

December 14, 2022

Larry Mangan 127 Old Colebrook Road Colebrook CT 06021

Dear Mr. Mangan,

My name is Bonnie Potocki, and I am the project developer at Greenskies Clean Energy assigned to Spencer Hill Winchester project. Frank Ahern gave us your name and identified you as the tenant farmer using his Spencer Hill Road Winchester property. We are assuming that Mr. Ahern informed you that Greenskies, a solar developer, is now leasing the property from Mr. Ahern. Our intent is to develop a solar project/farm over the upcoming year.

We would like to meet with you at the property or near your residence or nearby restaurants if more convenient for you. The purpose of the in-person chat is to learn from you about your agricultural use of the land because we would also like to continue the agricultural use of the property. Because you have been haying the land, you would know the advantages and limitations of the property and perhaps recommend the best type of agricultural activity to pursue on the land for our future solar farm. We hope also to learn if you would like to be involved in the continued agricultural use of the property or not.

Greenskies would appreciate a reply by December 30, 2022, so we can address schedule our inperson meeting.

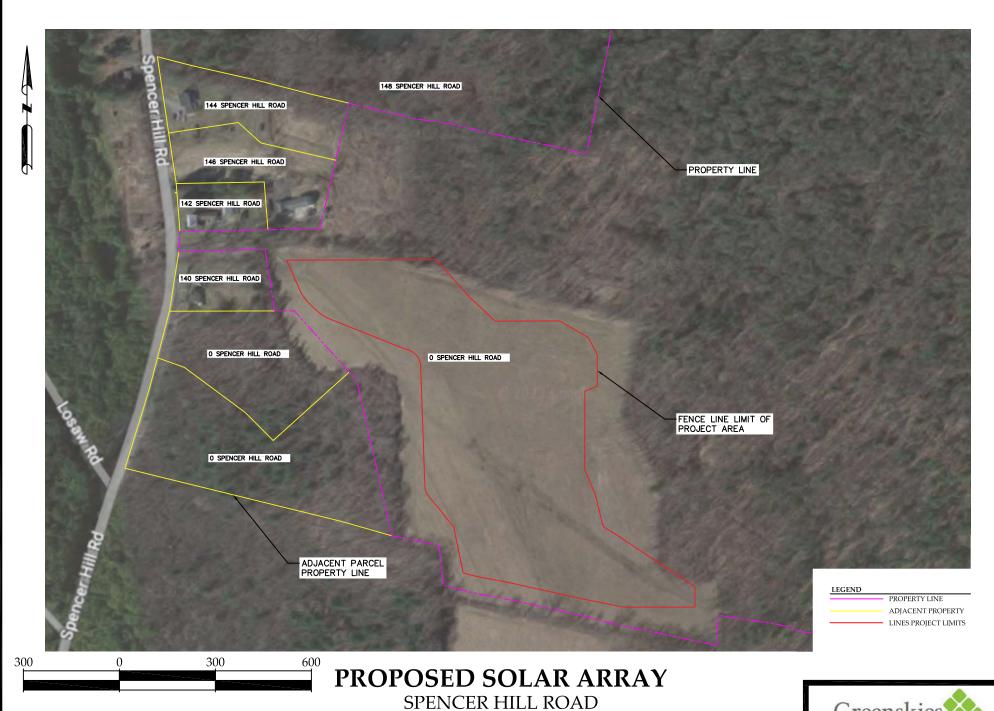
Kind Regards,

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Joseph & Kathryn White 140 Spencer Hill Road Winsted, CT 06068

Dear Mr. Cannuli,

My name is Bonnie Potocki and I am with Greenskies Clean Energy in North Haven, CT. Founded in 2009, Greenskies has constructed and operates over 230 Megawatts of solar projects throughout the country, however most of our work takes place right here in Connecticut.

I am reaching out to you because we are developing a 3.7 MW-Megawatt ground-mounted solar array at Spencer Hill Road owned by Frank Ahern and Karen Merete. We are in our early-stage development process which includes neighbor outreach. As a direct abutter to the project site, we would like to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding the project.

For reference, I have included a map of the project location in relation to your property. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you would like to discuss the project in greater detail. Thank you for your time.

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April 17, 2023

Current Resident 146 Spencer Hill Road Winsted, CT 06068

Dear Real Estate Department,

My name is Bonnie Potocki and I am with Greenskies Clean Energy in North Haven, CT. Founded in 2009, Greenskies has constructed and operates over 230 Megawatts of solar projects throughout the country, however most of our work takes place right here in Connecticut. On March 30, 2023, a neighbor indicated that this property has a new owner. However, the Town of Winchester Assessor records have not been updated.

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Greenskies would appreciate a reply by April 24, 2023, so we can address your questions and/or concerns before we move forward with the development plans.

Kind Regards,

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Wells Fargo Bank NA 15480 Laguna Canyon Road Irvine, CA 92618

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Maria Haight 148 Spencer Hill Road Winsted, CT 06098

Dear Maria Haight,

My name is Bonnie Potocki and I am with Greenskies Clean Energy in North Haven, CT. Founded in 2009, Greenskies has constructed and operates over 230 Megawatts of solar projects throughout the country, however most of our work takes place right here in Connecticut.

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April 13 2023

142 Spencer Hill Road

Winsted CT, 06098

Dear Ms Potocki,

Thank you for reaching out to us in your letter of March 27, 2023, for our concerns regarding your proposed 3.7 MW solar project.

The property at 142 Spencer Hill Road, which is adjacent to that proposed project, has been our family homestead for more than a half century, originally purchased by Richard Allen in 1967, and now owned by John and Jenny Gilley, all of whom currently reside here. We have several concerns as to the impact of your project on our property and our quality of life.

## WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY

We have two wells on our property, a deep well and a shallow well. We currently utilize the shallow well for our water supply, keeping the deep well in reserve for emergency use. We are concerned with the impact your project may have on the quantity and quality of water supplied by those wells.

In particular, with regard to the quantity of water, we are concerned that the solar panels will prevent sunlight from reaching the grass thus robbing the grass of sufficient sunshine, resulting in the death of the grass. The grass currently provides a soil stabilization function that prevents the erosion of soil that might otherwise result from rainwater and snowmelt flowing over grassless land on such a steep hillside. In addition, the presence of the solar panels will prevent rain water from being uniformly distributed over the field as it is now, and will intercept and concentrate the water causing it to discharge onto a narrow strip of land at the drip edge of each row of panels. This concentration of water falling onto such a narrow strip of land, coupled with the aforementioned lack of stabilizing grass might cause increased erosion of soil, and at the same time result in more runoff of water. If that is the case, there would be less infiltration of water into the ground which could affect the quantity of ground water reaching local wells. Perhaps it might be prudent to have a ground water hydrologist address these concerns.

Regarding the possibility of increased runoff, if there is a problem, it should be addressed by a qualified drainage engineer.

With respect to the quality of the water, we are concerned with the effect of any use of herbicides and or pesticides that might be used as part of any fence line or other land maintenance program at the project site. In addition, we are concerned that there might be other toxic chemicals that could be released by the presence or failure of any components used in the project.

### **ACCESS**

We have been using the right-of-way to the south of our property as an access to our property ever since 1967. We intend to continue this right and expect there to be no obstacle to that use. In addition, while we can tolerate some disruption and damage to the right-of-way during construction, we expect any damage to be repaired as part of the project plan.

As a separate matter, we have enjoyed unrestricted access to the land on which your project is planned. We request that a provision be made to continue that privilege, except of course, inside the project fence line.

#### **AESTHETICS**

We are concerned that the presence of the project will be a visible eyesore. We request that an effective and attractive screening be part of the plan so that at least the fence and first lowest row of the array and any electrical appurtenance be hidden from view from any location on our property, including the view from our second story window that faces that direction.

#### LIFE OF PROJECT

We are concerned with respect to the anticipated life of this project. With so many new technologies being developed in the energy industry, what do you expect the effective lifetime of this project to be? And what do you plan to do when it becomes obsolete? We would be very concerned if there is no plan for that in the project.

#### **PROPERTY VALUE**

We are concerned that this project will have a serious detrimental effect on our property value. We will be researching this to get an idea of what that value might be. Do you have any plan for compensation regarding this concern?

#### **CLOSING**

Once again thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns and questions with you. We hope to get your responses soon.

The Gilley/Allen Family,

John & Jenny Gilley

Richard Allen

April 14, 2023
Responses to
142 Sencer Hill Road
Neighbor
Winsted CT,

Hello John and Jenny Gilley and Richard Allen, Thank you for reaching out to us to express your concerns. Having dialog with neighbors on our proposed projects, before we finalize our project design, is why we send the outreach letters. We want to be good neighbors and see that as including good communication and compromise. Below are answers to your specific questions. Additionally, we would be more than happy to talk further either on the phone or in person so that we can gain input from you and adjust the design of the proposed project to address your concerns. We are early in the design process, so now is the best time to evaluate changes that could make you happier.

## WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY

We have two wells on our property, a deep well and a shallow well. We currently utilize the shallow well for our water supply, keeping the deep well in reserve for emergency use. We are concerned with the impact your project may have on the quantity and quality of water supplied by those wells.

We understand that continued well water availability is critically important to you. We can assure you that the proposed project design will take hydrology into account and prevent creating issues that you reference. Greenskies will be implementing a stormwater management design for this solar project in accordance with State Stormwater regulations, that will maintain water quantity and quality of runoff within the project area. And the Project will obtain both Connecticut Siting Council approval as well as Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Stormwater General Permit approval prior to construction. Infiltration into the soil will be promoted by incorporation of multiple permanent stormwater basins.

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## prudent to have a ground water hydrologist address these concerns.

We absolutely involve expert engineers in project design and development. It is very important to us that the proposed project doesn't create water erosion or diversion problems. Regarding your specific concerns that the solar panels will prevent vegetation growth, focus run off, and reduce infiltration these are issues that our project team has thoroughly reviewed and have solutions for. Grass and plants will continue to grow within the array area. There is sufficient sunlight to generate substantial vegetation growth. We are actually looking into ways to turn the site into a regenerative project to improve soil health through focused planting of vegetation tailored to the environment under the area and this site. The designs that will be developed for this project will specifically include plans to prevent erosion across the entire site, downstream from the site, and underneath the drip edge. Through developing and building many similar projects in CT we know that our methods for this prevent erosion from forming as you fear. Water will infiltrate the soil and runoff the site in the same rates, quantities, and quality as without the proposed project. More details on the well qualified engineers we use is below.

Aside from simply doing the right thing because it is right, State regulations require that as the project developer Greenskies will apply for the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities and must receive a permit before starting construction activities of the solar project. The Construction Stormwater General Permit requires developers and builders to implement a Stormwater Pollution Control Plan to prevent the movement of sediments off construction sites into nearby water bodies and to address the impacts of stormwater discharges from a project after construction is complete. The CT DEEP Stormwater General Permit for this project will require that Greenskies have sufficient ground cover stabilization across the entire project area, including under the panels. Appendix I "Stormwater Management at Solar Array Construction Projects" of the CT DEEP Stormwater General Permit also mandates that Solar Developers like Greenskies perform monthly inspections of the vegetation for 2 growing seasons (years) following construction completion to ensure that vegetation is maintained. Third-party inspectors will also be used and determine if the disturbed area has achieved adequate stabilization and not. When all conditions of the permit are reached then permit compliance has been obtained and the permit ends.

# Regarding the possibility of increased runoff, if there is a problem, it should be addressed by a qualified drainage engineer.

The civil engineering firm we work with is one of the best in the State and is very well respected by State regulators because their designs are so good. There will be layers of runoff and stormwater protections on site to prevent any additional water entering your property and prevent any sediment from leaving the project site. If it matters to you, we had a much larger project, designed by the same engineer, under construction during the hurricane last year and the stormwater controls performed very well, and the state regulators were impressed by the lack of issues even in such severer weather. Appendix I of the Stormwater General Permit requires that designing consultants consider orientation of the panels. Infiltration of stormwater runoff will be a big-picture goal of the Project by incorporation of multiple permanent stormwater basins.

If you want to see the stormwater designs as they come together, we are happy to share them with you as well to give you peace of mind that we do everything possible to protect against runoff issues. With respect to the quality of the water, we are concerned with the effect of any use of herbicides and or pesticides that might be used as part of any fence line or other land maintenance program at the project site. In addition, we are concerned that there might be other toxic chemicals that could be released by the presence or failure of any components used in the project.

We understand your concern with this as well. Pesticides, herbicides, and other toxic chemicals will not be used by the proposed project so there is not risk of them impacting water quality. Liquid fuel (gasoline) will be used during construction and maintenance but a spill prevention plan will be in place; there is less likely to be spill from our project then from farm equipment previously used on site.

## **ACCESS**

We have been using the right-of-way to the south of our property as an access to our property ever since 1967. We intend to continue this right and expect there to be no obstacle to that use. In addition, while we can tolerate some disruption and damage to the right-of-way during construction, we expect any damage to be repaired as part of the project plan.

We will not leave the driveway in a damaged state, this is a reasonable request. We cannot comment on what rights you have by the landowner of the site, more on that below

As a separate matter, we have enjoyed unrestricted access to the land on which your project is planned. We request that a provision be made to continue that privilege, except of course, inside the project fence line.

We do not intend to get in the way of any existing agreements you have with the landowner regarding access.

Greenskies is leasing roughly a 13-acre piece of 190-acre property from your neighbor, Mr. Ahern in which to build the proposed project and therefore he is the lessor. However, we can consult Mr. Ahern about any verbal agreement, written agreement, or knowledge at all about the granted access from the existing access road to your property.

We would like to help you continue to have the access you are accustomed to. We feel this is best completed with direct communication. If you want to have these discussions please let us know.

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Greenskies is willing to provide screening for you, but we are limited to add this screening to land that we control. If you would rather that we place screening vegetation on your property, we would also be happy to work with you to design and implement screening on your property if that is appealing. We have found the best way to address this is through meeting on site together and determine if there is a screening plan you like that we can implement as part of the project. If further discussion and coordination on this is something you would like to do, please reach out and we can set up a time to discuss and/or visit your property to see first-hand and work with you to find a solution.

## LIFE OF PROJECT

We are concerned with respect to the anticipated life of this project. With so many new technologies being developed in the energy industry, what do you expect the effective lifetime of this project to be? And what do you plan to do when it becomes obsolete? We would be very concerned if there is no plan for that in the project.

We expect that life time of the proposed project to be approximately 30 years. There is absolutely a plan for end of life and accounted for in project economics to avoid pitfalls in the future. At the end of the Project life, decommissioning would include disassembly and removal of above-ground structures, removal of subsurface structures to a minimum depth of 24 inches below grade, and re-grading and restoration of disturbed areas. Where reasonably required, restoration would include regrading, seeding, and mulching to establish vegetation and prevent soil loss and erosion. Racking posts pulled from the ground are expected to create minimal ground disturbance. Any disturbed areas will be seeded with the same seed mix used across the site during the life of the Project. At the time of decommissioning, the Project owner would submit to the Town of Winchester and the Connecticut Siting Council a request plan for continued beneficial use of any components to be left on site, including gravel roads, landscaping and/or visual

screening and stormwater buffers. All activities would be conducted in accordance with all permits and applicable rules and regulations. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste would be conducted in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.

## PROPERTY VALUE

We are concerned that this project will have a serious detrimental effect on our property value. We will be researching this to get an idea of what that value might be. Do you have any plan for compensation regarding this concern?

We understand that you, like other property owners, may have concerns about adverse effects on the value of surrounding property. A study on this issue was published earlier this year by authors from The Lawrence Berkeley National Lab and the Department of Public Policy at the University of Connecticut. This study, "Shedding Light on Large Scale Solar Impacts: An Analysis of Property Values and Proximity to Photovoltaics Across Six U.S. States," found that there were negligible impacts to property values associated with large scale solar developments. One of the six states that was evaluated was Connecticut, and the study showed that property values in Connecticut actually increased after solar projects were developed nearby, however, the percentage of increase was within the margin of error of the study, so the increase in property value, if any, would be expected to be small.

We really appreciate that you responded to our letter and provided your concerns. Hopefully our comments back make you feel better about the project. We believe we design better projects with input from our neighbors. Please do not hesitate to reach out to follow up on the items mentioned in our response to your questions so that we can work together to find solutions.

May 17, 2023

142 Spencer Hill Rd

Winsted, CT 06098

Dear Bonnie,

Thank you and Steve for meeting with Jenny and me on May 17, 2023. It was a pleasure meeting both of you face to face. As discussed at that meeting we stated that we are still seeking compensation for our loss in our quality of life and the loss in value of our property due to your proposed solar project.

We understand that you cannot provide free electricity for us as compensation due to contractual restraints, unfortunately. In lieu of that we have calculated a cash value equivalent to free electricity for the life of the project. That value is \$99,000, and would be acceptable as full compensation for all losses.

An option we would also be satisfied with, is if you could relocate the lower rows of panels to a point that would hide those panels from view from our yard. That point would seem to be along the 1135' contour on the easterly side of the hill. Steve was able to find the point in question and noted its approximate location in the field, but would define it more exactly in the office, we believe. This relocation is intended to hide those lower panels from view from most of our yard, so that would be the governing factor in determining its final location.

We also discussed some 70'-100' of screening that would be placed on our property. Upon further thought we suggest it would be easier and better if that screening were placed just a few feet south of our property line in the right of way, if possible. That amount of screening in addition to the relocation mentioned above would be sufficient.

Once again, thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

The Gilley/Allen Family

John & Jenny Gilley

Richard Allen

# **Revision of Solar Array Location**

On May 17, 2023, Greenskies met with the residents living at 142 Spencer Hill Road. They had requested a field visit they voiced specific concerns regarding:

- 1. The presence of the industrial-like facility next to their property and their visual view of the solar facility from the loft of their renovated barn on their property.
- 2. The resident was also concerned about the ground view of the solar project from the southside of their property. They requested approximately 70 to 100 feet of screening that would be placed on their property. They also suggested that it would be easier and better if that screening were placed just a few feet south of their property line in the right of way, if possible.

During the May 17 meeting, in direct response to the residents' concerns, Greenskies committed to reducing their visibility of the solar array from the loft of the barn window as much as feasibly possible.

Greenskies and VHB revisited the Project layout. VHB created site line section drawings depicting where the neighbors would be able to see the solar array from the barn window using existing contours. After this area was identified, Greenskies and VHB went through a few design revisions aiming to minimize as much as possible this site line while still maintaining project feasibility and avoiding wetland buffers.

The changes consisted of the following:

The original Project layout included about 600 additional modules and an inverter pad in the northwest corner of the solar array. This area is delineated with a red line and hatch on the exhibit. After reviewing topography and design revisions with VHB, in order to accommodate the neighbor's concerns, these modules were relocated to the south and southwest corners of the site away from the neighbor and reduce their visibility of the solar array and the inverter pad was moved 205 feet to the south.

These revisions created 0.61 acres of extra open space in that area and moves the Solar Array an additional 227 feet away from the neighbor's house.

To address the resident's view of the solar project walking along the southside of the property, Greenskies is willing to develop vegetative screening on the resident's property at 142 Spencer Hill Road. Greenskies is willing to consider plantings on 142 Spencer Hill Road property elsewhere on the property.

April 25, 2023 142 Spencer Hill Rd

Winsted, CT 06098

Dear Bonnie,

Thank you for your email of April 24, 2023 concerning a meeting to discuss solutions regarding screening of your proposed solar project. While we look forward to such a meeting in the future, we believe that other concerns outlined in our previous correspondence, as well as additional concerns based on our ongoing research, should be addressed first. Screening, while necessary to hide the obvious eyesore that the project entails from an aesthetic point of view, does not address the real question of the negative effect that the close proximity of the project itself presents.

As we pointed out in our letter of April 19, 2023, we do not agree that this project would have a negligible effect on our property value. Indeed, we believe it would have a significant effect on our property value. We still find it unlikely that anyone would pay as much for our property once an industrial size energy facility replaces the naturally beautiful and peaceful rolling hillside that currently meets the eye from our yard. Our research on this matter informed us that there are potential negative heath effects caused by the electromagnetic radiation emitted by the industrial equipment associated with the storage of energy produced by the panels. This would probably be a further factor negatively affecting our property value.

Since we seem to have a difference of opinion on the effect of this project on our property value, we think it would be logical to resolve that concern in a mutually satisfactory manner before we proceed to the screening details, and before we can give you our acceptance of the project. Our research also informed us that one way of compensating property owners for their loss in property value due to the presence of the project is for the project to provide free electrical power to those nearby land owners. That is an avenue that seems to make sense in that it compensates those owners directly from the proceeds of the project that causes the loss in property value in the first place. We would like the subject of compensation to be the focus of a meeting in the near future.

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Summary of 8/25/23 meeting with Joe White, of 140 Spencer Hill Road.

In a follow up meeting with an abutter to the Proposed project on Spencer Hill Road in Winchester, CT. During the meeting Mr. White expressed concerns over a number of the aspects of the project, including noise, construction timing, and visibility of the project from his property. We provided Mr. White with contact information of the developers with the intention to provide contact information of the construction manager when construction begins. Mr. White inquired about the level of tree clearing on both the access road and along his property line. Greenskies responded that no clearing past what is necessary to provide access for construction. Greenskies then provided answers to Mr. White about the permitting process. At the time we had expected to be applying for a Certificate of Public Necessity, and not a Declaratory Ruling. Mr. White was interested in our intentions to plant crops or simply grass in the area. We had responded only grass as we had not received approval of our proposed dual agriculture use at the time of the meeting. Mr. White was concerned with the process of construction and the location equipment will be parked. GCE responded that it is currently too early to know the plans for construction and the associated storage of equipment. GCE indicated their intentions for a 7ft tall chain link fence without barbed wire to surround and enclose all electrical equipment. Mr. White's concerns about the end of life and decommissioning of the project were addressed. A decommissioning plan is a requirement of all petitions submitted to Siting Council, and GCE intends to fulfill all requirements. Mr. White expressed concerns about the noise the proposed site would create. He understood that construction would create noise but was wondering about the noise post construction. GCE informed him that the panels will not create any noise, and the closest equipment pad would be located over 500 feet from his property line. Finally, Mr. White expressed concerns about the impact to his property value. GCE offered no opinion on this matter.