

October 5, 2020

Mr. Ronald Brand
Director of Planning & Development
Town of Farmington
1000 County Road 8
Farmington, New York 14425

**RE: DELAWARE RIVER SOLAR, LLC – YELLOW MILLS RD SOLAR FACILITY
REVISED SITE PLAN, SWPPP, & DECOMMISSIONING PLAN
MRB PROJECT NO. 0610.12001.000 – PHASE 086
PB -1004-18 & 1006-18**

Dear Mr. Brand:

MRB has completed a review of the submitted Revised Preliminary Site Plan dated July 3, 2018, last revised September 29, 2020 and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) dated October 2019, last revised September 8, 2020 prepared by Schultz Associates. We have also completed a review of the submitted revised Decommissioning Plan dated September 2020 (Version 6.1) and the updates to the Environmental Monitor Qualifications. We offer the following comments for the Planning Boards consideration.

SITE PLAN AND GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Please note that all of our previous comments per our letter dated September 16, 2020 have been addressed.

DECOMMISSIONING PLAN & OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

2. Please note that all of our previous comments per our letter dated September 16, 2020 have been addressed.

LANDSCAPING

3. We have provided list of suggested species (evergreens) and planting heights per letters received from Landscape Architects who have reviewed similar projects within this area. We offer the following for the boards consideration:

Dry areas throughout the year:

- Picea abies, Norway Spruce (15 ft. O.C. Spacing)
- Picea glauca, White Spruce (15 ft. O.C. Spacing) – Native
- Abies concolor, Concolor Fir (15 ft. O.C. Spacing)
- Juniperus virginiana, Eastern Redcedar (10 ft. O.C. Spacing) – Native

Wet areas throughout extended periods of the year:

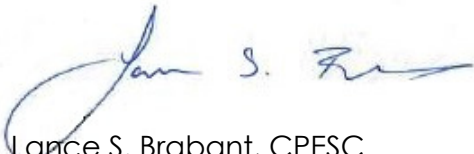
- Picea mariana, Black Spruce (15 ft. O.C. Spacing) - Native
- Thuja occidentalis, Eastern White Cedar (8 ft. O.C. Spacing) - Native
- Chamaecyparis thyoides, Atlantic White Cedar (15 ft. O.C. Spacing) – Native

Planting Notes:

- Groupings of particular plants of 7 to no more than 10 per grouping to spread out and alternate the various species.
- Plant trees at a height of 7-8 ft. heights range as the smaller tree will have a better survival rate and will mature to 10-12 ft. height within the next two years.
- Planting (3) types of species rather than (1) or (2) types will ensure that if any one species is struck by a disease, insect outbreak, or unanticipated micro-climactic conditions, it is less likely that the entire tree planting would be affected.

Please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions you may have in this regard. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Planning & Environmental Services

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