

## Ticon Solar, LLC

P2021-0167

March 9, 2022

#### **Presentation Overview**

- Jurisdiction
- Conclusions of Law
- Project Location
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Subdivision
- Proposed Development
- Visual Analysis
- Public Comment & Review by Others
- Staff Recommendation
- Q & A



#### **Jurisdiction**

- APA Act § 809
  - Class A Regional Project
  - Resource Management land use area
    - Major public utility use
    - > Subdivision
    - ➤ Subdivision < 300 ft of State Highway
    - Subdivision involving wetlands
- Regulated Wetland Activity 9 NYCRR Part 578
  - Subdivision involving wetlands



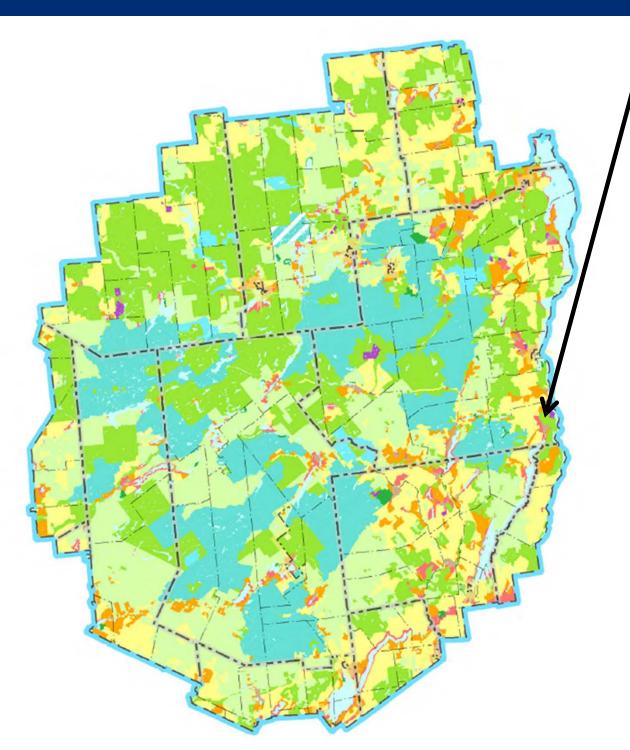
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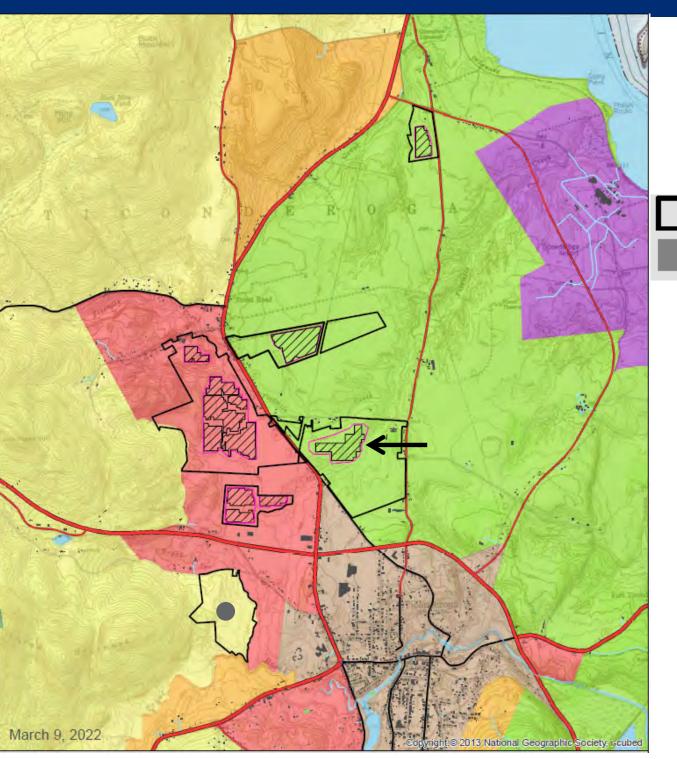




### Project Location

Town of Ticonderoga Essex County





# Solar Projects in Ticonderoga

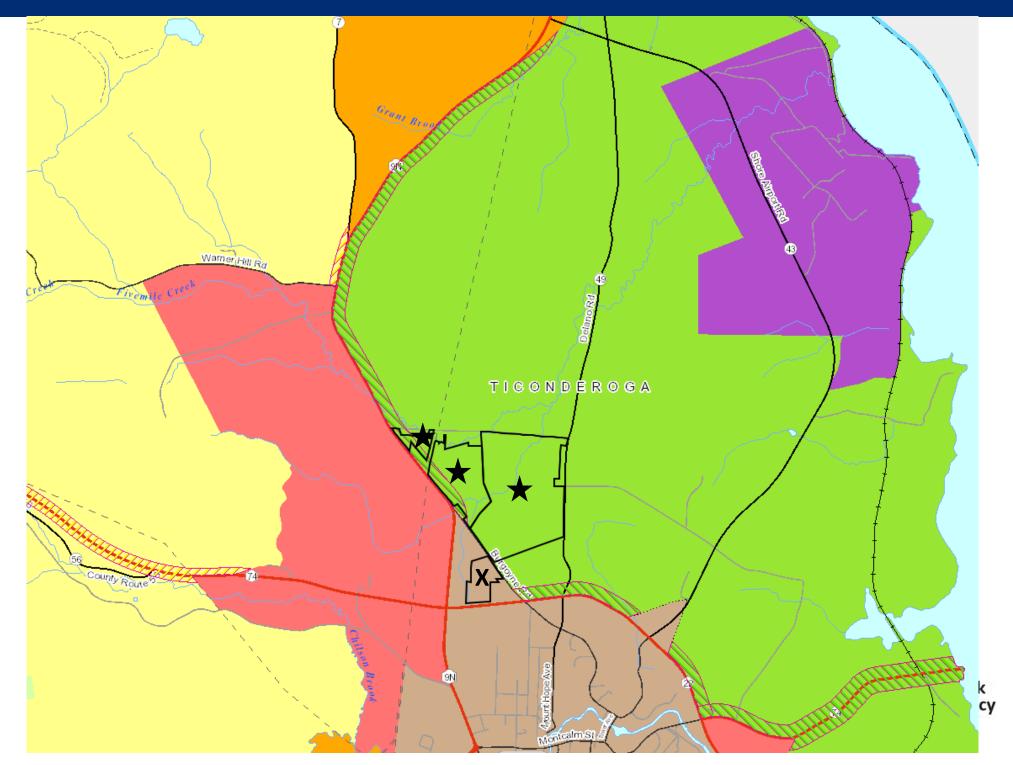
Tax Parcel(s) with Solar Project
Building Footprints 2019

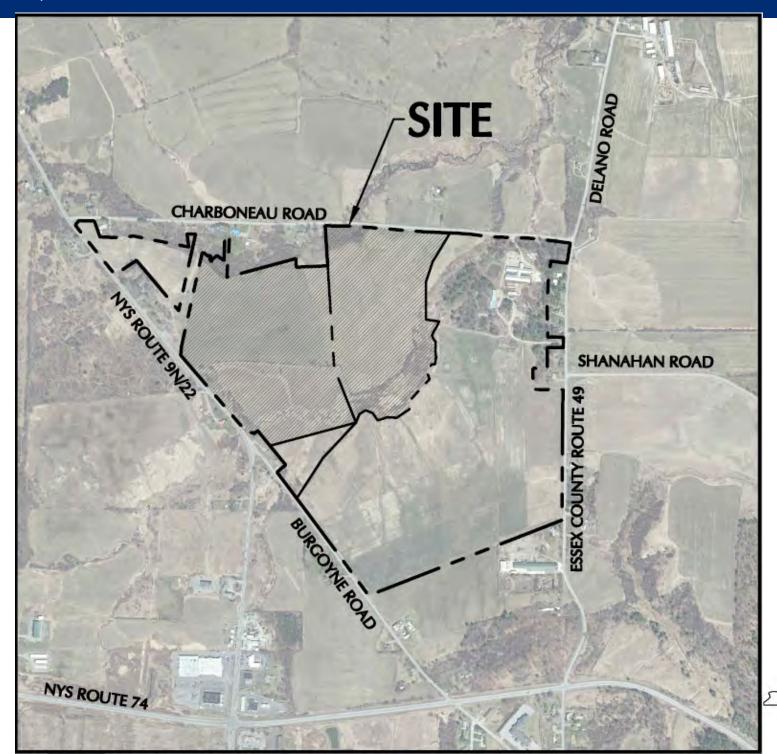
Complete / approved permit applications



Incomplete applications / pre-applications







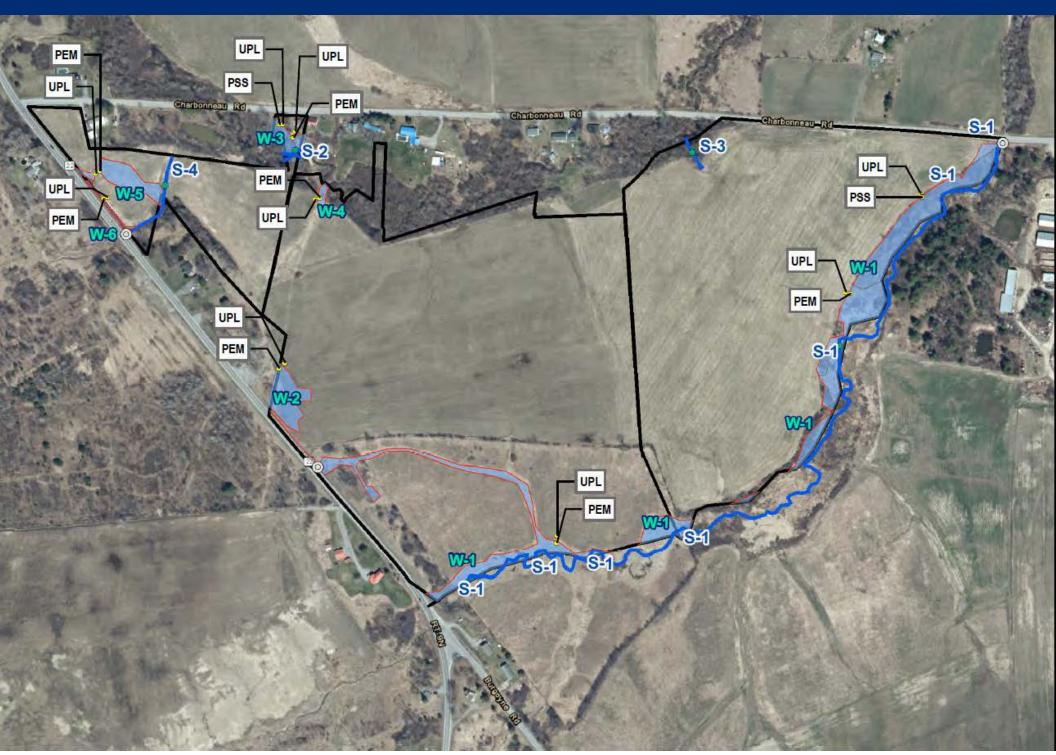


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# **Existing Conditions**

















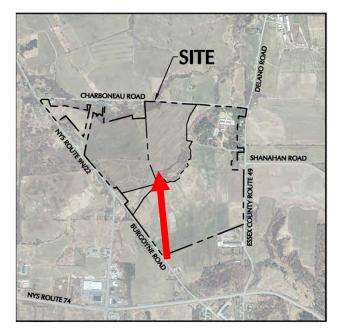
#### State Route 9N Existing Conditions (Oct 2020 / Nov 2021)







#### Burgoyne Road Existing Conditions (Oct 2020)







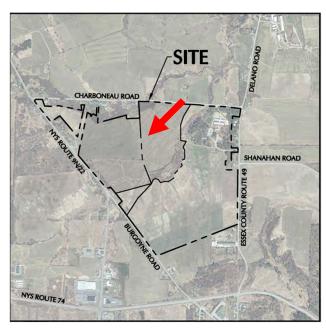
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#### Charboneau Road Existing Conditions (Oct 2015 / Sept 2020)





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# Proposed Subdivision



Stanley = 60.97 acres

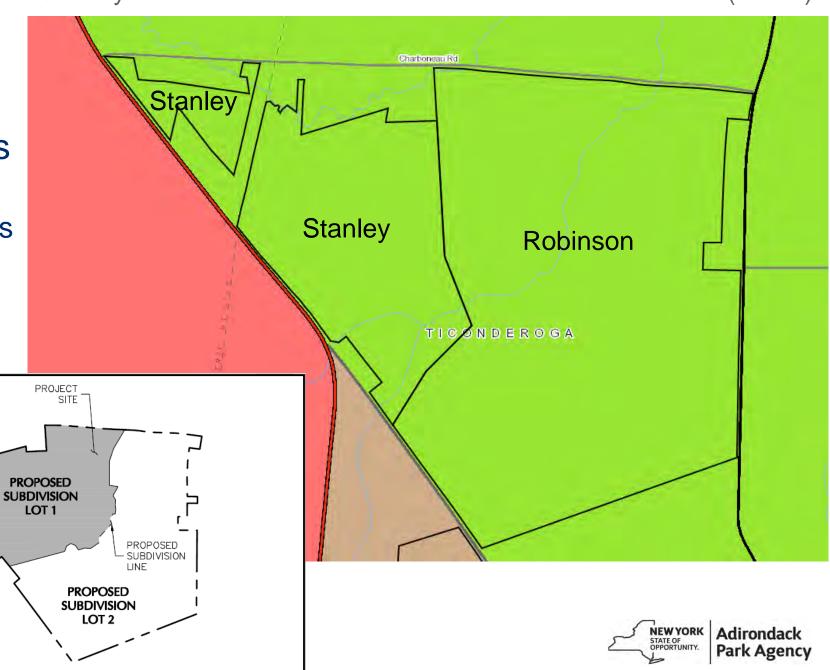
Robinson = 154.14 acres (in RM)

Project Site 215.11 acres

two landowners in 1973

107.57 JM

EXISTING PROPERTY LINE



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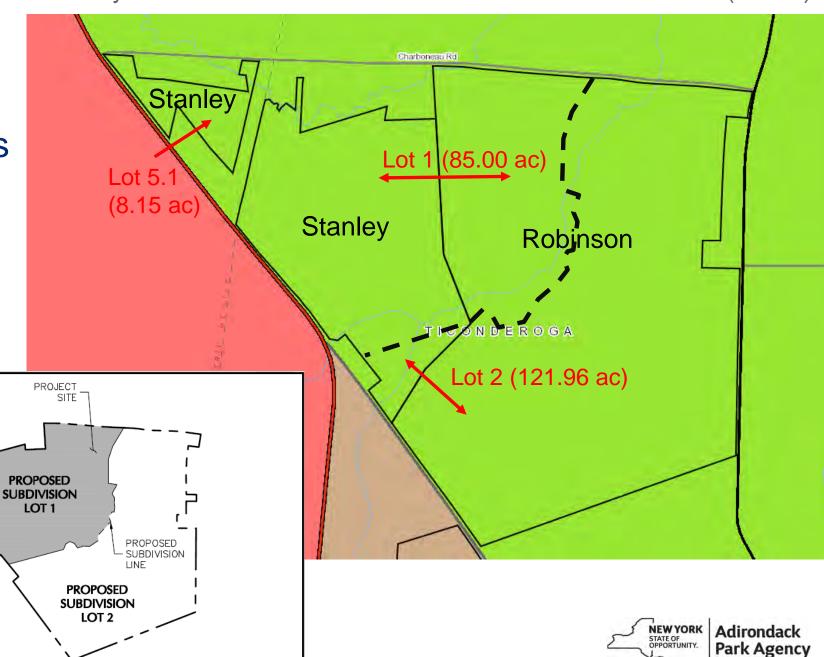
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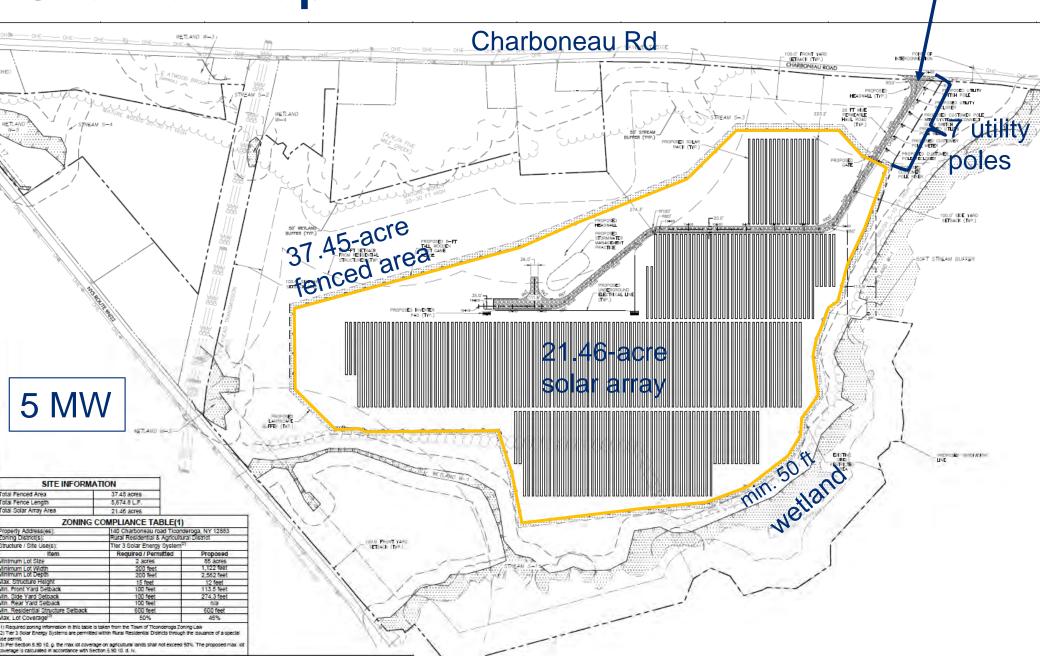
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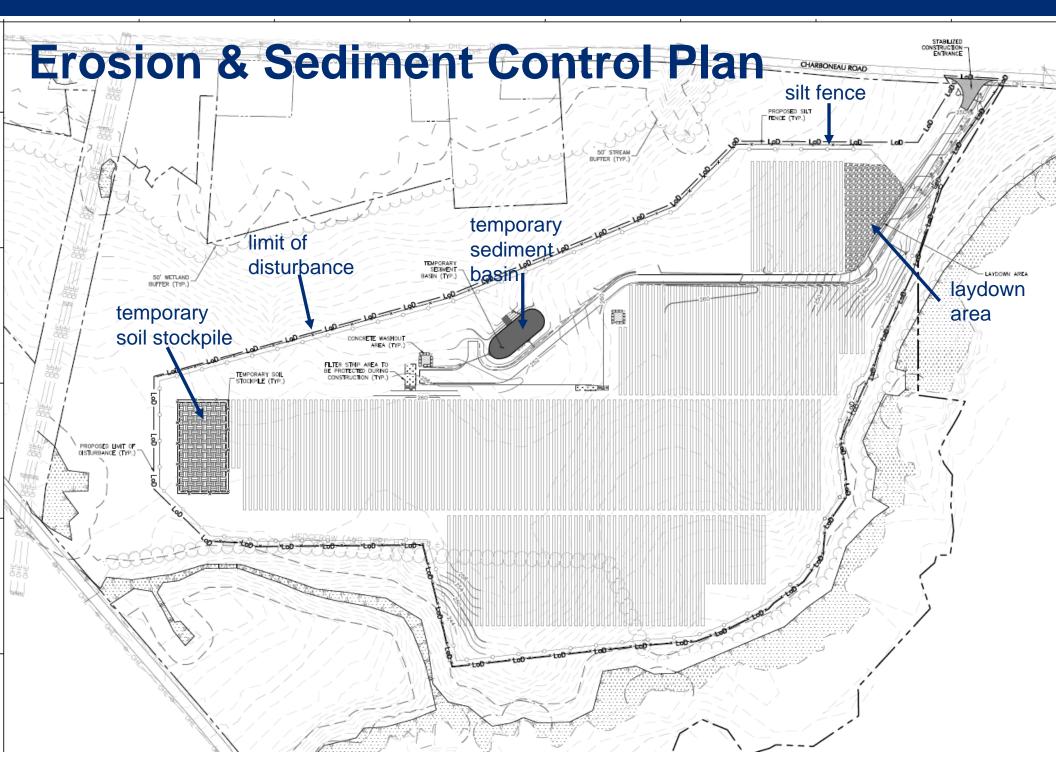


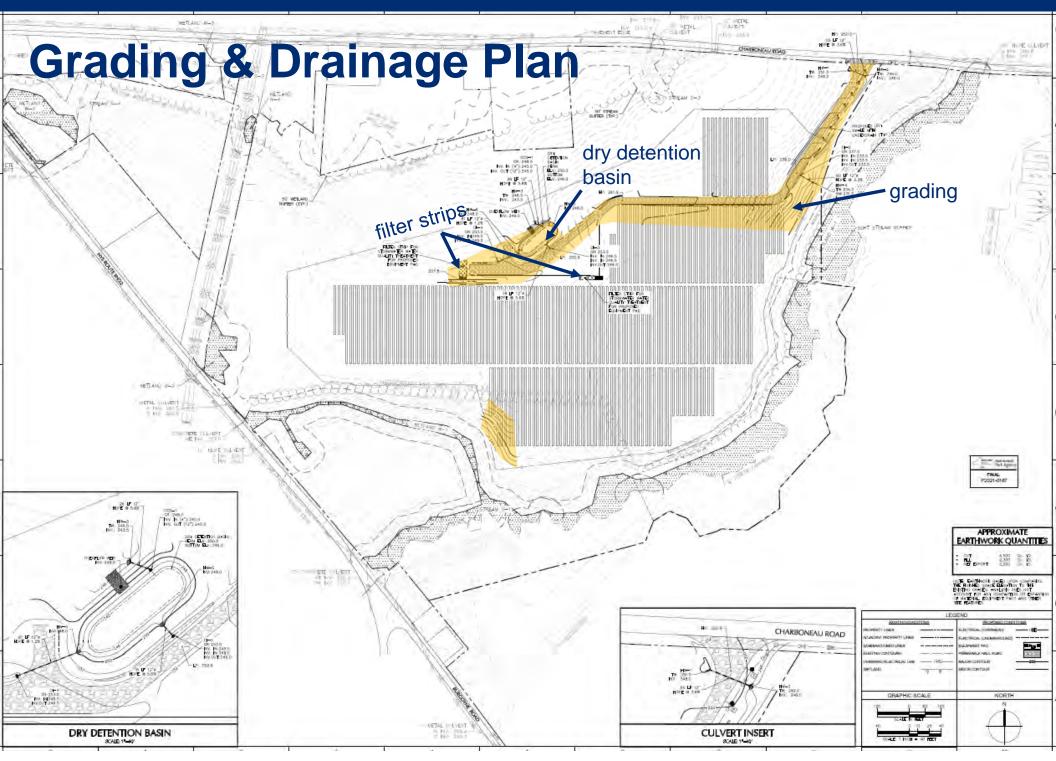
access road

1,900 ft

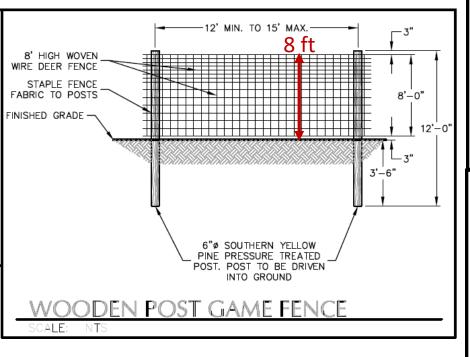
### Site Plan Map

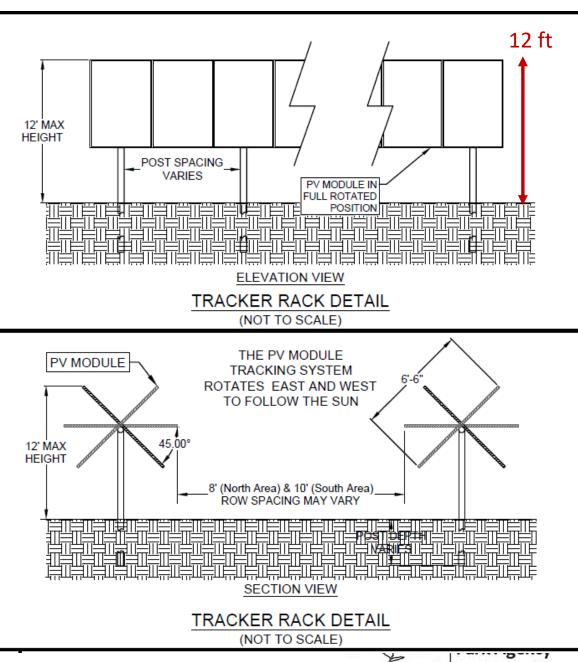


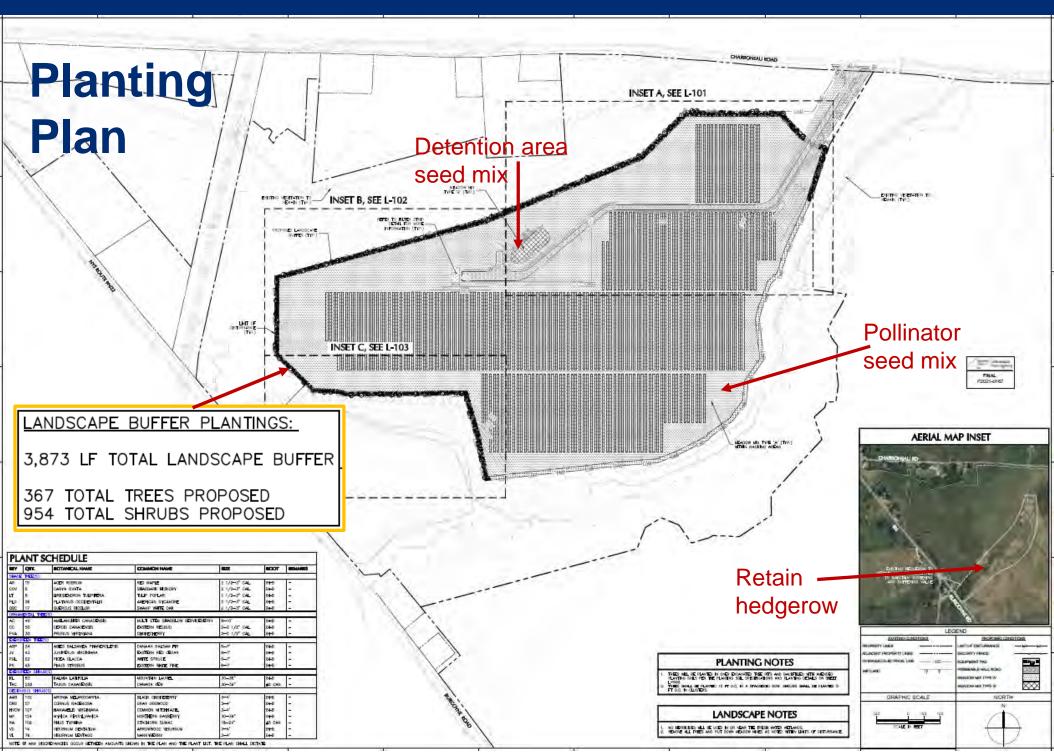




#### **Panels and Fence**







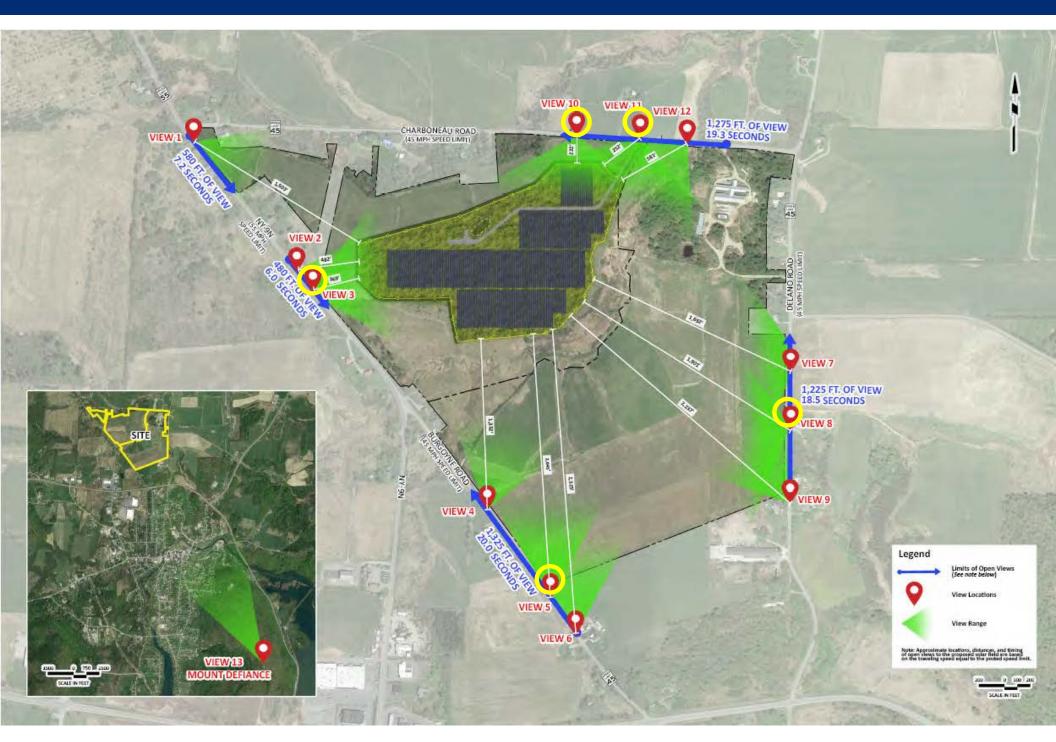
### **Additional Reports / Plans Prepared**

- Wetland and Stream Delineation Report
- Bat Habitat Assessment Report
  - < 1.25 miles Indiana bat hibernaculum</li>
  - < 2.5 miles northern long-eared bat hibernaculum</li>
  - No moderate / high-quality roosting habitat at site
  - 16 trees + 1 snag to be removed in winter
- State-listed Wintering Grassland Raptor Survey Report
  - Not occupied habitat
- Phase 1A/1B Cultural Resources Survey
  - No effect on historic resources
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Decommissioning Plan
  - If/when does not produce power for 1 year
  - Infrastructure removed to 3 ft depth



## **Visual Analysis**



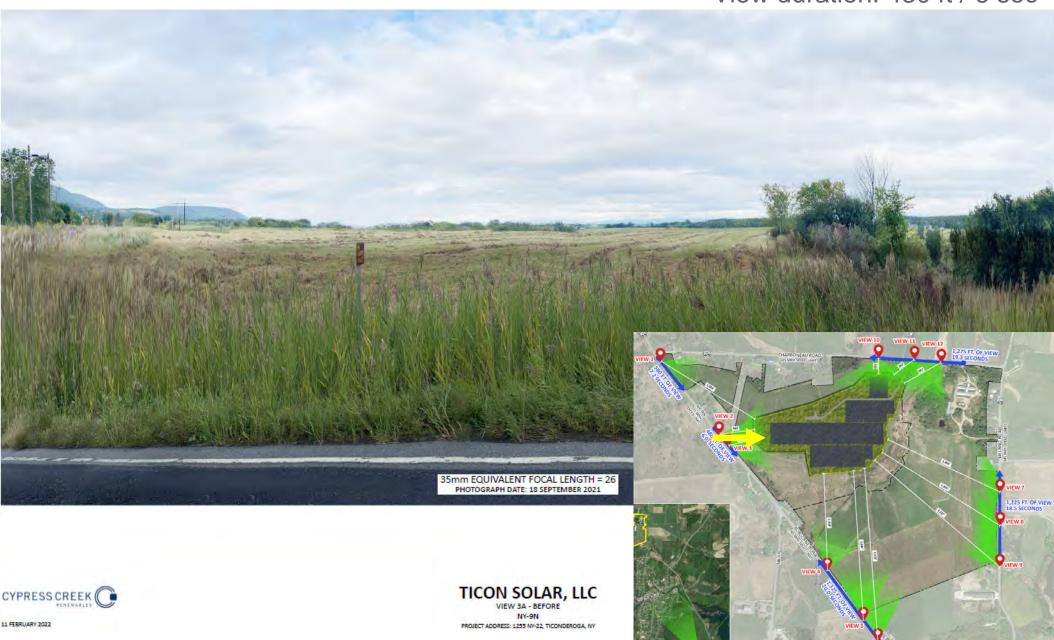


State Route 9N Existing Conditions (Sept 2021)

Distance: 369 ft to fence

Speed limit: 55 mph

View duration: 480 ft / 6 sec



#### At installation (26 mm)









At installation (55 mm)



After 5 years (55 mm)



After 10 years (55 mm)



Burgoyne Road Existing Conditions (Sept 2021) Distance: 2,045 ft to fence

Speed limit: 45 mph

View duration: 1,325 ft / 20 sec



At installation (26 mm)



At installation (55 mm)



Delano Road Existing Conditions (Sept 2021) Distance: 1,901 ft to fence

Speed limit: 45 mph

View duration: 1,225 ft / 18.5 sec



At installation (26 mm)



At installation (55 mm)



Charboneau Road
Existing Conditions (Sept 2021)

Distance: 222 ft to fence

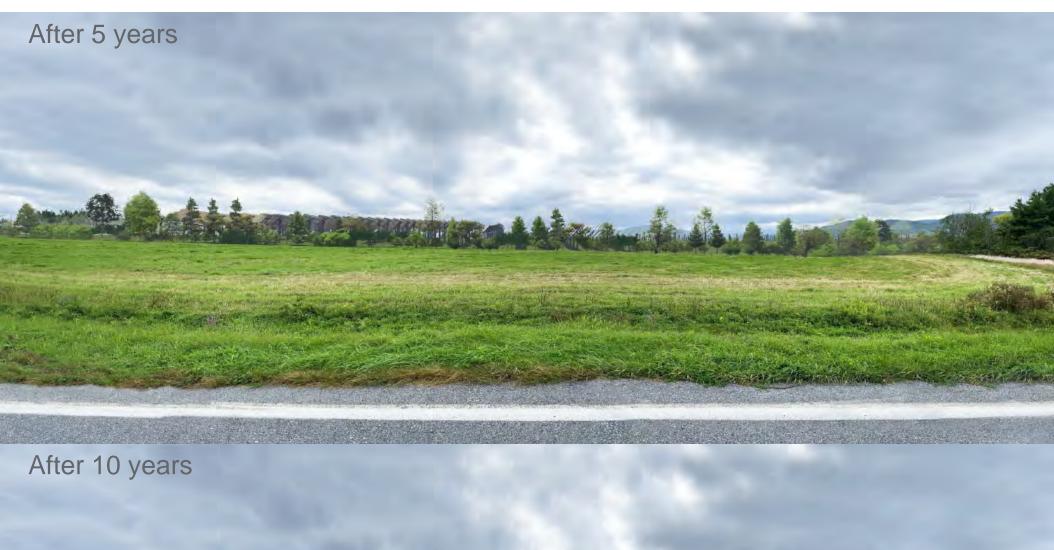
Speed limit: 45 mph

View duration: 1,275 ft / 19.5 sec



At installation (26 mm)







#### Existing Conditions (55 mm)



At installation (55 mm)



After 5 years (55 mm)



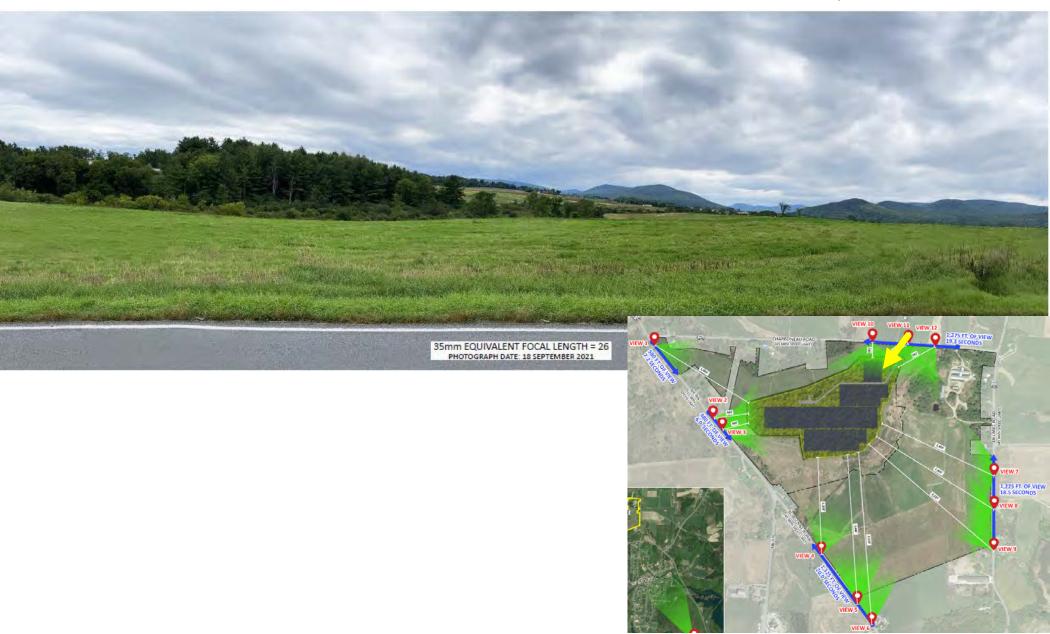
After 10 years (55 mm)



Charboneau Road Existing Conditions (Sept 2021) Distance: 252 ft to fence

Speed limit: 45 mph

View duration: 1,275 ft / 19.5 sec



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#### Existing Conditions (55 mm)



### At installation (55 mm)



After 5 years (55 mm)



### After 10 years (55 mm)



# Public Comment and Review by Others



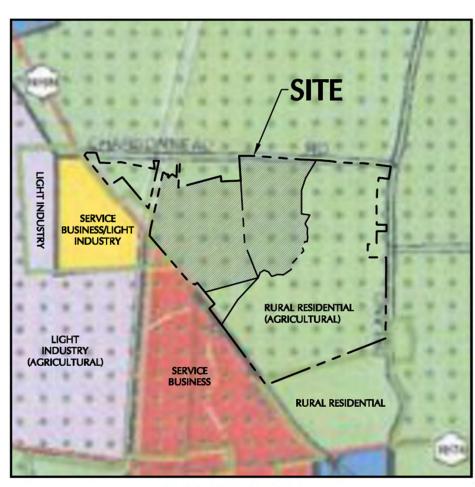
# **Public Notice**

- Notices sent to:
  - Adjoining Landowners
  - Town and County Officials
  - Local Government Review Board
- Notice posted to:
  - Environmental Notice Bulletin
  - Agency Website
- 1 Comment Letter Received



# **Review by Others**

- Town of Ticonderoga
  - Local land use controls for commercial solar (2019)
  - Rural Residential zoning district
  - Site Plan Review, Special Use and Building Permits
  - Permit application submitted to town: January 2022
  - PZB meeting: Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Next PZB mtg / public hearing: May 5<sup>th</sup>



**ZONING MAP** 



# **Review by Others**

- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
  - For bat protection: limit tree cutting to Nov 1 March 31
  - For grassland birds: no occupied habitat → Letter of No Jurisdiction Endangered Species Act
  - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - No "take" of bat species
  - No Endangered Species Act permit required
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
  - No Impact on historic or cultural resources



# Staff Recommendation: Approve with Conditions



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# **Draft Permit Conditions**

- > Subdivision as depicted, including merger of lots
- Location & dimensions of the development, access, utilities
- Compliance with the SWPPP and E & SC Plan
- Invasive Species Control
- Lighting and Signage
- Tree/Vegetation Retention, Planting, Management
- Photographs of completed project
- Decommissioning





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