



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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November 1, 2022

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Lodestar Energy Proposed Solar Project – 599 Greenwoods Road East Road, Norfolk

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

Pursuant to 16-50k(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, we have reviewed the above cited project with respect to agricultural impacts, specifically, to determine whether “...such project will not materially affect the status of such land as prime farmland...”

Lodestar Energy is proposing to construct a four-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the Town of Norfolk’s transfer station, storage yard, and former landfill.

Our Department has reviewed the NRCS Web Soil Survey data for this location and determined that neither prime nor important farmland soils are located on the property. There is no current agricultural production on the site.

Based on preliminary information provided to DoAg (enclosed), the Department of Agriculture concludes there will be no impact to prime farmland soils or existing agricultural activities provided that the system is placed in the location as proposed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly Lalime of my staff. Holly can be reached at Holly.Lalime@ct.gov or at (860) 969-7053.

Sincerely,

Bryan P. Hurlburt
Commissioner

Enc.

Cc: Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Carrie L. Ortolano, Lodestar Energy



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July 28, 2022

Bryan P. Hurlburt, Commissioner
Department of Agriculture
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Commissioner Hurlburt:

As part of the requirements under Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS") Section 16-50k(a), LSE Pyxis LLC is seeking written confirmation from the Department of Agriculture ("Department") that the solar photovoltaic electric generating project as described below will not materially affect the status of the underlying land as prime farmland.

LSE Pyxis LLC will be filing a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council, pursuant to CGS Sections 4-176 and 16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of an approximately 4-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection equipment (the "Project") at 599 Greenwood Road East Road in Norfolk. The property is the location of the Town's transfer station, storage yard and former landfill.

LSE Pyxis LLC has reviewed the State-wide Prime and Important Farmland Soils map and confirmed that neither Prime nor Important Farmland Soils are located on the property. Attached is a map depicting the Project area.

LSE Pyxis LLC respectfully requests the Department provide written concurrence with our findings at its earliest convenience. Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Carrie Larson Ortolano

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Enclosures

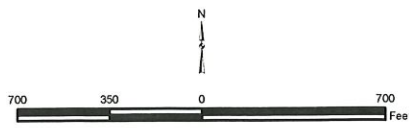




Legend

-  Site
-  Approximate Project Area
-  Approximate Parcel Boundary
-  Municipal Boundary
- Farmland Soils***
-  Prime Farmland Soils
-  Statewide Important Farmland Soils

Map Notes:
 *Legend item not located within map extent
 Base Map Source: 2019 Aerial Photograph (CTECO)
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 700 feet
 Map Date: July 2022



Farmland Soils Map

Proposed Solar Energy Facility
 599 Greenwood Road East
 Norfolk, Connecticut

