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May 4, 2021

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the project in general, please contact Lucas Rogers at 447-7040.

I concur with the Lead Agency Request

Agency:
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Signature:

Involved Agencies

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Interested Agencies

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Town of Colonie Department of Planning and Economic Development
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Agency:	ALBANY CO. DPW
Name :	LISA RAMUNDO
Title:	COMMISSIONER
Signature:	



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May 3, 2021

Laura DeGaetano
Albany County Office of Natural Resource Conservation
112 State St. Room 1013
Albany, NY 12207

Re: DEC
Albany County Solar Installation - Radar Site/3.21MW/8 of 33.9 Acres
Town of Colonie, Albany County, NY
21PR01812

Dear Laura DeGaetano:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

We note that the proposed 8 acre/ 3.2 MW solar installation is located within the State and National Register listed Watervliet Shaker Historic District. The Shakers likely used the proposed solar site for farming or other agricultural purposes.

We are concerned with potential direct and visual impacts to the Watervliet Shaker Historic District and related historic resources. In addition to the former farm field and the adjacent West Family property, there may be additional Shaker resources impacted by the project. In order for our office to more fully assess potential impacts to historic resources, please provide the following additional documentation:

1. Detailed site plan illustrating locations of solar panels and other equipment, access roads, and any existing or proposed vegetative buffers or other site features.
2. A Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) in the form of a Visual Envelope Map (VEM) using GIS viewshed analysis to indicate the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) within a .75 (three quarter) mile buffer around the proposed project area. The analysis should be performed using bare-earth Digital Elevation Models (DEM) but if Digital Surface Models (DSM) including accurate foliage elevation modelling are easily accessible to you, a second separate VEM using the DSM may also be included in the submission. The data should be presented to us over an orthorectified aerial basemap with the buffer boundary and project

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area indicated. This will allow us to identify buildings within the .75 mile buffer (which includes the buildings in the West and South family farmsteads) for evaluation."

3. Details illustrating the type, size, operability (fixed or tilting) and height of the solar panels.

For archaeological concerns, please see the archaeological survey request from Jessica Schreyer issued 3/24/21 in response to the initial project submission.

Documentation requested in this letter should be provided via our Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) at <https://cris.parks.ny.gov/>. Once on the CRIS site, you can log in as a guest and choose "submit" at the very top menu. Go to "Other Options" and choose "submit new information for an existing project". You will need this project number and your e-mail address.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 268-2164.

Sincerely,



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Historic Site Restoration Coordinator
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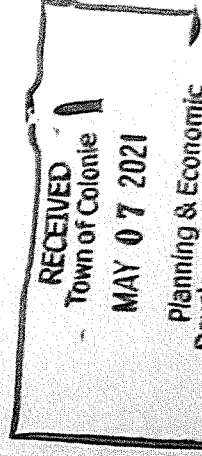
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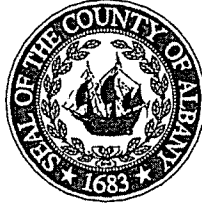
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Agency:	COLONIE PEDD
Name:	SEAN MAGUIRE
Title:	DIRECTOR
Signature:	



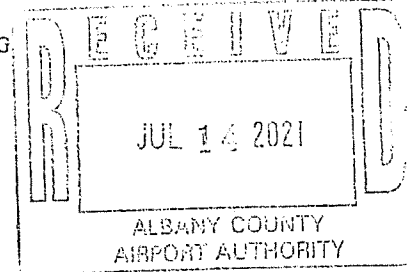
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Agency:	Albany County Airport Authority
Name :	
Title:	Philip F. Calderone, Esq.
Signature:	Chief Executive Officer

Date: 7/15/21

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May 28, 2021

Lucas Rogers
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Re: Lead Agency Coordination Response
Albany County Proposed Solar Farm
897 Watervliet Shaker Rd
Town of Colonie, Albany County

Dear Lucas Rogers,

This letter responds to your correspondence received by the Department on May 10, 2021 regarding lead agency coordination for the project referenced herein, under Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review – SEQR) of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC” or “Department”) has the following interest in this project:

Name of Action: 3.21 MW Solar Farm at 897 Watervliet Shaker Rd
DEC Contact Person: Trish Gabriel, Environmental Analyst
SEQR Classification: ☒ Type I ☐ Unlisted ☐ Type II

DEC Position: Based on the information provided:

- ☒ DEC has no objection to your agency assuming lead agency status for this action.
- ☐ DEC wishes to assume lead agency status for this action.
- ☐ DEC needs additional information in order to respond (see comments).
- ☐ DEC cannot be lead agency because it has no jurisdiction in this action.

****The Department must be notified immediately if the project/proposed action scope changes, or the EAF is revised.***

Possible DEC Permitting Requirements:

A review of NYS protected resources near or within the project site was performed using existing GIS data (see enclosed NYS Resources Map). Please note that jurisdictional maps are meant to provide approximate sizes and locations of resources. Actual field conditions may vary from



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those depicted on the maps. The following provides a summary of potential State permitting requirements for the project based on the results of the protected resources review and project information submitted with your correspondence.

Water Quality Certification

It appears that federally-regulated wetlands and/or waterbodies may be located on the subject property. Work within certain wetlands and other waters of the United States may require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). A Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, may be required from the DEC when a USACE permit is issued. The DEC recommends you contact the USACE directly regarding federal wetlands and waters of the U.S. regulatory jurisdictions and permitting requirements. The USACE NY District regulatory program for this area is handled out the USACE Upstate Regulatory Field Office in Watervliet NY. The Regulatory Field Office general phone number is (518) 266-6351 and the general email address is cenan.rfo@usace.army.mil. For more information on Water Quality Certifications, please refer to the following DEC Website link: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6546.html>.

Stormwater State Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System Permit For Construction Activities

Any project which results in a disturbance of one acre or more of land, must be in compliance with the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Phase II regulations for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities. Information regarding the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges can be found on the Department's website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html>.

Cultural Resources

Your project site appears to be located within an area of potential historical or archeological significance. If approvals/permits are ultimately needed from this Department, consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) will likely be required in order to better evaluate this project's impact on these resources. To initiate consultation with OPRHP, please visit their project submission website at <https://cris.parks.ny.gov/>. Please add Trish Gabriel at trish.gabriel@dec.ny.gov to the list of contacts for your project.

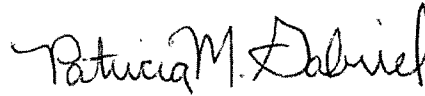
Please note that construction activities that have the potential to affect historic and/or archeological resources are not eligible for coverage under the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-20-001) unless documentation of satisfactory compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is received from OPRHP for the project site.



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Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at trish.gabriel@dec.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 357-2445 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Patricia M. Gabriel
Environmental Analyst

Encl: NYS Resources Map

ecc: Laura DeGaetano, Albany County Planning
Sean Maguire, Town of Colonie



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NYS RESOURCES MAP

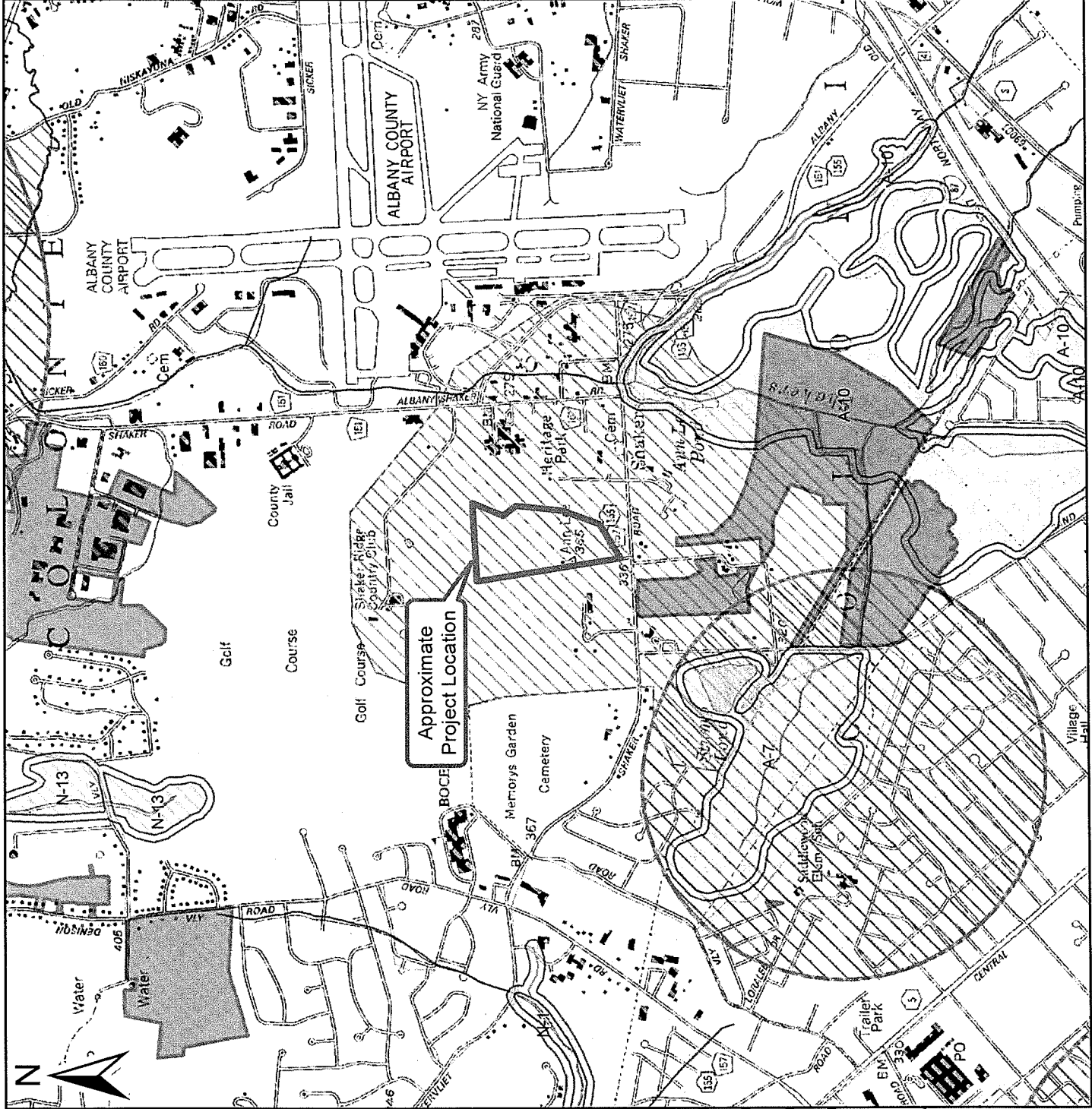
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PROPOSED SOLAR FARM
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897 Watervliet Shaker Road
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May 19, 2021



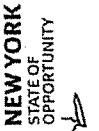
Legend

- Regulated Adjacent Area Boundary
- Freshwater Wetland Class 1
- Freshwater Wetland Class 2
- Freshwater Wetland Class 3
- Freshwater Wetland Class 4
- Freshwater Wetland Separation Line
- Freshwater Wetland (linear)
- Deed Restrictions
- Unprotected Streams
- Protected Streams
- Archeological Sensitivity
- National/State Historic Register Site
- Threatened or Endangered Mussels
- S1 or S2 Freshwater Mussels
- Not an EJ area
- Potential EJ area
- All E&T species, except fish
- E&T Freshwater Mussels
- E&T Fish
- Critical Environmental Areas



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ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA/IB Archaeological Survey Recommendation for Solar Facilities

Project: Albany County Solar Installation - Radar Site

PR#: 21PR01812

Date: 3/24/2021

Your project is in an archaeologically sensitive area. Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Office/New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) recommends that a Phase IA/IB archaeological survey is warranted and offers the following survey guidance. A Phase IA/IB survey is designed to determine the presence or absence of archaeological sites or other cultural resources in the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE).

Phase IB archaeological testing is not recommended for panel arrays; perimeter fencing and utility poles, if their associated posts are driven or drilled into the ground and no grubbing or grading is involved, and for excavations and grading less than six inches in depth. Phase IB testing is also not recommended for trenches less than three feet wide. However, if the installation of the panel array supports, fencing or utility poles requires grubbing and grading exceeding six inches in depth, then Phase IB archaeological testing is recommended.

Phase IB archaeological testing is recommended for areas of substantial proposed ground disturbance, which includes areas of grading and excavation more than six inches deep, grubbing, tree and stump removal, and trenches more than three feet wide.

If you consider the project area to be disturbed, documentation of the disturbance will need to be reviewed by SHPO/OPRHP. Examples of disturbance include mining activities and multiple episodes of building construction and demolition. Documentation of ground disturbance typically consists of soil bore logs, photos, or previous project plans.

Our office does not conduct archaeological surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist should be retained to conduct the Phase IA/IB survey.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Jessica Schreyer at Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov.



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October 05, 2021

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Albany County Office of Natural Resource Conservation
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The Archaeology Unit has reviewed the Phase I Archaeological Survey report submitted for this project entitled "Phase I Archeological Investigation, Albany Radar Tower Site Solar, Watervliet Shaker Road and Airline Drive, Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York" prepared by Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc (21SR00616; September 2021). No archaeological sites were identified by the survey and the OPRHP concurs with the report recommendation that no additional archaeological work is necessary.

Please note that these comments pertain only to archaeological resources. Please continue to consult with Weston Davey in the Technical Preservation Services Unit at Weston.Davey@parks.ny.gov. If you have any questions concerning archaeology, I can be reached at Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica E. Schreyer".

Jessica Schreyer
Scientist Archaeology

PHASE I ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION
Albany Radar Tower Site Solar

Watervliet Shaker Road and Airline Drive
Town of Colonie
Albany County, New York

HAA 5715-31
SHPO Not Yet Assigned

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

SHPO Number: *Not Yet Assigned*
Involved Agencies: *NYSDEC*
Phase of survey: *Phase I archeological investigation*

LOCATION INFORMATION

Municipality: *Town of Colonie*
County: *Albany County*

ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY OVERVIEW

Survey Area: *11.4 acres*
Shovel Tests: *75 tests at 15-meter intervals*

RESULTS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Precontact sites identified: *None*
Historic sites identified: *None*

RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the paucity of archeological materials encountered and the lack of any sites identified, no additional investigation is recommended for this project.

Report Authors: *Bradley W. Russell, Ph.D.*
Date of Report: *September 2021*

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- Photo 3. View facing south showing conditions in the wooded southern portion of the APE.
- Photo 4. View facing southeast showing conditions in the wooded southern portion of the APE.
- Photo 5. View facing southwest showing conditions in more open northern portion of the APE. Hartgen archeologists are excavating TP's 74 and 75.
- Photo 6. Archeologist Megan Eigen excavating STP 43. View to the west.
- Photo 7.

PHASE I ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

1 Introduction

Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. (Hartgen) conducted a Phase I Archeological Investigation for the proposed Albany Radar Tower Site Solar (Project) located in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York. The Project requires approvals by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

This investigation was conducted to comply with Section 14.09 of the State Historic Preservation Act and will be reviewed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The investigation was conducted according to the New York Archaeological Council's *Standards for Cultural Resource Investigations and the Curation of Archaeological Collections* (1994), which are endorsed by OPRHP. This report has been prepared according to OPRHP's *State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Phase I Archaeological Report Format Requirements* (2005).

2 Project Information

2.1 Project Location

The Project is located along the north side of Watervliet Shaker Road directly across from its intersection with Airline Drive (Map 1).

2.2 Description of the Project

The project entails the installation of ground mounted solar arrays. It will involve tree removal across most of the APE.

2.3 Description of the Area of Potential Effects (APE)

The area of potential effects (APE) includes all portions of the property that will be directly altered by the proposed undertaking. The APE encompasses 11.4 acres (Map 2).

3 Environmental Background

The environment of an area is significant for determining the sensitivity of the APE for archeological resources. Precontact and historic groups often favored level, well-drained areas near wetlands and waterways. Therefore, topography, proximity to wetlands, and soils are examined to determine if there are landforms in the APE that are more likely to contain archeological resources. In addition, bedrock formations may contain chert or other resources that may have been quarried by precontact groups. Soil conditions can provide a clue to past climatic conditions, as well as changes in local hydrography.

3.1 Soils

Soil surveys provide a general characterization of the types and depth of soils that are found in an area. This information is an important factor in determining the appropriate methodology if and when a field study is recommended. The source of this data is the Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database, maintained by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture (2018). The soil types present within the APE are shown on Map 3. Our field observations confirmed the general accuracy of the soils database. For the most part we encountered well drained, fairly level soils that would be suitable for habitation.

Table 1. Soils in the APE

Symbol	Name	Depth	Textures	Slope	Drainage	Landform
BuB	Burdett silt loam (BuB)	0-51 cm (0-20 in)	Si lo	3-8%	Somewhat poorly drained	drumlinoid ridges, hills, till plains
		51-84 cm (20-33 in)	Channery Si lo, Si lo, very fine Sa lo			
		84-277 cm (33-109 in)	Channery Cl lo, channery Lo, Gra si cl lo			
		277-439 cm (109-173 in)	Cl lo, Channery Lo, channery Si lo, Gra si cl lo			
ChB	Chenango gravelly silt loam, loamy substratum (ChB)	0-71 cm (0-28 in)	Gra si lo	3-8%	Well drained	terraces, valley trains
ChB CoC	Chenango gravelly silt loam, loamy substratum (ChB) Colonie loamy fine sand, rolling (CoC)	71-368 cm (28-145 in)	Very channery fine Sa lo, Gra si lo, very Gra lo	3-8% 8-15%	Well drained Somewhat excessively drained	terraces, valley trains beach ridges, deltas
		368-478 cm (145-188 in)	Very channery Lo, very channery Si lo, very gravelly Si lo, extremely Gra sa lo			
		0-46 cm (0-18 in)	Lo fine sa			
CoC	Colonie loamy fine sand, rolling (CoC)	46-439 cm (18-173 in)	Fine Sa, Lo fine sa	8-15%	Somewhat excessively drained	beach ridges, deltas
		439-478 cm (173-188 in)	Fine Sa, Lo fine sa			
NuB	Nunda silt loam (NuB)	0-64 cm (0-25 in)	Si lo	3-8%	Moderately well drained	drumlinoid ridges, hills, till plains
		64-130 cm (25-51 in)	Channery very fine Sa lo, Gra lo, Si lo			
		130-180 cm (51-71 in)	Gra cl lo, Si cl lo, Si lo			
		180-284 cm (71-112 in)	Cl lo, Gra si cl lo, Si cl lo			
		284-414 cm (112-163 in)	Cl lo, Gra si cl lo, Si cl lo			
RkA	Riverhead fine sandy loam (RkA)	0-71 cm (0-28 in)	Fine Sa lo	0-3%	Well drained	deltas, terraces
		71-163 cm (28-64 in)	Fine Sa lo, Gra sa lo, Sa lo			
		163-201 cm (64-79 in)	Fine Sa lo, Gra lo sa, Lo fine sa, Lo sa			
		201-419 cm (79-165 in)	Gra fine sa, stratified Gra to sa			
RkB	Riverhead fine sandy loam (RkB)	0-71 cm (0-28 in)	Fine Sa lo	3-8%	Well drained	deltas, terraces
		71-163 cm (28-64 in)	Fine Sa lo, Gra sa lo, Sa lo			
		163-201 cm (64-79 in)	Fine Sa lo, Gra lo sa, Lo fine sa, Lo sa			
		201-419 cm (79-165 in)	Gra fine sa, stratified Gra to sa			

3.2 Bedrock Geology

According to the Geologic Map of New York, the bedrock within the APE is Normanskill Shale (On) (Fisher, et al. 1970). The formation consists of minor mudstone and sandstone laid down in the Middle Ordovician. It is not chert bearing. There are no known bedrock outcrops within the APE.

3.3 Topography and Hydrography

The relatively level APE sits atop a low ridge with good drainage. A reasonably large, unnamed pond runs north/south along the west side of the ridge, just 30 meters away from the APE. Several other water sources are located in the vicinity of the APE. These include Stump Pond located ~600 meters to the southwest and Shaker's Creek/Ann Lee Pond located 575 meters to the southeast. The creek flows north where it enters the Mohawk River, itself located 3.4 kilometers north of the APE. This could have provided a convenient travel route west up the river and east to the Hudson along with various aquatic resources.

4 Documentary Research

Hartgen conducted research using the New York State Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS), which is maintained by the New York SHPO and the Division for Historic Preservation DHP within OPRHP. CRIS contains a comprehensive inventory of archeological sites, State and National Register (NR) properties, properties determined eligible for the NR (NRE), and previous cultural resource surveys.

4.1 Archeological Sites

An examination of CRIS identified 21 reported archeological sites within one mile radius of the APE (Table 2). Previously reported archeological sites provide an overview of both the types of sites that may be present in the APE and relation of sites throughout the surrounding region. The presence of few reported sites, however, may result from a lack of previous systematic survey and does not necessarily indicate a decreased archeological sensitivity within the APE. Prehistoric sites in the area ranged in complexity from simple isolated finds to camps with numerous artifacts, fire cracked rock and possible features. Several of the historic sites in the area are linked to the Shaker occupations surrounding the current APE. These will be discussed in more detail below.

Table 2. Archeological sites within one mile (1.6 km) of the APE

Site No.	Site Identifier	Description	Status	Proximity to the APE
00104.000351/ NYSM 5624	Unnamed Site	Precontact site	Undetermined	1600 feet southeast of APE.
00104.000392	Albany County Airport Site	Precontact site; stray find, surface evidence; found Adena Points and Normanskill Points	Not eligible	100 feet southeast of APE.
00104.000395	Shaker Run #1 Plowed Field C	Precontact site; surface evidence, material in plow zone; found 5 flakes.	Eligible	3200 feet southwest of APE.
00104.000396	Shaker Run #2 Plowed Field A	Precontact site; surface evidence, material in plow zone; found 6 flakes.	Eligible	2800 feet southwest of APE.
00104.000397	Shaker Run #3 Subsurface Tests	Historic Site; buried evidence; shovel testing - 7 units; found 1 core, 5 flakes, 6 calcined bone fragments, 1 pitted stone.	Undetermined	3700 feet south of APE.
00104.000398	Shaker Run #4 Subsurface Tests	Precontact Site; buried evidence; shovel testing -5 units; found 1 quartzite biface, 7 flakes, 1 scraper.	Eligible	4100 feet south of APE.
00104.000403	Airline 2 Precontact Site	Precontact site; material in plow zone; 12 shovel tests and 2 units; found chert scraper, chert core, chert flake.	Not Eligible	2900 feet south-southwest of APE.

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Site No.	Site Identifier	Description	Status	Proximity to the APE
00104.000404	800 Albany Shaker Road Site 1	Precontact site; camp, buried evidence, evidence of features, material in plow zone; found 55 pieces of cracked rock and one possible feature.	Undetermined	1200 feet north-northeast of APE.
00104.000405	800 Albany Shaker Road Site 2	Precontact site; camp, buried evidence, evidence of features (possible), material in plow zone; found 5 chert flakes and 23 pieces of cracked rock.	Undetermined	900 feet north of APE.
00104.000456	Watervilet Shaker Church Family Seed House Site	Historic site; site was part of a Phase III survey; no visible evidence.	Not Eligible	2300 feet east of APE.
00104.000492	Areas E & G Historic Features (Shaker Drainage Ditches)	Historic site; remains of a network of shallow drainage canals, superstructures is partially collapsed.	Undetermined	1300 feet northeast of APE.
00104.000493	Area I Historic Site	Historic site with Human Remains; probable Pauper's Cemetery location.	Undetermined	1800 feet northeast of APE.
00104.000494	Area L Prehistoric Site	Precontact site; buried evidence; found 6 lithic artifacts.	Undetermined	4000 feet north-northeast of APE.
00104.000495	Area E Prehistoric Site	Precontact site; buried evidence; found 6 chert flakes.	Undetermined	400 feet southeast of APE.
00104.000497	Area G Prehistoric Site, Find Spot	Precontact site; buried evidence; found 1 chert flake.	Undetermined	500 feet east-northeast of APE.
00104.000499	Southern Terminal Parking Area Prehistoric Scatter	Precontact site; stray find, material below plow zone.	Undetermined	4900 feet east-southeast of APE.
00104.000531	Watervilet Church Family First Dwelling House Site	Historic site; 21 shovel tests, three-course brick wall and a parged, poured concrete floor, ouse was built between 1783 and 1790, but has later additions; both machine-made and hand-molded bricks were encountered, as well as wire and hand-wrought iron nails; evidence of continuous maintenance on the building; very little domestic artifacts encounters or collected; house demolished in 1927.	Undetermined	1900 feet east of APE.
00104.000542	798-800 Albany Shaker Road Site 3	Precontact site; material in and below plow zone, single component; only lithic artifacts, no features or other finds.	Eligible	1300 feet north of APE.
00104.000547	Watervilet Shaker Church Family Garden Barn Site	Historic site; part of a Phase II survey.	Eligible	2400 feet east of APE.
00104.000716	Watervilet Shaker West Family Farm	Historic site; 265 entries of artifacts catalogued, including a multitude of glass, ceramics, and more; date site constructed 1810 +.	Eligible	1400 feet west of APE.
00104.000808	Airline Drive 1 Precontact Site	Precontact site; stray find, material in plow zone; found chert flake, not diagnostic.	Not Eligible	2400 feet southwest of APE.

Site No.	Site Identifier	Description	Status	Proximity to the APE
NYSM # 7073	No info	High spot in wetland; 1 deb in test pit at c. 30cm, Other test pits at c. 10-15ft distance; isolated find (1 deb).	No info	3300 feet southwest of APE.
NYSM # 7074	No info	High spot at wetland; 1 deb.; test pits at c. 30 cm. other tests pits at c. 10-15ft distances; isolated find (1 deb).	No info	3400 feet southwest of APE.
NYSM # 7075	No info	No info available.	Eligible	3700 feet south of APE.
NYSM #7076	No info	No info available	Eligible	3900 feet south of APE.

4.2 Historic Properties

An examination of CRIS identified one National Register Listed (NRL) Historic District, zero inventoried properties within the APE, including zero properties listed on the NR, and zero NRE properties (Table 3).

Table 3. Inventoried properties within the APE

USN	Property Name	Status	Description	Proximity to APE
00104.000638	Watervliet Shaker Historic District	National Register Listed (NRL)	National Register Listed Historic District within the town of Colonie.	APE is within the Historic District.

4.3 Previous Surveys

A review of CRIS identified three previous surveys within the immediate vicinity of the Project (Table 4). The main information of interest provided by these studies again relates to the Shaker Village community that once surrounded the current APE. The Ravage 2021 report provides a detailed history of the community and the landscape from 1775 to the present. Four distinct but closely linked enclaves of settlement once surrounded the current Project. Despite this, neither the 1998 Collamer & Associates study nor the 2020 study immediately to the west of the current APE produced significant remains from that occupation suggesting that their remains were closely clustered around the structures in the four smaller settlements.

Table 4. Relevant previous surveys within or adjacent to the APE

Project/Phase	Summary	Citation
A Cultural Resources Survey, Airline Drive, Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York/ Phase IA/IB	<p>The site identified as Airline 2 consists of 2 grey Onondaga chert flakes, one core and one scraper. These are located within an area of approximately 25 feet. No stains, features, nor other indications of prehistoric occupation were identified. No diagnostic artifacts were found. These finds were surprising because this area is especially wet and poorly drained, A drainage ditch is seen 200 feet north and another drainage ditch is 400 feet south of these finds.</p> <p>Airline 1 appears to be a stray find.</p> <p>No evidence of Shaker buildings or midden were found and no additional investigation was recommended.</p>	(Collamer & Associates Inc. 1988)

Project/Phase	Summary	Citation
Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey Shaker Farms Development Project/ Phase IA/IB	The limited historic-era assemblage recovered from shovel tests throughout the APE represents random, scattered field refuse of unknown provenience. Radial testing was conducted around all finds deemed potentially significant, but further analysis of materials did not produce any artifacts capable of linking the material with the historic Shaker settlement. Two fragments of whiteware (1850–present) represent the only artifacts with an open date range. It is probable that the historic material found throughout the APE is associated with the later occupation of West Shaker Farm. No further archeological investigation was recommended.	(WSP USA Inc. 2020)
Review of Watervliet Shaker Site NRHD, listed 1973/ Building Survey	This survey sponsored by Shaker Heritage Society originated with the recommendation by the State Historic Preservation Office to review and update the NRHD nomination of the Watervliet Shaker Historic District located in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York. It contains a detailed history of the Shaker community which began in 1775 and lasted until 1938 along with information on how the remaining structures and landscape have changed since the end of the settlement.	(Ravage 2021)

5 Historical Map Review

Maps depicting the APE between 1779 and the present were examined. Selected maps are reproduced in Map 4. Again, the most significant information that we gather from these maps concerns the Shaker Village communities surrounding the Current APE. The earliest maps of the area (DeWitt 1802; Sauthier 1779) do not specifically reference the community despite its having been established within what was then Watervliet in 1775. However, by the 19th century, the community was significant enough to begin appearing on maps, first simply as a marked location (Burr 1829, 1840). However more detailed maps started being published in the middle of the century that give us a great deal of detail about the community (Beers and Beers 1866; Gould 1854; Sidney 1851). These maps depict four distinct communities (called “families”) clustered around today’s Watervliet Shaker Road, The Church Family, The Second Family, The North Family, and the South Family. These maps, especially Gould’s, identify a mix of structures within these four enclaves, including residences, a church (within the Church Family that all four communities shared), shops and numerous industrial operations (mills, carpentry shops, textile operations, etc.). The current APE sits roughly in the center of these four settlement clusters. No maps show any structures within the APE.

Later topographic maps continue to show the four clusters through the end of the 19th and the early years of the 20th centuries (United States Geological Survey (USGS) 1893, 1895, 1898, 1927). The community was shrinking by this time and a large fire destroyed much of the North Family compound in the late 1920’s, leading to an end of the four settlement clusters in 1938. Shortly thereafter, the land was parceled out and development of some began. Most obvious was the construction of what is today’s Albany International Airport immediately to the northeast of what was once the Church Family (United States Geological Survey (USGS) 1947). The Airport continued to expand and various roads were rerouted in the coming decades. Watervliet Road was recently rerouted curving around the current APE toward the north and Airline Drive was constructed, creating an intersection along the southeast side of the current Project Area.

No map-documented structures exist within the APE boundaries.

6 Present Land Use and Current Conditions

A site visit was conducted by Bradley Russell on August 13, 2021 to observe and photograph existing conditions within the APE. The property is bounded along its west side by a small access road providing access to the radar tower complex consisting of two fenced in areas containing various equipment and structures (Photo 1 and Photo 2). This road runs north from Watervliet Shaker Road, turning 90 degrees to the east roughly 2/3rds of the way along the APE, cutting across it. To the south of this division the APE is largely wooded with a dense understory (Photo 3 and Photo 4) that made movement difficult. North of the roadway, an "L" shaped portion of the Project ran across more open field with some bushes and low vegetation (Photo 5) which wrapped around the northwest corner of the radar tower and associated structures. A portion of the south end of the APE was an open grass field.

7 Archeological Sensitivity Assessment

The New York Archaeological Council provides the following description of archeological sensitivity:

Archaeologically sensitive areas contain one or more variables that make them likely locations for evidence of past human activities. Sensitive areas can include places near known prehistoric sites that share the same valley or that occupy a similar landform (e.g., terrace above a river), areas where historic maps or photographs show that a building once stood but is now gone as well as the areas within the former yards around such structures, an environmental setting similar to settings that tend to contain cultural resources, and locations where Native Americans and published sources note sacred places, such as cemeteries or spots of spiritual importance (NYAC 1994:9).

Table 5. Factors influencing precontact and historic archeological sensitivity of the APE

Precontact	Historic
Water sources: wetlands, ponds, streams, lakes, bays and ocean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water sources: wetlands, ponds, streams, lakes, bays and ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nearby chert sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Nearby natural resources (iron, limestone, building stone, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/>
Well-drained soils for habitation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-drained soils for habitation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Favorable landforms (level, good solar exposure, leeward facing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proximity to transportation systems (road, canals, rivers, railroads, etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Known archeological sites in the vicinity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Known archeological sites in the vicinity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other documentary sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Map-documented structures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other documentary evidence <input type="checkbox"/>
Overall assessment: High sensitivity	Overall assessment: High sensitivity

8 Archeological Potential

Archeological potential is the likelihood of locating intact archeological remains within an area. The consideration of archeological potential takes into account subsequent uses of an area and the impact those uses would likely have on archeological remains.

Table 6. Factors influencing archeological potential within the APE

Precontact	Historic
Undisturbed soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of modern development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No erosion or cutting of sediments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited historical re-use of landscape <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alluvial deposits (cap and preserve deposits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alluvial deposits (cap and preserve deposits) <input type="checkbox"/>

Precontact	Historic
Abundance of nearby stone tool ores	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic fill (cap and preserve deposits) <input type="checkbox"/>
Relatively deep soils (features)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relatively deep soils (features) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overall assessment: Moderate potential	Overall assessment: High potential

9 Survey Methodology

Given the archeological sensitivity, especially for historic remains associated with the Shaker Village, it was determined that a shovel test survey would be the optimal method for characterizing any archeological deposits present.

9.1 Shovel Testing

Shovel tests were excavated at a standard interval of 15 meters. Each shovel test was 40 centimeters in diameter. All excavated soil was passed through 0.25-inch hardware mesh and examined for both precontact (Native American) and historic artifacts. The stratigraphy of each test was recorded including the depth, Munsell color, soil description, and artifact content (Munsell Color 2000). The location of each shovel test was plotted on the project map.

9.2 Artifacts and Laboratory

As general procedure, all precontact (Native American) cultural material identified during the fieldwork are collected. Significant historic artifacts such as glass, ceramics, food remains, hardware, and miscellaneous items are collected. Coal, ash, cinder, brick, and modern materials are noted. Any artifacts collected are placed in paper or plastic bags labeled by provenience and inventoried in a bag list. Bags are numbered in the field and transported to the Hartgen laboratory in the Town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, for processing.

Shovel test records and other provenience information were entered into a Microsoft *Access* database (Appendix 1). Artifacts were cleaned and cataloged. Cataloging entailed entering artifact provenience information, counts, weights, and descriptive information into the database (Appendix 2).

10 Survey Results

The Phase IB archeological field reconnaissance was conducted on August 13 and August 16, 2021. The field crew consisted of Alexandra DeCarlo, Megan Eigan, Madeline Illenberg, Cynthia Jackson, Eiryn Sheades, Loretta Tucker and Amy Wilson under direction of Bradley Russell, PhD, the project's Principal Investigator. The weather was favorable for fieldwork. We excavated a total of 85 shovel tests to an average depth of 48 centimeters. The soils were largely natural with a small amount of disturbance documented toward the south end of the APE.

Only one artifact was encountered during the survey, a single piece of whiteware recovered from STP 15. No structures or other evidence of the nearby Shaker settlements were encountered, suggesting that the remains from the four enclaves must be fairly tightly restricted to the occupied areas.

11 Recommendations

Given the paucity of archeological materials encountered and the lack of any sites identified, no additional investigation is recommended for this project.

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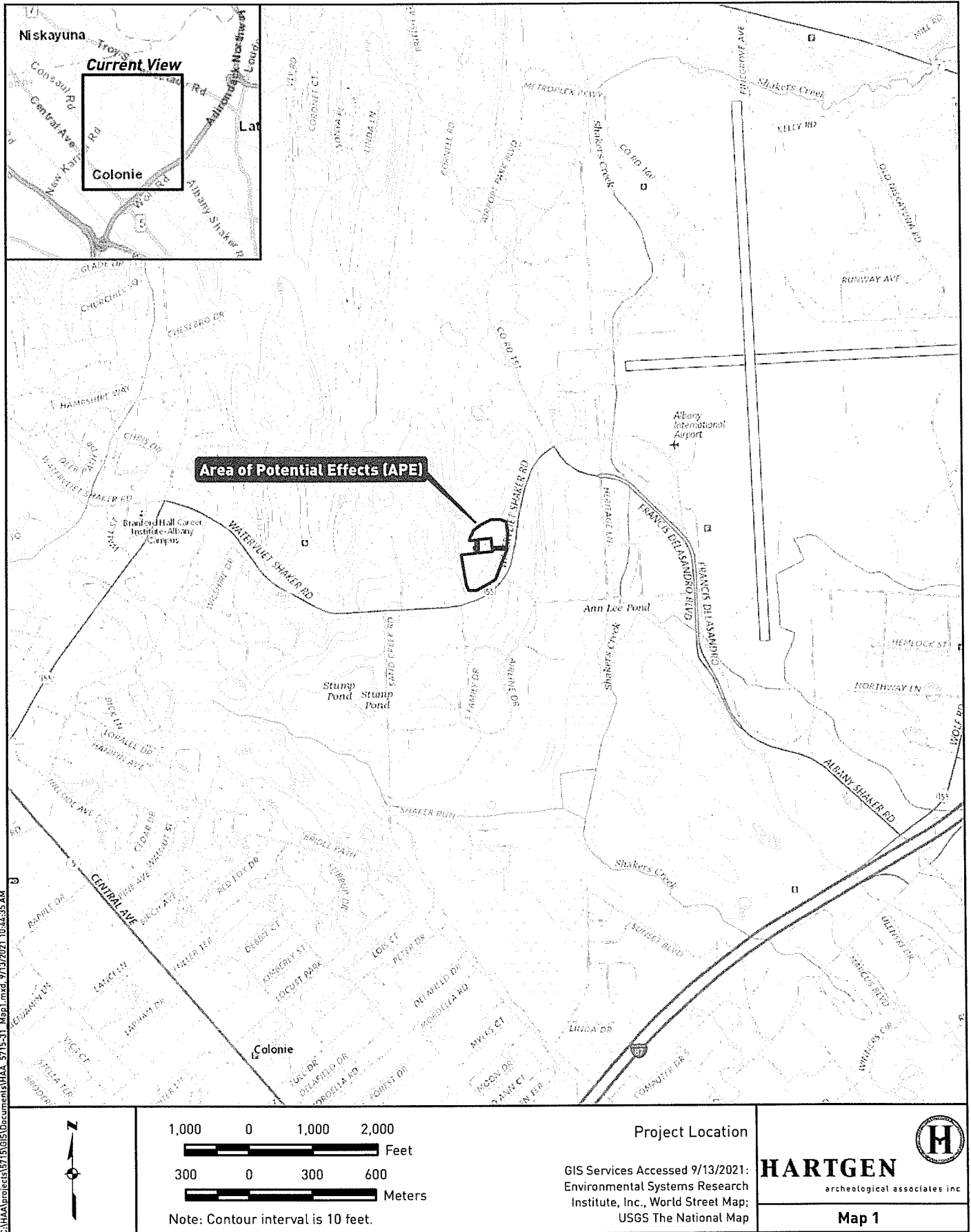
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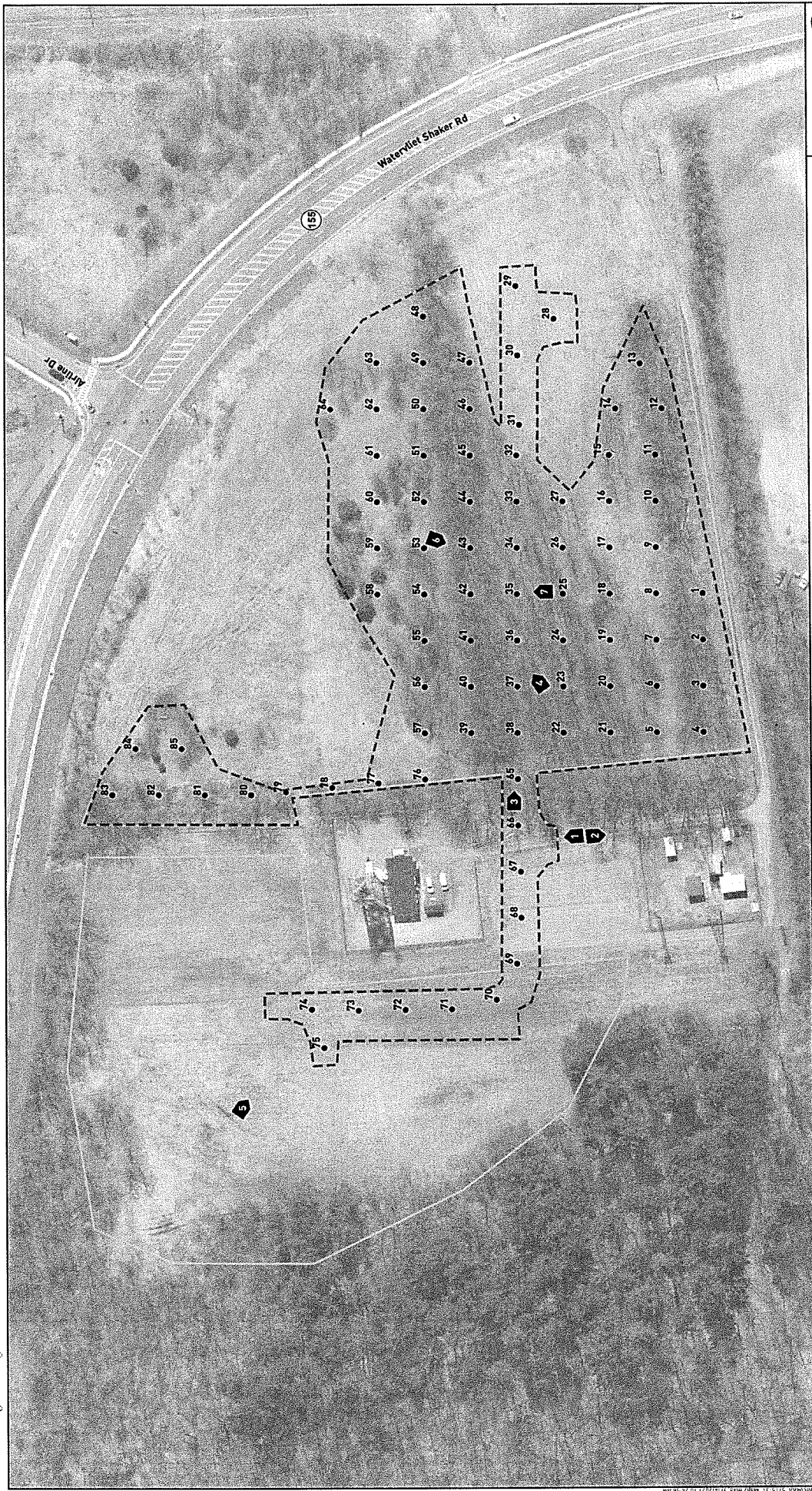
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Maps

Albany County Solar Installation - Radar Site, Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York
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50 0 50 100 Feet
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Legend

- Shovel Test (ST)
- Positive ST (Historic)
- Photo Angle

Phase I Study Area

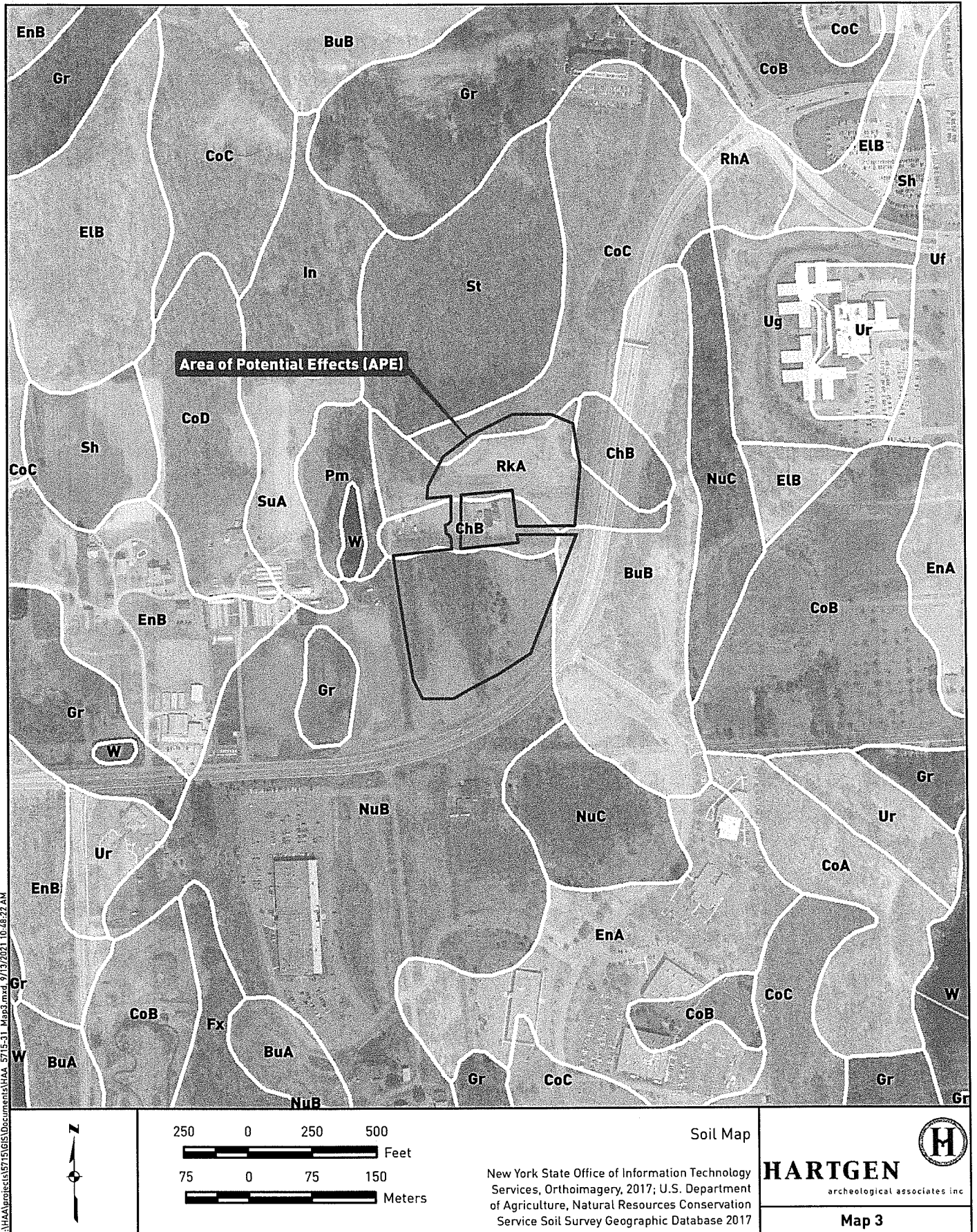
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Project Map

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Map 2



Photographs

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Photo 1. View facing east along roadway showing wooded area to the south (right) and more open area to the north (left) with the radar tower in the background.

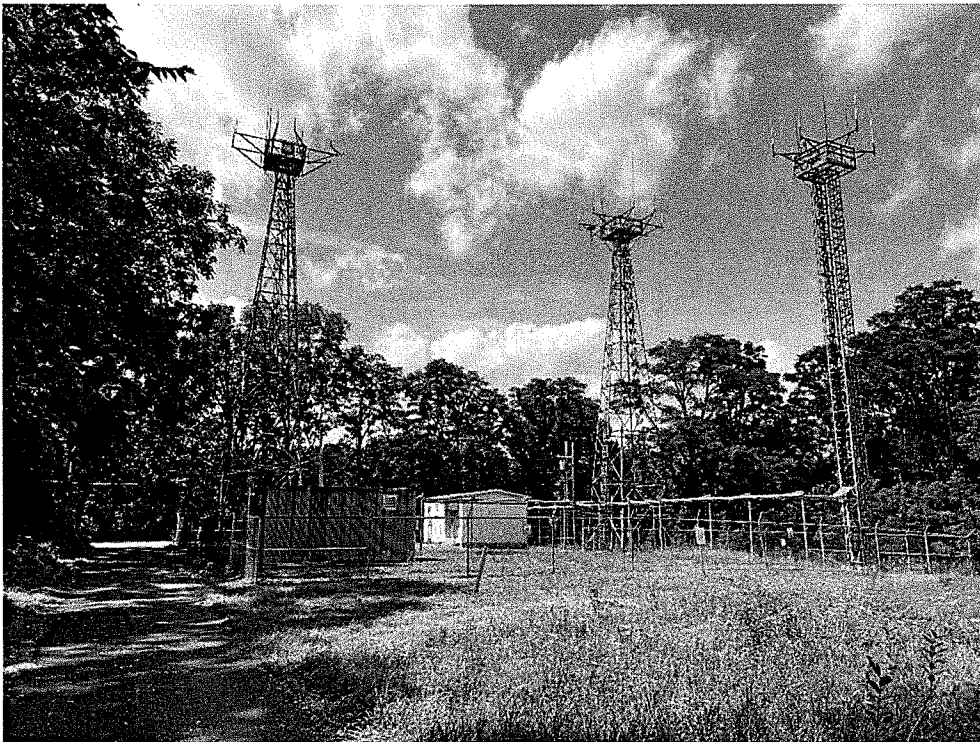


Photo 2. View facing to the west along the roadway showing second fenced complex. The road turns to the south (left) just past the fence.



Photo 3. View facing south showing conditions in the wooded southern portion of the APE.



Photo 4. View facing southeast showing conditions in the wooded southern portion of the APE.

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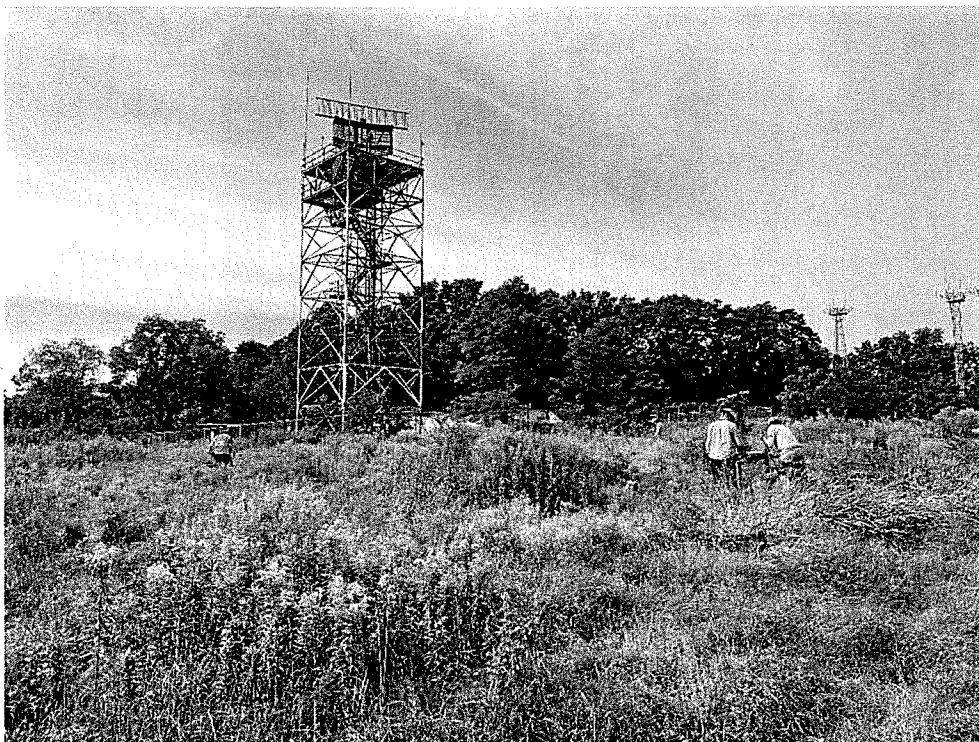


Photo 5. View facing southwest showing conditions in more open northern portion of the APE. Hartgen archeologists are excavating TP's 74 and 75.



Photo 6. Archeologist Megan Eigen excavating STP 43. View to the west.



Photo 7.
Archeologist Amy Wilson excavating STP 35. View to the east.

Appendix 1: Shovel Test Records

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Shovel Test Records

Test	Ending Depth (cm)	Level	Munsell Color	Soil Type	Soil Inclusions	Termination Reason	Not Collected
1	37	1	2.5y 4/3 olive brown	silt loam	roots		
	57	2	2.5y 5/6 light olive brown	silt loam		subsoil	
2	25	1	2.5y 4/2 dark grayish brown	silt clay	gravel, roots		
	52	2	2.5y 5/4 light olive brown	silt clay	gravel	subsoil	
3	38	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	silt clay	roots		
	58	2	10yr 6/4 light yellowish brown	sand clay	cobbles, roots	subsoil	
4	20	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	silt sand			
	40	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel, cobbles, roots	subsoil	
5	30	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand	gravel, roots		
	53	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
6	25	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand	roots		
	45	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel	subsoil	
7	24	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	roots, rocks		
	45	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	sand clay	roots	subsoil	
8	7	1	2.5y 2.5/1 black	silt sand loam			
	35	2	2.5y 4/3 olive brown	silt sand	roots		Chert nodules
	47	3	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
9	30	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	50	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel	subsoil	
10	23	1	2.5y 4/3 olive brown	silt sand			
	45	2	2.5y 5/6 light olive brown	silt sand		subsoil	
11	8	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand	gravel, roots		
	24	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel, roots	impasse (roots)	
12	26	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	roots		
	54	2	10yr 5/8 yellowish brown	sand loam	roots	subsoil	
13	30	1	2.5y 4/3 olive brown	silt sand			
	48	2	2.5y 5/6 light olive brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	

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Shovel Test Records

<u>Test</u>	<u>Ending Depth (cm)</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Munsell Color</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Soil Inclusions</u>	<u>Termination Reason</u>	<u>Not Collected</u>
14	35	1	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	roots		
	55	2	10yr 6/8 brownish yellow	sand		subsoil	
15	32	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel, charcoal, roots		
	62	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	sand	gravel, roots	subsoil	
16	34	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	63	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
17	48	1	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand			
	68	2	10yr 6/6 brownish yellow	loam	small pebbles	subsoil	
18	32	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand	roots		
	54	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	roots	subsoil	
19	30	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	silt clay	gravel, roots		
	61	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	silt clay	gravel	subsoil	
20	37	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			Chert nodules
	57	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
21	35	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand	roots		
	60	2	10yr 6/8 brownish yellow	sand		subsoil	
22	32	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand			
	60	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
23	29	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel, charcoal, roots		
	63	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	sand	gravel, roots	subsoil	
24	42	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	65	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
25	34	1	10yr 5/3 brown	silt sand	gravel, roots		
	55	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	sand	gravel, small pebbles	subsoil	
26	48	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand	roots, rocks	impasse (roots)	
27	40	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand			
	60	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel	subsoil	

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Shovel Test Records

<u>Test</u>	<u>Ending Depth (cm)</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Munsell Color</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Soil Inclusions</u>	<u>Termination Reason</u>	<u>Not Collected</u>
28	13	1	10yr 4/1 dark gray	loam clay			
	35	2	10yr 5/3 brown	loam clay		impasse (compact soil)	
29	7	1	10yr 4/1 dark gray	clay	gravel, cobbles		
	26	2	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand clay	gravel, cobbles	impasse (compact soil)	
			2Gley dark bluish gray 3/10B				
30	23	1	10yr 3/2 very dark grayish brown	silt clay	gravel	impasse (compact soil)	
31	32	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	52	2	10yr 5/8 yellowish brown	sand	gravel, cobbles	subsoil	
32	26	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	52	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	sand		subsoil	
33	34	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel, roots		
	58	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel, roots	subsoil	
34	34	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	silt sand	roots		
	55	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
35	35	1	10yr 5/3 brown	sand	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	57	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	sand	gravel	subsoil	
36	36	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand	roots		
	55	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
37	31	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	roots		
	52	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
38	25	1	10yr 5/3 brown	sand loam	gravel, roots		
	40	2	10yr 6/4 light yellowish brown	sand loam	gravel, cobbles	subsoil	
39	22	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt clay	gravel, roots		Shotgun shell
	40	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt clay	gravel, roots	subsoil	
40	25	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	55	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	

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Test	Ending Depth (cm)	Level	Munsell Color	Soil Type	Soil Inclusions	Termination Reason	Not Collected
41	30	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand loam	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	40	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	sand loam	cobbles	impasse (roots)	
42	33	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	53	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
43	30	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	silt sand	roots		
	50	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel, roots	subsoil	
44	21	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand loam	gravel, roots	impasse (roots)	
45	10	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	sand	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	30	2	10yr 5/8 yellowish brown	sand	gravel, cobbles, roots	subsoil	
46	30	1	10r 4/3 weak red	sand	roots		
	50	2	10r 5/6 red	sand		subsoil	
47	24	1	10yr 3/2 very dark grayish brown	silt sand loam			
	47	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
48	31	1	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt clay	gravel	impasse (compact soil)	
			2Gley 5/5B bluish gray				
49	42	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand			
	62	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	sand loam		subsoil	
50	35	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	roots		
	55	2	10yr 6/6 brownish yellow	sand		subsoil	
51	30	1	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	roots		
	54	2	10yr 5/8 yellowish brown	sand		subsoil	
52	44	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand	roots		
	60	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
53	40	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	gravel, cobbles		
	55	2	10yr 6/6 brownish yellow	sand	gravel	subsoil	

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54	36	1	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	gravel, roots		
	54	2	10yr 6/8 brownish yellow	sand	gravel	subsoil	
55	32	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	49	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
56	29	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	roots, rocks		
	51	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel, rocks	subsoil	
57	19	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	gravel, roots	impasse (roots)	
58	31	1	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	roots		
	52	2	10yr 6/8 brownish yellow	sand		subsoil	
59	34	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand			
	58	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
60	45	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	gravel, roots		
	60	2	10yr 6/6 brownish yellow	sand		subsoil	
61	44	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	roots		
	64	2	10yr 5/8 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	
62	29	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam			
	60	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt clay		subsoil	
63	47	1	10yr 3/2 very dark grayish brown	sand clay	gravel		
	66	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	sand loam		subsoil	
64	64	1	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand	roots		
	49	2	10yr 6/8 brownish yellow	sand		subsoil	
65	15	1	10yr 3/3 dark brown	silt sand	roots	impasse (roots)	
66	9	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt loam			
	32	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt loam other		subsoil	
67	20	1	10yr 4/2 dark grayish brown	sand clay	gravel, cobbles	impasse (rocks)	
68	35	1	10yr 4/3 brown	sand clay	gravel, crushed stone		
	64	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	gravel	subsoil	

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69	30	1	10yr 4/3 brown	sand loam	gravel		
	51	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
70	36	1	10yr 3/6 dark yellowish brown	silt	gravel, cobbles, roots	impasse (compact soil)	
71	30	1	10yr 5/3 brown	sand loam	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	45	2	10yr 6/6 brownish yellow	sand	gravel, cobbles	subsoil	
72	39	1	2.5y 3/3 dark olive brown	silt sand loam	cobbles		
	59	2	2.5y 5/4 light olive brown	silt loam other		subsoil	
73	42	1	10yr 5/3 brown	silt clay	gravel, cobbles		
	64	2	10yr 6/6 brownish yellow	sand clay	gravel, cobbles	subsoil	
74	30	1	10yr 3/4 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel, cobbles		
	50	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	silt sand	gravel	subsoil	
75	35	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	sand loam	gravel, cobbles		
	50	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	sand	gravel, cobbles	subsoil	
76	36	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	silt loam	gravel, cobbles, roots	impasse (compact soil)	
77	37	1	10yr 5/3 brown	loam	gravel, roots		
	58	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt loam	gravel	subsoil	
78	14	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt loam other			Chert nodule
	35	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown	silt loam other		subsoil	
79	41	1	10yr 3/1 very dark gray	silt clay	exfoliating bedrock	impasse (compact soil)	
			10yr 4/1 dark gray				
80	28	1	10yr 4/4 dark yellowish brown	silt loam	gravel, cobbles, roots		
	50	2	10yr 4/6 dark yellowish brown	silt loam	gravel	subsoil	
81	30	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt loam other			
	45	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown 10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt loam other		subsoil	
82	30	1	10yr 4/2 dark grayish brown	loam clay	gravel, cobbles		
	45	2	10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	clay	gravel, cobbles	subsoil	

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83	39	1	2.5y 3/2 very dark grayish brown 10yr 5/8 yellowish brown	loam clay	cobbles, roots, rocks	impasse (rocks)	
84	30	1	10yr 4/2 dark grayish brown	loam clay	gravel, cobbles		
	40	2	7.5yr 5/4 brown	clay	gravel	impasse (rocks)	
85	28	1	10yr 4/3 brown	silt sand loam			Chert nodule
	48	2	10yr 5/4 yellowish brown 10yr 5/6 yellowish brown	silt sand		subsoil	

Appendix 2: Artifact Inventory

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Artifact Inventory

Provenience	Level	Feature	Bag	Item	Count	Artifact Description	Material	Material Not Collected	Weight (g)
STP 15	1		1	1	1	whiteware	refined earthenware		0.6



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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September 14, 2021

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Re: DEC
Albany County Solar Installation - Radar Site/3.21MW/8 of 33.9 Acres
Town of Colonie, Albany County, NY
21PR01812

Dear Laura DeGaetano:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

We have reviewed your recent submissions, dated August 25 and August 31, 2021, for this project. The submissions include viewshed analysis maps in response to our previous information request and our concerns with impacts to the State and National Register listed Watervliet Shaker Historic District (Historic District).

The proposed undertaking is centrally located within the Historic District in one of the few remaining undeveloped areas in this part of the district. Since being listed in the National Register in 1973, the Historic District has been subject to numerous commercial development projects, especially along this section of Watervliet Shaker Road. Taken together, these developments have diminished the rural setting that once characterized the district. Though diminished, the historic rural setting remains as an important character-defining feature associated with the Historic District.

The proposed undertaking will have substantial visual impacts on the Historic District. The facility will be potentially visible from the West Family, South Family, and Church Family properties as well as the Shaker Cemetery (Ann Lee Cemetery). The solar arrays with their industrial form and scale will be incongruous with the Historic District's setting, historic buildings, landscapes, cemeteries, and other resources. In addition, potential glare and reflectivity at various times of the day, albeit minor, are of concern.

As such, our office has found that the undertaking will have adverse impacts on historic resources within the project's area of potential impact.

In this instance we believe that, other than a do nothing alternative, there may be few viable options that might avoid or minimize visual impacts associated with the scale and industrial character of the solar arrays. As such, we recommend that the involved parties

proceed with the development of an appropriate historic preservation mitigation plan. The plan should establish specific preservation/history projects and/or funding intended to offset what this office believes will be significant visual impacts associated with this undertaking. Once a mitigation plan is developed and agreed upon with this office and the lead state agency, it would then be memorialized in a Letter of Resolution as required by Section 14.09.

At this point in our review, the assessment of potential archeological impacts associated with the development of the solar facility are ongoing. Once this assessment is completed our office will issue a formal recommended finding under Section 14.09 to the involved State Agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Weston.davey@parks.ny.gov or (518) 268-2164.

Sincerely,



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Albany Radar Tower Solar Visual Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

LaBella Associates, DPC (LaBella) was contracted by Siemens Smart Infrastructure to produce visual simulations for a proposed solar array located at 925 Watervliet Shaker Road in the Town of Brunswick, New York. The simulations presented in this report were developed from four (4) vantage points in the vicinity of the project site. The simulations are based on preliminary engineering for the proposed solar array and interconnection submitted with this package. Some dimensions of the proposed improvements have been provided below:

- Solar Panel = 9' +/- maximum height from ground based on included sketch (in renderings) at 25 Degrees
- Electrical Equipment = 6'0" tall box
- Fencing = 7' 0" tall
- Utility Poles = 40'0" tall

The simulations were performed through the combination of field work and various computer programs. An outline of the programs and tools used can be found below.

Equipment

- Field Cones
- iPhone
- Arrow Unit Gold GNSS GPS device & Rod Setup

Programs/Software

- AutoDesk:
 - 3DS Max
 - Civil 3D
 - InfraWorks
 - ReCap
- ESRI:
 - ArcMap/ArcGIS Pro
 - ArcGIS Online
 - Collector Application
- Google Earth

It is LaBella Associates understanding that there are no codes or requirements for process of creating visual simulations in the Hamlet of Latham.

DATA GATHERING

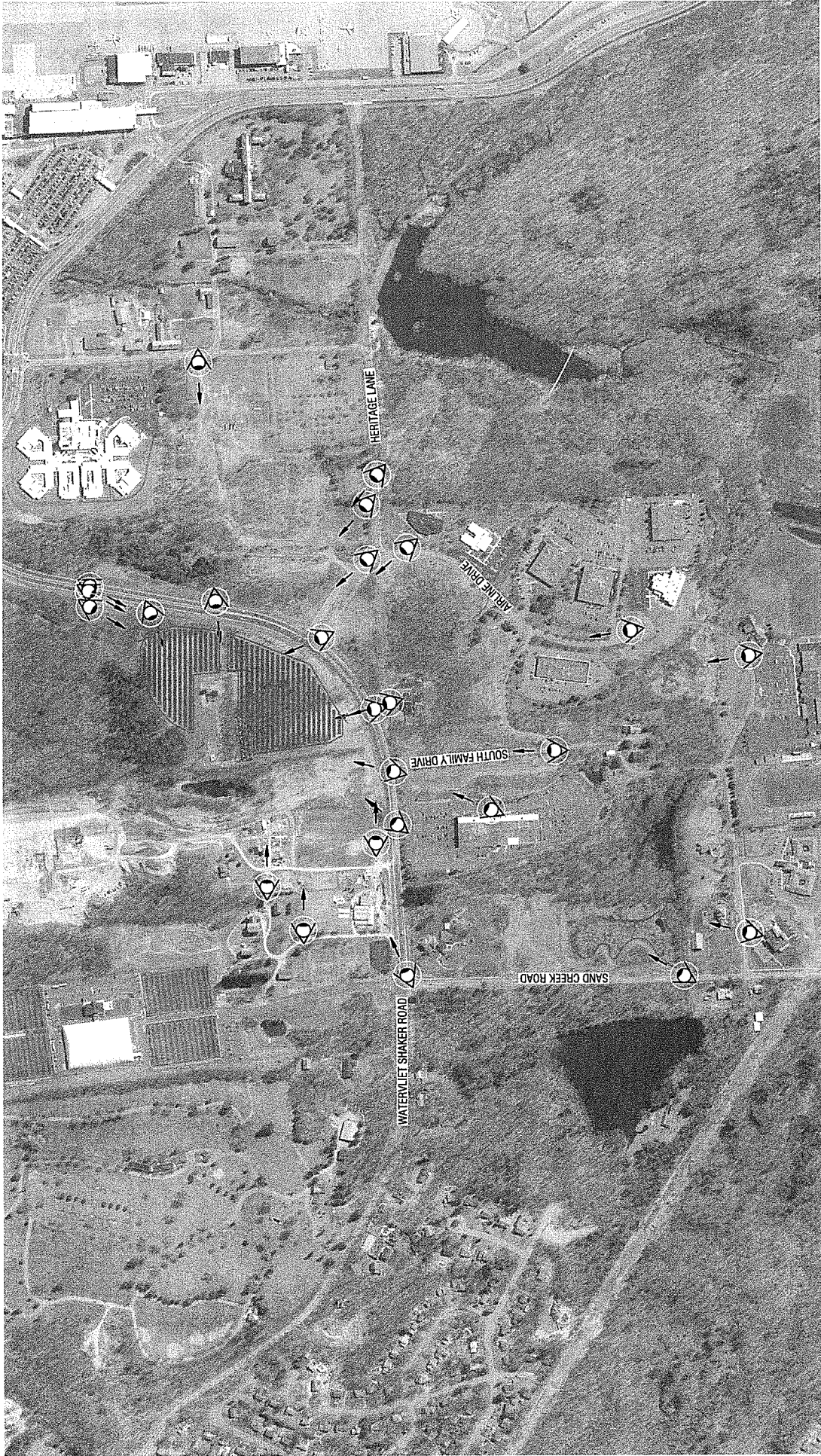
To create the proposed 3D model, LaBella Associates used the following:

- Aerial Imagery – NYS GIS Clearinghouse – 2021
 - <https://orthos.dhss.ny.gov/content/metadata/2021/2021-06-inch-4-Band-Orthoimagery-East-Zone.xml>
- Supplemental Ground Surface – DEM generated from NYS GIS clearinghouse Lidar
 - <http://gis.ny.gov/elevation/metadata/2008-Capital-District-LiDAR.xml>

DESKTOP REVIEW

LaBella identified thirteen (13) locations to investigate adjacent the proposed improvements to assess potential visual impact during the field work. These locations were selected as areas that are most likely to be impacted by the proposed improvements or have been noted as a sensitive receptor. While in the field determinations may be made to remove points based on visibility from the flagged locations. The focus of the field work was to capture photos and documentation from potentially impacted views associated with the West and South family sites along Watervliet Shaker Road as well as the Shaker cemetery located on Heritage Lane. The attached Field Photo Location map shows the locations of all recorded photos.

Based on our desktop review, it is expected that there will be some impact to the viewsheds associated with the aforementioned sites. However, there will be a higher impact for residents and drivers and pedestrians along Watervliet Shaker Road from the east.



FIELD WORK

Field work began on Saturday January 30th, 2022. While on-site the weather was sunny with a light breeze.

The existing conditions were captured in photos to be used as the base for the simulations. Field photos were captured with a rear facing GPS enabled Phone. Each photo location was recorded through the use of an Arrow Gold GNSS GPS unit. At each photo, a vantage point was created recording location, altitude and documented field notes.

While at each vantage, cones are placed within the line of site and recorded as a registration marker. These cones can be seen inside of both the existing and simulated photos. Below is an example of the cones for coordination between existing and modeled environment.



Photo Location 1

VISUAL SIMULATIONS

The following visual simulations provide the intent of the proposed solar array at installed conditions. The elements used in the simulation are for representation of intent of massing and appearance but may vary from installed materials.

Photo 01 was taken adjacent to the West Family Laundry House (USN number: 00104.000026) looking northeast into the proposed site. This view represents the potential impacts to the residents of the apartments within both the laundry house as well as that of the other West Family buildings.

As shown in the prepared visual simulation, even during leaf-off conditions, existing vegetation (comprised of old growth vegetation with trees reaching roughly 60 feet in height) provides roughly 1300 linear feet of buffer along the western perimeter of the proposed site to shield vehicles and residences from the proposed array behind it.

See Figure 1.1 for the existing conditions and 1.2 for the proposed visual simulations

Photo 02 was taken at the intersection of Watervliet Shaker Road (Ny-155) and Airline Drive looking northwest into the proposed site. This view represents the potential impact to vehicles and pedestrians looking northwest into the site. The view is primarily unobstructed with minor vegetation along the east side of Watervliet Shaker Road (Ny-22).

As shown in the prepared simulation, the proposed site improvements are visible from this location.

See Figure 2.1 for the existing conditions and 2.2 for the proposed visual simulations.

Photo 03 was taken along the existing asphalt pedestrian pathway (northeast of the existing radio tower) looking southwest into the proposed site. This view represents the potential impact to pedestrians who use this path. The view is relatively unobstructed with light screening vegetation along the eastern border of the proposed site.

As shown in the prepared visual simulation, the proposed site improvements will be visible from this location. However, even during leaf-off conditions, existing vegetation along the eastern border of the proposed site provides moderate screening for pedestrians from the array behind it.

See Figure 3.1 for the existing conditions and 3.2 for the proposed visual simulations.

Photo 04 was also taken along Heritage Lane to the east of the proposed site. This view represents the potential impact to the Church Family barns (USN number: 0104.000010) as well as members of the Shaker Heritage Society who frequent this area.

As shown in the prepared visual simulation, even during leaf-off conditions, existing vegetation along the eastern side of Watervliet Shaker Road as well as natural variations in topography will shield members and users from the proposed improvements. The proposed simulation has been prepared showing a red hatched area simulating the proposed array behind the existing tree line.

See Figure 4.1 for the existing conditions and 4.2 for the proposed visual simulations

Simulated Photo Descriptions

- Figure X.1 – Existing Conditions field photos
- Figure X.2 – Proposed Simulations





Figure 1.1



Figure 1.2



Figure 2.1

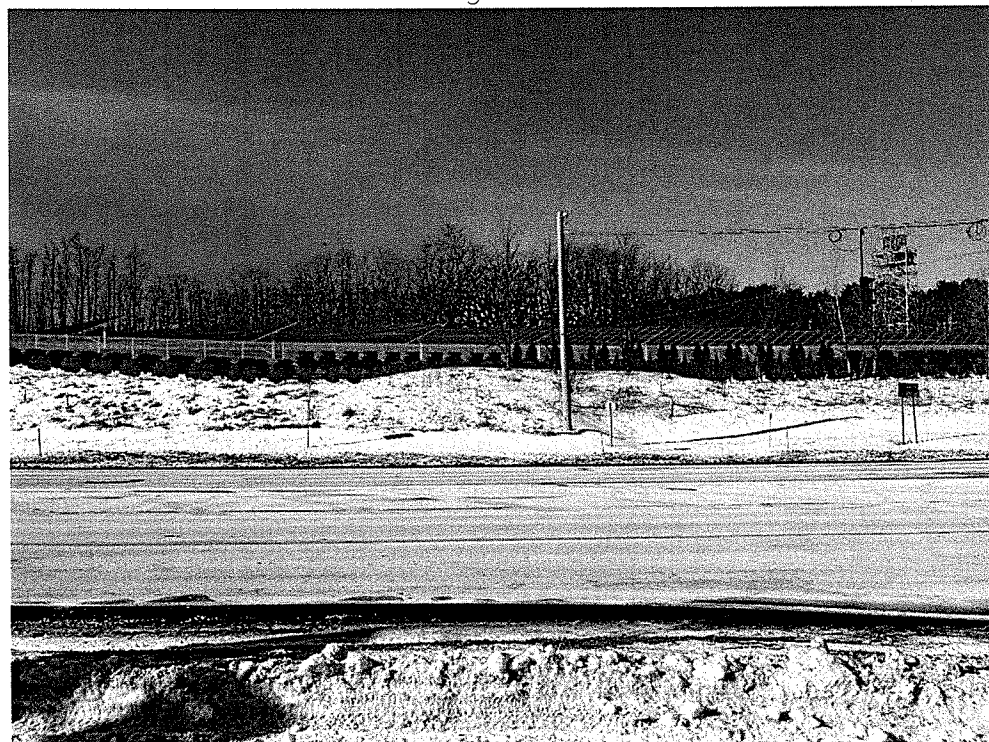


Figure 2.2



Figure 3.1

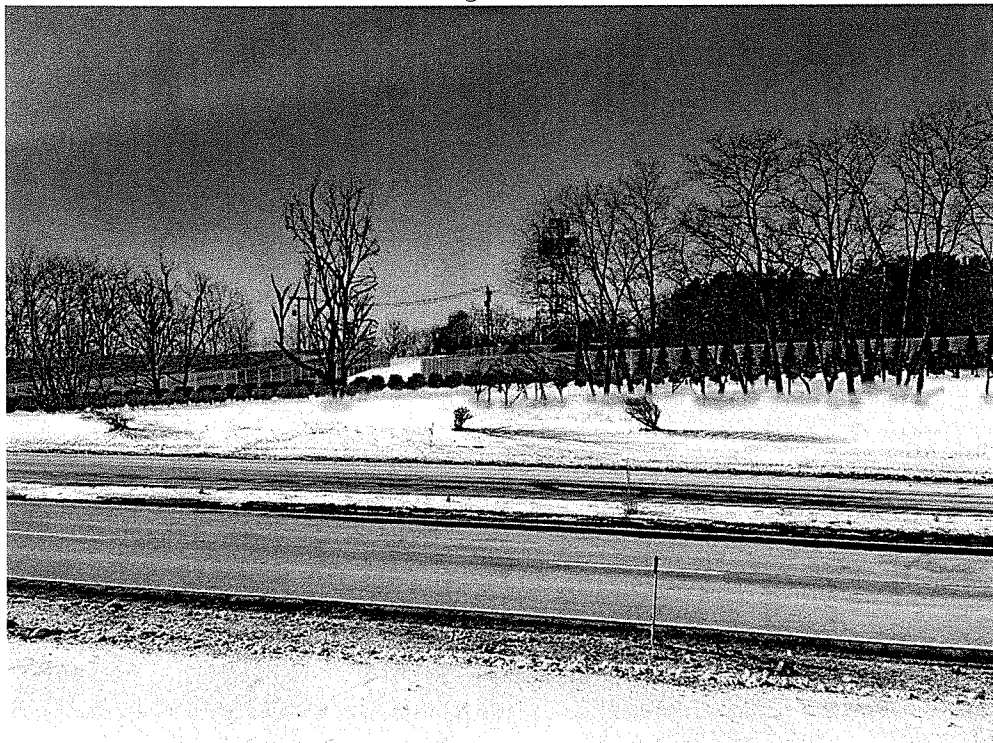


Figure 3.2



Figure 4.1

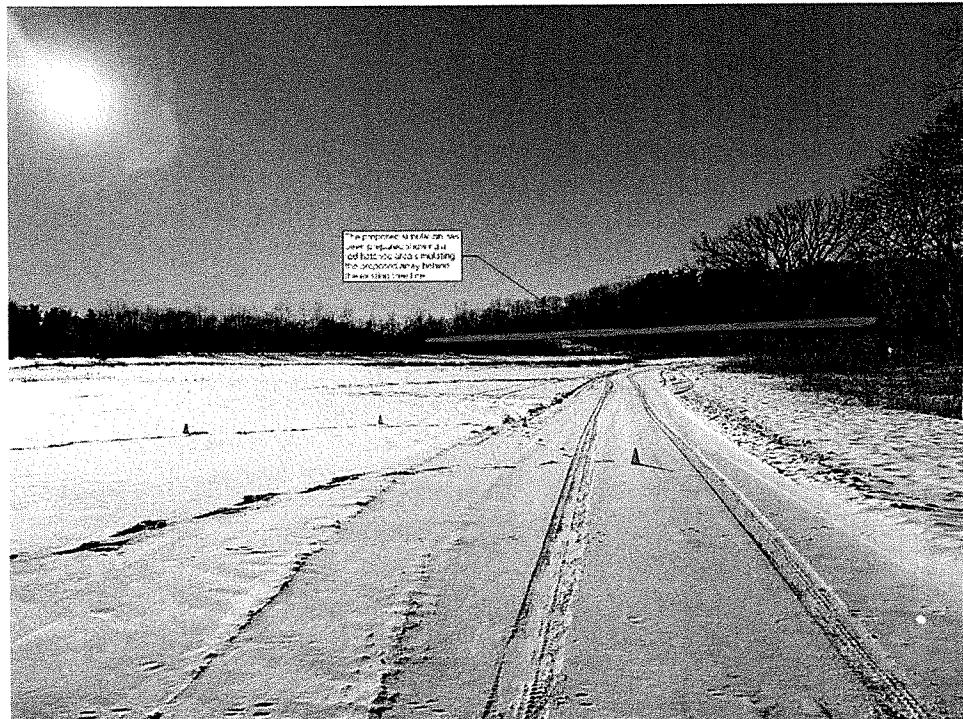


Figure 4.2

VISUAL SIMULATION PROCESS

3D Model, View Orientation and Visual Simulation

LaBella generated a geospatially accurate three-dimensional (3D) model depicting the proposed improvements using all of the gathered data. The proposed site improvements include chain link fence and gates, electrical equipment and pads, gravel access drive, utility poles, solar modules and racking and a vegetative buffer. The submitted simulations include all of the proposed improvements discussed above.

The geospatially accurate model allows us to import in the Field Photo Locations recorded during the field work completed on January 30th, 2022. The imported points were used to create model viewports and align the proposed 3D model with existing conditions captured in the photos. The recorded GPS unit elevation, approximate surface grades and +/- 5.5-6.0' eye height were used to align the vantage of the field photo to the model photo. After the elevation and direction of the photo locations are established, the views are adjusted to align with the rotation and physical location of the field photos.

LaBella modeled existing features as location markers for the final integration of the proposed improvements into the field photos. After the existing features were modeled the proposed features were added and cameras were set to mimic the locations in the field. The cameras positions were determined by GPS coordinate data and their orientations were recorded using the theodolite application. The photos of the model were then exported from 3DS MAX and imported into Adobe Photoshop. To create the final simulations, the proposed model view was layered between a foreground and background of the existing photo. See example in step-by-step workflow below

3DS Max/Civil3D & Photoshop Step-by-Step

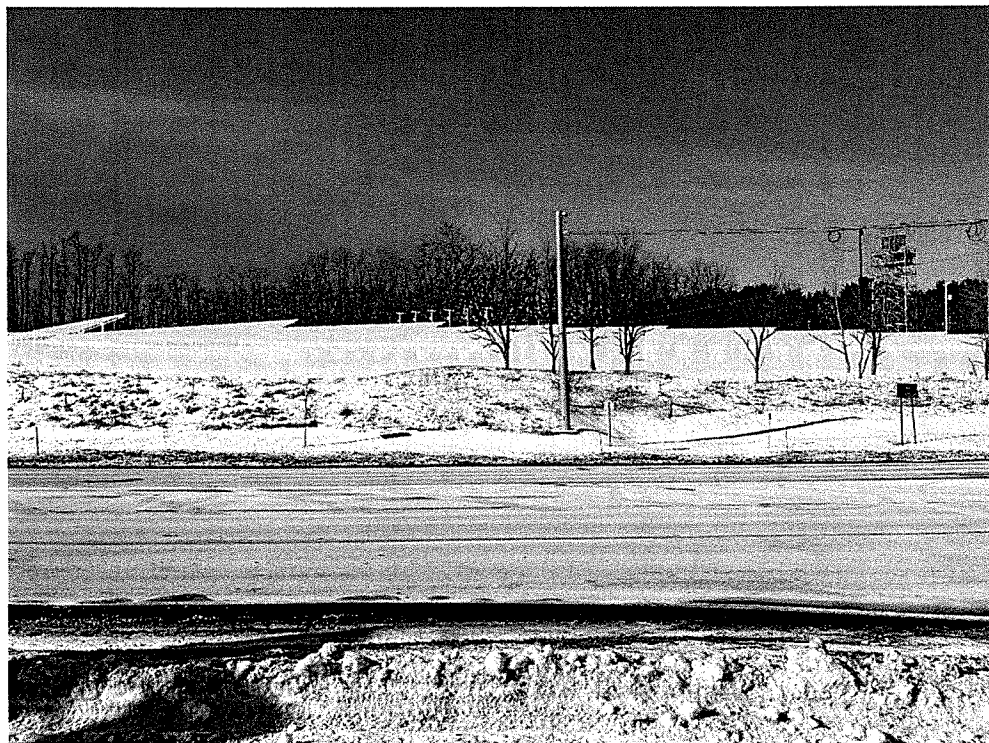
1. Create a new base file using Autodesk Civil 3D
 - a. Using the programs surface creation tools the LIDAR is imported as a TIN surface.
2. Create a model with Proposed Design Elements using Civil 3D. The LIDAR surface is used as a basis for the 3D projection of the proposed plan including the following elements:
 - a. Fencing
 - b. Electrical Equipment
 - c. Solar Tables and Supports
 - d. Utility Poles & Overhead Wires
 - e. Access Road
3. Setting Up Views
 - a. Real Photos taken (with GPS coordinates)
 - b. Create cameras in Civil 3D model (using Latitude and Longitude from the photo)
 - i. Simulate the focal length, declination, altitude, and azimuth using information provided by theodolite application (taken at time of photo)
4. Import the completed model and with cameras into Autodesk 3DS MAX
 - a. In 3DS MAX the completed Civil 3D model is imported
 - b. Textures are applied to the imported elements
 - c. Trees are added at the locations specified by the landscape plan
5. Render Views
 - a. Render engine is set to match the field photography resolution
6. Open Site Photo and Rendered View in Photoshop (3 Layers)
 - a. Background (Site Photo)
 - b. Rendered View (Proposed Improvements Only)
 - c. Foreground (Model View Removed)
7. The Rendered View of the Proposed Solar Array is superimposed onto the Site Photo
8. Blend the edges of the Site Photo and Rendered View to create a seamless transplant (clarify foreground and background elements)
9. Export the Final View as a PDF and JPG and add into submission.

Example of Photo Layering

The following images represent the several layers that are created during the visual simulation process. Through analyzing the photo locations to surrounding existing features we identify portions of the photo that will remain as foreground and leave the remaining features to compose the background. Once the separation is made the export of the proposed improvements is placed in between the two layers allowing the future foreground to screen the proposed improvements as expected.



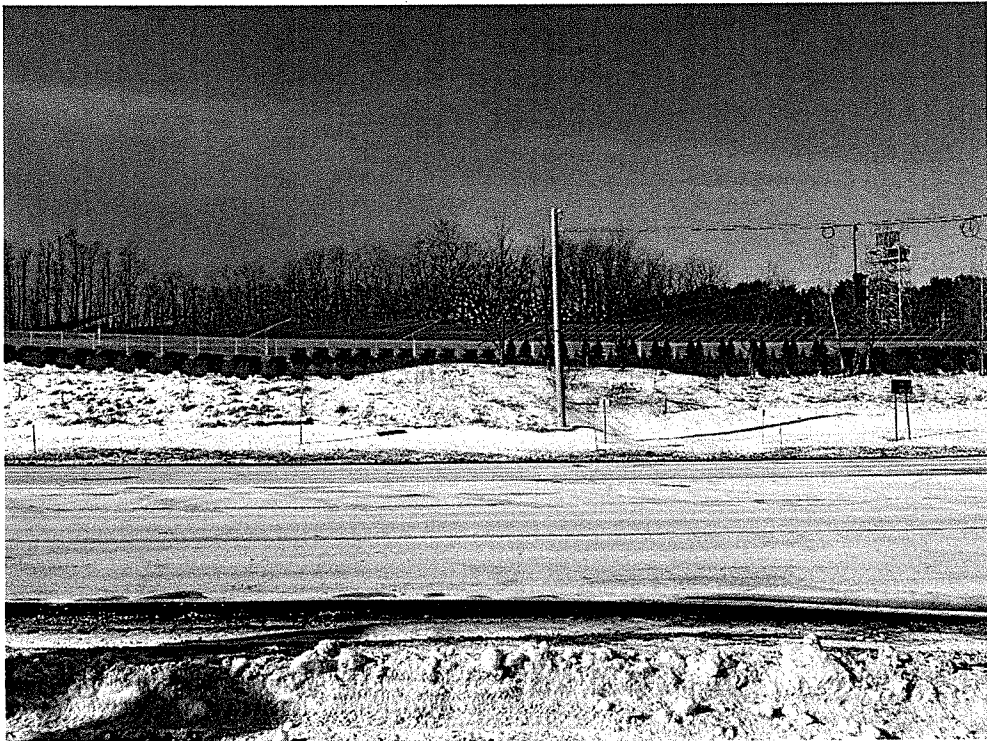
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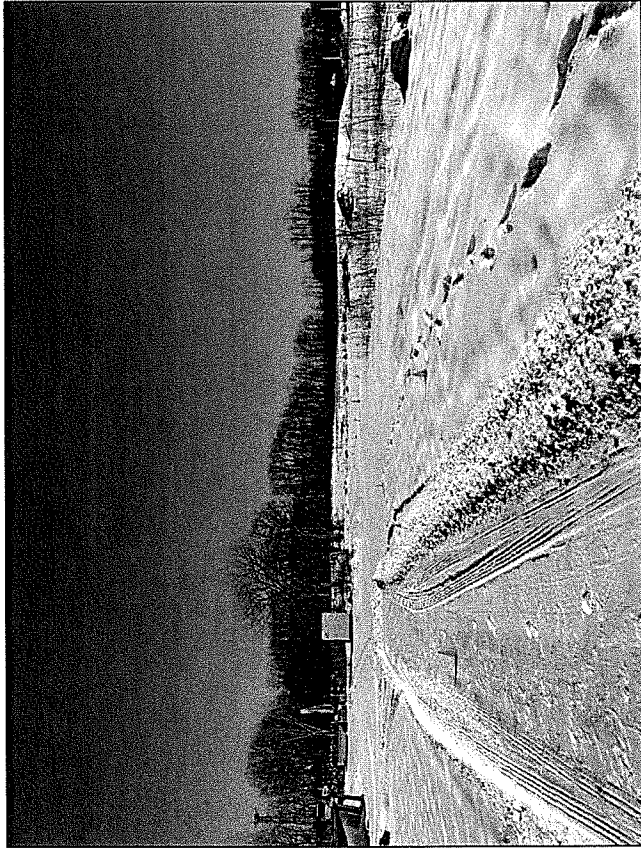
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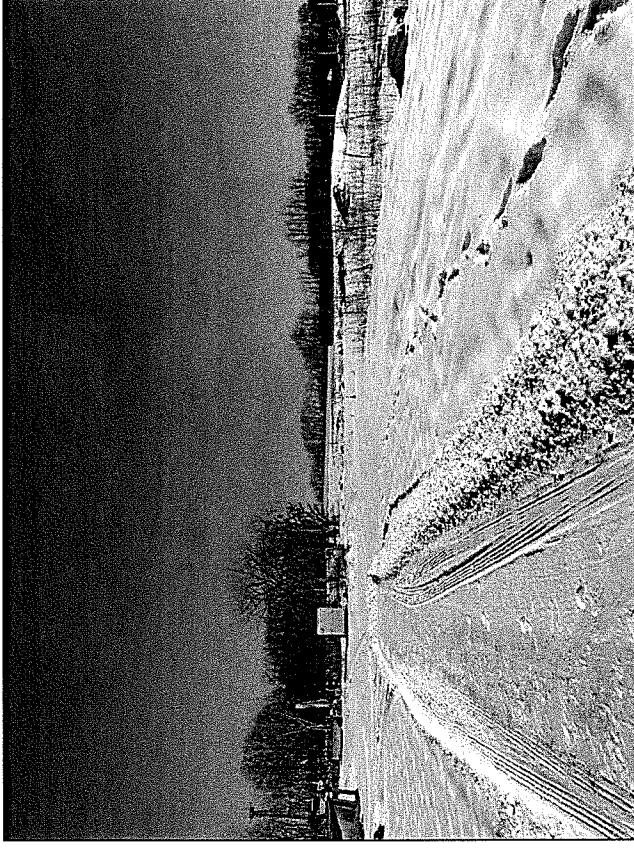
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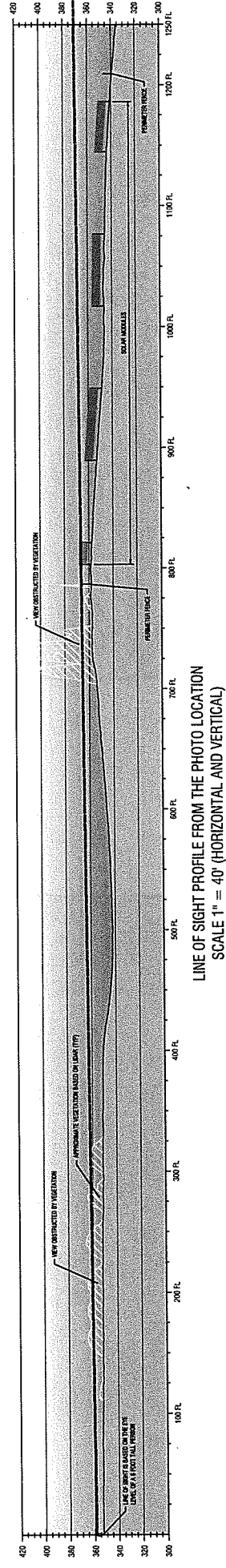
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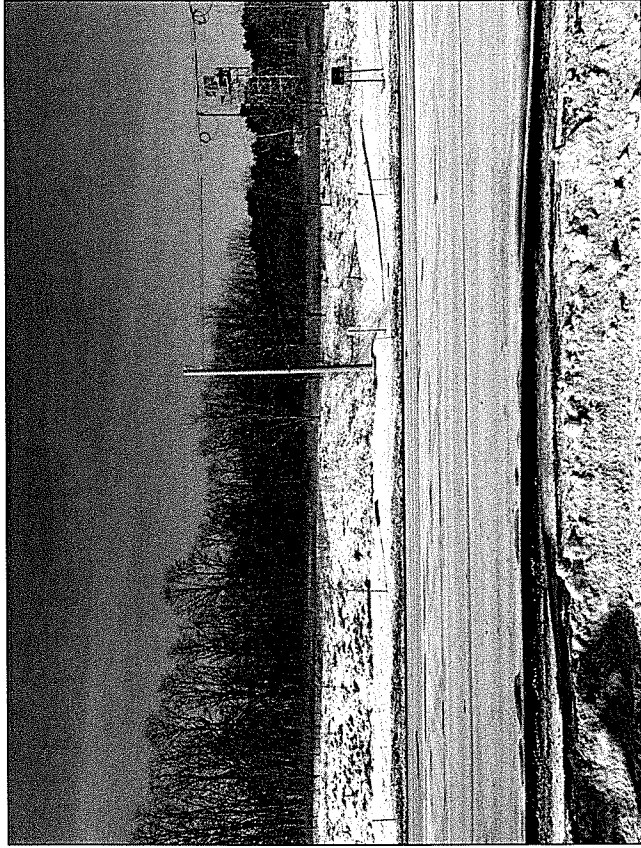


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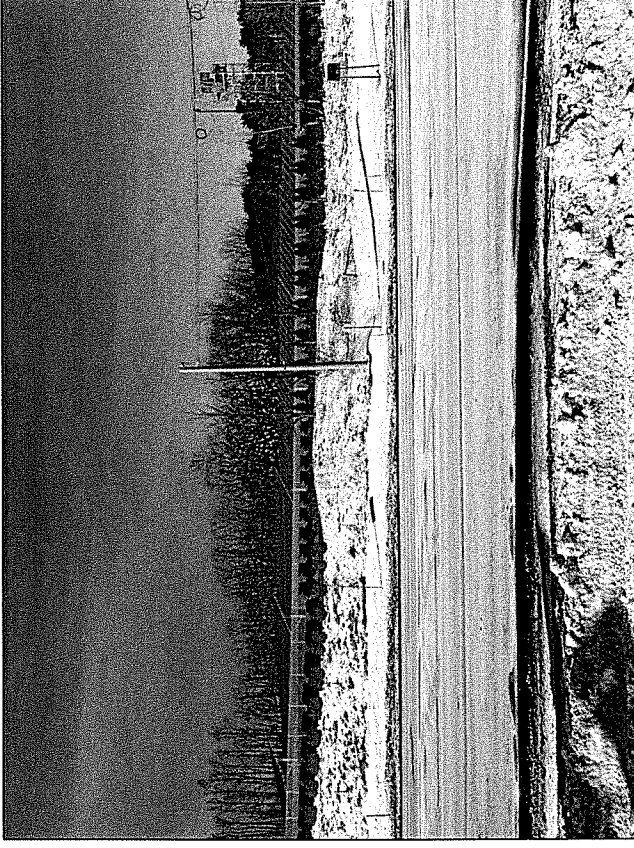


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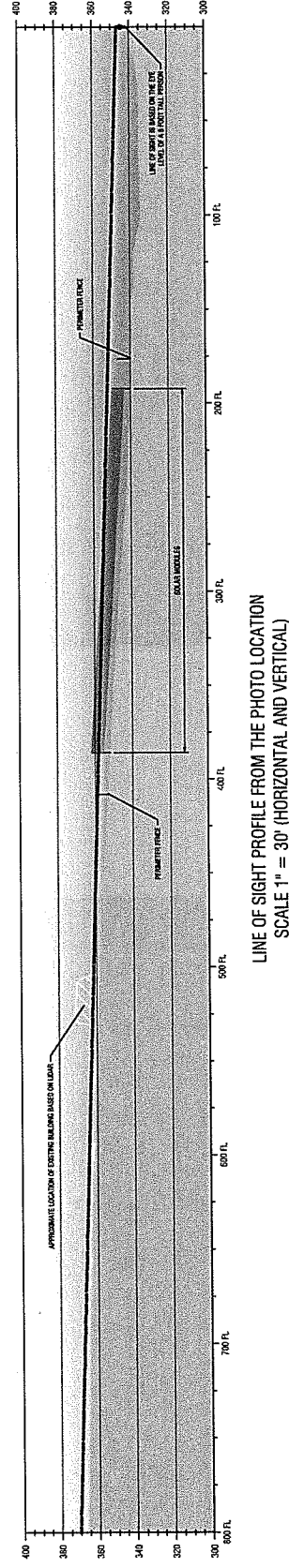




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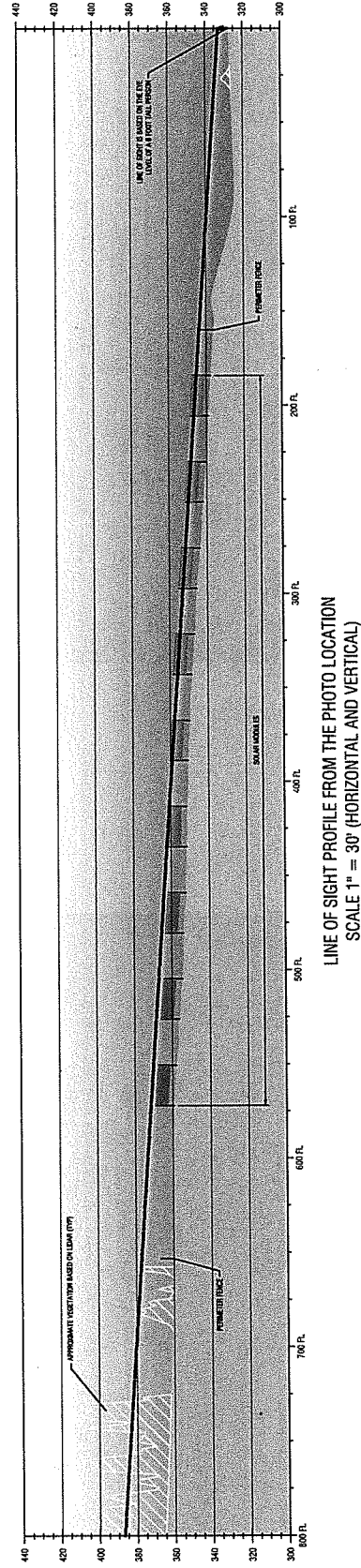


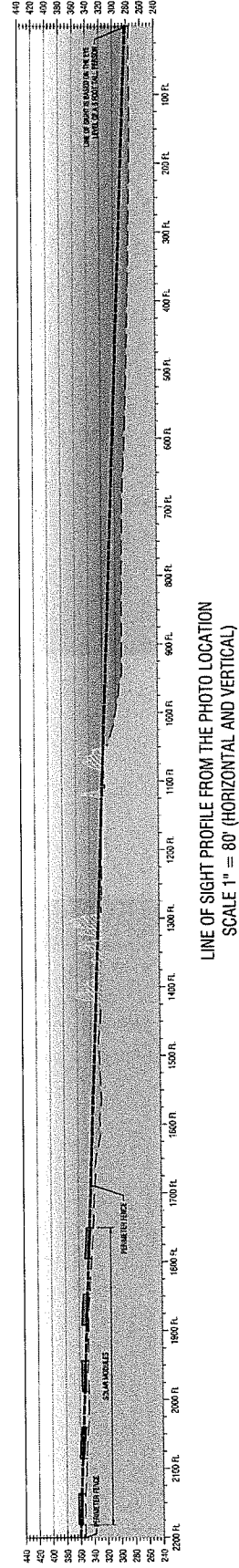
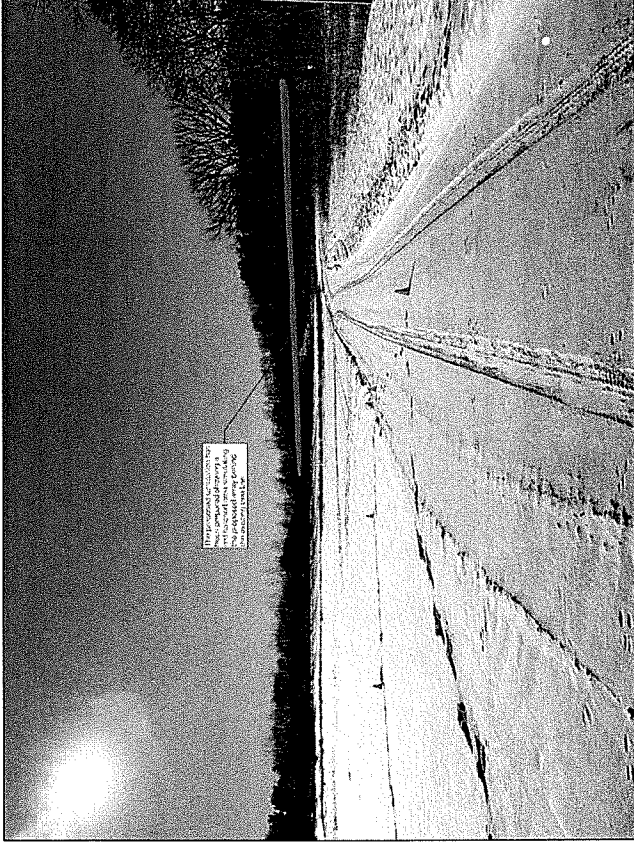
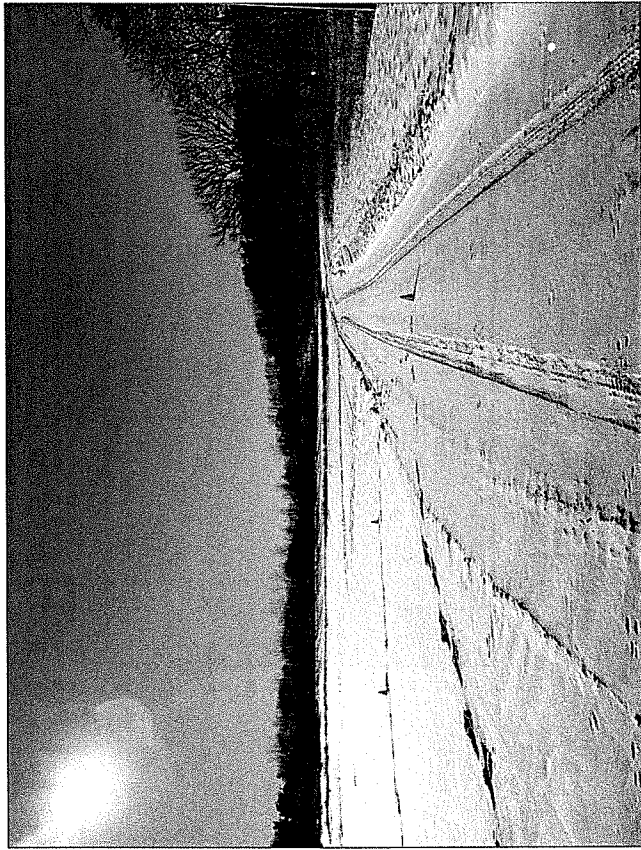


EXISTING CONDITIONS (FIELD PHOTO)
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PROPOSED CONDITIONS (VISUAL SIMULATION)
SIMULATION DEPICTS IMMEDIATE POST CONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATION





**LETTER OF RESOLUTION FOR
MITIGATION OF ADVERSE IMPACTS ON CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALBANY COUNTY SOLAR PROJECT
AMONG**

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; and
Albany County; and Siemens Industry, Inc.**

21PR01812

WHEREAS, Siemens Industry, Inc. intends to build the ("Project") a 1.872 MW DC solar project on approximately five-acres of a 33.90-acre parcel located at 897 Watervliet shaker Rd.; and

WHEREAS, the Project requires coverage under a State Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-20-001) issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department has consulted with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks Law of 1980, 9 NYCRR Part 428 and the existing intra-agency Letter of Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Siemens Industry, Inc. has completed historic, prehistoric and archeological reviews, surveys, and investigations throughout the project impact area (PIA) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, The NYS OPRHP Division for Historic Preservation ("Division") Archaeology Unit has reviewed the Phase I Archeological Survey report submitted for this project entitled "Phase I Archeological Investigation, Albany Radar Tower Site Solar, Watervliet Shaker Road and Airline Drive, Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York" prepared by Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc (21SR00616; September 2021). and concurs with the report recommendation that no additional archaeological work is necessary.

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is sited in the Watervliet Shaker Historic District which is listed on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places (Historic District); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the introduction of the solar array will have an Adverse Impact on the historic district; and the Department, OPRHP, Siemens Industry Inc. and the County all seek to avoid said impact; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of impacts to the Watervliet Shaker Historic District is unavoidable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the NEW YORK STATE PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW, the Department, OPRHP, and Siemens Industry Inc. and the County agree that the Project may proceed subject to the stipulations set forth below:

STIPULATIONS

1. The site will be documented in its current condition
2. Siemens Industry Inc. Shall fund replacement of the roof on the Shaker Meeting House at the Church Family Site at a cost of up to \$35,000 (Attachment B map, photo, estimate)

3. Siemens Industry Inc. will use pollinator plants and native grasses in and around the solar array (Attachment C Landscape Plan)

4. Other Terms and Conditions:

- Modifications, amendments, or termination of this agreement as necessary shall be accomplished by the signatories in the same manner as the original agreement.
- Disputes regarding the completion of the terms of this agreement shall be resolved by the signatories.

The signatories agree that by execution of this Letter of Resolution the Department has satisfied its requirements for compliance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks Law of 1980 and 9 NYCRR part 428.

NYS Department for Environmental Conservation

Charles E. Vandrei
Agency Historic Preservation Officer

Date: _____

NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation

Daniel Mackay
Deputy Commissioner

Date: _____

Siemens Industry Inc.

Name: _____

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Attachment A

State Historic Preservation Office/ New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Human Remains Discovery Protocol

(August 2018)

If human remains are encountered during construction or archaeological investigations, the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recommends that the following protocol is implemented:

Human remains must be treated with dignity and respect at all times. Should human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, work in the general area of the discovery will stop immediately and the location will be secured and protected from damage and disturbance.

If skeletal remains are identified and the archaeologist is not able to conclusively determine whether they are human, the remains and any associated materials must be left in place. A qualified forensic anthropologist, bioarchaeologist or physical anthropologist will assess the remains in situ to help determine if they are human.

No skeletal remains or associated materials will be collected or removed until appropriate consultation has taken place and a plan of action has been developed.

The SHPO, the appropriate Indian Nations, the involved state and federal agencies, the coroner, and local law enforcement will be notified immediately. Requirements of the coroner and local law enforcement will be adhered to. A qualified forensic anthropologist, bioarchaeologist or physical anthropologist will assess the remains in situ to help determine if the remains are Native American or non-Native American.

If human remains are determined to be Native American, they will be left in place and protected from further disturbance until a plan for their avoidance or removal can be generated. Please note that avoidance is the preferred option of the SHPO and the Indian Nations. The involved agency will consult SHPO and the appropriate Indian Nations to develop a plan of action that is consistent with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) guidance. Photographs of Native American human remains and associated funerary objects should not be taken without consulting with the involved Indian Nations.

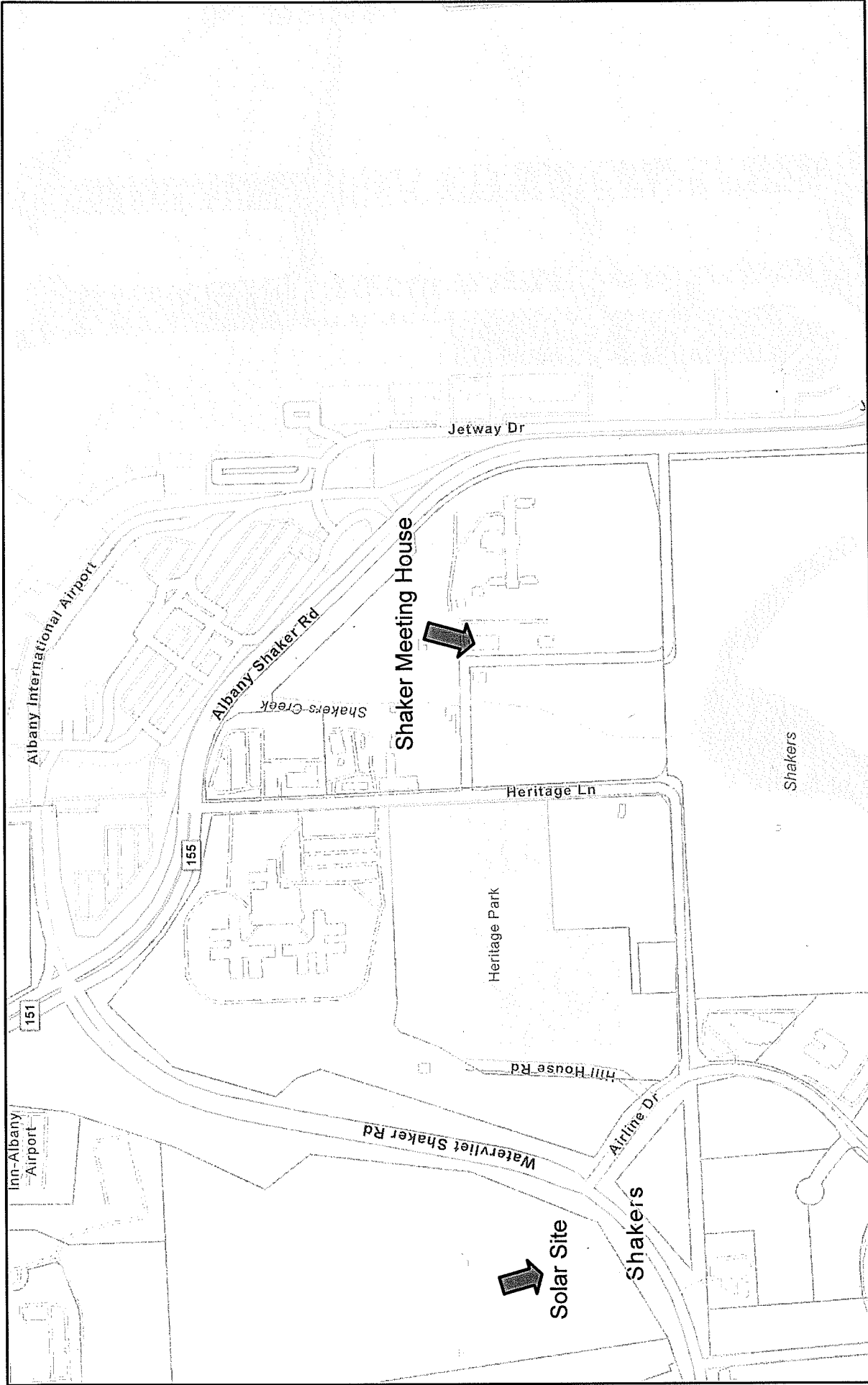
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To protect human remains from possible damage, the SHPO recommends that burial information not to be released to the public.

Siemens Industry Inc. shall submit this documentation to Albany County for submission to OPRHP through the CRIS website at: <https://cris.parks.ny.gov> for review and approval. The material should be submitted to the existing CRIS project file 21PR01812.

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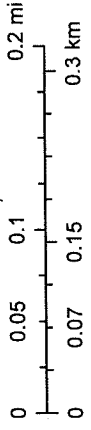
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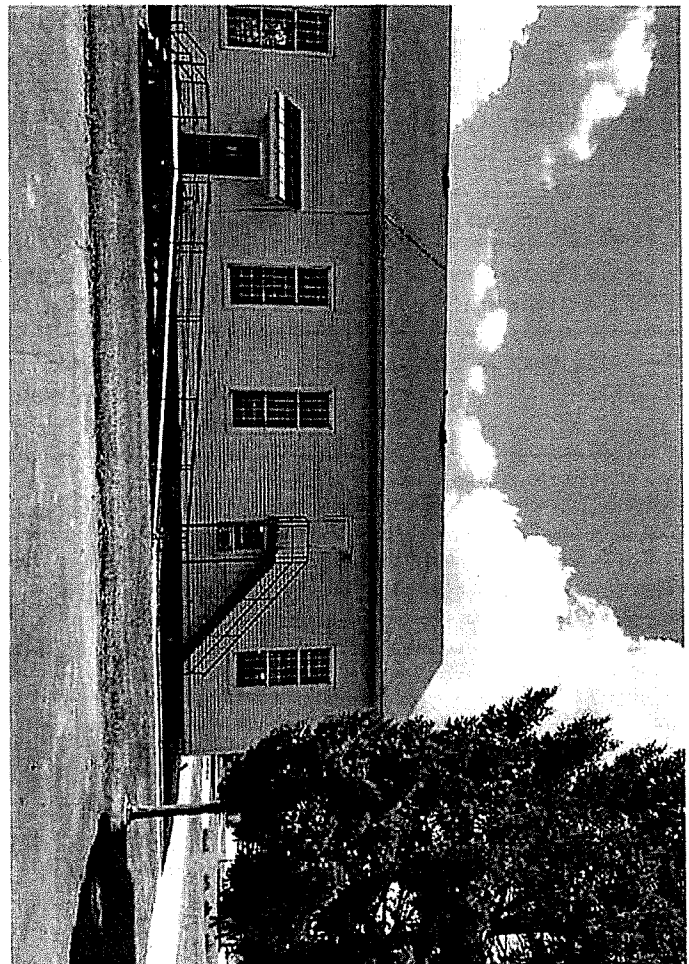
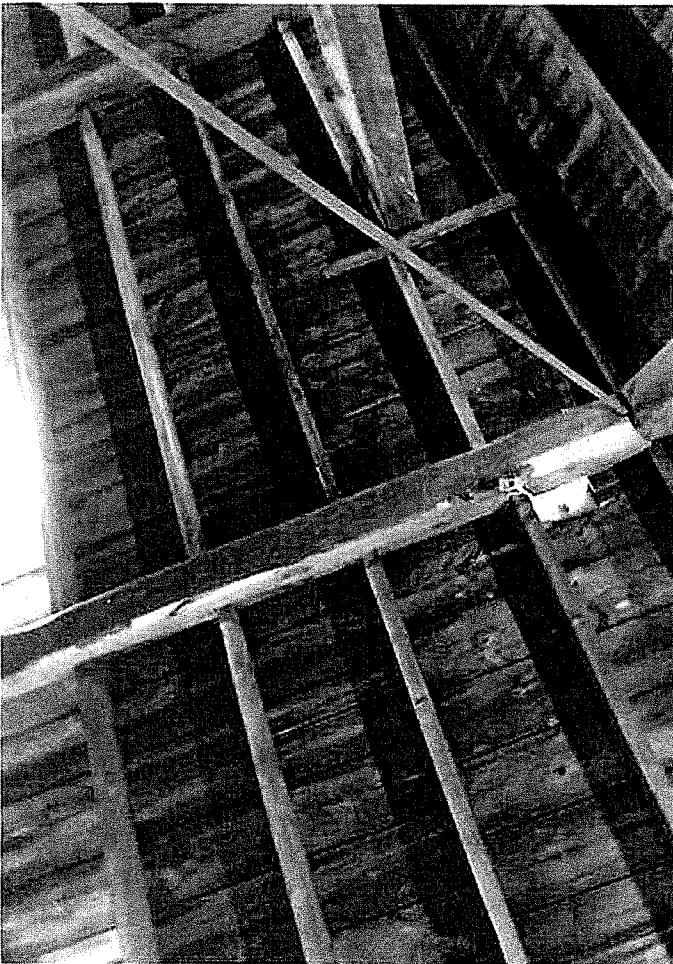
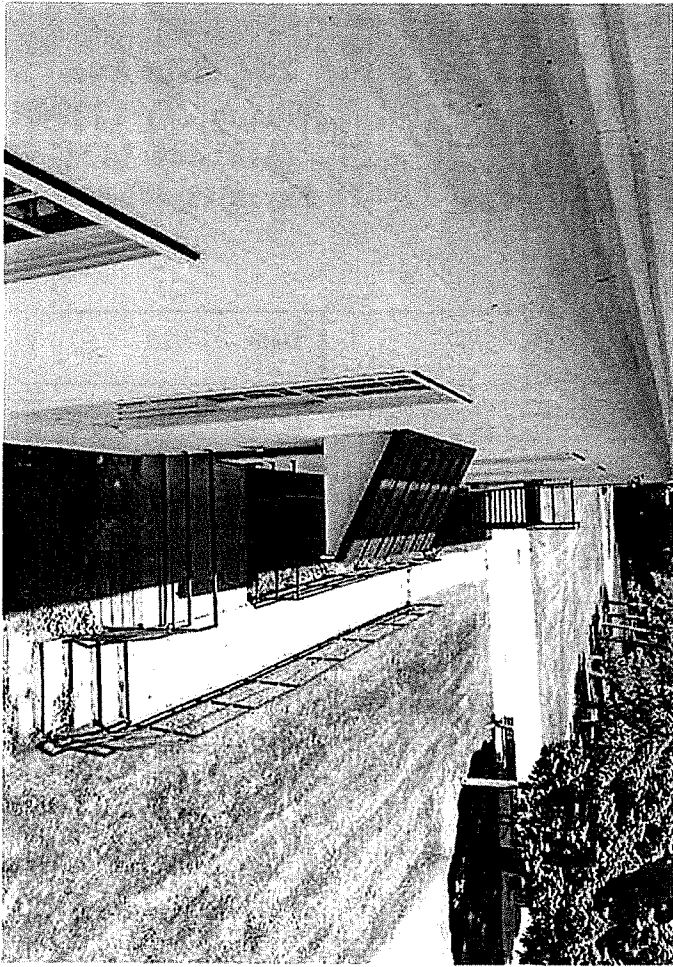
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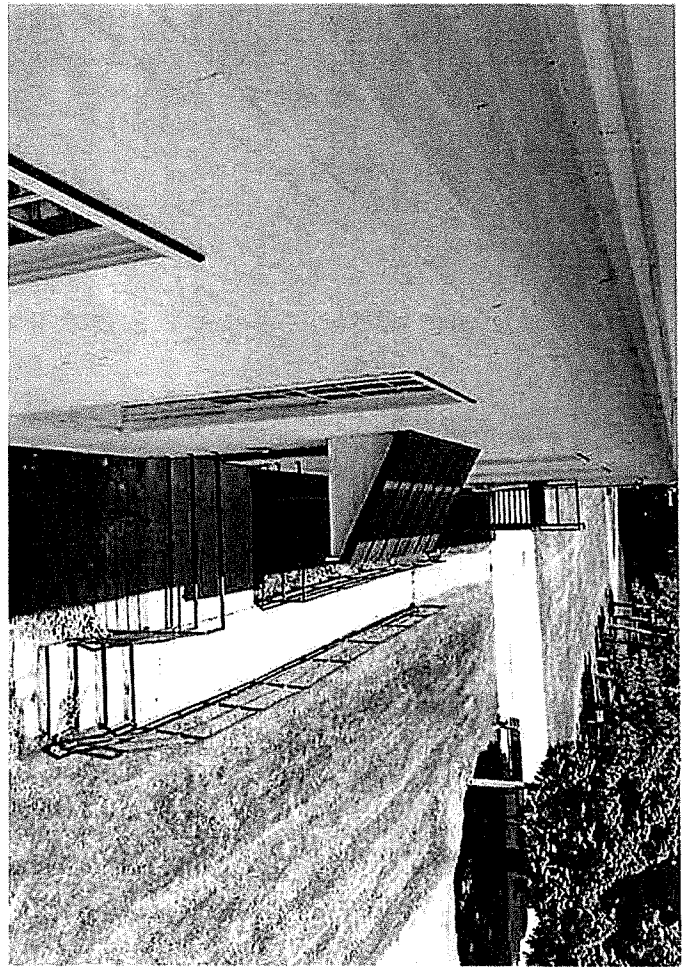
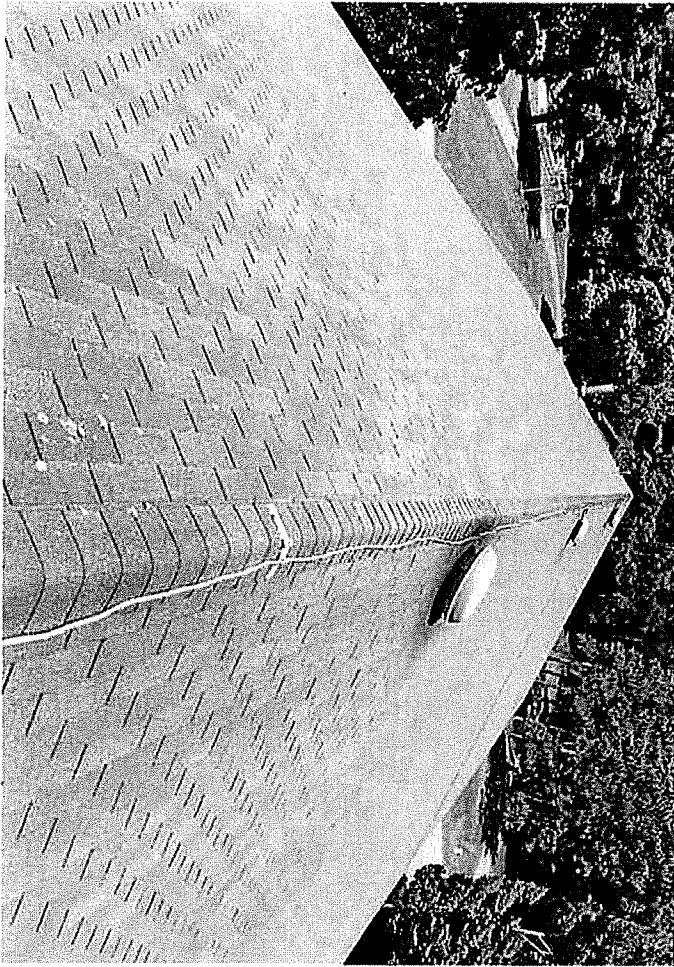
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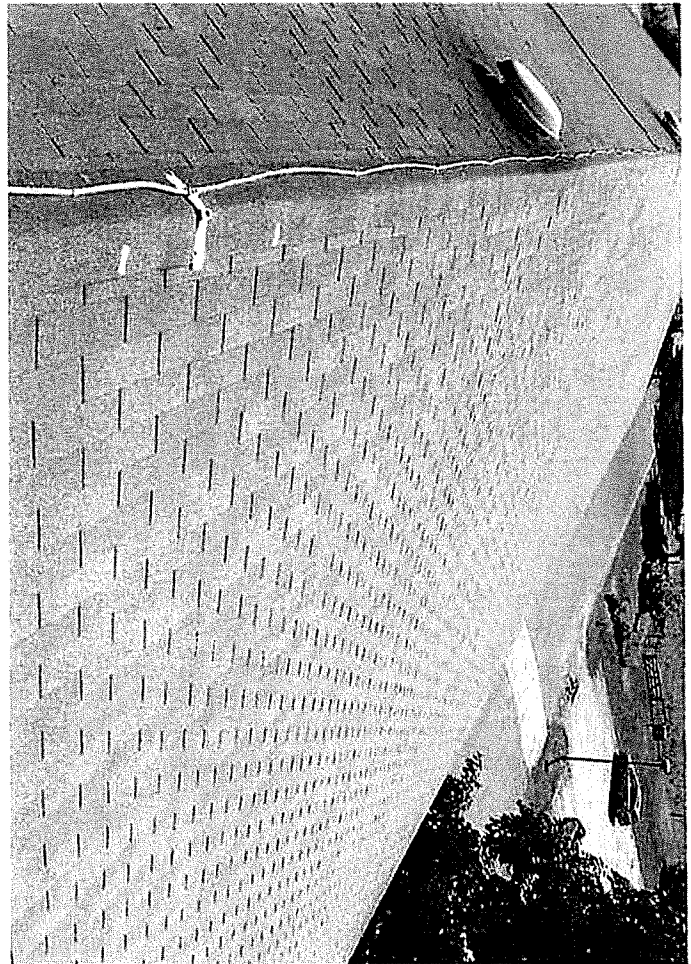
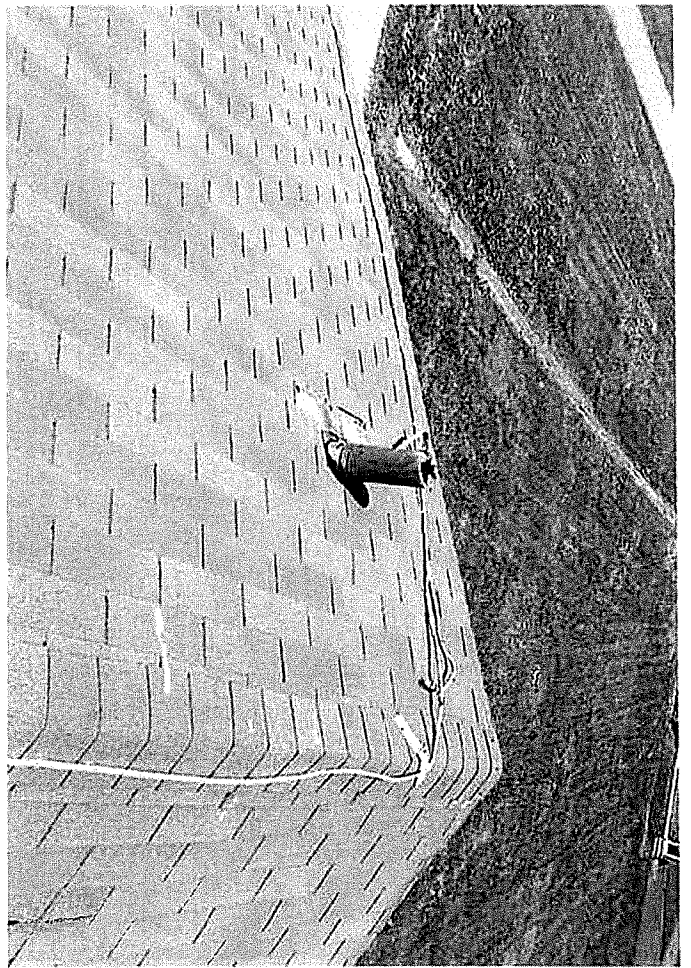
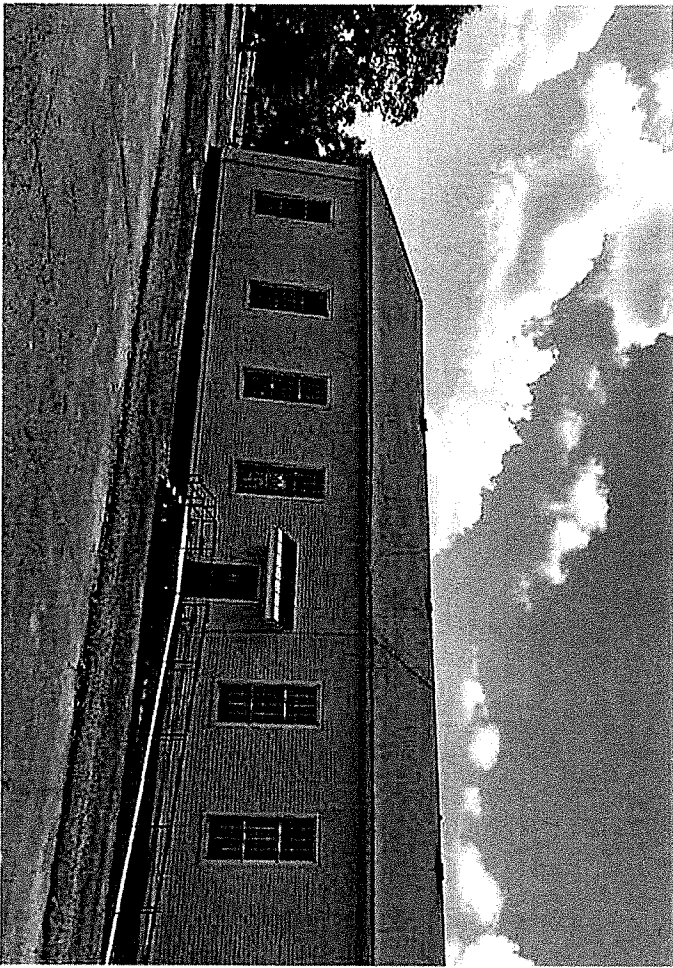


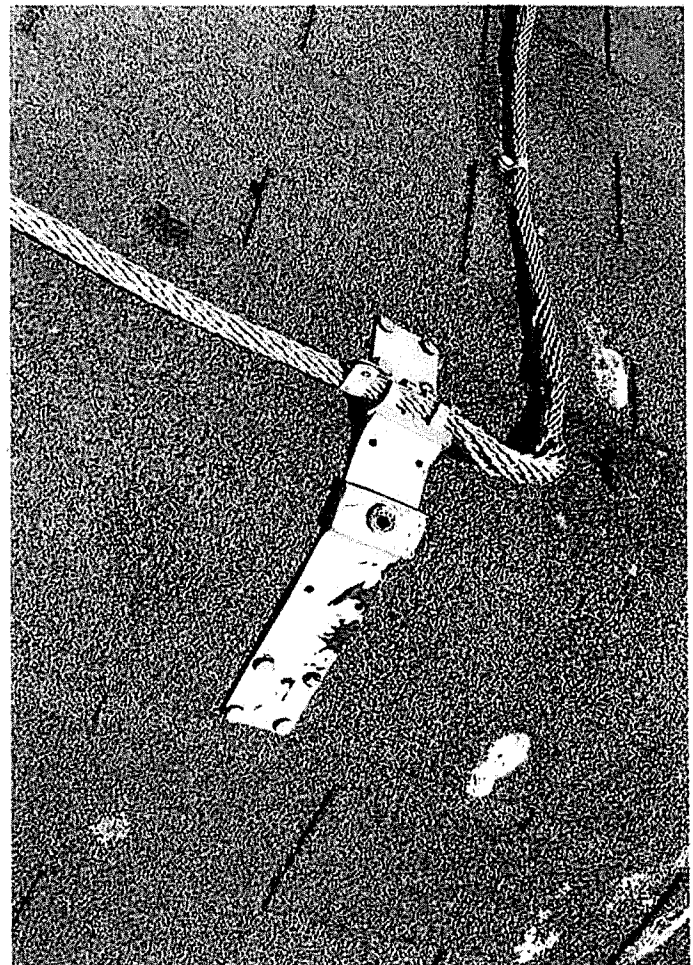
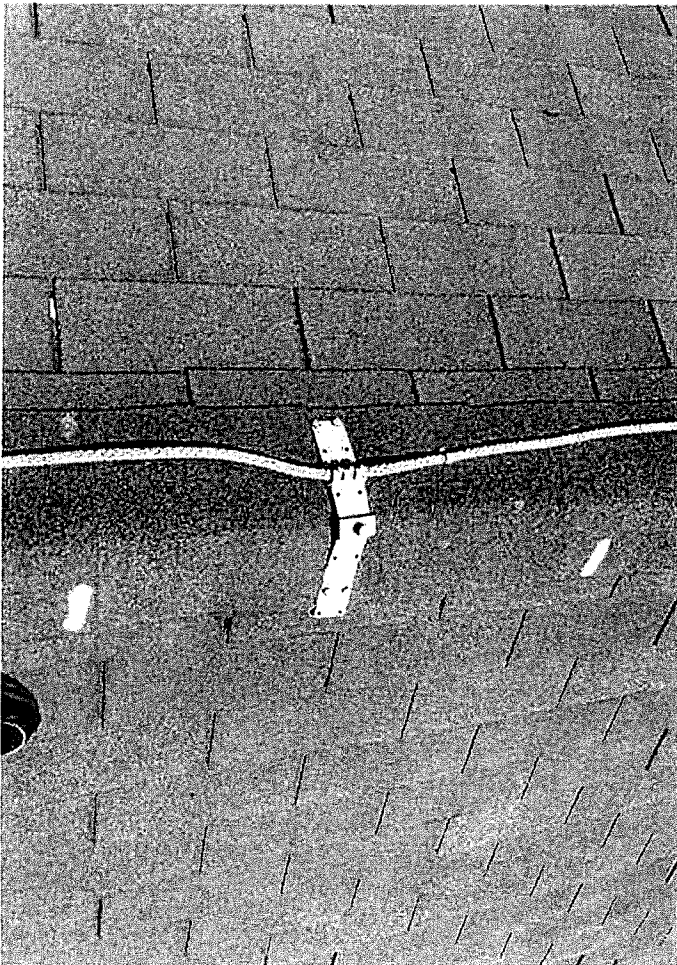
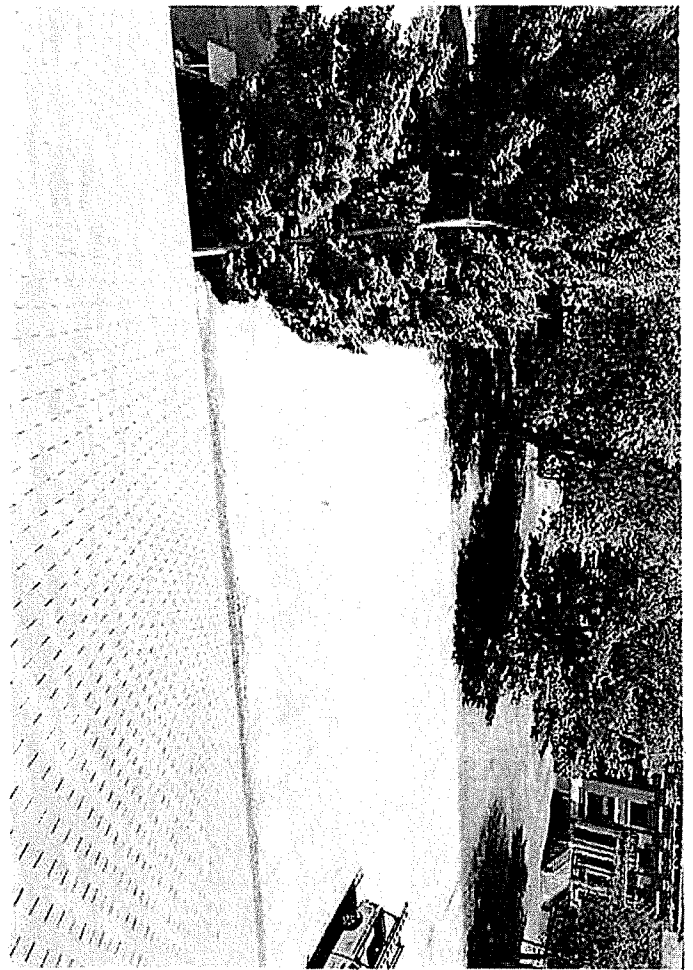
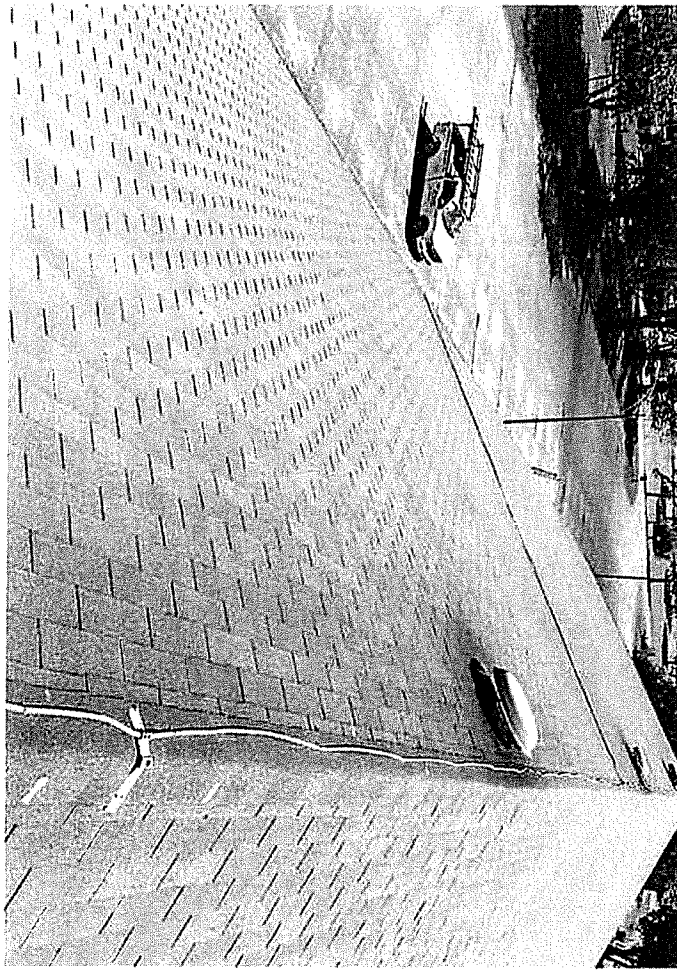
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove existing one layer of shingles/roofing and drip edge from roof surface. Should additional layer(s) of shingles exist, there will be an additional cost of \$3995.00 for each layer removed and disposed of. 2. Install ice and water leak barrier on first Six (6) feet of roof, in valley areas and around penetrations and chimneys. 3. Install synthetic underlayment or equal felt paper on remainder of roof surface. 4. Install new drip edge on all edges. 5. Repair existing flashing as needed and install new pipe boots (flanges). 6. Install new shingles. Owners to select color. Manufacturer: CertainTeed Style: Landmark Architectural Color: _____ 7. Remove all debris from job site. Clean up on a daily basis. 8. Replace any bad roof decking only as needed. PER SQUARE FOOT replacement costs as follows; \$1.65 for 1/2" OSB plywood, \$1.90 for 1/2" CDX plywood, \$2.00 for 5/8" CDX plywood and \$2.25 for 3/4" CDX plywood. <p>Other: * Price is for the entire shingle roof. * Shingle installation includes a limited "Lifetime" manufacturer's warranty. * Replace three (3) power vents with new solar powered GAF Green Machine vents. * Install shingled over ridge vent(s) on the ridges of the roof. * Remove and dispose of lighting rod brackets and cable. * No lower roofs included. * Deduct \$899.00 from price to use Owens Corning Oakridge Shingles in place of CertainTeed. * Star is not responsible for any interior work as/if needed. 8 This job is tax Exempt and Prevailing wages do not apply. * Note: Temporary emergency repairs will be performed as needed on site, not to exceed \$750.00.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIVE YEAR WORKMANSHIP GUARANTY - MANUFACTURERS GUARANTY ON MATERIALS</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor – complete in accordance with the above specifications, for the sum of : TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY NINE Dollars: \$28,499.00</p>		
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a professional manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owners to carry fire and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workers Compensation Insurance.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>Authorized Signature: </p> <p>Authorized by: Eric Proctor</p> <p>Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 21 days.</p> </div> </div>		
<p>ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL – The above process, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above. In the event of default (non-payment) I agree that I will be responsible for all reasonable collection, court and attorney costs incurred in collecting this debt. I also agree a finance charge of 18% will be assessed on all delinquent balances.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Date of Acceptance:</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> </div> </div>		











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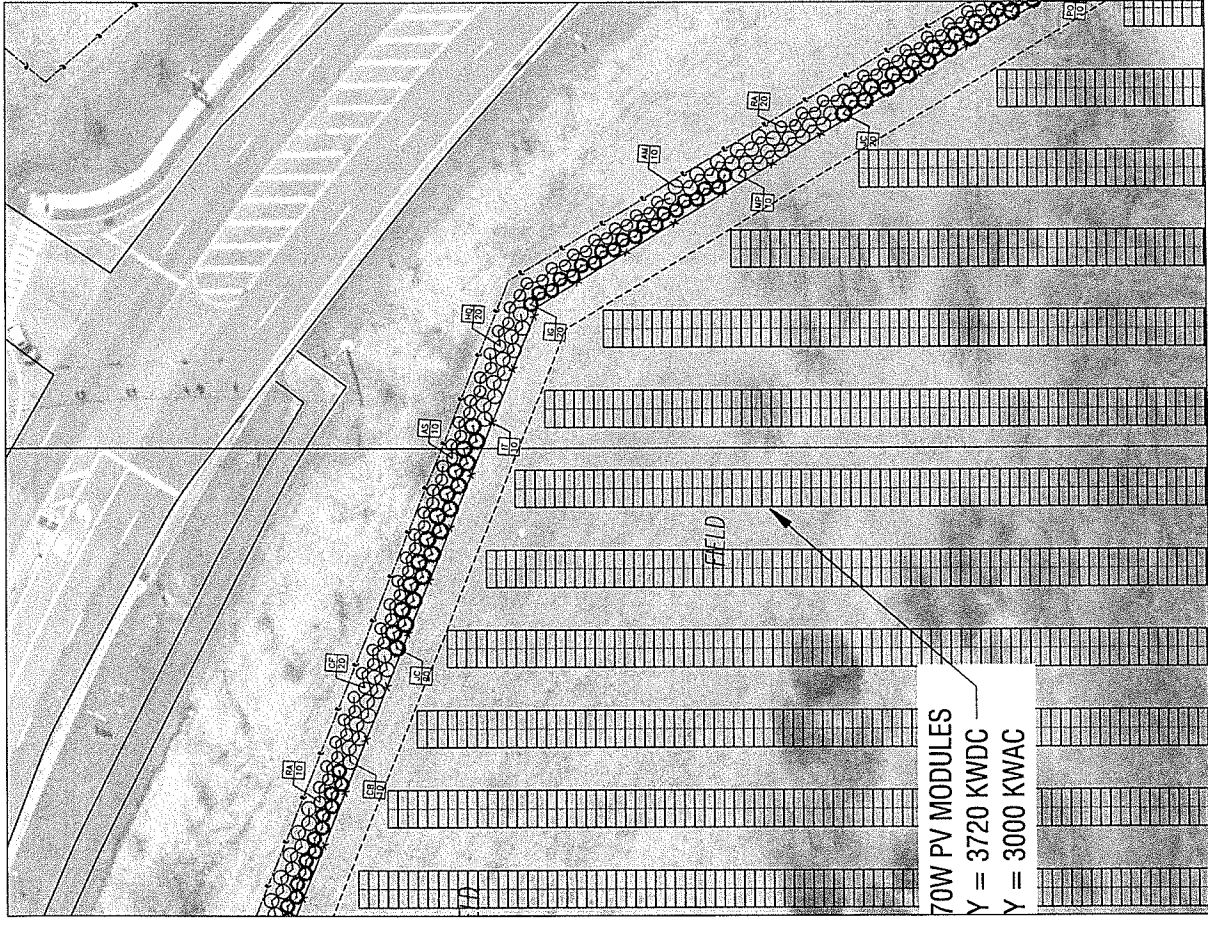
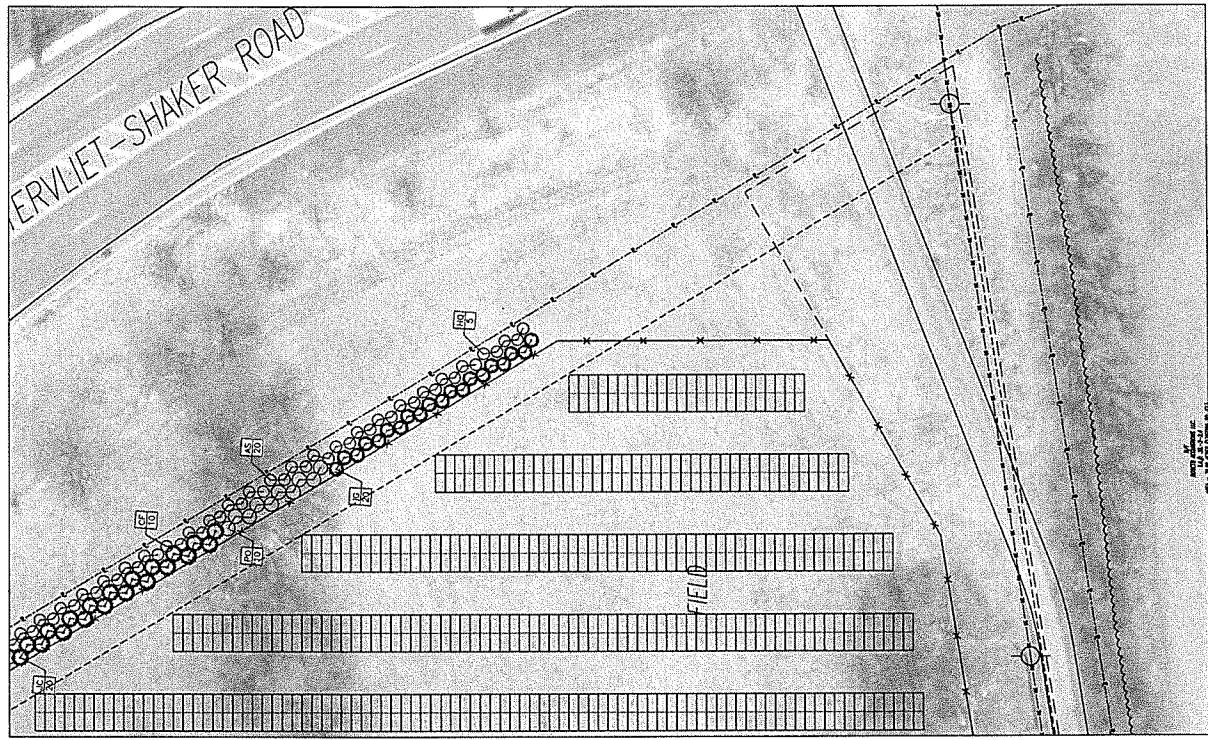
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January 27, 2022

Jeffrey Eisenhauer, CEM
Project Developer, Distributed Energy Systems
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Albany Radar Tower Site Carbon Sequestration Analysis

LaBella performed an existing tree inventory on January 12 and 13, 2022 to determine the effects and conduct a carbon sequestration analysis for the Albany Radar Tower Site located in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York. The Study Area consisted of 4.8 acres (See Appendix 1 for a map of the Study Area).

The Study Area was broken into 12 prevalent vegetation areas. LaBella had a licensed landscape architect conduct a field inventory of existing vegetation, identifying the dominant species, determining the approximate average tree size (DBH), and estimating the average canopy height for each of the prevalent vegetation areas (See Appendix 2 for a table of the existing tree inventory). There was a total of 1,729 trees identified within the Study Area. The most common species identified were black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), oak spp. (*Quercus spp.*), and maple spp. (*Acer spp.*). 72.3 percent of the trees were less than six inches in diameter.

LaBella utilized the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service i-Tree Eco tool to conduct the carbon sequestration analysis, which is commonly accepted by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for community forest management. This analysis attempts to approximate the flux in CO2 sequestration capacity that is due to the anticipated tree clearing and new plantings from the proposed solar array project.

The following table provides an assessment of the current vegetation function and value within the Study Area:

Function	Value
Carbon Sequestration	6.5 tons (\$1.1 thousand/year)
Pollution Removal	346.5 pounds/year (\$495/year)
Carbon Storage	200.7 tons (\$34.2 thousand)
Oxygen Production	17.3 tons/year
Avoided Runoff	12.9 thousand cubic feet/year (\$863/year)

Respectfully submitted,
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Jay Kaminski, MS
Environmental Renewable Analyst



APPENDIX 1: EXISTING TREE INVENTORY STUDY AREA





APPENDIX 2: EXISTING TREE INVENTORY TABLE

Date
Area covered: 1/12 and 1/13/22
4.8 ac.

Project: 2212336

S, E, N of Albany Radar at Rt 155

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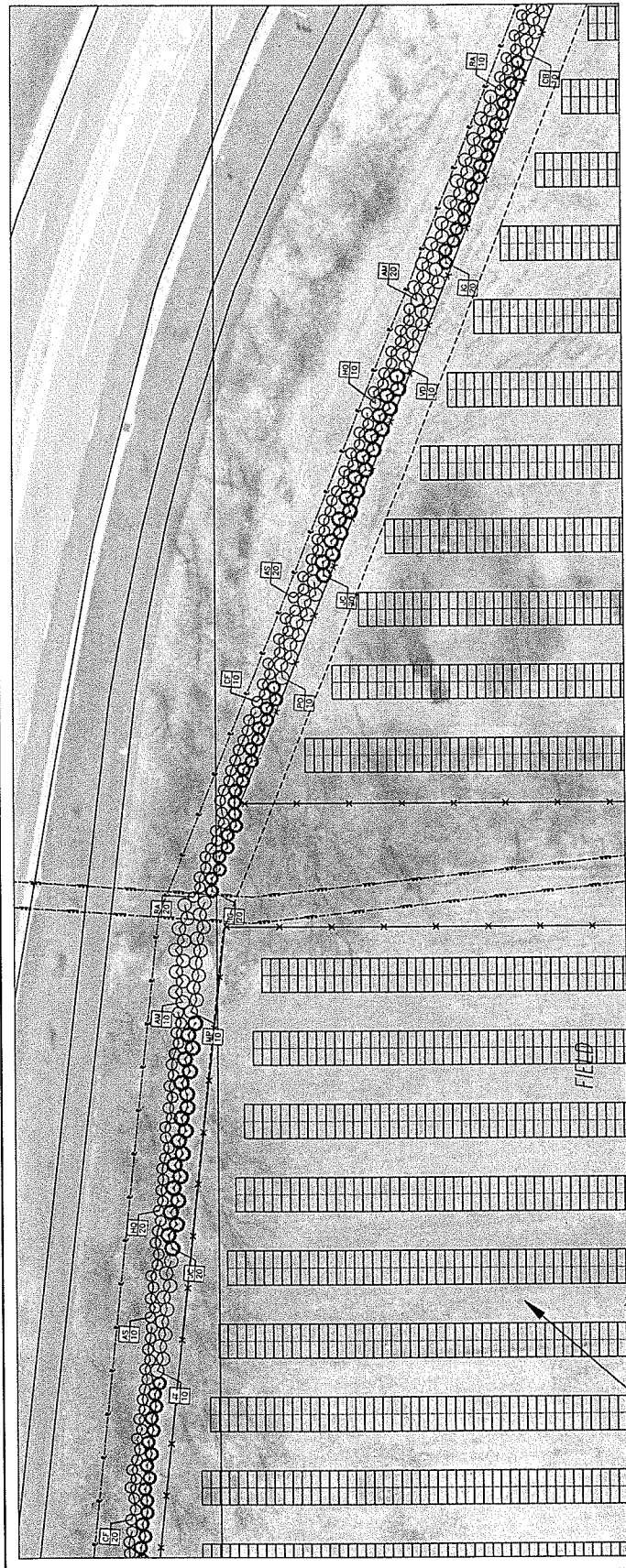
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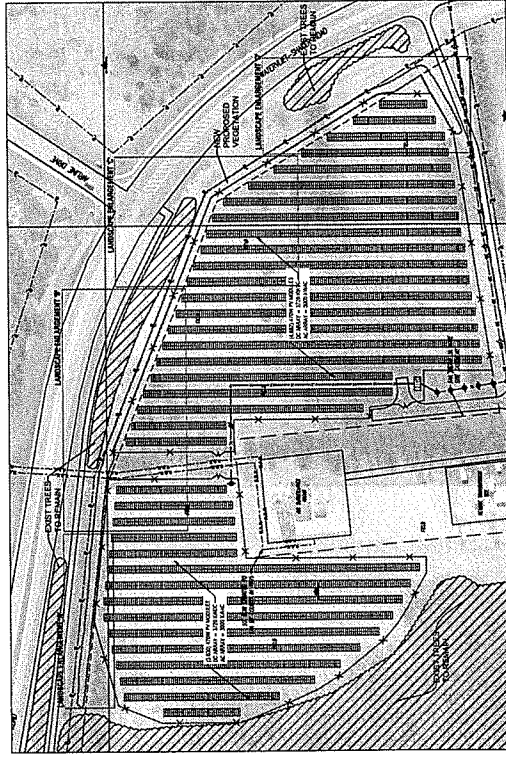
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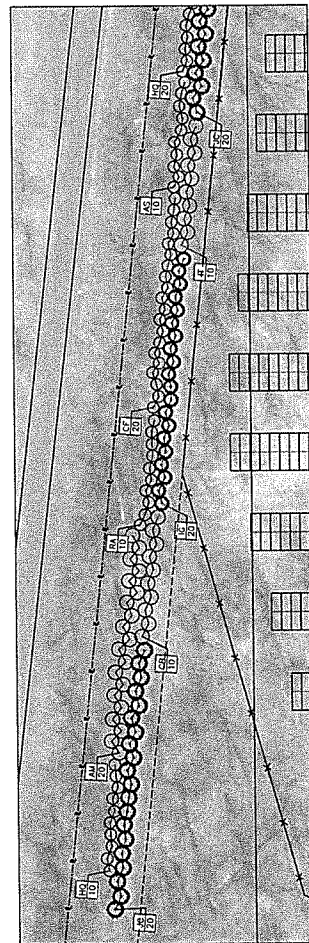
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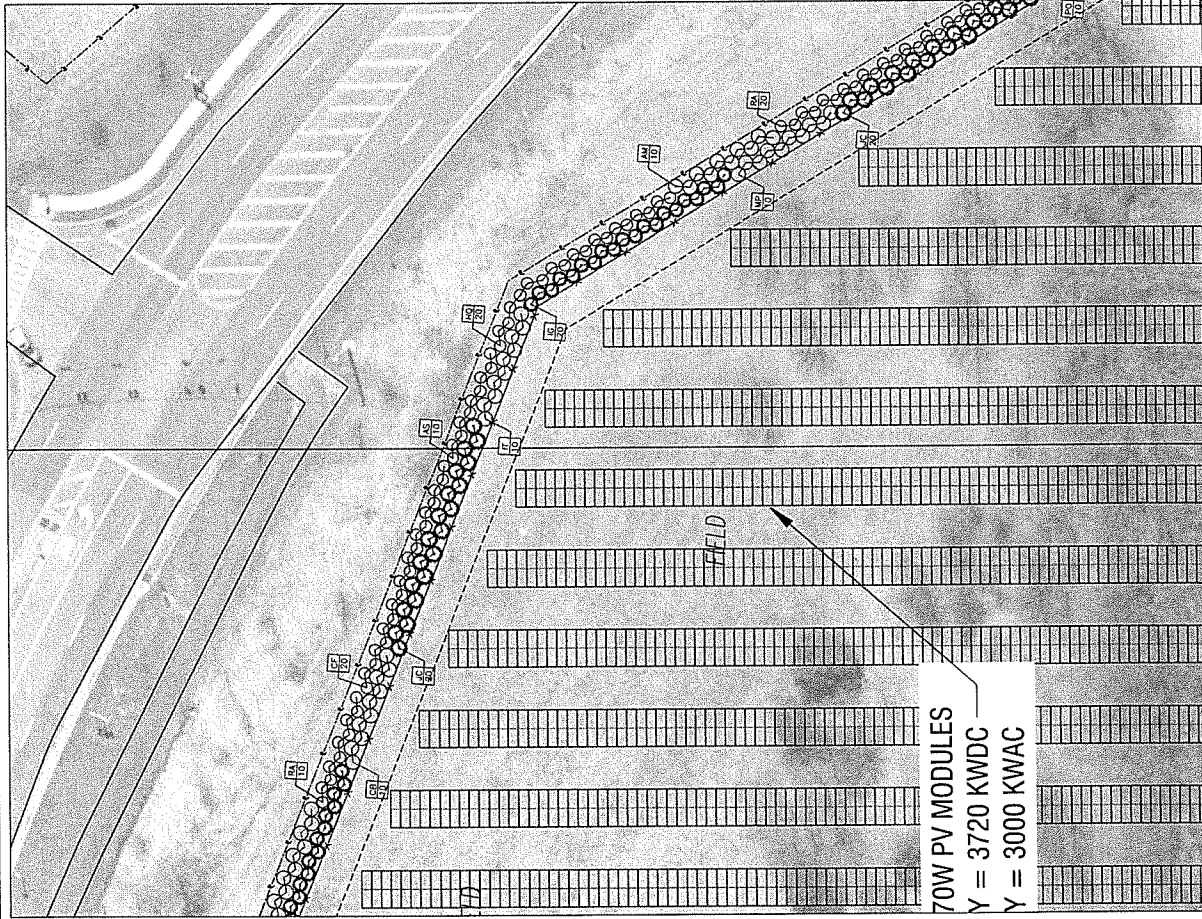
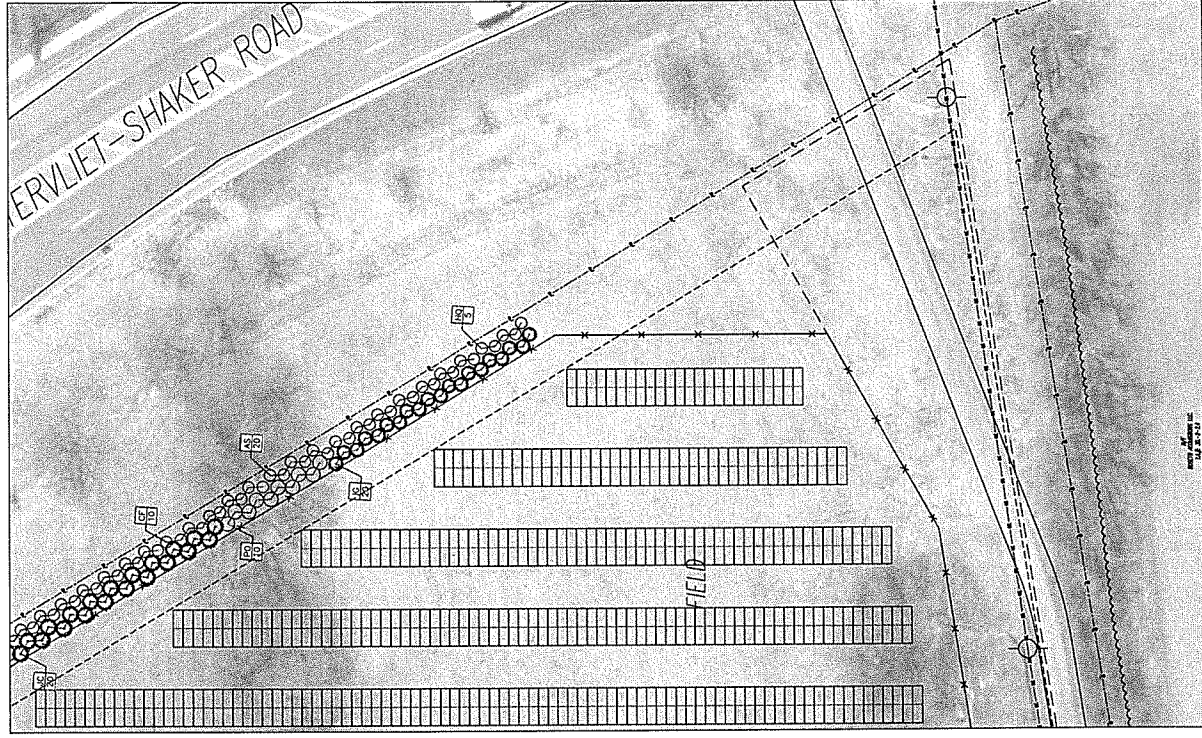
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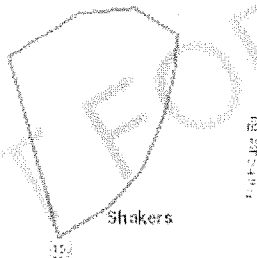
IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to as *trust resources*) under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project area referenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project area, but that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project area. However, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project area. Please read the introduction to each section that follows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additional information applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

Location

Albany County, New York



Local office

New York Ecological Services Field Office

☎ (607) 753-9334

📠 (607) 753-9699

3817 Luker Road

Cortland, NY 13045-9385

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>

Endangered species

This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered. An AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project area. To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can **only** be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
3. Log in (if directed to do so).
4. Provide a name and description for your project.
5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

Listed species¹ and their critical habitats are managed by the [Ecological Services Program](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries²).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact [NOAA Fisheries](#) for [species under their jurisdiction](#).

1. Species listed under the [Endangered Species Act](#) are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the [listing status](#) page for more information. IPaC only shows species that are regulated by USFWS (see FAQ).
2. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

Mammals

NAME

STATUS

Northern Long-eared Bat *Myotis septentrionalis*

Threatened

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045>

Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS AT THIS LOCATION.

Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described below.

1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php>
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationwidestandardconservationmeasures.pdf>

The birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the USFWS Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) list or warrant special attention in your project location. To learn more about the levels of concern for birds on your list and how this list is generated, see the FAQ below. This is not a list of every bird you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that every bird on this list will be found in your project area. To see exact locations of where birders and the general public have sighted birds in and around your project area, visit the E-bird data mapping tool (Tip: enter your location, desired date range and a species on your list). For projects that occur off the Atlantic Coast, additional maps and models detailing the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species on your list are available. Links to additional information about Atlantic Coast birds, and other important information about your migratory bird list, including how to properly interpret and use your migratory bird report, can be found below.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, click on the PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY at the top of your list to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME

BREEDING SEASON (IF A BREEDING SEASON IS INDICATED FOR A BIRD ON YOUR LIST, THE BIRD MAY BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA SOMETIME WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME SPECIFIED, WHICH IS A VERY LIBERAL ESTIMATE OF THE DATES INSIDE WHICH THE BIRD BREEDS ACROSS ITS ENTIRE RANGE. "BREEDS ELSEWHERE" INDICATES THAT THE BIRD DOES NOT LIKELY BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA.)

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626>

Breeds Dec 1 to Aug 31

Black-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9399>

Breeds May 15 to Oct 10

Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 20 to Jul 31

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis*

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 20 to Aug 10

Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea*

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2974>

Breeds Apr 20 to Jul 20

Dunlin *Calidris alpina arctica*

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

Breeds elsewhere

Eastern Whip-poor-will *Antrostomus vociferus*

Breeds May 1 to Aug 20

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Breeds elsewhere

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679>

Prairie Warbler *Dendroica discolor*

Breeds May 1 to Jul 31

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Red-headed Woodpecker *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*

Breeds May 10 to Sep 10

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Breeds elsewhere

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*

Breeds elsewhere

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9480>

Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus*

Breeds elsewhere

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

Breeds May 10 to Aug 31

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Probability of Presence Summary

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read and understand the FAQ "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence (■)

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. (A year is represented as 12 4-week months.) A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort (see below) can be

used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score. One can have higher confidence in the presence score if the corresponding survey effort is also high.

How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:

1. The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.
2. To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is $0.25/0.25 = 1$; at week 20 it is $0.05/0.25 = 0.2$.
3. The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

To see a bar's probability of presence score, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

Breeding Season ()

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

Survey Effort (|)

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps. The number of surveys is expressed as a range, for example, 33 to 64 surveys.

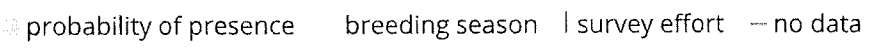
To see a bar's survey effort range, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

No Data (—)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.


 probability of presence breeding season | survey effort — no data

SPECIES JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Bald Eagle
Non-BCC
Vulnerable (This is
not a Bird of
Conservation
Concern (BCC) in
this area, but
warrants attention
because of the
Eagle Act or for
potential
susceptibilities in
offshore areas
from certain types
of development or
activities.)

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Cuckoo
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the continental
USA)



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Prairie Warbler
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Red-headed
Woodpecker
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Semipalmated
Sandpiper
BCC Rangewide
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Short-billed
Dowitcher
BCC Rangewide
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Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

[Nationwide Conservation Measures](#) describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. [Additional measures or permits](#) may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, an eagle ([Eagle Act](#) requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the [AKN Phenology Tool](#).

What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). This data is derived from a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#).

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources: [The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide](#), or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds guide](#). If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);
2. "BCC - BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
3. "Non-BCC - Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the [Eagle Act](#) requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#). The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review.

Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the [NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf](#) project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the [Diving Bird Study](#) and the [nanotag studies](#) or contact [Caleb Spiegel](#) or [Pam Loring](#).

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to [obtain a permit](#) to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Facilities

Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

REFUGE AND FISH HATCHERY INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

THERE ARE NO KNOWN WETLANDS AT THIS LOCATION.

Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.