

Appendix H – CT DEEP Correspondence – Core Forest



April 1, 2024

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

cc: James Cerkanowicz, PE
Manager of Permitting
Verogy, North Franklin Solar One, LLC
124 LaSalle Road, 2nd Floor
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RE: Proposed Solar Array, 931 Route 32 North Franklin, Connecticut, 4.975 MW solar generating facility

Dear Ms. Bachman,

James Cerkanowicz, Manager of Permitting, representing Verogy, North Franklin, LLC (“Petitioner”) has contacted the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) Bureau of Natural Resources and informed us of the intention to file a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council. The Petitioner proposes to construct a solar project with a capacity of two or more megawatts, to be located at 931 Route 32 in North Franklin, Connecticut (“Site”).

Pursuant to Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources staff have reviewed documents submitted by James Cerkanowicz concerning this proposed project, which includes a site map attached to an email received December 13, 2023. In conducting such review of the proposed project, DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources has determined that such proposed project, as represented in the above-mentioned documents **will not** materially affect the status of such Site as core forest.

Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-424-3060, or by mail at 79 Elm Street, Sixth Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

Connecticut is one of the most heavily forested states in America. Our forests clean our air and water, shelter our wildlife, sequester carbon, contribute tens of millions of dollars to our economy, and add immeasurably to the quality of our lives. Yet every day, our forests are under threat. Invasive insects and diseases and our dense and growing human population continue to stress our forests in unprecedented ways. Thank you for helping us to conserve a healthy core forest for future generations, providing public transparency and working to make thoughtful development choices.

Sincerely,



Christopher Martin, State Forester
Bureau of Natural Resources
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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December 13, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: North Franklin Solar One, LLC (4.975 MW SCEF Solar Photovoltaic Generating Facility)

Dear Mr. Martin:

North Franklin Solar One, LLC (“North Franklin Solar One”) is writing to notify the department of a planned solar photovoltaic electric generating facility of 4.975 MW AC (the “Project”). The Project will be located on land located at 931 CT Route 32 in North Franklin Connecticut.

The Project was awarded a contract in the Year-Four Shared Clean Energy Facility RFP administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. North Franklin Solar One intends to file a petition for declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council, Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-176 and 16-50k(a) and Regs. Conn. State Agencies §§ 16-50j-38 et seq. for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.

Pursuant to Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes, North Franklin Solar One respectfully requests that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection review the proposed project and offer their determination as it relates to any potential impacts to Core Forest.

Attached for your review is the Forestland Habitat Impact Map for the Project with the proposed project limits depicted. The Forestland Habitat Impact Map shows the project site surrounded by forest & some core forest overlapping the proposed project area. However, the proposed solar array will be constructed entirely within an open area that was a previously mined gravel yard that is not forested. There may be a limited amount (approx. 0.09 acres) of tree removal and/or limbing along an existing access road for the construction of the overhead service connection, as identified on the attached figure.

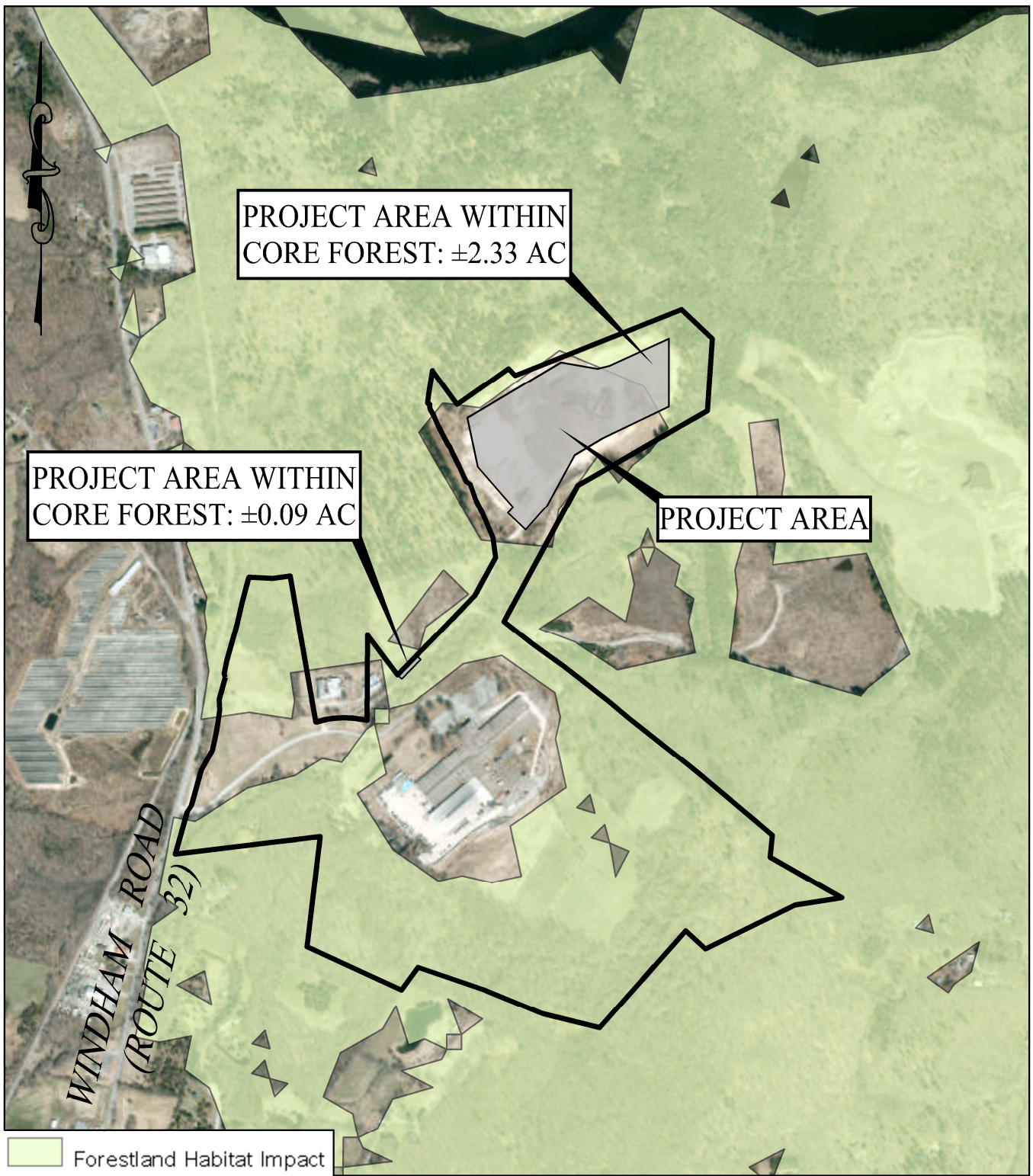
Thank you very much for your time and consideration, should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at bparsons@verogy.com or (203) 814-6866.

Sincerely,

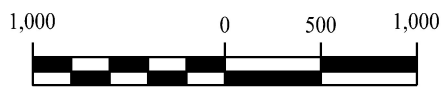
Bradley J. Parsons, PE
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NOTE: BASE MAP INFORMATION TAKEN FROM ARCGIS FORESTLAND HABITAT IMPACT MAP



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CORE FOREST MAP
931 ROUTE 32
NORTH FRANKLIN, CONNECTICUT

Project #:	23112101
Plan Date:	12/08/23
Scale:	1" = 1,000'
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