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Project: Construction of commercial-scale PV solar energy generation facility, Middle Road, East Windsor NDDB Determination No.: 202002789

Dear Mr. Gustafson,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) maps and files regarding the area of work provided for the proposed construction of a commercial-scale PV solar energy generation facility along Middle Road, East Windsor, Connecticut. I do not anticipate negative impacts to State-listed species (RCSA Sec. 26-306) resulting from your proposed activity at the site based upon the information contained within the NDDB and the current land use practice of cultivated fields. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits. This determination is good for two years. Please re-submit a new NDDB Request for Review if the scope of work changes or if work has not begun on this project by March 5, 2022.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey, cooperating units of DEEP, landowners, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the NDDB should not be substitutes for on-site surveys necessary for a thorough environmental impact assessment. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the database as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3090, or <u>DEEP.Nddbrequest@ct.gov</u>. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Database.

Sincerely,

/s/ Geoffrey Krukar Wildlife Biologist

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**Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection** Bureau of Natural Resources Wildlife Division

Арр #:		
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Check #: No fee required		
Program: Natural Diversity Database Endangered Species		
Hardcopy Electronic		

# Request for Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) State Listed Species Review

Please complete this form in accordance with the <u>instructions</u> (DEEP-INST-007) to ensure proper handling of your request.

There are no fees associated with NDDB Reviews.

# Part I: Preliminary Screening & Request Type

Before submitting this request, you must review the most current Natural Diversity Data Base "State and Federal Listed Species and Significant Natural Communities Maps" found on the <u>DEEP website</u> . These maps are updated twice a year, usually in June and December.			
Does your site, including all affected areas, fall in an NDDB Area according to the map instructions:			
Yes No Enter the date o	f the map reviewed for pre-screening: <b>December 2019</b>		
This form is being submitted for a :			
<ul> <li>New NDDB request</li> <li>Renewal/Extension of a NDDB Request, without modifications and within two years of issued NDDB determination (no attachments required)</li> <li>[CPPU Use Only - NDDB-Listed Species Determination # 1736]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New Safe Harbor Determination (optional) must be associated with an application for a GP for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities</li> <li>Renewal/Extension of an existing Safe Harbor Determination</li> <li>With modifications</li> <li>Without modifications (no attachments required)</li> <li>[CPPU Use Only - NDDB-Safe Harbor Determination # 1736]</li> </ul>		
Enter NDDB Determination Number for Renewal/Extension:	Enter Safe Harbor Determination Number for Renewal/Extension:		

#### Part II: Requester Information

\*If the requester is a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or a statutory trust, it must be registered with the Secretary of State. If applicable, the name shall be stated **exactly** as it is registered with the Secretary of State. Please note, for those entities registered with the Secretary of State, the registered name will be the name used by DEEP. This information can be accessed at the Secretary of the State's database CONCORD. (www.concord-sots.ct.gov/CONCORD/index.jsp)

If the requester is an individual, provide the legal name (include suffix) in the following format: First Name; Middle Initial; Last Name; Suffix (Jr, Sr., II, III, etc.).

If there are any changes or corrections to your company/facility or individual mailing or billing address or contact information, please complete and submit the <u>Request to Change company/Individual Information</u> to the address indicated on the form.

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1.	Requester*			
	Company Name: Verogy, LLC			
	Contact Name: Steven DeNino, COO			
	Address: 150 Trumbull Street, 4th Floor			
	City/Town: Hartford	State: CT	Zip Code:	06103
	Business Phone: (860) 288-7215	ext. 702		
	**E-mail: sdenino@verogy.com			
	**By providing this email address you are agreeing to receive this electronic address, concerning this request. Please reme you can receive emails from "ct.gov" addresses. Also, pleas changes	ember to check	your security	settings to be sure
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	i) Check type 🗌 corporation 🛛 🖾 limited liability com	pany 🗌 lin	nited partners	ship
	☐ limited liability partnership ☐ statuto	ory trust 🗌 C	Other:	
	ii) Provide Secretary of the State Business ID #: 1323955	This informatio	n can be acce	essed at the
	Secretary of the State's database (CONCORD). ( <u>www.concord-sots.ct.gov/CONCORD/index.jsp</u> )			CORD/index.jsp)
	iii) Check here if your business is <b>NOT</b> registered with the Secretary of State's office.			Э.
b)	Acting as (Affiliation), pick one:			
	Property owner     Consultant     Engineer	Facility own	er 🛛 Ap	plicant
	Biologist   Pesticide Applicator   Other restriction	epresentative:		
2.	List Primary Contact to receive Natural Diversity Data Badifferent from requester.	ase correspon	idence and i	nquiries, if
	Company Name: All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C	, 7 -		
	Contact Person: Dean Gustafson	Title: Senior E	Biologist	
	Mailing Address: 567 Vauxhall Street Extension – Suite 34	11		
	City/Town: Waterford	State: CT	Zip Code:	06385
	Business Phone: (860) 552-2033	ext.		
	**E-mail: dgustafson@allpointstech.com			

# Part III: Site Information

This request can only be completed for one site. A separate request must be filed for each additional site.

1.	SITE NAME AND LOCATION			
	Site Name or Project Name: East Windsor Solar One			
	Town(s): East Windsor			
	Street Address or Location Description: <b>341 East Road</b>			
	Size in acres, or site dimensions: Property	: ±73 acres; Project Area: ±25 ac	res	
	Latitude and longitude of the center of the s	ite in decimal degrees (e.g., 41.23	456 -71.68574):	
	Latitude: <b>41.89072°</b>	Longitude: -72.51870°		
	Method of coordinate determination (check	one):		
	□ GPS ⊠ Photo interpolation using	CTECO map viewer Other (s	specify):	
2a.	2a. Describe the current land use and land cover of the site.			
	The site is currently in agricultural use which is dominated by cultivated fields. Relatively narrow bordering forested wetlands to Pecks Brook are located near the eastern site boundary, located primarily on the adjoining parcel, in proximity to the proposed solar facility. Southern portions of the site well beyond the proposed solar facility include an agricultural pond (impounded Pecks Brook), scrub/shrub bordering wetlands and old field in addition to other cultivated fields.			
b.	Check all that apply and enter the size in ac	cres or % of area in the space after	r each checked category.	
	Industrial/Commercial	Residential	Forest	
	⊠ Wetland <u>15%</u>	⊠ Field/grassland <u>90%</u>	⊠ Agricultural <u>100%</u>	
	⊠ Water <u>5%</u>	Utility Right-of-way		
	☐ Transportation Right-of-way	Other (specify): <u>5% old field</u>	<u>l</u>	

# Part IV: Project Information

1.	PROJECT TYPE: Choose Project Type: Other , If other describe: <u>Commercial-scale PV Solar Facility</u>
2.	Is the subject activity limited to the maintenance, repair, or improvement of an existing structure within the existing footprint? ☐ Yes ⊠ No If yes, explain.

#### Part IV: Project Information (continued)

3.	Give a detailed description of the activity which is the subject of this request and describe the methods and
	equipment that will be used. Include a description of steps that will be taken to minimize impacts to any
	known listed species.

Verogy is proposing the construction of a commercial-scale PV solar energy generation facility to be located within an existing cultivated field located in the northern portion of the subject property. Access to the facility will be from Middle Road.

Typical equipment anticipated to be used include trucks of varying sizes, excavators, bulldozers, forklifts, and other equipment necessary for the clearing of vegetation, installation of gravel access drive, movement of materials, installation of racking foundation system and solar panels, electrical conduits and limited grading for the solar array development footprint.

Erosion control measures will follow the CTDEEP 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and stormwater will be treated in accordance with the CTDEEP 2004 Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual.

4. If this is a renewal or extension of an existing Safe Harbor request *with* modifications, explain what about the project has changed.

5. Provide a contact for questions about the project details if different from Part II primary contact. Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

# Part V: Request Requirements and Associated Application Types

Check one box from either Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3, indicating the appropriate category for this request.

Group 1. If you check one of these boxes, complete Parts I – VII of this form and submit the required attachments A and B.				
Preliminary screening was negative but an NDDB review is still requested				
Request regards a municipally regulated or unregulated activity (no state permit/certificate needed)				
Request regards a preliminary site assessment or project feasibility study				
Request relates to land acquisition or protection				
Request is associated with a <i>renewal</i> of an existing permit or authorization, with no modifications				
<b>Group 2.</b> If you check one of these boxes, complete Parts I – VII of this form and submit required attachments A, B, <i>and</i> C.				
Request is associated with a <i>new</i> state or federal permit or authorization application or registration				
Request is associated with modification of an existing permit or other authorization				
Request is associated with a permit enforcement action				
Request regards site management or planning, requiring detailed species recommendations				
Request regards a state funded project, state agency activity, or CEPA request				
<b>Group 3.</b> If you are requesting a <b>Safe Harbor Determination</b> , complete Parts I-VII and submit required attachments A, B, and D. Safe Harbor determinations can only be requested if you are applying for a GP for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities				
If you are filing this request as part of a state or federal permit application(s) enter the application information below.				
Permitting Agency and Application Name(s): Connecticut Siting Council, Petition for a Declaratory Ruling & CTDEEP Construction Stormwater				
General Permit				
Related State DEEP Permit Number(s), if applicable: <u>N/A</u>				
State DEEP Enforcement Action Number, if applicable: <u>N/A</u>				
State DEEP Permit Analyst(s)/Engineer(s), if known: <u>N/A</u>				
Is this request related to a previously submitted NDDB request?  Yes No If yes, provide the previous NDDB Determination Number(s), if known:				

## Part VI: Supporting Documents

Check each attachment submitted as verification that *all* applicable attachments have been supplied with this request form. Label each attachment as indicated in this part (e.g., Attachment A, etc.) and be sure to include the requester's name, site name and the date. **Please note that Attachments A and B are required for all new requests and Safe Harbor renewals/extensions with modifications.** Renewals/Extensions with no modifications do not need to submit any attachments. Attachments C and D are supplied at the end of this form.

Attachment A:	<b>Overview Map:</b> an 8 1/2" X 11" print/copy of the relevant portion of a USGS Topographic Quadrangle Map clearly indicating the exact location of the site.	
Attachment B:	<b>Detailed Site Map:</b> fine scaled map showing site boundary and area of work details on aerial imagery with relevant landmarks labeled. (Site and work boundaries in GIS [ESRI ArcView shapefile, in NAD83, State Plane, feet] format can be substituted for detailed maps, see instruction document)	
Attachment C:	Supplemental Information, Group 2 requirement (attached, DEEP-APP-007C)         Section i:       Supplemental Site Information and supporting documents         Section ii:       Supplemental Project Information and supporting documents	
Attachment D:	Safe Harbor Report Requirements, Group 3 (attached, DEEP-APP-007D)	

### Part VII: Requester Certification

The requester *and* the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing the request must sign this part. A request will be considered incomplete unless all required signatures are provided.

"I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of the individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief."

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Signature of Requester (a typed name will substitute for a handwritten signature)

Dean Gustafson, APT, Agent for Verogy, LLC

Name of Requester (print or type)

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Signature of Preparer (if different than above)

Dean Gustafson, All-Points Technology Corp. Name of Preparer (print or type) **February 24, 2020** Date

Title (if applicable)

February 24, 2020 Date

Senior Biologist Title (if applicable)

Note: Please submit the completed Request Form and all Supporting Documents to:

CENTRAL PERMIT PROCESSING UNIT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 79 ELM STREET HARTFORD, CT 06106-5127

Or email request to: deep.nddbrequest@ct.gov

# Attachment C: Supplemental Information, Group 2 requirement

#### Section i: Supplemental Site Information

#### 1. Existing Conditions

Describe all natural and man-made features including wetlands, watercourses, fish and wildlife habitat, floodplains and any existing structures potentially affected by the subject activity. Such features should be depicted and labeled on the site plan that must be submitted. Photographs of current site conditions may be helpful to reviewers.

The proposed solar facility would be located within an existing cultivated field that will require minimial grading and vegetation removal. No wetlands or watercourses will be permanently impacted by the proposed solar facility and generally a minimum 100-foot buffer would be provided from the fenced facility and nearest wetland resource.

#### Site Photographs (optional) attached

#### Site Plan/sketch of existing conditions attached

#### 2. Biological Surveys

Has a biologist visited the site and conducted a biological survey to determine the presence of any endangered, threatened or special concern species  $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

If yes, complete the following questions and submit any reports of biological surveys, documentation of the biologist's qualifications, and any NDDB survey forms.

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Habitat and/or species targeted by survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates when surveys were conducted:

**Reports of biological surveys attached** 

Documentation of biologist's qualifications attached

**<u>NDDB Survey forms</u>** for any listed species observations attached

#### Section ii: Supplemental Project Information

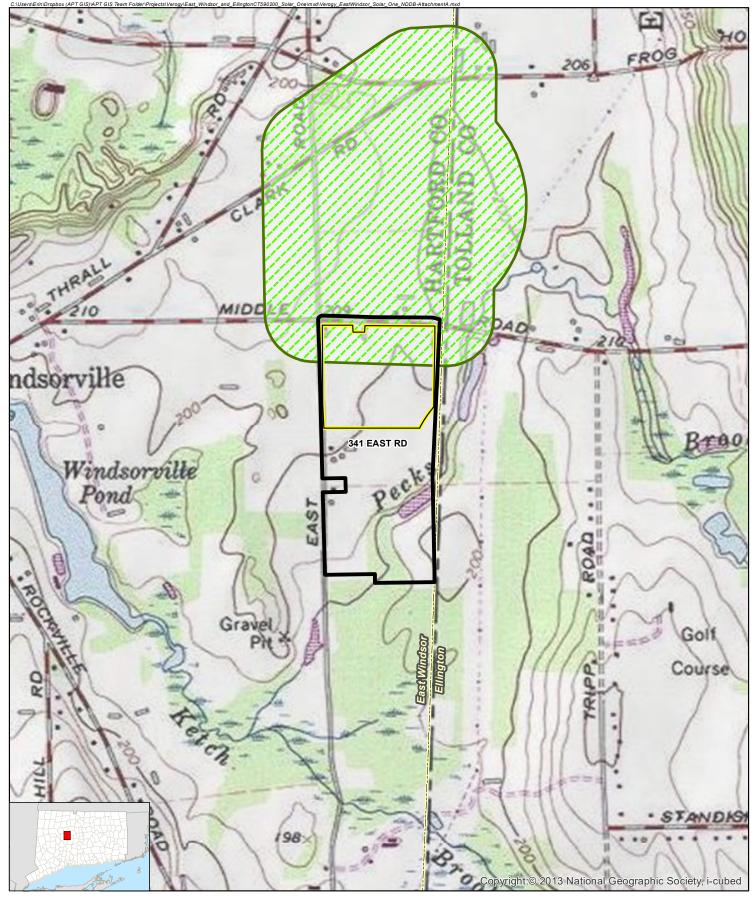
1. Provide a schedule for all phases of the project including the year, the month and/or season that the proposed activity will be initiated and the duration of the activity.

The proposed construction project is anticipated to extend over a period of 6 to 9 months. Construction would start once approval is granted by the Connecticut Siting Council, DEEP and other reviewing agencies.

2. Describe and quantify the proposed changes to existing conditions and describe any on-site or off-site impacts. In addition, provide an annotated site plan detailing the areas of impact and proposed changes to existing conditions.

With the proposed solar facility being located within a cultivated, minimal grading and vegetation clearing is required and no direct impact to wetlands or Pecks Brook would result from the proposed development.

#### Annotated Site Plan attached



#### Legend



Site Natural Diversity Database Area (Dec. 2019)

<u>Map Notes:</u> Base Map Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Maps: Broad Brook (1984), CT Map Scale: 1:12,000 Map Date: January 2020 1,000 500 0

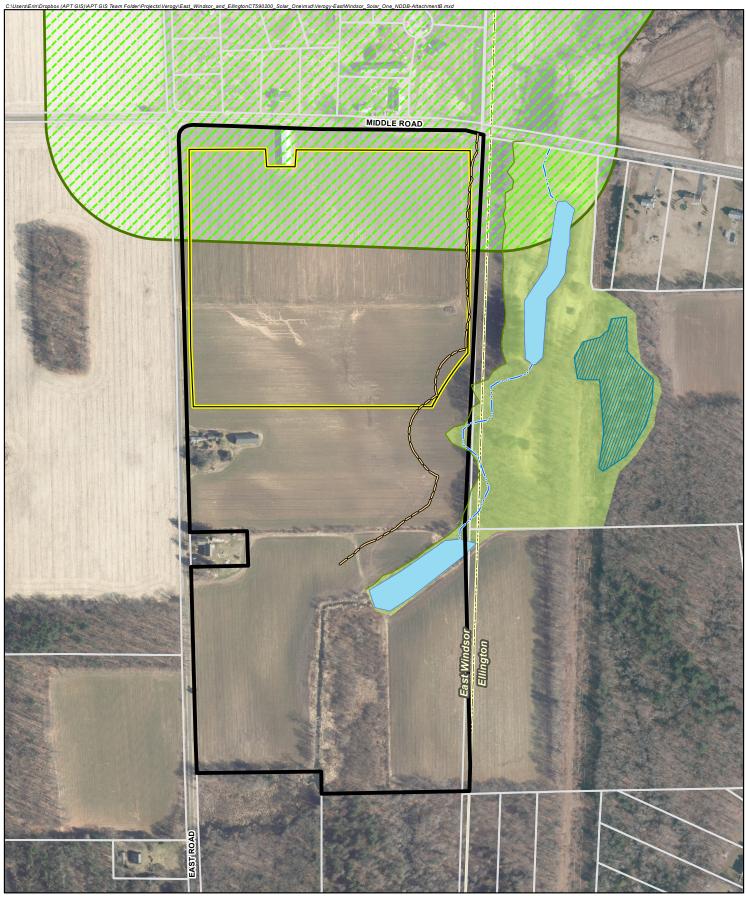
#### NDDB Attachment A Overview Map

Proposed Solar Facility East Windsor Solar One 341 East Road East Windsor, Connecticut

1,000

Feet





#### Legend

- Site Project Location
- Approximate Parcel Boundary (CTDEEP)

Natural Diversity Database Area (Dec. 2019) =

<u>Map Notes:</u> Base Map Source: CTECO 2019 Aerial Photograph Map Scale: 1 inch = 400 feet Map Date: January 2020

Municipal Boundary 1 Delineated Wetland Boundary Wetland Area = 150' Upland Review Area Approx. Intermittent Stream 400 200

Approx. Vernal Pool Approx. Waterbody

400

Feet

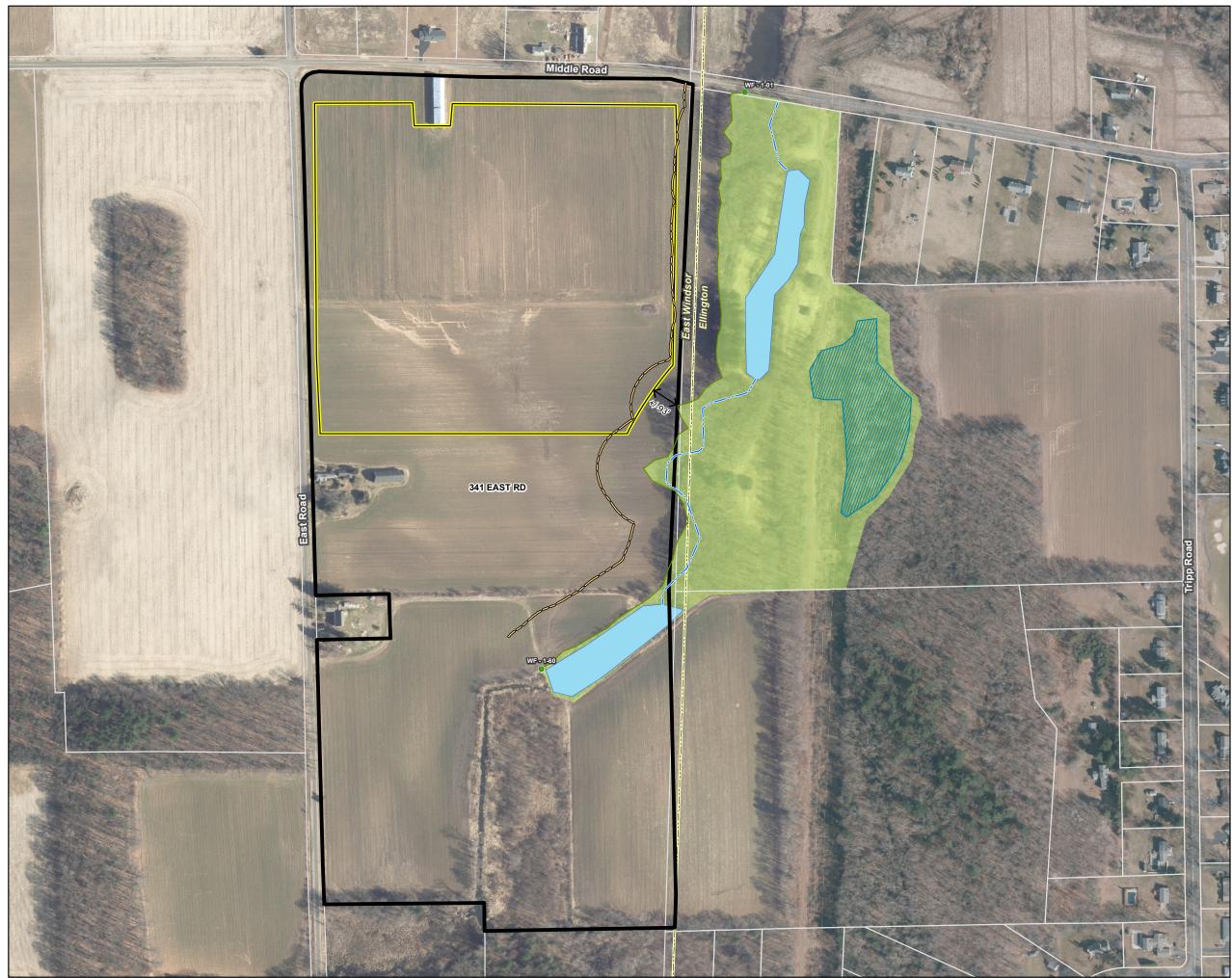


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#### **NDDB Attachment B Detailed Site Map**

Proposed Solar Facility East Windsor Solar One 341 East Road East Windsor, Connecticut





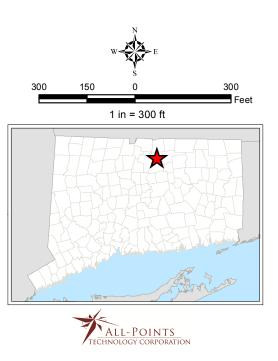
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Wetland Inspection Map Proposed Solar Facility East Windsor Solar One 341 East Road, East Windsor, Connecticut



# Legend

	Site	
Project Location		
$\square$	Municipal Boundary	
٠	Delineated Wetland Flag	
	Delineated Wetland Boundary	
	Wetland Area	
	150' Upland Review Area	
	Approx. Intermittent Stream	
	Approx. Vernal Pool	
	Approx. Waterbody	

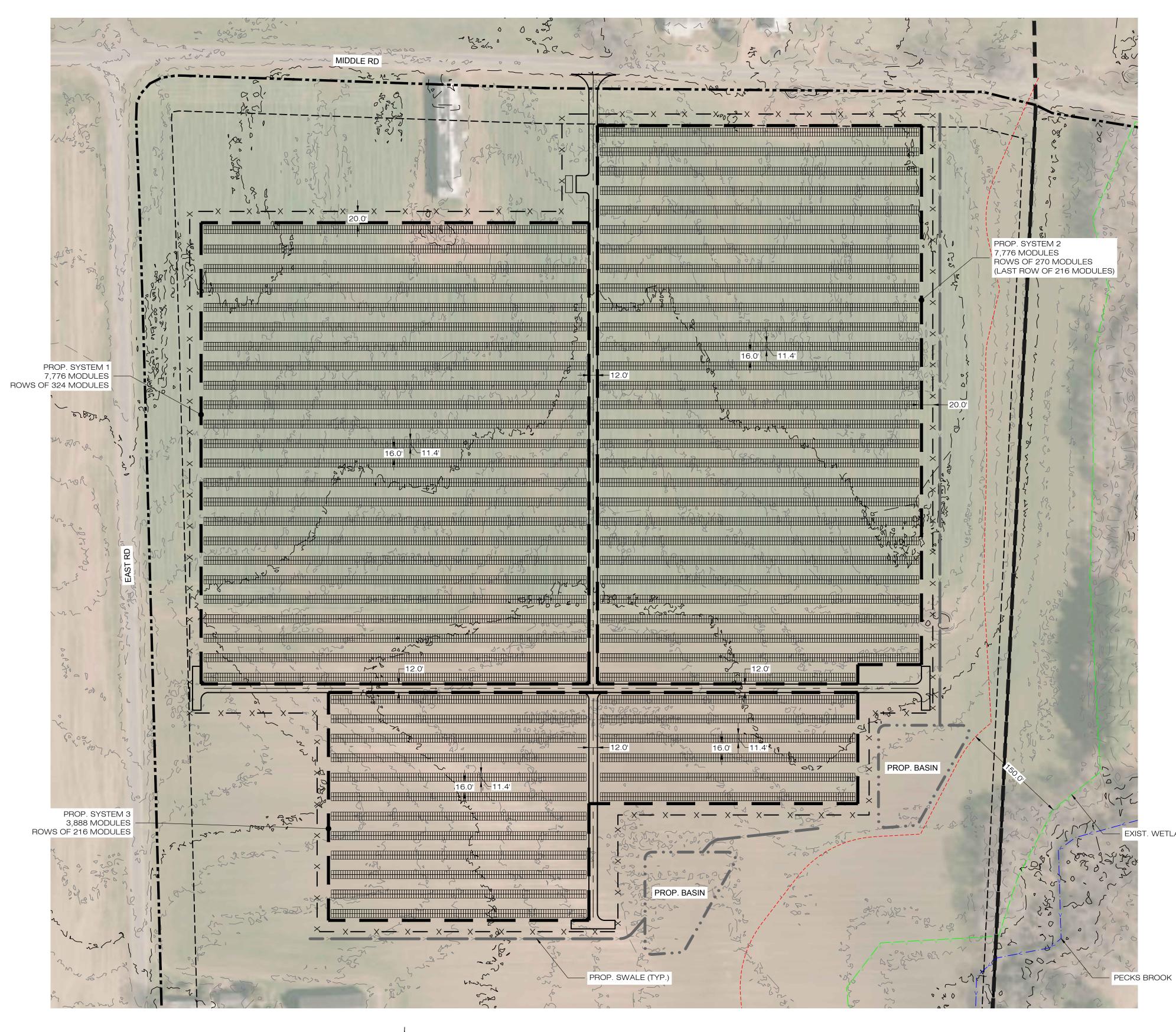


#### Map Sources:

Ortho Base Map: CT ECO 2019 Aerial Imagery

Elevation contours derived from 2016 LiDAR data provided by CTECO

Wetlands Field Delineated by: Matthew Gustafson, Registered Soil Scientis Date: Jan. 2, 2020



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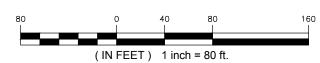
MODULE MODEL - EAGLE 72HM G2

MODULE WATTAGE - 370W

PROP. TILT - 30 DEGREES

INTER-ROW SPACING - 16 FEET





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- EXIST. WETLAND (TYP.)



PHOTO DOCUMENTATION Verogy, LLC East Windsor Solar One Facility 341 East Road, East Windsor, CT Photos taken on May 21, 2019



Photo 1: Overview of cultivated field and proposed solar facility area looking northwest.



Photo 2: Overview of cultivated field eastern side and proposed solar facility area looking north.



PHOTO DOCUMENTATION Verogy, LLC East Windsor Solar One Facility 341 East Road, East Windsor, CT Photos taken on May 21, 2019



Photo 3: Overview of cultivated field eastern side and proposed solar facility area looking south.



Photo 4: Overview of cultivated field and proposed solar facility area looking southwest.



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Photo 5: View of Pecks Brook looking south.



Photo 6: View of farm pond looking north.