

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A 5.0 MEGAWATT (MW) AC COMMUNITY SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY BY AMHERST COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC TO BE LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST, NEW YORK, FOR LEASE TO THE AGENCY AND SUBSEQUENT LEASE TO AMHERST COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC, THE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENTS, THE EXECUTION OF A NON-STANDARD PILOT AGREEMENT AND THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized under the laws of the State of New York, and in particular the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, and Section 914-a of the General Municipal Law, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial and research facilities and thereby advance the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York and to improve their prosperity and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, Amherst Community Solar LLC, for itself or for related individuals or entities (the "Company"), has submitted to the Agency an application and other material information in connection therewith (collectively, the "Application") with respect to the construction and equipping by the Agency without the proceeds of a bond issue of an approximately 5.0 megawatt (MW) AC community solar electric generating facility comprised of panels, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, screening and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"), and the acquisition of and installation in and around the Premises and Improvements machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (together, the "Project") and conveyance of the Project pursuant to a lease of the Project to the Company, such Project to be located on a 21.5+/- acre parcel of land located at 595 Schoelles Road (SBL No. 28.00-1-1.11) in the Town of Amherst, New York (the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the Application as necessary to afford a reasonable basis to decide whether to provide financial assistance for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has prepared a written cost-benefit analysis that identifies the extent to which the Project will create permanent, private-sector jobs, the estimated value of any tax exemptions to be provided, the amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Project, the likelihood of accomplishing the proposed Project in a timely fashion, the extent to which the proposed Project will provide additional sources of revenue for the municipalities and school district and any other public benefits that might occur as a result of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Agency consider entering into a non-standard agreement for payment in lieu of real estate taxes ("PILOT") which will provide for payment by the Company of an annual PILOT equal to \$4500.00 per megawatt (MW) AC installed capacity, subject to an annual increase of two percent (2%), over a term of twenty-five (25) years,

which agreement deviates from the Agency's standard PILOT schedule as set forth in the Countywide Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "UTEP"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4)(b) of the General Municipal Law and the UTEP, the Agency duly delivered a Notice of Deviation on March 23, 2021 to the chief executive officers of each of the affected taxing jurisdictions and the industrial development agencies located in Erie County, New York regarding the proposed non-standard PILOT agreement for the Project; and

WHEREAS, after the giving of all required notices (including published notice), the Agency held a public hearing on the Project on April 8, 2021, and has considered all oral and written presentations made at or in connection with said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company with respect to the consummation of the Project, if by doing so it is able to induce the Company to proceed with the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company and the Town of Amherst will enter into a host community agreement in connection with the Project (the "Host Community Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst Planning Board (the "Planning Board") acted as "lead agency" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL Article 8 and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617) ("SEQRA") for the project, and determined that the Project was a Type I action, and the Company provided to the Agency a copy of the Company's completed Part 1 of the long-form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"); and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2021, the Planning Board issued a negative declaration under SEQRA with respect to the Project. A copy of the EAF and the negative declaration is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Negative Declaration").

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon a review of the Application, the EAF and the Negative Declaration issued by the Planning Board, the Agency hereby: (a) consents to and affirms the status of the Planning Board as lead agency within the meaning of, and for all purposes of complying with, SEQRA; (b) determines that the proceedings undertaken by the Planning Board as lead agency under SEQRA with respect to the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project satisfy the requirements of SEQRA, and ratifies and confirms such proceedings by the Planning Board as lead agency; (c) determines that all of the provisions of SEQRA that are required to be complied with as a condition precedent to the approval of the Financial Assistance (as defined herein) contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project and the participation by the Agency in undertaking the Project have been satisfied.

Section 2. The Project is described in the recitals to this Resolution. The financial assistance to be provided by the Agency in connection with the Project includes: (i) an exemption

from sales and use taxes for building materials and machinery, equipment, fixtures and furnishings purchased for incorporation into or use at the Project location having a total cost not to exceed \$1,900,000.00; and (ii) a twenty-five (25) year partial abatement from real property taxes in accordance with the non-standard payment in lieu of tax schedule set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto (the "Financial Assistance"). The payment in lieu of tax arrangement shall be set forth in a Payment in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes Agreement to be entered into between the Agency and the Company (the "PILOT Agreement"). In addition to any other covenants, obligations and agreements which may be contained in the Project Documents (as hereinafter defined), the provision by the Agency of the Financial Assistance is made subject to the agreement by the Company throughout the period during which the Company is receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency (the "Compliance Period") to comply with the following covenants and agreements, each of which shall constitute a "Material Factor":

- (a) compliance with the Agency's Local Labor Policy in connection with the construction of the Project;
- (b) creation within two (2) years of Project completion of two new part-time jobs and retention of such jobs throughout the Compliance Period; and
- (c) investment of not less than 85% of the total Project cost of \$8,568,400.00 in the renovation and equipping of the Project prior to Project completion;
- (d) execution and delivery of a Host Community Agreement between the Company and the Town of Amherst, as may be required by the Town.

Section 3. The Agency hereby determines that the Project and the financing thereof by the Agency pursuant to the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act will promote and is authorized by and will be in furtherance of the policy of the State as set forth in said Act.

Section 4. The proposed Financial Assistance to the Project deviates from the terms of the Agency's UTEP to the extent that the Company has requested a PILOT Agreement with a term of twenty-five (25) years that provides for a payment of \$4500.00 per megawatt (MW) AC installed capacity, subject to an annual increase of two percent (2%). The Agency hereby approves of the deviation from the UTEP and authorizes the provision of the Financial Assistance as described herein. In making this determination, the Agency has considered the following factors as required by the Act and the UTEP, no single one of which is determinative:

1. The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent private sector jobs: The Applicant has represented that construction jobs will be created during the construction time period, and that two (2) part-time positions relating to the operation of the Facility will be created.
2. The estimated value of tax exemptions to be provided: The estimated value of the sales and use tax benefit for the Project is an amount up to \$166,250.00. Given the uncertainty regarding the manner by which the Facility will be assessed as a solar generating facility and the uncertainty regarding the affected taxing jurisdictions' future tax rates, it is difficult to quantify at this time the estimated value of the real property tax exemption. It is anticipated that the PILOT Agreement will generate approximately \$720,682.00 in payments over the twenty-five (25) year term of the PILOT Agreement.

3. Whether affected taxing jurisdictions will be reimbursed by the Project occupant if the Project does not fulfill the purposes for which an exemption was provided: The Applicant will be subject to potential financial assistance recapture in the event the Applicant does not adhere to the Agency's standard material terms and conditions governing the receipt of financial assistance.
4. The impact of the proposed Project on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity: The impact of the Project is a positive one on the community, as it will promote job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare for the residents of Erie County and the Town of Amherst and in addition, the Project will help fulfill alternative, renewable, green energy needs of the State of New York.
5. The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the proposed Project: The total private sector investment in the Project is expected to exceed approximately \$8,568,400.00.
6. The demonstrated public support for the Project: The Town of Amherst has expressed its support for the Project. The Town of Amherst Planning Board approved the Site Plan for the Project on January 21, 2021. The Amherst Town Board approved Applicant's request for a special use permit on February 21, 2021.
7. The likelihood of accomplishing the proposed Project in a timely fashion: The Project is expected to be completed in a timely manner. Construction is expected to be completed by September 30, 2021.
8. The effect of the proposed Project upon the environment: The Town of Amherst Planning Board issued a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA that the Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The production of alternative, renewal, green energy is consistent with New York State energy goals and policies.
9. The extent to which the Project will utilize, to the fullest extent practicable and economically feasible, resource conservation, energy efficiency, green technologies, and alternative and renewable energy measures: The Project involves the construction and equipping of a solar electricity generating facility, which constitutes a renewable energy project.
10. The extent to which the proposed Project will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited, educational, transportation, emergency medical or police and fire services: The Project is not expected to require the provision of additional services.
11. The extent to which the proposed Project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts: The Project site currently consists of vacant land. The Project will generate additional sources of revenue from the PILOT payments which would otherwise not be received if the Project does not proceed.

Section 5. The Agency hereby authorizes the Company, as agents for the Agency, to proceed with the Project as herein authorized. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire an interest in the Project site and the buildings thereon, if any, and to construct or make renovations or additions thereto. The Company is authorized to proceed with the acquisition and construction of the Project as set forth in any Project Assistance Agreement, the Agency Lease Agreement or Installment Sale Contract (as hereinafter defined).

Section 6. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and any Assistant Secretary of the Agency, and other appropriate officials of the Agency and its agents and employees, are hereby authorized and directed to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution and to complete the Project in cooperation with the Company.

Section 7. The Company is authorized, as agents of the Agency, to initiate the construction of the Project, and the acquisition of machinery and equipment which will be a part thereof or will be used in connection therewith, and to advance such funds as may be necessary to accomplish such purposes. The designation of the Company as agent hereunder is limited to purchases of sales-taxable tangible personal property and services in connection with the Project which do not exceed a total cost of \$1,900,000.00 and shall not apply to any other purchase by the Company or any operating expenses of the Company. The Company shall report to the Agency, at such times as the Agency shall require, or as may otherwise be prescribed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (the "Commissioner"), the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the Company or agents of the Company or any operators of the Project, including, but not limited to, consultants or subcontractors of such agents or Project operators under the authority granted pursuant to this Resolution. A failure to report may result in the revocation of the designation of the Company as agent and repayment of any sales and use tax exemptions claimed.

Section 8. The Agency is hereby authorized to enter into a project assistance agreement with respect the provision of the Financial Assistance authorized herein (the "Project Assistance Agreement"), to acquire an interest in the Project site and construct a facility thereon, and execute and deliver a lease by the Company to the Agency (the "Company Lease"), an Agency Lease Agreement (the "Agency Lease Agreement") or Installment Sale Contract (the "Installment Sale Contract") between the Agency and the Company, the PILOT Agreement, and such other documents as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the parties to the transaction (collectively, the "Project Documents"), in a form satisfactory to Agency counsel. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Secretary are each authorized to execute such documents and to make or approve such amendments or modifications to the Project Assistance Agreement, Company Lease, the Agency Lease Agreement, Installment Sale Contract, the PILOT Agreement and such other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith as they deem necessary under the circumstances provided, however, that such modifications do not materially alter the risk to the Agency.

Section 9. Reserved.

Section 10. Any such action heretofore taken by the Company initiating the acquisition,

installation and construction of the Project is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 11. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof shall be paid by the Company. By acceptance hereof, the Company agrees to pay such expenses and further agrees to indemnify the Agency, its members, employees and agents and hold the Agency and such persons harmless against claims for losses, damage or injury or any expenses or damages incurred as a result of action taken by or on behalf of the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof.

Section 12. In the event a lease is not executed between the Company and the Agency by the expiration date of this Resolution (as such date may be extended as provided herein) or the termination of this Resolution, the Company shall then be required to pay all sales taxes which would have been levied in connection with the acquisition, construction and installation of all improvements to the real property and the machinery and equipment which constitute the Project, as if the Agency did not have an interest in the Project from the date the Company commenced its acquisition, construction and installation. In addition, in the event, because of the involvement of the Agency, the Company claims an exemption from state sales or use tax in connection with the Project, and such exemption is claimed with respect to property or services not authorized hereunder, or which exemption is in excess of the amounts authorized hereunder, or is otherwise not permitted under this Resolution, or if the Company shall fail to comply with a material term or condition regarding the use of property or services acquired by the Company as agent for the Agency as set forth in this Resolution or in any document authorized hereunder, then the Company shall each be required to remit to the Agency an amount equal to the amount of state sales and use taxes for which such exemption was improperly claimed. A failure to remit such amounts may result in an assessment against the Company by the Commissioner of state sales and use taxes, together with any relevant penalties and interest.

In addition to the foregoing, in the event the Agency determines that Company is in violation of a material term, or in the event that the Company closes the Project or relocates its operations to a location outside of the Town of Amherst within the time period during which the Company is receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency or in the event the Agency determines, in its judgment, that the Company knowingly and intentionally submitted false or intentionally misleading information in its application to the Agency or in any report or certification submitted to the Agency for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining any Financial Assistance from the Agency (each referred to herein as a "Recapture Event"), the Agency may, in accordance with its policies and procedures then in effect, (i) revoke the designation of the Company and any agents of the Company (including, but not limited to, consultants, sub-contractors or equipment lessors of the Company) as agents for the Agency in connection with the Project and terminate the exemption from New York State and local sales and use taxes conferred with respect to the Project and/or (ii) require that the Company, commencing with the tax fiscal year next following such Recapture Event make payments in lieu of taxes on the Project with respect to all applicable taxing authorities in such amounts as would be payable as real estate taxes levied on the Project if the Agency did not have an interest in the Project or otherwise modify the amount or terms of any Financial Assistance being provided by the Agency in connection with the Project and/or (iii) require that the Company pay to the Agency an amount equal to all or a portion (as determined by the Agency in its discretion) of the total value of (y) all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Company and any agents of the Company, including, but not limited to, consultants, sub-

contractors, or any equipment lessors of the Company under the authority granted under this Resolution and the Project Assistance Agreement, and/or (z) any exemption from real property taxes received by reason of the Agency's leasehold interest in the Project. If the Agency makes any of the foregoing determinations and requires a repayment of all or a portion of the Financial Assistance received by the Company, the Company shall (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any or all Financial Assistance obtained by the Company and (ii) promptly pay over any or all such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Agency shall then redistribute such amounts to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction(s) unless otherwise agreed to by any affected tax jurisdiction.

Section 13. The Agency has made and makes no representation or warranty whatsoever, either express or implied, with respect to the merchantability, condition, environmental status, fitness, design, operation or workmanship of any part of the Project, its fitness for any particular purpose, the quality or capacity of the materials in the Project, or the suitability of the Project for the Company's purposes or needs. The Company is satisfied that the Project is suitable and fit for its purposes. The Agency shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever to anyone for any loss, damage or expense of any kind or nature caused, directly or indirectly, by the Project property or the use or maintenance thereof or the failure of operation thereof, or the repair, service or adjustment thereof, or by any delay or failure to provide any such maintenance, repairs, service or adjustment, or by any interruption of service or loss of use thereof or for any loss of business howsoever caused, and the Company hereby indemnifies and holds the Agency harmless from any such loss, damage or expense.

Section 14. Should the appropriate officers of the Agency determine, in their absolute discretion, that there is reason to believe that the activities of any past or present owner or operator of the Premises have resulted in the generation of any "hazardous substance" (as the term has been defined from time to time in any applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation), or that any party has stored, disposed or released any such substance on the Premises or within a one (1) mile radius thereof, the Agency shall be under no obligation to enter into a lease as contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 15. No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained or contained in the Project Documents, or other documents, nor the breach thereof, shall constitute or give rise to or impose upon the Agency a pecuniary liability or a charge upon its general credit, nor shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity.

Section 16. Should the Agency's participation in the Project be challenged by any party, in the courts or otherwise, the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and its members, officers and employees from any and all losses arising from any such challenge including, but not limited to, the fees and disbursements of the Agency's counsel. Should any court of competent jurisdiction determine that the Agency is not authorized under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law to participate in the Project, this Resolution shall automatically become null, void and of no further force and effect (except for the obligations in this Section 16), and the Agency shall have no liability to the Company hereunder or otherwise.

Section 17. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall continue in full force

and effect for one (1) year from the date hereof and on or after such one (1) year anniversary, the Agency may, at its option (a) terminate the effectiveness of this Resolution (except with respect to the obligations of the Company pursuant to Sections 11, 12 and 16 of this Resolution which shall survive any expiration or termination) or (b) allow the Company additional time in which to close the transactions contemplated by this Resolution based upon affirmative actions taken by the Company to complete such transactions.

DATED: April 23, 2021

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO: May 3, 2021.

AMHERST COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC
by Catalyze Holdings, LLC
Its Sole Member

By: James Geshwiler

Name: James Geshwiler

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT A

**Town of Amherst
EAF and Negative Declaration**

See attached.

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 Counsel, Town Board, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees	Amherst Town Board Special Use Permit	
b. City, Town or Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Planning Board or Commission	Amherst Planning Board Site plan approval	
c. City, Town or <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Village Zoning Board of Appeals		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYSDEC SPDES permit approval	
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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 only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 where the proposed action would be located?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, identify the plan(s):	
NYS Heritage Areas: West Erie Canal Corridor	

No disturbance anticipated to Heritage Area.	
c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, identify the plan(s):	

C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. Yes No
 If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?
 SA - Suburban Agricultural

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? Yes No
 If Yes,
 i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? _____

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? Williamsville School District

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?
Town of Amherst Police and Emergency Services

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?
Getzville Fire Protection

d. What parks serve the project site?
Dann Lake Park

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? commercial

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 21.5 acres
 b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 15.0 acres
 c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 0.0 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? Yes No
 i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? Yes 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? Yes No
 iii. Number of lots proposed? _____
 iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? Yes No
 i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ months
 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 progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses? Yes No
 If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	One Family	Two Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? Yes No
 If Yes,

i. Total number of structures _____
 ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____ height; _____ width; and _____ length
 iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? Yes No
 If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____
 ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: Ground water Surface water streams Other specify: _____
 iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____
 iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres
 v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length
 vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): _____

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? Yes No
 (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite)
 If Yes:

i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____
 ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?
 • Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____
 • Over what duration of time? _____
 iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them.

 iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? Yes No
 If yes, describe. _____

 v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres
 vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres
 vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet
 viii. Will the excavation require blasting? Yes No
 ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? Yes No
 If Yes:

i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): non-regulated federal wetlands identified during the course of this development design scattered on the site

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres: post mounted solar arrays not considered an action requiring permitting or mitigation

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? 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): _____
v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? Yes No
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ gallons/day Yes No

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? Yes No
If Yes:

- 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? Yes No
If, Yes:

- 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 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 all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? Yes No
If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: _____
- 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? Yes No
 • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? Yes No
 If Yes:
 • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? Yes No
 If Yes:
 • 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, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):

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 point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?
 _____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface)
 _____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size)
 ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____

 iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?

 • If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____

 • 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 stormwater? Yes No

f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? Yes No
 If Yes, identify:
 i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)
 None
 ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)
 Construction equipment only
 iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)
 None

g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) Yes No
 ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (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)? Yes No

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? Yes No

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 new demand for transportation facilities or services? Yes No

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 _____

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? Yes No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within 1/2 mile of the proposed site? Yes No

vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? Yes No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? Yes No

k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? Yes No

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? Yes No

l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

i. During Construction:

- Monday - Friday: _____ 7 am - 5 pm _____
- Saturday: _____ 7 am - 2 pm _____
- Sunday: _____ none _____
- Holidays: _____ none _____

ii. During Operations:

- Monday - Friday: _____ inspections as needed only _____
- Saturday: _____ none _____
- Sunday: _____ none _____
- Holidays: _____ none _____

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? Yes No
 If yes:
 i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:
 Heavy equipment only during construction _____

 ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? Yes No
 Describe: _____

n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? Yes No
 If yes:
 i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

 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) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? Yes No
 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, insecticides) during construction or operation? Yes No
 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 of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:
 • Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)
 • Operation : _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)
 ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:
 • Construction: _____

 • Operation: _____

 iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:
 • Construction: _____

 • Operation: _____

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? Yes No

If Yes:

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:

- _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: _____

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? Yes No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: _____

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)

Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other (specify): _____

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe: _____

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	0.00	.09	+.09
• Forested	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	21.5	21.41	-.09
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Other Describe: _____			

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? Yes No
If Yes,
i. Identify Facilities: _____

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? Yes No
If Yes:
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:
• Dam height: _____ feet
• Dam length: _____ feet
• 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 No
If Yes:
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? Yes No
If Yes:
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred: _____

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? Yes No
If Yes:
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 engineering controls in place? Yes No
- Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? _____ >6.5 feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? Yes No
 If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

Lamson very fine sandy loam	_____	51.4 %
Minoa very fine sandy loam	_____	48.6 %
_____	_____	%

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: _____ 1 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils: Well Drained: _____ % of site
 Moderately Well Drained: _____ % of site
 Poorly Drained: 100 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: 0-10%: 100 % of site
 10-15%: _____ % of site
 15% or greater: _____ % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? Yes No
 If Yes, describe: _____

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? Yes No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? Yes No
 If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? Yes No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name _____ Classification _____
- Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____
- Wetlands: Name _____ Approximate Size _____
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? 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? Yes No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? Yes No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? Yes No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Name of aquifer: _____

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: _____
 successional _____

n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____

 ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____
 iii. Extent of community/habitat:
 • Currently: _____ acres
 • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres
 • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres

o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____

p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Species and listing: _____

q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? Yes No
 If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____

E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site

a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? Yes No
 If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: ERIE017

b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? Yes No
 i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____
 ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____

c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Nature of the natural landmark: Biological Community Geological Feature
 ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____

d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. CEA name: _____
 ii. Basis for designation: _____
 iii. Designating agency and date: _____

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic 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? If Yes: i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Building or District ii. Name: _____ iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? If Yes: i. Describe possible resource(s): _____ ii. Basis for identification: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? If Yes: i. Identify resource: _____ ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): _____ iii. Distance between project and resource: _____ miles.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers 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 6NYCRR Part 666?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Elle Schechter, Amherst Community Solar, LLC Date 11/16/2020

Signature *Elisa Schechter* Title Managing Member

Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.

Map data sources: Samsin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENTP, NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

B.1.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.1.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYS Heritage Areas: West Erie Canal Corridor
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	No
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	Yes
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	Yes
E.2.l. [Aquifers]	No
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	No

E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	Yes
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	ERIE017
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	No
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	Yes
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No



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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Lead Agency: Town of Amherst Planning Board **Project:** SP- 2020-14

Address: 5583 Main Street **Date:** January 21, 2021
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 631-7051

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 and Local Law #3-82, as amended, of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Lead Agency has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Title of Action: Site Plan Review

SEQR Status: Type I Action

Description of Action: Proposed development of a 15± acre solar energy development on a 21.5± acre parcel. A maximum of 13,260 solar panels will be post mounted in a southerly orientation facing I-990, with a potential output of 3.5-4 mw of energy. A 75 ft. paved access driveway will be located at the west end of the frontage along Schoelles Road. A 6 ft. tall fence and high impact screening will be installed on all four sides of the buildable area- 50 feet on the east, west and south boundaries, and 100 feet from Schoelles Road. Energy collecting equipment is to be located on pads within the fence line to the north of the property along Schoelles Road. An additional agricultural use, to be determined at a later date, will be included with this project. Work will include the site improvements not specifically stated above, including, stormwater, utilities, grading, lighting, paving, and landscaping.

Location: 595 Schoelles Road, Amherst, Erie County

Petitioner: Amherst Community Solar, LLC

Reasons Supporting This Determination

Based on information submitted by the applicant including a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) - Part I, (as amended) and a complete site plan application, a preliminary staff analysis was undertaken. Compared to the criteria listed in Section 617.7, all indications are that this action will not have a significant impact on the environment, as follows:

1. The project is not expected to cause a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; or a substantial increase in the potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems. The Engineering Department on November 24, 2020 reviewed the Grading, Drainage and Utility Plans, Erosion and Control Plans, and the Engineer's Report submitted on November 16, 2020.

The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) submitted on November 16, 2020 was also reviewed. Based on its review of these documents, the Department has determined that the project has or will have met all applicable requirements and has no objection to its approval.
2. The project will not result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; or in significant adverse impacts to fish or wildlife species, habitats or other natural resources. The Planning Department reviewed a Landscape Plan submitted on November 16, 2020 and determined that it meets or exceeds Zoning Ordinance requirements for greenspace. The Landscape Plan has or will have met all Zoning Ordinance and Town requirements for landscaping.
3. The project is not expected to create any material conflict with the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Building Department in their review of December 9, 2020 and the Planning Department in their review of December 14, 2020 determined that the subject project has or will have met all International Building Code – 2015 and Zoning Ordinance regulations.
4. The project is within an area identified by the State as having potentially archaeological or historical significance. A report by PanAmerican Consultants, Inc. and received by the Planning Department on January 21, 2021 concluded that the project will not have a significant impact on historical or cultural resources.
5. The project will not impair the character or quality of important aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character. The project is located in the Suburban Agriculture (SA) zoning district; neighboring uses are agricultural uses and single family homes and zoned Suburban Agriculture (SA); therefore, the project is consistent with surrounding land use since it complies with the Town's adoption of local laws that strongly emphasize mitigation measures (e.g. landscaping, inclusion of agricultural use) to allow renewable energy developments to be compatible with the surrounding rural character in the area.

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6. The proposed subject development will include a 15± acre solar energy development which will increase energy output at this location.
7. The project will not create any hazard to human health. The Fire Chief's Association on December 3, 2020 has reviewed the project and has no objection to the approval of the site plan, as all requirements of this agency has or will have been met.
8. The project will change the use, and the intensity of the use, of land at this location, from open farmland to a field of solar arrays, however, the proposed 15± acre solar energy development will include a co-located agricultural use and will be consistent with the scale of surrounding land uses.
9. The function of the proposed 15± acre solar energy development will not significantly increase the number of people using the site over its previous level of use. A maintenance plan will provide the minimum access by individuals needed to maintain the equipment and uses on the site.
10. Reviews by the Town Traffic/Safety Board dated December 3, 2020, and NYSDOT dated January 21, 2021 indicate that significant negative traffic impacts are not expected to result from the proposed project.
11. A coordinated review of the project has been undertaken by Town Departments including, in addition to those mentioned above, Highway on December 5, 2020, Assessor on December 1, 2020, Plumbing Division on December 1, 2020, and Right-of-Way Agent on November 25, 2020. These reviews did not identify any potential significant adverse environmental issues and indicated that the proposal will not have a significant damaging impact on the environment.
12. Issues not specifically mentioned above and/or those not specifically reviewed were not raised by Town departments, outside agencies or the public and are not determined to cause significant negative environmental impacts.

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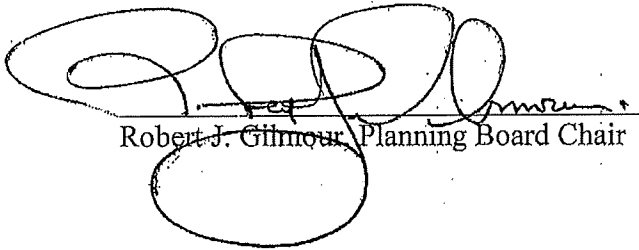
Planning Board Approval

Moved by: Giuliani; Seconded by: Penberthy

Ayes 7; Noes 0; Absent 0

Ellen M. Mast, Asst. Planning Director
signature & title of preparer

1/22/21
Date


Robert J. Gilmour, Planning Board Chair

1/22/21
Date

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EXHIBIT B
PILOT Schedule

PILOT Payments shall be calculated as follows:

With respect to the assessed value of the land and any pre-Project improvements, payments by the Company shall be in an amount equal to the amount of taxes that would have been paid were there no exemption based on the Agency's leasehold interest in the Project. In the alternative, the assessed value of the land and any pre-Project improvements will continue to be paid as real property taxes outside of the PILOT Agreement.

With respect to the assessed value added by the Project, the PILOT Agreement between the Agency and the Company will provide for payments by the Company of \$4,500.00 per megawatt (MW) AC installed capacity, subject to an annual increase of two percent (2%). The PILOT Agreement will have a term of twenty-five (25) years.

In accordance with Section 858(15) of the General Municipal Law, PILOT payments shall be allocated among the affected tax jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each affected tax jurisdiction had the Project not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency involved in the Project.






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