



Solar Siting Stakeholder Meeting #2



April 8, 2022



Welcome

This is the third public stakeholder meeting for

Docket # QO21101186

Competitive Solar Incentive (“CSI”) Program
pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.169

This meeting will focus on Appendix B of the Solar Siting Straw Proposal released on March 16, 2022.

Webinar Instruction Page

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 - Post Office Box 350
 - Trenton, NJ 08625-0350
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Agenda

- Background review
- Agriculture presentation on today's focus areas
 - Existing Site Conditions
 - Development Guidelines
 - Monitoring and Remediation
- Stakeholder Comment Guidelines
- Stakeholder Comment Session

POLL: PARTICIPANTS



Solar Program Background

Solar Act of 2021 and SuSI Program

- The Solar Act of 2021, P.L. 2021, c.169 (“Solar Act”), signed by Governor Murphy on July 9, 2021, directs the NJBPU to establish a comprehensive program to provide incentives for the development of at least 3,750 Megawatts (“MW”) of new solar power generation by 2026.
- The Board took a significant step in implementing the Solar Act by establishing the Successor Solar Incentive (“SuSI”) Program on July 28, 2021.

The SuSI Program – Part 1

The SuSI Program, pursuant to the Solar Act, consists of two parts:

Part 1

- A program for **Small Solar Facilities**, called the **Administratively Determined Incentive (“ADI”) Program**
 - All net metered residential solar installations
 - Net metered commercial solar installations of 5 MW or smaller
 - A temporary program for grid supply solar installations previously covered under “Subsection (t)”
 - The Community Solar program
 - Note: Design of the permanent Community Solar program is the subject of another proceeding
- The ADI Program has been open for new registrations since August 28, 2021

The SuSI Program – Part 2

Part 2

- The **Competitive Solar Incentive (“CSI”) Program**, covering
 - All grid supply solar installations
 - Net metered commercial solar installations greater than 5 MWdc
- The CSI Program is under development, with a Straw Proposal release and further stakeholder proceedings expected soon

Siting Background

The Solar Act specifies siting criteria for all grid supply solar facilities and net metered solar facilities greater than five megawatts. (N.J. Stat. § 48:3-119 (2021))

As the Solar Act directs, NJBPU Staff has consulted with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, and the State Agriculture Development Committee (“SADC”) to develop recommendations for implementing the statute.



New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Mitigation Guidelines

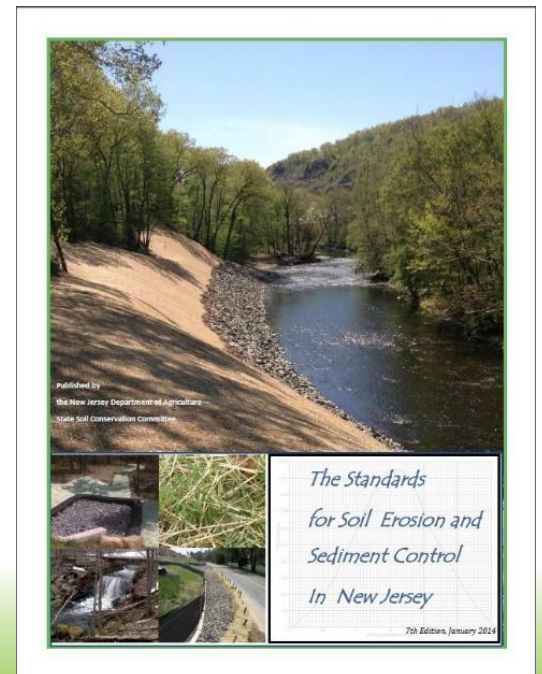
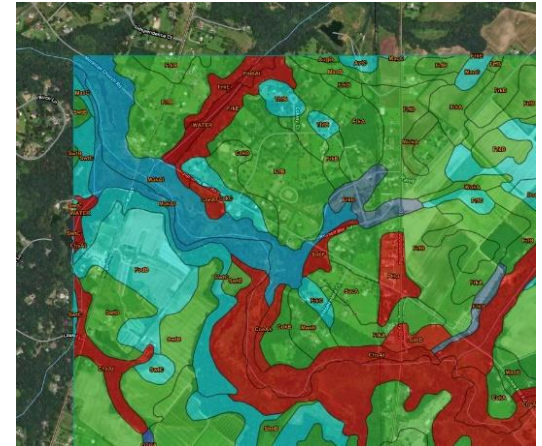
Appendix B

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Introduction

- Proposal developed by the NJDA and SADC to ensure the integrity of all agricultural lands impacted by grid scale solar development should there be a desire to return those lands agricultural use in the future
- Prime and Statewide soil designations as specified by the USDA-NRCS SSURGO data
- Recommended on solar development projects on agricultural lands
- Required on solar development projects on Prime Agricultural and Statewide important soils within the Agricultural Development Area (ADA)
- Intended to supplement the N.J. Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq.)
- Does not alleviate the need to comply with other state and local regulations



Project Development

Existing Site Conditions

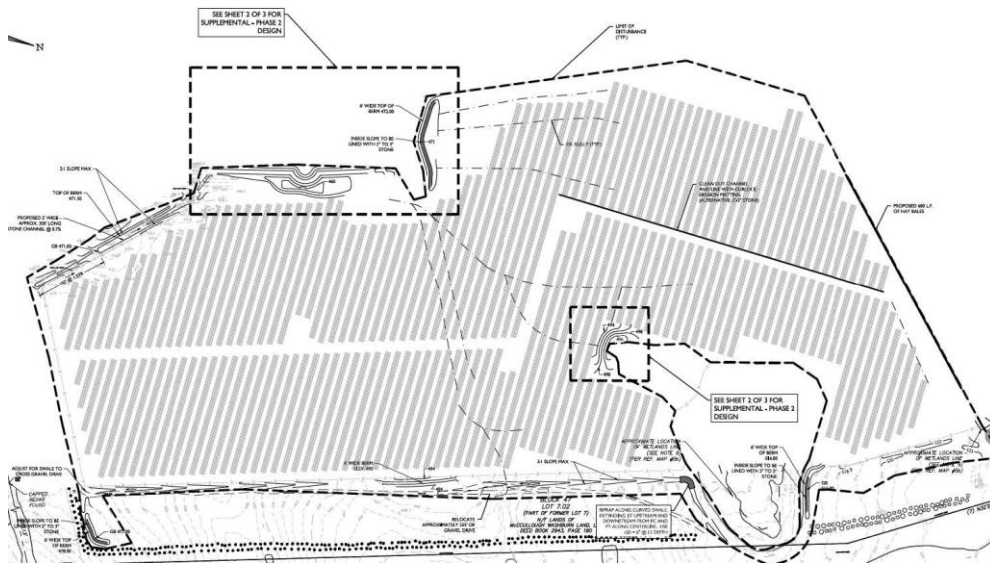
- a. Identification of all soils by NRCS soils classification
- b. Soil Compaction Baseline
- c. Location of existing infrastructure
- d. Identification of existing erosion
- e. Consideration of organic farm operations either on site or adjacent to proposed project





Proposed Development

- a. Designate a project inspector or environmental monitor
- b. Identify 'occupied area'
- c. Identify temporary access roads and staging areas
- d. Soil protection measures
- e. Stormwater management measures
- f. Repair of damaged infrastructure as necessary
- g. Soil compaction mitigation measures
- h. Soil stabilization measures



Monitoring & Remediation

- a. Total of 6 years with alternate year evaluation
- b. Record keeping
- c. Bulk density testing
- d. Repair of erosion and drainage issues
- e. Revegetate areas of sparse vegetation





Commenting ground rules

- Please state your name and organization
- Please limit your comments to the specific matter at hand
- Remain respectful of other commenters
- Please limit your comments to approximately 5 minutes
- At 3:00 pm, we will take a 15 min break

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS



Break

The meeting will resume at 3:15 PM

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