and work involved is \$3,500 and additional services and significant additional time is upwards of \$7,000. Mr. Walldroff asked how much the filing fee is. Mr. Weir said he doesn't know what it is, but typically for them to do a single audit it is \$3,500. He said that with all the different things involved and hours and the grants and as Ms. Stephenson mentioned earlier, we had to do draft submissions for these grants. He said there is a significant amount of time involved in these things that we have to do on our side for them to do on their side. Chairman Aliasso asked how we will know that the additional work is not going to blend into the original work and suggested that Bowers can address this when they come in for the special meeting later this month. Mr. Walldroff said we can ask for an itemized bill.

Mr. Converse said that in reading this resolution and talking about and understanding it now, in a year from now, if someone looks at this resolution, they will wonder what it really says. Mr. Walldroff said it comes back to the estimated bill with so much filing fee and so many hours per person. Chairman Aliasso said that we could blend the two paragraphs. Mr. Converse said that it could say in the second WHEREAS that Bowers anticipates for the single audit and additional services a total not to exceed \$10,500. Mr. Weir said that he feels comfortable with that given where we are at in the process as well as talking to the audit manager and expressing our displeasure on the additional costs. He said the audit manager assured him that they wouldn't come back with a higher rate.

Mr. Warneck and Mr. Walldroff withdrew the first motion.

Mr. Converse made a motion that the resolution be amended to say that the single audit and the additional services and time estimated that the total cost will not exceed \$10,500, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. Mr. Weir asked Ms. Sampson if the resolution came from Harris Beach. Ms. Sampson said she created it. Mr. Weir asked if she had any issues with the change. Ms. Sampson said that according to the audit manager, the extra billing will be beyond the audit fee and single audit fee, so they are 3 separate fees and that's why she put \$23,750 as the total not to be exceeded. Mr. Weir said basically the \$23,750 fee is doing what the board is proposing. Mr. Converse said that we would need a fourth WHEREAS for the initial resolution stating what it was going to be.

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Mr. Condino asked Ms. Sampson if the additional \$7,000 is additional work for all the audits or just the single audit. Ms. Sampson said it is all combined but for the general audit. Mr. Condino said what they are saying is the initial cost was \$13,250, the single audit now that we need it is \$3,500, and to complete all of the work they need an additional allocation of up to \$7,000. He said this is not just the cost of the single audit; it is additional work that they found is necessary after they started. Ms. Sampson said yes because they had to go back and redo and update work already completed. Mr. Condino said it is pretty clear that the additional \$7,000 is to complete the initial audit and the single audit. He said the language in the current resolution is fine. Mr. Weir said that he feels that to a certain extent, and it's not to disagree with Mr. Converse's comment, other than they both would get us to the same place.

Mr. Converse said to clarify it should read that the additional time is to complete all audits. He said that the board has questions right now about it and that down the road someone will look at this and wonder what it really means. Mr. Walldroff said coming back to having an itemized bill showing the hours and rate and filing fee, it will be documentation to support the end numbers.

Mr. Converse withdrew his initial motion and made a new motion to amend the third WHEREAS to say that 'additional services and time to service all audits estimated at a range of \$6,500 and \$7,000', seconded by Mr. Condino. All in favor. Carried.

2. Resolution No. 03.06.2025.03 to Amend the RLF Reserve for Bad Debt Allowances for CYE 2024 – Chairman Aliasso read the resolution. Mr. Eaton said the table provided is justification for having our allowance so high. He said that we have so few receivables that our allowance would appear to be out of sync with the dollar amount for receivables. He said it is an explanation of why, what if, and so on. He said it is part of Bowers' attempt to make us justify it. A motion was made by Mr. Converse to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.

VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Counsel:

1. Project Authorizing Resolution No. 03.06.2025.02 for AES Black River Solar, LLC – Attorney Miller said it is a standard authorizing project resolution, and it appears to be a timely close to occur this year and noted that AES holds their assets. Chairman Aliasso said the cost benefit analysis is in the packet. He read the purpose of the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call vote. Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Condino – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, and Mr. Warneck – Yea. Carried.

Consideration of Executive Session

At 9:02 a.m. Mr. Condino made a motion to enter into executive session for legal advice and to discuss the financials of a particular company, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Board Members, LDC Board Members (Aiken, Capone, Robinson), Staff, Attorney Miller, and Mr. Piche remained. All in favor.

At 9:35 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Converse to leave executive session, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. No action was taken.

IX. Adjournment: With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Sampson

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Resolution Number 03.06.2025.01 Amend the Audit Fee to include a Single Audit and Extra Billing

WHEREAS, the JCIDA Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 01.09.2025.01 at their January 9, 2025 board meeting to approve an engagement letter with Bowers CPAs for the 2024 audit and other services for \$13,250, and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a single audit will be required since JCIDA expended over the \$750,000 threshold for federal grant funds. The quote for the single audit is \$3,500, and

WHEREAS, Bowers anticipates costs for additional services and significant additional time to service all audits estimated at a range between \$6,500 and \$7,000, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency that it herein approves the total amount not to exceed \$23,750 as set forth in this Resolution, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and/or Chief Executive Officer are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

F. Marshall Weir, CEO

PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(AES Black River Solar, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 03.06.2025.02

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) APPOINTING AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN); (iv) ADOPTING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA"); AND (v) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 19 acres of real property located at 19172 County Route 66 in the Town of Hounsfield, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 89.00-2-4.1, as may be subdivided); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 2.4MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with, the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a

straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2025, the Agency adopted an initial resolution (the "Initial Project Resolution") which (i) accepted the Company's application, (ii) authorized the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing in compliance with the Act, (iii) described the contemplated forms of financial assistance to be provided by the Agency (the "Financial Assistance", as described herein); and (iv) authorized the negotiation of an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement") and Payment-in-lieu-of-Tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to be entered into with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Initial Project Resolution, the Agency published and forwarded a Notice of Public Hearing to the Town of Hounsfield (the "Town"), the County of Jefferson (the "County"), and the Sackets Harbor Central School District (the "School", and together with the Town and County, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency held a public hearing on February 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Town of Hounsfield Town Hall located at 18774 County Route 66, Watertown, New York 13601 with respect to the Project (the "Public Hearing") and the proposed Financial Assistance (as further defined herein) being contemplated by the Agency whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views, a copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing also being attached hereto within **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Town reviewed the proposed Project as lead agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as codified under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, "SEQRA") and related Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") and issued a negative declaration (the "Negative Declaration"), a copy of which, along with the EAF, are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, and related documents; (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company, which shall include (a) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financings undertaken to construct the Facility; and (b) a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and (iv) the review of findings pursuant to SEQRA in connection with the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to (i) acquire title to or other interest in the Land, Improvements and the Equipment constituting the Facility, (ii) lease or sell the Agency's interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement or sale agreement, and (iii) enter into a Straight Lease Transaction with the Company; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town, which is located within Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and
- (E) Based upon a review of the Application, the EAF and the Negative Declaration issued by the Town and submitted to the Agency, the Agency hereby:
 - (i) consents to and affirms the status of the Town as Lead Agency for review of the Facility, within the meaning of, and for all purposes of complying with SEQRA;
 - (ii) ratifies the proceedings undertaken by the Town as Lead Agency under SEQRA with respect to the construction and equipping of the Facility pursuant to SEQRA; and
 - (iii) finds that the Project involves a "Type I" Action (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA) for which the Town served as Lead Agency. Based upon the review by the Agency of the EAF and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency and other representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that (i) the Project will result in no major

impacts and, therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment; (ii) the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA); and (iii) no "environmental impact statement" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA) need be prepared for this action. This determination constitutes a "negative declaration" (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQRA) for purposes of SEQRA.

Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement and/or Leaseback Agreement, and (ii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2026 (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a "Recapture Event").

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture

Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 4. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, PILOT Mortgage, and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

Section 5. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver any mortgage, assignment of leases and rents, security agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all documents reasonably contemplated by these resolutions or required by any lender identified by the Company (the "Lender") up to a maximum principal amount necessary to undertake the Project, acquire the Facility and/or finance or refinance equipment and other personal property and related transactional costs (hereinafter with the Straight Lease Documents, the "Agency Documents"); and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency to the Agency Documents and to attest the same, all with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval; provided, that, in all events, recourse against the Agency is limited to the Agency's interest in the Project.

Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 7. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John J. Condino	X			
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned (Acting) Secretary of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on March 6, 2025, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this day of March , 2025.

W. Edward Walldroff, (Acting) Secretary

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS



Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

February 13, 2025

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/ RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To: Ti

The Chief Executive Officers of

Affected Tax Jurisdictions on Schedule A

Re:

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

AES Black River Solar, LLC Project

Notice of Public Hearing and

Delivery of Agency Initial Project Resolution

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note that on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Town of Hounsfield Town Hall located at 18774 County Route 66, Watertown, New York 13601, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the Project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the *Watertown Daily Times* for publication.

In accordance with Section 859-a of the General Municipal Law ("GML") of the State of New York, a representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's Application for Financial Assistance (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at: https://www.jcida.com/. This public hearing is being conducted pursuant to GML Section 859-a(2) and the Agency is providing this notice to the addressees above pursuant to GML Section 859-a(3), which include the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions within which the proposed project is to be located. The conduct of the public hearing was authorized by the Agency pursuant to a certain Initial Project Resolution adopted by the Agency on February 6, 2025 (the "Initial Project Resolution"), which pursuant to GML Section 859-a(1-a) is enclosed for your review and records.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. The Agency will also live stream the public hearing through its webpage and also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Suite 800, Watertown, New York 13601 Attn: Marshall Weir, Chief Executive Officer and/or via email at mweir@icida.com.

Very truly yours,

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Schedule A Affected Tax Jurisdiction Officials

Jefferson County, New York	Jefferson County, New York
Attn: Hon. William W. Johnson, Chairman	Attn: Ryan Piche, County Administrator
County Legislature	195 Arsenal Street
195 Arsenal Street	Watertown, New York 13601
Watertown, New York 13601	
Sackets Harbor Central School District	Sackets Harbor Central School District
Attn: Angela Green, Chair, BOE	Attn: Jennifer Gaffney, Superintendent
215 South Broad Street	215 South Broad Street
Sackets Harbor, New York 13685	Sackets Harbor, New York 13685
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Sackets Harbor Central School District	
Attn: District Clerk	
215 South Broad Street	
Sackets Harbor, New York 13685	
Town of Hounsfield, New York	
Attn: Beth Arthur, Town Supervisor	
18774 County Route 66	
Watertown, New York 13601	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law (the "Act") will be held by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Town of Hounsfield Town Hall located at 18774 County Route 66, Watertown, New York 13601 in connection with the following matter:

AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 19 acres of real property located at 19172 County Route 66 in the Town of Hounsfield, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 89.00-2-4.1, as may be subdivided); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 2.4MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with, the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction").

The Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") in the form of (a) a mortgage recording tax exemption for project financing; and (b) a partial real property tax abatement through a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of each affected tax jurisdiction (the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

In accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, a representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at: https://www.jcida.com/about-us/jcida/. The Agency will also live stream the public hearing through its webpage and also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Suite 800, Watertown, New York 13601, Attn: Marshall Weir, Chief Executive Officer and/or via email at mweir@jcida.com.

Dated: February 14, 2025 JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

INITIAL PROJECT RESOLUTION

(AES Black River Solar, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency convened on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 02.06.2025.02

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACCEPTING APPLICATION (i) AN SUBMITTED BY AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING AND CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY; AND (iv) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, as amended (hereinafter collectively called the "Act"), the JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property for the purpose of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping industrial, manufacturing and commercial facilities as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 19 acres of real property located at 19172 County Route 66 in the Town of Hounsfield, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 89.00-2-4.1, as may be subdivided); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 2.4MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with, the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency desires to schedule and conduct a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") relating to the Project and the proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"), such Financial Assistance to include (a) an exemption from all State and local sales and use taxes with respect to qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility; (b) mortgage recording tax exemption for project financing; and (c) a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to (i) accept the Application, (ii) authorize the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing pursuant to and in accordance with the Act, and (iii) negotiate, but not enter into an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), a Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), a Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), and related documents with the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Company has presented an Application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby creating significant employment opportunities and critical investment in Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries. The

Agency authorizes the issuance of notice letters to applicable municipal officials in accordance with the Act.

- Section 2. The proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency includes (a) an exemption from all State and local sales and use taxes with respect to qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility; (b) mortgage recording tax exemption for project financing; and (c) a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.
- Section 3. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and/or the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate the terms of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, and related documents; provided, the provisions of the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project.
- Section 4. The Agency hereby authorizes the scheduling and conduct a public hearing in compliance with the Act.
- Section 5. Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC, as General and Transaction Counsel for the Agency, is hereby authorized to work with counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency of all documents necessary to effect the foregoing authorizations.
- Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.
 - Section 7. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr. David J. Converse John J. Condino William W. Johnson Lisa L'Huillier W. Edward Walldroff	[X] [X] [X] [X]			
Paul J. Warneck	$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix}$	į į		

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) SS:

I, the undersigned Secretary of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein, held on February 6, 2025, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Agency this day of february, 2025.

W. Edward Walldroff, Secretary

[SEAL]

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC

Friday, February 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 18774 County Route 66, Watertown, New York 13601

ATTENDANCE LIST:

Marshall Weir, Chief Executive Officer Peggy Sampson, Executive Assistant Audrey Stevenson, Sackets Harbor Central School District

CALL TO ORDER: Hearing Officer Weir opened the hearing at 9:30 a.m.

PURPOSE:

Pursuant to and in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 859-a, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is conducting this public hearing in connection with a certain proposed project, as more fully described below (the "Project"), to be undertaken by the Agency for the benefit of AES BLACK RIVER SOLAR, LLC (the "Company").

The Agency published a Notice of Public Hearing in the *Watertown Daily Times* and mailed a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to each affected taxing jurisdiction. An Affidavit of Publication and Proof of Mailing are attached.

DISCUSSION:

Hearing Officer Weir read a description of the Project, as follows:

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a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction").

It is contemplated that the Agency will appoint the Company as agent to undertake the Project. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of (a) a mortgage recording tax exemption for project financing; and (b) a partial real property tax abatement through a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of each affected tax jurisdiction (the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions"). The foregoing Financial Assistance and the Agency's involvement in the Project are being considered to promote the economic welfare and prosperity of residents of Jefferson County.

AGENCY COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Based upon information provided by the Company in its Application, the Project will involve an approximately \$9,263,822 capital investment by the Company. The Agency estimates the following amounts of financial assistance to be provided to the Company: 36:1 benefit to cost ratio.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing Officer Weir adjourned the public hearing at 9:34 a.m.

F. Marshall Weir Hearing Officier

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ATTENDANCE LIST

Name	Address	Representing
Audrey Stevenson	1 Address	Sackets Harbor CS
		Julier Harrison Co.

EXHIBIT B SEQRA MATERIALS

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project and Setting

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project:				
Sapphire Solar Photovoltaic Facility				
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map):				
Fown of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York, 19172 County Route 66, south of New York	State Route 3 and west of County F	Road 66		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need):				
The Project is a proposed 2.4-megawatt (MW) alternating current (ac) solar photovoltaic (PV) parcel acreage of 267.28 acres). The Project has a 24.82-acre limit of disturbance, which is 18.15 acres, inclusive of the fenced area and access roads (outside the fenced area). Access constructed from State Route 3. The Project consists of twelve 54 module (2-string) trackers and sixty-nine 81 module (3-string) degrees. Sixteen 150-kilowatt (kW) inverters centralized near the transformer on one block, or avaluation tower (MET) station are also included. The perimeter of the solar facility will be encemission-free electricity to the existing electric grid operated by National Grid and offer commitational Grid. The purpose of the Project is to produce emissions-free electricity that will contenergy by 2030 and 100% carbon free electricity by 2040.	the proposed lease area. The opera s to the Project will be via a propose g) trackers (total of 6,237 modules) to ne transformer, one switchboard and closed via a 7-foot fence. The Project unity subscribers the opportunity to unity subscribers the opportunity to	ting area is comprised of d access road that will be that swivel up to 50 d one meteorological it will provide receive a bill credit from		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor:	Telephone: (720)-447-2636			
AES Black River Solar, LLC; Patrick Green, Director	E-Mail: patrick.green@aes.com			
Address: 292 Madison Avenue, 15th floor				
City/PO: New York	State: NY	Zip Code: 10017		
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role):	Telephone: (720) 447-2636			
Diana Boylan, Development Associate	E-Mail: diana.boylan@aes.com			
Address: 292 Madison Avenue 15th Floor				
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:		
New York	NY	10017		
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone: 315-778-9467; 315-3	323-0590		
Diane Martin: ladydi13601@gmail.com; & Deborah Nygard: autumnbeauty1@gmail.com	E-Mail: See previous line			
Address: 19172 Co Rte 66				
City/PO: Hounsfield	State: NY	Zip Code: 13685		

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)				
Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)		
a. City Council, Town Board, ☐Yes ☑No or Village Board of Trustees				
b. City, Town or Village ✓Yes ☐No Planning Board or Commission	Town of Hounsfield Planning Board - Site Plan Approval and SEQR declaration	6/4/24		
c. City, Town or ☐Yes☑No Village Zoning Board of Appeals				
d. Other local agencies ☐Yes☑No				
e. County agencies ☑Yes☐No	Jefferson Co. Dept of Planning (per General Municipal Law 239-m); Jefferson Co. IDA	6/4/24; TBD		
f. Regional agencies Yes No				
g. State agencies ✓Yes□No	NYSDEC PJD/T&E species, NYS SHPO/OPRHP NYSDEC SPDES, NYSERDA NY-Sun	NYSDEC Aquatics & T8 NYSHPO: 2/10/23,NYS		
h. Federal agencies	USACE, USFWS	USACE: 3/5/24; USFWS 3/3/23		
i. Coastal Resources.i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or	g. Commercial Access or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland W	NYSDOT Highway Work P aterway?	ermit □Yes ☑ No	
 ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? □ Yes☑No iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? 				
C. Planning and Zoning				
C.1. Planning and zoning actions.				
Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the ☐ Yes ☑No only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? • If Yes, complete sections C, F and G. • If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1				
C.2. Adopted land use plans.				
a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site ☐Yes☑No where the proposed action would be located?			□Yes☑No	
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include spewould be located?		proposed action	□Yes□No	
b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) If Yes, identify the plan(s): Arterial Corridor Overlay			☑Yes□No	
c. Is the proposed action located wholly or part or an adopted municipal farmland protection If Yes, identify the plan(s): Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Prote	n plan?	ipal open space plan,	Z Yes□No	

C.3. Zoning	
a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district? The project lies within 1000 feet of the Arterial Corridor Overlay District. The site also is within the multi-use zones, and agric	☑ Yes ☐ No
b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit?	☑ Yes □ No
c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? If Yes, i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site?	☐ Yes ☑ No
C.4. Existing community services.	
a. In what school district is the project site located? Sackets Harbor Central	
b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site? Jefferson County Sheriffs Department, NYS Police Troop D	
c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site? Sackets Harbor Volunteer Fire Company; Samaritan Medical Center	
d. What parks serve the project site? NYS Parks and Recreation	
D. Project Details	
D.1. Proposed and Potential Development	
What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixe components)? This project is a community distributed generation (CDG) facility.	d, include all
b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 24.82 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 24.82 acres 24.82 acres	
c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, mile square feet)? %	☐ Yes☑ No s, housing units,
d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision?	□Yes Z No
If Yes, i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)	
ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? iii. Number of lots proposed? iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum Maximum	□Yes□No
e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? i. If No, anticipated period of construction: ii. If Yes: • Total number of phases anticipated • Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) month year • Anticipated completion date of final phase month year • Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progradetermine timing or duration of future phases:	Yes ☑No Tess of one phase may

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f. Does the project include no				☐Yes ☑ No
If Yes, show numbers of unit		Th P !!	Makinto Formito (Company)	
<u>One Fami</u>	ly <u>Two Family</u>	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)	
Initial Phase				
At completion				
of all phases				
g. Does the proposed action	include new non-residentis	al construction (incl	uding expansions \?	
If Yes,	netade new non residentia	ii construction (inci	dulig expansions):	□ Yes □ No
i. Total number of structure	es 81 trackers consisting	of 6.237 PV module	es	
ii. Dimensions (in feet) of l	argest proposed structure:	10.5 ft height;	7.5 ft width; and 320.3 ft length (dir	nensions refer to pv
iii. Approximate extent of b	uilding space to be heated	or cooled:	N/A square feet arra	ny string)
h. Does the proposed action	include construction or oth	er activities that wi	Il result in the impoundment of any	☐Yes Z No
	f a water supply, reservoir,			
If Yes,		, p ,	ango an or our a starting of	
i. Purpose of the impoundm	ient:			
ii. If a water impoundment,	the principal source of the	water:	☐ Ground water ☐ Surface water strea	ms Other specify:
				
iii. If other than water, identi	fy the type of impounded/	contained liquids ar	nd their source.	
iv. Approximate size of the	proposed impoundment.	Volume:	million gallons; surface area:	acres
v. Dimensions of the propo	sed dam or impounding str	ucture:	height: length	
vi. Construction method/ma	terials for the proposed da	m or impounding s	tructure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, con	crete):
D.2. Project Operations				
a. Does the proposed action	include any excavation, mi	ining, or dredging,	during construction, operations, or both?	Yes \(\overline{N}\) No
		stallation of utilitie	s or foundations where all excavated	
materials will remain onsi	te)			
If Yes:				
i. What is the purpose of th	e excavation or dredging?			
			to be removed from the site?	
Volume (specify to	ns or cubic yards):			
Over what duration We have and short	of time?		dged, and plans to use, manage or dispos	C 4h
m. Describe nature and char	acteristics of materials to b	e excavated or dred	iged, and plans to use, manage or dispos	e of them.
iv. Will there be onsite dew	atering or processing of ex	cavated materials?		☐Yes ✓No
If yes, describe.		1111		
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v. What is the total area to l	be dredged or excavated?	4:0	acres	
vii. What would be the maxi	ea to be worked at any one	time?	acres feet	
viii. Will the excavation requ	mum depin of excavation (or dreaging?	teet	☐Yes / No
ix. Summarize site reclamati				☐ I e2 M I 10
The solar facility will be don	ommissioned at its and of life	in considerate with the	e Decommissioning Plan as agreed upon by A	VES and the Town of
Hounsfield.	ommissioned at its end-or-ine		e Decommissioning Plan as agreed upon by A	
				
b. Would the proposed action	n cause or result in alterati	on of increase or d	ecrease in size of, or encroachment	☐Yes / No
	, waterbody, shoreline, bea			
If Yes:	,, shoremie, oet	or adjacont dred	-	
	vaterbody which would be	affected (by name,	water index number, wetland map number	per or geographic

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placem alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in sq	
iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? If Yes, describe:	□Yes☑No
If Yes, describe: iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation?	☐ Yes No
If Yes:	:
acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed:	
 expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: 	
 purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): 	
• proposed method of plant removal:	
if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): Describe converged to learning for the converged to the convergence to the converged to the convergence to the converged to the converged to the converged to the converged to the convergence to the converged to the convergence to the convergence to the co	
ν. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance:	
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c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? If Yes:	□Yes ☑ No
i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: gallons/day	
ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply?	☐Yes ☐No
If Yes:	
Name of district or service area:	
Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal?	☐ Yes ☐ No
• Is the project site in the existing district?	☐ Yes☐ No
Is expansion of the district needed?	☐ Yes☐ No
Do existing lines serve the project site?	☐ Yes☐ No
iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? If Yes:	□Yes □No
Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project:	
Source(s) of supply for the district:	
iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? If, Yes:	☐ Yes☐No
Applicant/sponsor for new district:	
Date application submitted or anticipated:	
Proposed source(s) of supply for new district:	
v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project:	
vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity:	_gallons/minute.
d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?	☐ Yes Z No
If Yes:	
i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: gallons/day	
ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe a	ll components and
approximate volumes or proportions of each):	
iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities?	☐ Yes Z No
If Yes:	☐ i es MINO
Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used:	
Name of district:	
 Name of district: Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? 	□Yes□No
Is the project site in the existing district?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is expansion of the district needed?	□Yes □No

 Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? If Yes: Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: 	□Yes□No □Yes□No
Describe extensions of capacity expansions proposed to serve this project.	
iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?If Yes:	□Yes☑No
Applicant/sponsor for new district:	
 Date application submitted or anticipated: What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? 	
v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, inclured in the wastewater treatment for the project, inclured in the wastewater discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):	uding specifying proposed
vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste:	
e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new poir sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-po source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? If Yes:	
i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?	
Square feet or 0.34 acres (impervious surface)	
Square feet or 267.3 acres (parcel size) 267.3 = 267.28 rounded ii Describe types of new point sources. Stormwater runoff will follow existing hydrological conditions: flow patterns	s currently follow the site
ii. Describe types of new point sources. Stormwater runoff will follow existing hydrological conditions; flow patterns topography. Stormwater runoff within the site will continue to flow from the	northeast to the southwest.
iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?	
Stormwater runoff from the access road will be directed to a filter strip; other stormwater runoff will flow over grasse northeast to southwest.	
If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: UNT to Miller Creek (S6)	
Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?	☐ Yes ✓ No
iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use sto	
f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?	g fuel ☑ Yes □No
If Yes, identify:	
i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)	
Mobile sources during project operations include light-duty vehicles; limited use of heavy/larger equipment may be it. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crusher	
Stationary sources during construction may include the use of a portable generation set.	3)
 iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation) No stationary sources during operations; the electric generation operation will be emissions-free. 	
g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit?	Permit, Yes No
If Yes:	
 Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) 	meet Yes No
ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:	
•Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	
•Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)	
•Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)	
•Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF ₆)	a)
 Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflourocarbons (HFCs) Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) 	·)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? If Yes: i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric):
ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring):
i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust):
j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial ☐Yes ☑No new demand for transportation facilities or services? If Yes: i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): ☐ Morning ☐ Evening ☐Weekend ☐ Randomly between hours of to ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks):
 iii. Parking spaces: Existing Proposed Net increase/decrease
k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? If Yes: i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other):
iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation?
I. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply. ii. During Operations: i During Construction: ii. During Operations: • Monday - Friday: 7am to 7pm • Monday - Friday: 24 hours • Saturday: as needed 7am to 7pm • Saturday: 24 hours • Sunday: as needed 7am to 7pm • Sunday: 24 hours • Holidays: as needed 7am to 7pm • Holidays: 24 hours

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction,	☑ Yes □ No
operation, or both?	
If yes:	
i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:	
Construction: Pile-driving or earth screwing activities may exceed ambient noise levels M-F (7am - 7pm), as needed during weeker Operation: Inverter & transformer equipment will produce nominal noise but will be minimized/mitigated to ensure there are no pern	ids (7am - 7pm).
ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?	Yes No
Describe: Vegetation within the 100' setback on the site will remain and serve to provide a noise barrier and screen.	LI 168 MAINO
Desertible. Vegetation within the 100 setback on the site will remain and serve to provide a noise barrier and screen.	
n Will the proposed estion have outdoor lighting?	DIV CIN-
n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? If yes:	☑Yes ☐No
i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:	
No permanent lighting is proposed; however, temporary lighting will be used during construction.	
No permanent lighting is proposed, nowever, temporary lighting will be used during construction.	
ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?	☐ Yes ☑ No
Describe:	
o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?	☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest	
occupied structures:	
p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons)	☐ Yes Z No
or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage?	
If Yes:	
i. Product(s) to be stored	
ii. Volume(s) per unit time (e.g., month, year)	
iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities:	
q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides,	☐ Yes ☑ No
insecticides) during construction or operation?	
If Yes:	
i. Describe proposed treatment(s):	
(-)	
ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices?	☐ Yes ☐No
r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal	✓ Yes □ No
of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)?	
If Yes:	
i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:	
Construction:1 tons perday (unit of time)	
Operation: 0 tons per year (unit of time)	
ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:	
Construction: Construction materials will arrive via a shipping container to minimize protective packaging. Pallets and ca	ardboard covers will
be recycled as feasible.	
Operation: The project operations will not generate solid waste; therefore no minimization, recycling or reuse of materials.	rials is necessary.
iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:	
 Construction: A covered dumpster will be used on site for construction waste which will be disposed of on a regular sche off-site location. 	edule to an approved
Operation: The project operations will not generate solid waste.	

	roposed action include construction or modi	fication of a solid waste mana	gement facility?	Yes 7 No		
If Yes:						
other dis	 i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing: 					
ii. Anticipa	ted rate of disposal/processing:					
•	Tons/month, if transfer or other non-	combustion/thermal treatment,	, or			
•	Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal t	reatment				
iii. If landfil	I, anticipated site life:	years				
t. Will the pro	posed action at the site involve the commer	cial generation, treatment, sto	rage, or disposal of hazard	ous Yes No		
waste?						
If Yes:	C. 11	2.2. SUR 2 00 C	1 0 . 212.			
I. Name(s)	of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be	generated, handled or manag	ed at facility:			
ii. Generally	describe processes or activities involving h	azardous wastes or constituen	ts:			
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iii Chaolfi	amount to be bondled an arranged					
iv Describe	amount to be handled or generatedto any proposals for on-site minimization, rec	ons/monin veling or reuse of hazardous c	onstituents:			
W. Describe	any proposais for on-site infinitization, rec	yening of rease of nazardous e	onstituents.			
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v. Will any	hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing	offsite hazardous waste facili	ity?	□Yes□No		
If Yes: provi	de name and location of facility:					
If No. descril	pe proposed management of any hazardous	vastes which will not be sent	to a hazardous waste facilit	ν.		
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E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action						
E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site						
a. Existing land uses.						
i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site. ☐ Urban ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban) ☐ Rural (non-farm)						
7 Forest	Agriculture Aguatic Dother	(specify):	(non-tarin)			
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other (specify):						
Project site consists of open land/fallow cultivated agricultural fields, scrubland, and early-successional forest. The site is bordered by a woodlot to the						
northeast that extends as a hedgerow along the eastern edge, agricultural fields to the west, and route 3 and rural residences to the north.						
b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.						
	Land use or	Current	Acreage After	Change		
	Covertype	Acreage	Project Completion	(Acres +/-)		
	puildings, and other paved or impervious	^	0.34	+0.34		
surfaces		0	0.04	10.54		
Forested		2.60	0.00	-2.60		
	s, grasslands or brushlands (non-	22.22	6.49	-15.73		
	ural, including abandoned agricultural)					
1	s active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)					
	water features					
	onds, streams, rivers, etc.)					
	s (freshwater or tidal)	0	0	0		
	getated (bare rock, earth or fill)	J	U	<u> </u>		
	(ome room, om on on mi)			-		
Other Describ	e: PV Array	. 2		17.05		
Describ	TV Allay	0	17.99	+17.99		

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?	☐ Yes No
i. If Yes: explain:	
 d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? If Yes, i. Identify Facilities: 	□Yes ☑ No
e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?	☐ Yes Z No
If Yes:	resp_no
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:	
Dam height: feet	
 Dam length:	
 Surface area: acres Volume impounded: gallons OR acre-feet 	
ii. Dam's existing hazard classification:	
iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:	
f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility Yes:	☐Yes Z No lity?
i. Has the facility been formally closed?	☐Yes☐ No
If yes, cite sources/documentation:	
ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:	
iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities:	
g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? If Yes:	□Yes ☑ No
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurr	ed:
 h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? If Yes: 	Yes No
 i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: 	□Yes□No
Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s):	
Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): Neither database	
ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures:	
iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database?	□Yes ☑ No
If yes, provide DEC ID number(s):	
iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):	

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control	limiting property uses?		□Yes☑No
 If yes, DEC site ID number: Describe the type of institutional control (e.g 	deed restriction or easement):		
Describe any use limitations:			
 Describe any engineering controls: Will the project affect the institutional or eng 			□Yes□No
Explain:			
			
E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site		per ANS Geo Geot	
a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project	site? <u>1.25 – 2.25</u>	5 feet dated March 18, 20	
b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bed	rock outcroppings?	%	☐ Yes Z No
c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:	Benson- Galoo Complex	33.0 %	
	Newstead silt loam Farmington loam, 0 to 8% slopes	28.9 % 13.1 %	
d. What is the average depth to the water table on the p			cal Report
		dated March 18, 2024 (F	EV.1)
e. Drainage status of project site soils: ✓ Well Drained ✓ Moderately			
Poorly Drain			
f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with		100 % of site	
	☐ 10-15%: ☐ 15% or greater:	% of site % of site	
g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project of Yes, describe:			□Yes☑No

h. Surface water features.			
i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetland ponds or lakes)?	ls or other waterbodies (including stre	eams, rivers,	Z Yes□No
<i>ii.</i> Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the pr	oject site?		∠ Yes N o
If Yes to either <i>i</i> or <i>ii</i> , continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.			
iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or a state or local agency?	djoining the project site regulated by	any federal,	☑ Yes □No
iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbook	dy on the project site, provide the following	owing information:	
	; S6 (1.595 LF), both UNT to Mill Creek	Classification <u>both Class</u> Classification	С
Wetlands: Name W1a		Approximate Size 0.14 a	C.
 Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) 			
v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the mos waterbodies?	t recent compilation of NYS water qu	ality-impaired	☐Yes ☑ No
If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis	for listing as impaired:		
i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway?			DV The
			☐Yes ☑No
j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain?			☐Yes ☑No
k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain?	recording to the second se		☐Yes Z No
 Is the project site located over, or immediately adjointf Yes: 	ning, a primary, principal or sole sour	ce aquifer?	☐Yes Z No
i. Name of aquifer:			

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species	that occupy or use the	project site:		
white-tailed deer	Racoons		common grackle, comm	
Wild turkey	Avian species (e.g. Blu		common raven, house s	·
Mice	corw, barn swallow, br	own thrasher ->	morning dove, purple m	
n. Does the project site contain a designated If Yes: i. Describe the habitat/community (composition)	sition, function, and ba	sis for designation):		☐ Yes ☑No
ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation:	75.00			
iii. Extent of community/habitat:				
• Currently:			res	
• Following completion of project as	proposed:			
• Gain or loss (indicate + or -):	-	acı	es	
 o. Does project site contain any species of plendangered or threatened, or does it contains if Yes: i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened Henslow's Sparrow, Northern Long-eared bat, Indicoordination with the USFWS regarding the tricolores 	n any areas identified	as habitat for an end	angered or threatened spe	
p. Does the project site contain any species of special concern? If Yes: i. Species and listing:	•	•	•	□Yes☑No
q. Is the project site or adjoining area current If yes, give a brief description of how the pro	tly used for hunting, trapposed action may affe	apping, fishing or sh	ell fishing?	□Yes☑No
E.3. Designated Public Resources On or N	Near Project Site			
a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, loca Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25- If Yes, provide county plus district name/nu	-AA, Section 303 and		tified pursuant to	☑ Yes □ No
 b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? 9.56 at ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): Farmington Loc 	cres			☑ Yes □ No
c. Does the project site contain all or part of Natural Landmark? If Yes: i. Nature of the natural landmark: ii. Provide brief description of landmark, in	Biological Communi	ty Geolog I designation and app	gical Feature	
d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoint If Yes: i. CEA name: ii. Basis for designation: iii. Designating agency and date:				∐Yes☑No
m. Designating agency and date.				

ii. Name: Stephenson/Frink Farm	as been determined by the Commissing on the State Register of Historic Plants of Project redetermin. Historic Building or District on 02/10/	aces? recived a "no effect ation from NYS SHPO 2023.
iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: The farm complex cons Contains four earlier contributing agriculture related outbuildings: a stone smokehouse, a	ists of the stucco-covered concrete block farm former stable/carriage barn, a cattle barn,	house built in 1917–1918 and a granary
f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area design archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the state of the state		☐Yes Z No
g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified If Yes: i. Describe possible resource(s): ii. Basis for identification:		□Yes ☑No
h. Is the project site within fives miles of any officially designated and publicl scenic or aesthetic resource? If Yes: 0 mi north, 3 mi north, 0.6mi north, 3 mi like it. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state etc.): (#s 1-3) NYDOT Scenic byways, (#4) NYSDEC Wild scenic and rec rivers, (#ii. Distance between project and resource: See above miles.	ni north, 0.6mi north, 2.4 mi west ok River, Dexter Marsh, Sackets Harbor B ate or local park, state historic trail or	
 i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild Program 6 NYCRR 666? If Yes: i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYC 		☐ Yes ☑ No
Patrick Green	8/20/2024	
Patrick Green	Director, Permitting	

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Project : Sapphire Solar Photovoltaic Project Date:

NI - "No Impact"

SI - "Small Impact"

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency and the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.	□NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
 a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet. 	E2d		Ø
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	☑ NI	
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a		Ø
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	☑ NI	
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	Dle	☑ NI	
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	☑ _{SI}	
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	Bli	☑ NI	
h. Other impacts:			

2. Impact on Geological Features The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit			
access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g) If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.	NO		YES
2) Tes , unswer questions a -c. If No , move on to section 3.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached:	E2g		
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature:	E3c		
c. Other impacts:		0	0
3. Impacts on Surface Water The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h) If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.	□NC) <u>Z</u>	YES
19 Tes , answer questions a - i. 19 110 , move on to becaute 4.	Relevant	No, or	Moderate
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	☑ NI	
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	⊠ _{NI}	
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	⊠ NI	
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	⊠ SI	
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	⊠ SI	
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	⊠ _{NI}	
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	⊠ NI	
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	⊠ SI	
The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	☑ SI	
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	☑ _{SI}	
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	Dla, D2d	☑ NI	

I. Other impacts:			
4. Impact on groundwater The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquife (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t) If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.	☑NO er.		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	О	0
 b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: 	D2c		
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c		
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l		
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	0	٥
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l		
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c		
h. Other impacts:			
 5. Impact on Flooding The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6. 	□NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	☑ NI	
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j	☑ NI	
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	☑ NI	
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	⊠ SI	
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	⊠ NI	
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	Ele	⊠ NI	

g. Other impacts:			
6. Impacts on Air The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.	✓NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
 a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO₂) More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N₂O) More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions 43 tons/year or more of methane 	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g	00000	
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	0	
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	0	0
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g		0
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	0	0
f. Other impacts:			
7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. r If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.	nq.)	□NO	✓ YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	☑ NI	
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	Ø SI	
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	⊠ NI	
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government	E2p	☑ NI	

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	☑ NI	
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source:	E2n	⊠ NI	
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	⊠ _{SI}	
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source:	Е1ь	☑ _{SI}	
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	☑ SI	
j. Other impacts:			
8. Impact on Agricultural Resources The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. a If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.	and b.)	□NO	YES
•	Relevant	No, or	Moderate
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	Part I	small impact	to large impact may
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
NYS Land Classification System. b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land	Part I Question(s) E2c, E3b	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
NYS Land Classification System. b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc). c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of	Part I Question(s) E2c, E3b E1a, Elb	small impact may occur Z SI	to large impact may occur
 b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc). c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land. d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 	Part I Question(s) E2c, E3b E1a, Elb E3b	small impact may occur SI NI	to large impact may occur
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9.	Impact on Aesthetic Resources The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.	□no) [/	YES
		Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
	Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	☑ _{SI}	
	The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	☑ NI	
	The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	⊠ SI ⊠ SI	
	The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	⊠ SI ⊠ NI	
e. '	The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	☑ _{SI}	
	There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile ½-3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	☑ SI	
g.	Other impacts:			
10	Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.	□N) [YES
		Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a.	The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	E3e	Ø SI	
	The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	⊠ NI	
	The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source:	E3g	⊠ NI	

d. Other impacts:			
If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may e. occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
 The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property. 	E3e, E3g, E3f		
 The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity. 	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b		
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3		
11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.	√ N0	D [YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p		
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	0	
 c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources. 	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q		а
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	0	0
e. Other impacts:			
12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.	✓ NO	D _	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d		
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d		0
c. Other impacts:		0	

13. Impact on Transportation The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. (See Part 1. D.2.j) If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.			
2) 100 , anoner questions a j. 1) 110 , go to bection 11.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j		
 b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles. 	D2j		П
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j		0
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	0	
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	. 0	0
f. Other impacts:		0	
	800-1:>	10	<u> </u>
14. Impact on Energy The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. (See Part 1. D.2.k) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.	∑ N0) <u></u>	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k		
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k		
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k		0
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g		
e. Other Impacts:			
15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. NO ✓ YES (See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.) If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.			
	Relevant	No, or	Moderate
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	⊠ _{SI}	
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	☑ NI	
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	IZI NI	

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	⊠ NI		
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	⊠ _{NI}		
f. Other impacts: Glare/glint		☑ SI		
16. Impact on Human Health The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.) If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.				
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No,or small impact may cccur	Moderate to large impact may occur	
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d		а	
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	Elg, Elh	0		
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	Elg, Elh		0	
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	Elg, Elh		0	
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	Elg, Elh		0	
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t			
 g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility. 	D2q, E1f	0		
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f		0	
 The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste. 	D2r, D2s		0	
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	Elf, Elg Elh			
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	Elf, Elg			
The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	0		
m. Other impacts:				
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17. Consistency with Community Plans	_	P	
The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.	□NO	\checkmark	/ES
(See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)			
If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.		po, continue	
	Relevant Part I	No, or	Moderate
	Question(s)	small impact	to large impact may
	Question(s)	may occur	occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	☑ SI	
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	☑ NI	
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	Ø NI	
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	☑ NI	
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, Elb	☑ NI	
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	⊠ NI	
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	☑ NI	
h. Other:			
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18. Consistency with Community Character			
18. Consistency with Community Character The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)	□NO	✓ \	/ES
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Project : Sapphire Solar Photovoltaic Project

Date: 9/3/2024

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that

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	gnitude and importance of p		ted and details are	available under separate o	cover in a Part 3 Supporting	
Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions						
SEQR Status:	Type 1	Unlisted				
Identify portions of	EAF completed for this I	Project: Part 1	✓ Part 2	Part 3	CONFIDENTIAL	

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information See separate Part 3 Supporting Information document.
and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the Town of Hounsfield Planning Board as lead agency that:
A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.
B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:
There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).
C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.
Name of Action: Sapphire Solar Project
Name of Lead Agency: Town of Hounsfield Planning Board
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Ray Filley
Title of Responsible Officer: Planning Board Chair
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Date: 9/3/2024
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) Date:
For Further Information:
Contact Person: Ray Filley
Address: 18774 County Route 66, Watertown, NY 13601
Telephone Number: 315-408-7634
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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:
Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of) Other involved agencies (if any) Applicant (if any) Environmental Notice Bulletin: http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Resolution Number 03.06.2025.03 Amend the RLF Reserve for Bad Debt Allowance for CYE 2024

WHEREAS, the JCIDA Board approved a RLF bad debt allowance of \$300,000 on 10/3/24, and

WHEREAS, based on a lawsuit and other factors for the RLF loans, staff is requesting to increase the RLF bad debt allowance by \$270,000 for a total amount of \$570,000, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency that it herein approves the request as set forth in this Resolution, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and/or Chief Executive Officer are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

F. Marshall Weir

CEO