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## List of Acronyms

ACENY	Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc.
ACS	American Community Survey
CES	Clean Energy Standard
CLCPA	Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act
DOE	Department of Energy
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
GIS	Geographic Information System
HCA	Host Community Agreement
IPP	Independent Power Producers
kV	kilovolt
LFIP	Large Facility Interconnection Procedures
MW	megawatt
NYCRR	New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations
NYISO	New York Independent System Operator
NYPA	New York Power Authority
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
NYSDPS	New York State Department of Public Service
NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
OATT	Open Access Transmission Tariff
OPRHP	New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
O&M	operation and maintenance
PILOT	payment in lieu of taxes
PIP Plan	Public Involvement Program Plan
POC	point of contact
Project	Sugar Maple Solar, LLC Project
Project Area	locations being evaluated for placement of permanent Project facilities, including the proposed collection substation and interconnection facilities
PSL	Public Service Law
PSS	Preliminary Scoping Statement
PV	photovoltaic
RTE	rare, threatened, or endangered
RTO	Regional Transmission Organizations
SEP	2015 New York State Energy Plan
SRIS	System Reliability Impact Study

Siting Board New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment  
Study Area all areas within two miles of the Project Area property boundaries  
USDA United States Department of Agriculture

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sugar Maple Solar, LLC (Sugar Maple Solar or the Applicant), a subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC, A National Grid Company (Geronimo), proposes the construction of an approximately 125-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility (Facility) called Sugar Maple Solar Project (the Project) in the Town of Wilna, Jefferson County and the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York (Figure 1). Sugar Maple Solar submits this Public Involvement Program Plan (PIP Plan) to the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL) and Part 1000 of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment's (Siting Board's) rules.

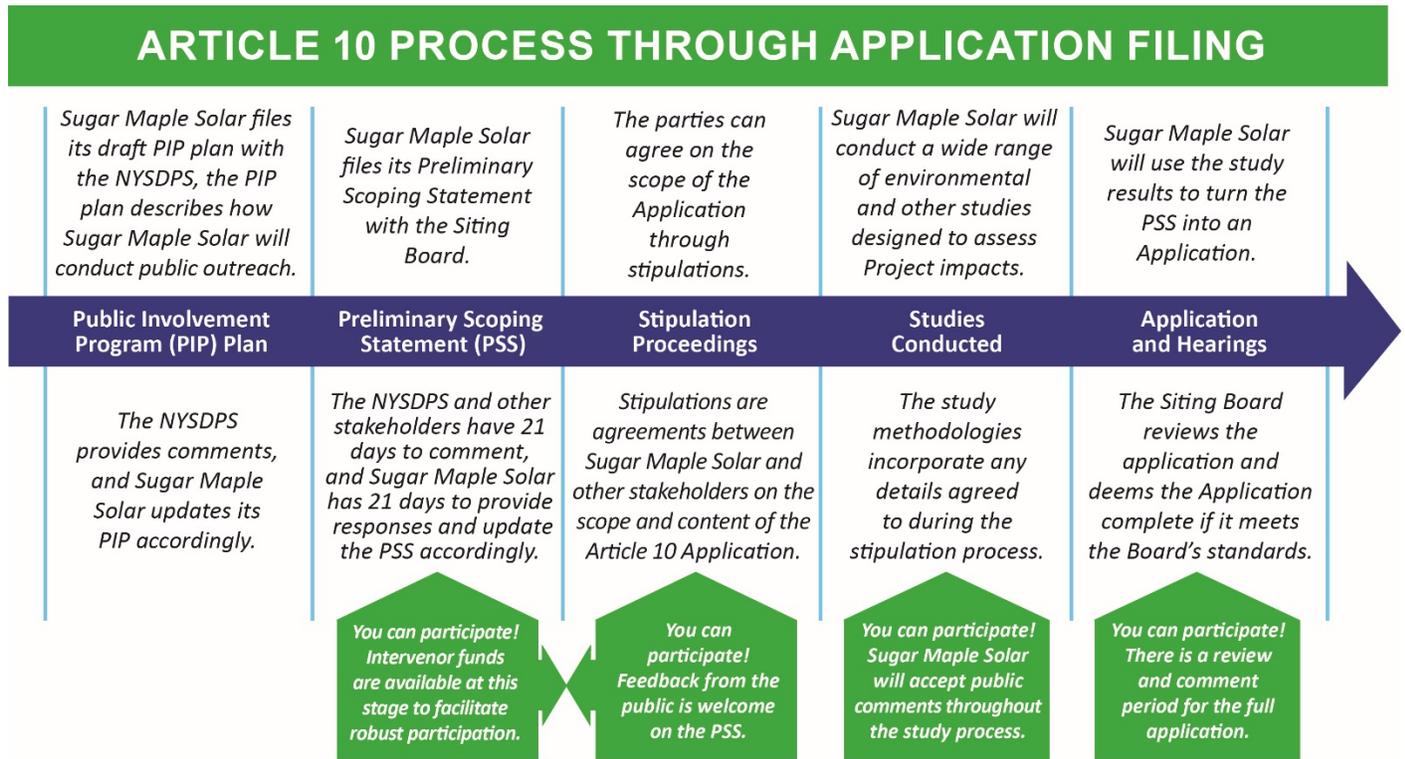
Article 10 of the PSL and its associated regulations govern the process for developers to apply for siting review by the Siting Board. The Article 10 process enables developers to permit a major electric generation facility in a single unified proceeding at the state level. Creation and submission of the PIP Plan is the first formal step toward Certification under Article 10, with submission required at least 150 days prior to the Applicant filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS). The Article 10 regulations (16 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations [NYCRR] § 1000.4 (c)) require a PIP Plan to include:

- consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
- pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity;
- activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of intervenor funding for municipal and local parties;
- the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public;
- notifications; and
- activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process.

Geronimo values its relationships with local stakeholders, and, before undertaking necessary approval processes for and development of any project, Geronimo conducts public outreach to educate interested parties on aspects of a proposed solar project. The purpose of this PIP Plan is to introduce Sugar Maple Solar to the public; identify state and local stakeholders and engage them, other interested parties, and the general public in the Article 10 process; and explain how

the Applicant’s efforts will satisfy New York legal and regulatory requirements. As with all Article 10 PIP Plans, the results of Sugar Maple Solar’s outreach efforts described herein will inform Sugar Maple Solar’s PSS and Article 10 Application. Through this process, stakeholder concerns can be evaluated, addressed, and considered by the Siting Board.

In accordance with the Siting Board’s rules and 16 NYCRR § 1000.4, the Applicant respectfully submits this PIP Plan to the NYSDPS for review and comment. The phase diagram below identifies an overview of the Article 10 process, starting with the PIP Plan.

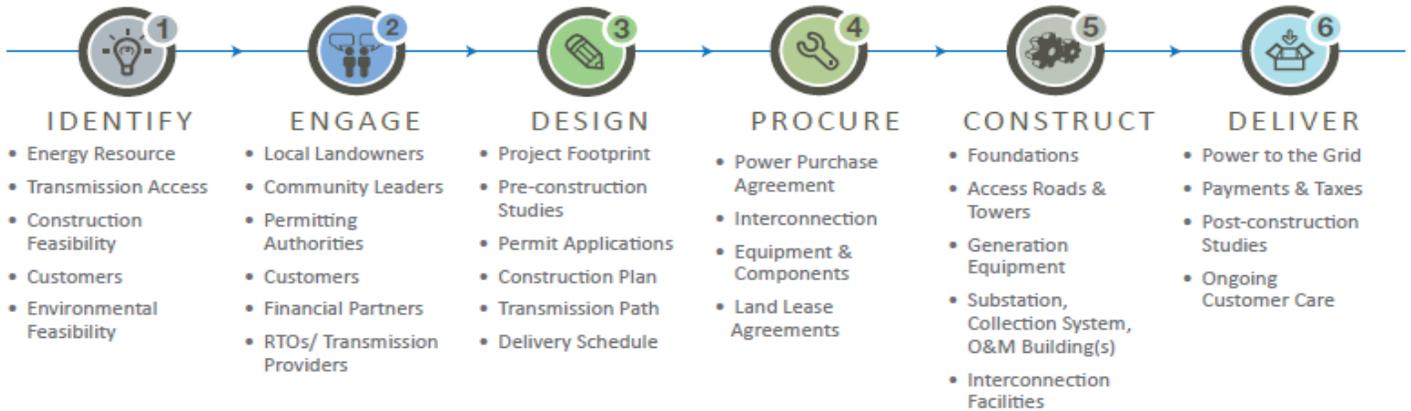


## 2.0 DESCRIPTION OF GERONIMO AND THE SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR FACILITY

### 2.1 Company Profile

Sugar Maple Solar is a wholly owned subsidiary of Geronimo. Geronimo is a leading independent North American renewable energy development company based in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Geronimo provides renewable electric energy development solutions for utilities, Independent Power Producers (IPPs), corporations, and public entities looking to harness renewable energy for business growth. With deep and comprehensive expertise in wind and solar energy development, Geronimo's resume boasts over 2,400 megawatts of U.S. wind and solar energy projects that are either operational or under construction. Geronimo has a multi-gigawatt near-term development pipeline of additional clean energy.



Before developing any project, Geronimo engages in stakeholder outreach to fulfill Geronimo's core mission of leaving the world a better place than it was before we touched it in the following ways:

- environmentally, through the deployment of clean and renewable energy;
- in our communities, through economic development;
- for our employees, through personal improvement and pride in what we do; and
- for our shareholders, through profitable operations.

Keeping in line with its rural focus and farmer-friendly practices, Geronimo develops its projects with integrity, transparency, and honesty.

## 2.2 Project Summary

The Sugar Maple Solar Project (the Project) will have a nameplate capacity of approximately 125 MW, estimated to generate enough renewable green energy to power approximately 20,800 New York households<sup>1</sup>. The Project's size, location, and interconnection make it an economical resource, allowing Sugar Maple Solar to provide New York State with affordable renewable energy. Specifically, the Project would be compatible with New York State policies mandating the generation of electricity from renewable energy, including the 2015 New York State Energy Plan (SEP), the Clean Energy Standard (CES), and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) of 2019, which proposes that 70 percent of the State's electricity will be generated by renewables by 2030 (superseding the 50 by 30 goal), and that energy production will be 100 percent renewable by 2040.

The Project will achieve maximum energy output during hot summer afternoons when air-conditioner usage is at its highest. Increased levels of solar energy production during peak energy usage decrease the need for fossil-fuel-fired energy production, reducing air pollution and power prices during periods of peak energy demand. The Project will also provide economic development benefits to host and adjacent communities and neighbors.

The Project Area currently consists of 4,314 acres as shown on Figure 2. It is anticipated that the actual Project will require only approximately 1,500 acres of land for siting of Project components within the Project Area. Project components will be sited on leased, private land owned by a number of participating landowners. With extensive experience developing solar projects, such as this one, in agricultural areas and adjacent to communities, Geronimo carefully considers the size, location, and environmental impact of each project, as well as local politics, landscapes, and land uses.

Similar to other projects developed by Geronimo, the Applicant anticipates that the Project will have minimal impact on its neighbors, nearby communities, and surrounding landscapes. The proposed Project will be relatively low in height, will not emit air or water pollution, will have no odors, and will produce minimal noise. Sugar Maple Solar will also use a variety of fencing, screening, setback, and landscaping strategies in an effort to preserve existing viewsheds and maintain the rural character of the surrounding area.

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<sup>1</sup> Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) <https://www.seia.org/initiatives/whats-megawatt>.

As stated above, the Project is located in the Towns of Wilna and Croghan in Jefferson and Lewis Counties. The Project is located in northern New York, approximately one mile directly east of the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage. The Project is located approximately 5.9 miles northwest of Geronimo's proposed New Bremen Solar facility (Case No.: 20-F-0051; shown on Figures 1 and 3). The New Bremen Solar Project's PIP Plan was submitted to the NYSDPS on February 3, 2020.

The Project will have significant positive impacts for the region, including economic benefits for the local communities, County, and State in the form of clean renewable energy generation and economic development through construction, operation, and maintenance jobs, expenditures for supplies and materials, lease payments to participating landowners, and tax payments to local communities. Sugar Maple Solar anticipates that it will contribute millions of dollars to the Towns, Counties and school district in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement and/or host community agreement (HCA).

The Applicant will conduct various surveys and studies throughout the Article 10 process to assess and measure environmental and community impacts, as well as potential opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation. Through careful site selection and siting of project components, Geronimo's solar projects positively impact the environment in many ways by providing natural vegetation that can serve as wildlife habitat and improve water quality by reducing stormwater runoff. As required by Article 10, the Project will have a decommissioning plan that includes financial security to ensure that the Applicant can cover the cost of removing the facility's infrastructure at the end of the Project's life. The Project can therefore be viewed as temporary in nature, and the Project Area will have multiple use options at the end of the Project lifespan. The Project may be repowered if financially feasible or could be restored to farmland or repurposed for another use. Throughout the process, including through decommissioning and restoration, the Applicant will maintain communication with host communities and landowners. The host communities and landowners will be notified within two weeks of commencement of any decommissioning or restoration activities.

The Project may consist of tracking technology PV panels installed on low-profile racking systems mounted on poles driven directly into the ground. Inverters, which collect the electricity by the panels and convert it from direct current to alternating current, are spaced throughout the Project. The substation will take the power from the inverters and step it up to match the voltage of the electrical grid. A protective fence will surround the Project. Temporary laydown and staging areas will be used during construction to store and position vehicles and equipment.

Sugar Maple Solar will interconnect to the power grid via a line tap to the existing Black River to Taylorville 115-kV and North Carthage to Taylorville 115-kV lines owned by National Grid (see Figure 3). The Project applied for interconnection on December 5, 2019 in accordance with the specifications laid out by Attachment X of the New York Independent System Operator's (NYISO) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), which details the Standard Large Facility Interconnection Procedures (LFIP) for facilities 20 MW or larger in size. Sugar Maple Solar had scoping meetings with staff from NYISO and National Grid to review the feasibility of the Project interconnection and is in the process of finalizing the scope for the Project's System Reliability Impact Study (SRIS). Sugar Maple Solar anticipates that the SRIS will be completed on time for the Project to enter the NYISO Class Year study process in 2020. For reference, Sugar Maple Solar is number 953 in the NYISO interconnection queue.

### **2.3 Project Area and Study Area**

Figures 1, 2, and 3 show the regional Project location, the Project Area, and the preliminary Study Area, respectively.

The Project Area consists of the locations being evaluated for placement of Project facilities (see Figure 2). The Project Area is described in Section 2.2 above and consists of approximately 4,300 acres; however, only a portion of this area will be required for development of the Project (approximately 1,500 acres). Additional land area beyond what is required for the Project is included in the Project Area in order to provide setbacks from neighboring land uses and to minimize or mitigate potential impacts to environmental resources. The land within the Project Area is relatively flat throughout and consists of mostly cultivated cropland, along with portions of successional shrubland, hedgerows, and forestland. The Project Area is zoned as "Agriculture & Rural Residence" in the Town of Wilna, while within the Town of Croghan, the parcels are identified on the Lewis County Geographic Information System (GIS) website as vacant agricultural lands and rural residences. Project parcels located in the Town of Croghan are within Lewis County Agricultural District 6.

With the exception of the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage, the area around the Project is primarily cultivated cropland interspersed with agricultural land for livestock, hay, and pasture, with some forest and woody wetlands to the north, south and west, while areas east of the Project are heavily forested. The Applicant identified the Project Area for potential development of a solar

project due to access to transmission capacity, relatively few anticipated environmental impacts, open and available land, and willing participant landowners.

For the purposes of the PIP Plan, Sugar Maple Solar has conservatively designated a two-mile radius around the Project Area boundary in all directions as the Study Area. The Study Area currently consists of approximately 28,100 acres of land and is depicted on Figure 3. Similar to the Project Area itself, the surrounding area consists of relatively flat topography, and because of the Project's low-profile, visibility of the Project components will be largely limited in the immediate vicinity of the Project and within the two-mile buffer. A more in-depth description of the Study Area will be included in the PSS and Article 10 Application.

### **3.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

#### **3.1 PIP Plan Goals**

Sugar Maple Solar has developed this PIP Plan in order to identify stakeholders including groups and individuals with a potential interest in the proposed Project. Consultation with stakeholders through the PIP Plan process provides a platform of open dialog to distribute general Project information, discuss potential avoidance and minimization measures, and solicit local input, such as the identification of potential impacts. This PIP Plan discusses public involvement activities that will be utilized to achieve these various PIP Plan goals, including encouraging stakeholder engagement and providing awareness and understanding of the proposed Project and Article 10 process. Information gleaned from stakeholders through their participation in various public involvement activities will aid in the development of studies to be further discussed in the PSS and Article 10 Application.

#### **3.2 PIP Plan Schedule**

Sugar Maple Solar has already begun initial outreach activities within the local communities to introduce the Project and provide updates and will continue conducting public involvement activities during the pre-application phase. Sugar Maple Solar will continue these activities throughout the Article 10 process. During and after construction of the Project, public involvement will continue pursuant to the dispute resolution plan, including the operation, decommissioning, and restoration stages, which will include the methods detailed in Section 5.0 – Public Involvement Program Elements. Additional outreach to host landowners and municipal officials will take place during decommissioning activities, which will be further discussed in the PSS. A preliminary schedule is provided as Appendix D.

## 4.0 STAKEHOLDERS

### 4.1 Identification of Stakeholders

Sugar Maple Solar is committed to identifying and involving all applicable stakeholders during development. Proper stakeholder identification helps ensure that the Project has community support and is integrated well into its host community. Sugar Maple Solar seeks to evaluate stakeholders that may be impacted by construction and operation of proposed Project. To ensure successful identification of relevant stakeholders for the PIP Plan, the Applicant has reviewed the following resources, including stakeholders below based on the definitions of “local party” (as defined in (16 NYCRR §1000.2[s]) and “affected agencies” (16 NYCRR §1000 et seq.) described in the Siting Board’s rules:

- Land use plans;
- County websites;
- Town websites;
- Tax records;
- GIS resources; and
- Other independent research.

The Applicant has developed a list of potentially interested parties from these resources, comprising the categories identified and discussed in Sections 4.2 through 4.15 of this Plan.

Sugar Maple Solar plans to update the Master Stakeholder List (included as Appendix A to this document) as it identifies potentially interested parties. The Applicant will develop a mailing list based on the stakeholders listed below, addresses provided at public meetings, and those obtained from contacts generated through the Project website. The Applicant anticipates that the mailing list will be updated as necessary based on information received during PIP Plan activities, and these updates will be provided to NYSDPS along with the PIP Plan tracking submissions. Materials distributed for public outreach will include information detailing how individuals and groups can be added to the Master Stakeholder List. Individuals will have various opportunities to be added to the Master Stakeholder List, including mailing a letter to a Project representative through the Project website, requesting to be added to the Master Stakeholder List at an open house event, via the Project-specific email address, or the Project-specific toll-free phone number (see Section

5.4.1). Stakeholders will have the opportunity to be added to the Master Stakeholder List throughout Project development.

#### **4.2 Host Communities**

The host communities are defined as the municipalities within which the Project Area and the anticipated Project components are located. The Town Boards and Planning Boards representing the host communities, as applicable, are considered stakeholders and have been identified through publicly available information located on Town and County websites.

#### **4.3 County Agencies**

County agencies representing areas with the potential to be affected by the Project have been identified by review of the county websites and/or county GIS data and thereby identified as stakeholders. Additionally, emergency responders such as the County Emergency Services Coordinators and Sheriffs have been identified as stakeholders and will be consulted throughout the Article 10 process where applicable.

#### **4.4 State Agencies**

State agencies specifically identified in 16 NYCRR §§ 1000.5 and 1000.6 have been listed as stakeholders. Additionally, departments of New York State governments were identified using the Applicant's experience in developing utility projects in the State.

#### **4.5 Federal Agencies**

Agencies of the U.S. government were identified using the Applicant's experience in developing projects in the United States, review of previous PIP Plan submittals, and NYSDPS guidance.

#### **4.6 Legislative Representatives**

Offices of the New York State Legislature, the U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and Jefferson and Lewis County Legislators representing the Project Area and Study Area were identified by review of publicly available information and have been added to the stakeholder list.

#### **4.7 Highway Departments**

County and town departments responsible for managing roads in the Study Area were identified by review of town and county boundary maps, and online research.

#### **4.8 Schools**

School districts serving municipalities identified as stakeholders within the Study Area and school districts adjacent to these districts were identified by review of county tax maps and desktop analysis of publicly available data.

#### **4.9 Emergency Responders**

Emergency responders including fire departments, emergency medical services, and police or sheriff departments serving parcels in the Study Area were identified by review of county tax maps and online research.

#### **4.10 Adjacent Municipalities**

Towns, villages, or other municipalities that are not host communities but are in the Study Area have been identified as stakeholders and added to the stakeholder list by review of municipal boundary maps and GIS mapping.

#### **4.11 Utilities**

Companies that own gas, water, sewer, electric, or communications infrastructure in the Project Area were identified through available local and state geographic information databases, online research, and previous PIP Plan submittals. Utility companies will be contacted concerning location of facilities, design, and safety standards for construction near existing infrastructure.

#### **4.12 Public Interest Groups**

Organizations that serve interests of the public including county and town historians, and business, conservation, outdoor recreation or environmental organizations have been identified as stakeholders. These groups have been identified through online research.

#### **4.13 Airports and Heliports**

The Article 10 regulations require an applicant to consult with airport or heliport operators if the Project triggers the requirement that a Notice of Proposed Construction be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Project will not have any facilities that extend more than 200 feet above ground level, nor does the Project meet any of the other requirements triggering notice in the FAA's regulations. Consequently, the filing of a notice with the FAA will not be required for the Project. However, Sugar Maple Solar has included the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield located on

the Fort Drum military base and the Countryman's Landing Strip Airport in Carthage as stakeholders and will consult with them as part of the Article 10 process, as necessary.

#### **4.14 Host and Adjacent Landowners**

Host landowners are those with whom the Applicant has entered (or will enter) into a lease, purchase, or easement agreement for the purpose of installing Project facilities on their land. Adjacent landowners are those with property located within 2,500 feet of a solar array or substation and/or 500 feet of other Project components (e.g. collector lines, operations and maintenance [O&M] facility, etc.). As Project components are not yet sited within the Project Area, adjacent landowners will be defined as landowners who are 2,500 feet from the boundary of the anticipated Project Area. The Applicant anticipates that the development of a Project layout will be substantially complete and available for discussion prior to the submittal of the Article 10 Application. As noted herein, public notices of events such as information sessions will be provided to a broader audience than adjacent landowners.

As the Project layout evolves, some stakeholders identified as adjacent landowners may be removed while others may be added in response to changes in land acquisition and facilities siting. Since Sugar Maple Solar plans to use stakeholder input to further refine the list of host and adjacent landowners, a list of these landowners is not included herein. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification. Sugar Maple Solar also has broad additional outreach planned, such as mailings and in-person gatherings to facilitate the development of this list. Sugar Maple Solar will keep NYSDPS apprised of additional outreach by filing revised versions of The Sugar Maple Solar PIP Plan Meeting Log (Appendix C). Sugar Maple Solar also plans to keep the Project website updated with Project development information as necessary throughout the Article 10 process.

#### **4.15 Area Residents**

Residents of the Study Area who are not participating or adjacent landowners are included in the stakeholder list as one group. Sugar Maple Solar plans to notify these residents of the Project individually by mailing an informational flyer announcing the open house and providing general Project information to all unique addresses in the tax assessment rolls for the Study Area, and posting materials at the identified document repositories to the extent the repositories have a sign board available for such purposes (see Section 5.9). The Applicant will utilize affidavits of service and publication to identify and document that the necessary and appropriate mailings and

notifications were utilized and will file copies of the affidavits of service with the Secretary of the Commission that are required to be filed pursuant to the Article 10 regulations. At the Project open house (discussed further in Section 5.3.2), attendees will be encouraged to join the stakeholder list if they wish to continue to receive notice of future Project milestones, such as availability of the PSS, public statement hearings, and filing of the Article 10 Application. Besides the open house event notification, Sugar Maple Solar does not plan additional broad mailings to area residents that do not register as stakeholders. However, these residents can still learn more about the Project through public outreach activities, notices in area newspapers, and updates on the Project website.

Sugar Maple Solar will keep NYSDPS informed of additional stakeholders identified, if any, through filing revised versions of Appendix A and/or through the PSS and Article 10 Application.

## **5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

Pursuant to the Article 10 regulations requiring an applicant to “encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity,” Sugar Maple Solar has begun initial outreach to identified interested parties and will continue to do so throughout the Article 10 process. Sugar Maple Solar plans to adapt stakeholder and outreach activities to best encourage local input and participation as the Article 10 process proceeds.

### **5.1 Initial Outreach and Consultation**

The Article 10 regulations require an applicant to undergo both general and specific consultations with agencies and municipalities the applicant has identified as potentially affected by a project (see the Stakeholder Consultation Goals and Schedule provided as Appendix B). The purpose of consultation is to provide information about the Project, Article 10, and unique aspects of the site and local communities; receive and discuss stakeholder interests and issues regarding the same; and schedule follow-up consultations if appropriate. Sugar Maple Solar’s communications to identified parties will include (at a minimum) the following:

- A description of the Project and Project location;
- An explanation of the Article 10 process, including opportunities for participation by interested parties at each step;
- A description of the intervenor process and explanation on how to qualify for and obtain intervenor funding; and
- A request for input on the potential impacts and benefits of the Project.

As identified above, Sugar Maple Solar plans to consult a broad number of stakeholders and interested parties regarding the Project. Specific goals and objectives for consultations with identified stakeholders are provided in Appendix B. Going forward, Sugar Maple Solar plans to utilize the following tools to engage identified parties, as applicable.

As an opportunity for education beyond the specifics of this Project, Sugar Maple Solar intends to provide information at public meetings and the Project open house (see Section 5.3.2) so as to educate the public on renewable energy as a technology and New York’s unique history of renewable energy policy and regulation. At said events, Sugar Maple Solar will have information available on the Article 10 process and timelines, as well as the intervenor fund (including how to

participate) and opportunities for public comment. This will be discussed in further detail in the following sections.

Sugar Maple Solar plans to carefully track and document all above described activities and will file these logs as part of its revised Appendix C filings.

### **5.1.1 Stakeholder Notifications**

The Siting Board's rules establish the notification requirements for serving documents. In accordance with 16 NYCRR § 1000.7 and 16 NYCRR § 1000.5, which details the requirements for noticing the filing of the PSS, Sugar Maple Solar will publish all required notices including public meeting announcements in The Watertown Daily Times, NNY360 (an open-access online news source), the Thousand Island Sun, and the Jefferson Lewis Pennysaver (a free news and advertising flyer; see Section 5.7). The notices will be placed in a prominent location in the newspaper rather than the "legal notice" section in order to ensure visibility by the largest number of stakeholders. Specific requirements for notifications regarding the PSS will be completed by Sugar Maple Solar in accordance with 16 NYCRR §1000.5.

As noted in Section 4.15, Sugar Maple Solar intends to notify residents within the Study Area of the open house individually by mailing an informational flyer. This flyer will also be posted at local document repositories to the extent that a sign board for such postings is available. The flyer will provide general Project information and announce the open house to all unique addresses in the tax assessment rolls for the Study Area. Additional information on this notification is provided in Section 5.7.

Sugar Maple Solar will publish a notice of the PSS and the Article 10 Application filings in the newspapers listed above no fewer than three days before filing. Additionally, Sugar Maple Solar will serve notification on each member of the State Legislature whose district lies within any portion of the proposed Project Area; provide written notice to those persons who have filed a statement with the Secretary within the past 12 months that wish to receive such notices; and provide mail notification to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List including host and adjacent landowners. Additionally, the Applicant will publish notices on the Project website.

The Applicant will publish any other required notices in the manner prescribed by the Presiding Examiner or under the procedures contained in Article 10.

### **5.1.2 Collection of Stakeholder Input**

For stakeholder groups, Sugar Maple Solar will identify and contact the group's point of contact (POC) to introduce the Project and offer to meet with the stakeholder group or POC. At stakeholder meetings Sugar Maple Solar will introduce Sugar Maple Solar representatives and inform attendees about the Project and the overall Article 10 review process. In addition, Sugar Maple Solar will request feedback on issues that stakeholders want to have considered in the Project design or review. This feedback will be tracked in the PIP Plan Meeting Log, which is further discussed in sections below.

Individual stakeholders will be notified of several opportunities to learn about the Project and submit input, including on the Project website.

## **5.2 Distribution of PSS and Article 10 Application Documents to Stakeholders**

Stakeholders, as identified on the Master Stakeholder List (Appendix A), will be made aware via mail of PSS and Article 10 Application availability on the Project website, the NYSDPS website, and at various public document repositories. At this time, Sugar Maple Solar does not intend to provide individual hard copies of these documents to stakeholders, except as required under 16 NYCRR § 1000.5 and 1000.6.

## **5.3 Pre-Application Activities to Encourage Stakeholders to Participate**

### **5.3.1 Town Board Meetings**

Sugar Maple Solar will offer to present at scheduled Town Board meetings of the Towns of Croghan and Wilna during the pre-Application phase. As part of the presentations, Sugar Maple Solar representatives will discuss the Project, the Article 10 process, and respond to questions and receive input from the Town Boards regarding the Project. The meetings described above, as well as any future attendance at Town Board meetings, will be documented in the PIP Plan Meeting Log (see Appendix C).

### **5.3.2 Open House**

Sugar Maple Solar will host one open house style public meeting prior to the filing of the PSS. The Applicant will strive to hold the open house at a location that maximizes accessibility for the largest number of residents. Additionally, the Applicant will hold the open house after normal working hours to allow opportunities for broad attendance. Sugar Maple Solar will provide notice

to NYSDPS Staff of the pending public open house via email. Public notices will be filed as described in Section 5.1.1. Notices will be published and filed two weeks prior to the open house event. Sugar Maple Solar's representatives will be present at the open house and will provide poster displays on the Project, solar energy, and the Article 10 review process, which will include information regarding intervenor funding availability and the application process. One-on-one and small group informational discussions may take place throughout the duration of the open house, providing opportunities for attendees to gain information on the Project, have their questions addressed, and provide input to Sugar Maple Solar representatives. Sugar Maple Solar representatives will emphasize the role of stakeholders and encourage interested area residents to join the stakeholder list as part of the open house.

#### **5.4 Project Contact Information**

For the duration of the Article 10 process, the Project Representative will be available to receive and address public questions and concerns during normal business hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9 am to 5 pm) at:

Brett Hastings  
8400 Normandale Blvd, Suite 1200  
Bloomington, MN 55438  
952-988-9000  
[sugarmaple@geronimoenergy.com](mailto:sugarmaple@geronimoenergy.com)

Sugar Maple Solar continues to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Project office in the vicinity of the Project Area. Whether or not a local office is ultimately established, Sugar Maple Solar will continue to seek public involvement throughout the Article 10 process. It is Sugar Maple Solar's intent to facilitate communication with interested or affected stakeholders, and to encourage engagement in the public process. Project materials and presentations will be posted on the Project website as they become available and will be available at local document repositories and at the Project's local office if such an office is established.

##### **5.4.1 Project Contact Information (Toll-Free Telephone Number and Email Address)**

Sugar Maple Solar will maintain a toll-free telephone number that includes a connection to an automated voicemail as well as a Project-specific email address. The phone number and email address will be advertised on the Project website and in outreach materials and will be monitored for questions on the Project. Sugar Maple Solar will endeavor to respond to questions within 2-5 business days.

- The toll-free phone number is: 1-877-618-7328
- The Project-specific email address is: [sugarmaple@geronimoenergy.com](mailto:sugarmaple@geronimoenergy.com)

## **5.5 Activities Designed to Educate the Public on the Proposal, the Article 10 Review Process, and Funding**

Town Board meetings and the open house (as described above) provide multiple opportunities for Sugar Maple Solar to disseminate information to the public concerning Project specifics, the Article 10 process, and the availability of funding for municipal and local parties, as well as to receive information from the public. Educational materials will be available at all meetings, including handouts on Project specifics and the public's role in the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, Project contact information, an invitation to join the stakeholder list, and the location of document repositories. All public meetings and written educational materials will also encourage interested parties to visit the Project website (described below) for information and updates. As mentioned previously, Project materials and presentations will be posted on the Project website and available as copies at the local document repositories as they become available and will be made available locally if the Applicant establishes a local office.

At the open house, Sugar Maple Solar plans to have poster-board displays covering topics such as:

- How photovoltaic solar energy works;
- Overview of the proposed Sugar Maple Solar Project including general maps of the Project Area;
- Typical construction process for a solar energy facility;
- Project schedule;
- Intervenor funding and Article 10 process (including pre-application stakeholder involvement and scoping process);
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs);
- Information about Geronimo;
- Studies expected to be required for permitting of the Project;
- Viewsheds (to the extent available); and
- Economic benefits of the Project to the local economy.

The above subjects will be elaborated further in materials that Sugar Maple Solar will prepare to present and distribute using information from its knowledge of the Article 10 process, and industry sources such as New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) NY-Sun Program, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc. (ACENY), and the Department of Energy (DOE). Versions of these materials will also be made available on the Project website as they become available and will be made available locally if the Project establishes a local office.

## **5.6 Website**

Sugar Maple Solar is creating a user-friendly website in plain English that describes the proposed Project. The website also includes information about Article 10 and related Project status and provides notice of opportunities for public participation. As the Project develops further, Sugar Maple Solar will update the website with maps, educational materials, Project milestones, etc. as soon as is reasonably practicable after the information is available to keep the public informed during the development process. The website will also provide further opportunities for submitting questions and concerns directly to the Applicant, the content of which will be documented by the Applicant.

The Project website URL is: <http://www.geronimoenergy.com/sugar-maple>. The Applicant anticipates that the website will include the following, as each item is completed or becomes available:

- Facility description;
- Facility benefits and need;
- Summary of permitting requirements;
- Links to the Siting Board Article 10 Public Information Coordinator, the Siting Board home page, and case-specific documents;
- Information on the Article 10 process;
- Summary of the Intervenor Funding process and how to apply;
- Facility layout figures and photo simulations/renderings;
- Facility contact information, including the Project email address and toll-free telephone number;
- Information regarding how to join the Stakeholder List;
- Copies of Article 10 and related licensing documents;

- Addresses of local document repositories;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates, such as when the Article 10 Application will be filed;
- Meeting Logs summarizing the Project's PIP Plan activities to date, including summaries of stakeholder interactions, comments, and questions.

As indicated above, the website will include Facility contact information (Project-specific email address and toll-free telephone number). The Applicant intends to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Project within 2-5 business days and will document all such correspondence throughout the Article 10 Application process. Email and postal addresses collected through the website will be added to the Master Stakeholder List.

## **5.7 Notifications**

Sugar Maple Solar intends to mail informational flyers to individual residents to notify them of the proposed Project, providing general Project information and announcing the open house to all unique addresses in the tax assessment rolls for the Project Area. All stakeholders identified on the Master Stakeholder List, as well as all residents within the 2-mile Study Area will be notified of the initial open house via a mass mailing. In addition to mailings, the open house will be advertised via emails to stakeholders identified in sections above, on the Project website, and in the newspapers listed below. The Applicant will use postal mail and/or email to ensure those stakeholders without an email address on file receive the notification. The open house will be advertised at least two weeks prior to the event.

Instructions on how stakeholders can contact Sugar Maple Solar throughout the Article 10 Application and construction process will be included with mailings announcing open house information. Procedures for submitting concerns, questions, and complaints will also be detailed in the Complaint Resolution Plan to be included in the Article 10 Application.

Sugar Maple Solar will publish notices of public meetings, as well as the PSS and Article 10 Application filings as required by the Article 10 regulations. This information will be published on the Project website and in the following news sources:

- The Watertown Daily Times, a paid-subscription daily newspaper for Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. <https://121-wdweb.newscyclecloud.com/>
- NNY360 Powered by Watertown Daily Times and Northern New York Newspaper, a print

and online subscription service serving Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Oswego Counties. <https://www.nny360.com/>.

- Jefferson Lewis Pennysaver, a locally distributed free weekly classified paper serving Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

Additionally, the stakeholder list will be notified via mail when the PSS and Article 10 Application filings will be available for review. The Applicant will include an updated stakeholder list with these filings, including individuals and parties identified through the Applicant's outreach efforts, as well as proof that a mailing has occurred. Copies of the PSS and Article 10 Application will be distributed to the local repositories listed below in addition to being posted on the Project website.

### **5.8 Activities Designed to Encourage Stakeholder Participation**

All of the activities described above, including the open house (see Section 5.3.2) and various forms of stakeholder outreach (see Section 5.1), have been designed to provide opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the Article 10 certification and compliance process. Consultations will be considered successful if information about the Project and the Article 10 process (including PSS and Article 10 Application submittal milestones and document availability) was provided to stakeholders in an appropriate and timely manner (as described above), any relevant information provided to the Applicant was utilized to help advance the PIP Plan process and the preparation, submittal, and review of the Article 10 Application, and follow-up meetings or consultations were scheduled or undertaken, if necessary.

Stakeholder participation will be documented by Sugar Maple Solar through the following activity:

PIP Plan Meeting Log: The log will document the event date, location, attendees (or category thereof), summary of topics discussed, and any follow-up steps to be taken following the event (see Appendix C). The PIP Plan Meeting Log will be filed with the Secretary to the Board and posted to the Project website on approximately a quarterly basis.

### **5.9 Document Repositories**

While all information pertaining to the Project will be updated via the Project website as appropriate, Sugar Maple Solar proposes to maintain hard copies of the PIP Plan, the PSS, and the Article 10 Application (and any updated subsequent versions of these documents), and informational flyers (to the extent the repositories have a sign board) subject to host ability or capacity, at the following

locations for those stakeholders who may not have access to the website, or prefer to review hard copies:

- Town of Croghan Town Office, 9882 State Route 126, Ste. A., Castorland, NY 13620
- Croghan Free Library, 9794 NY-812 #0008, Croghan, NY 13327
- Town of Wilna Town Hall, 414 State St., Carthage, NY 13619
- Carthage Free Library, 412 Budd St, Carthage, NY 13619

## 6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) regulations describe the process for an Article 10 applicant to determine whether a proposed project is likely to impact an environmental justice area, defined as “a minority or low-income community that may bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations” (6 NYCRR § 487.3(l)).

The NYSDEC’s Environmental Justice Policy (CP-29) further provides criteria for an environmental justice area as follows:

- At least 51.1% of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- At least 33.8% of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- At least 23.59% of the population in an urban or rural area had household incomes below the federal poverty level.

CP-29 has limited applicability, applying only to applications for major projects and major modifications for permits relating to water pollution, air pollution, solid and hazardous waste management, and siting of industrial hazardous waste facilities. The Project will not require any such permits. Accordingly, CP-29 is not applicable to the Project. Although CP-29 is not applicable, the Applicant has considered whether the Project could have negative impacts on nearby environmental justice areas. Based on the EPA’s Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (EJSCREEN), approximately 29% of the population in census block group 5 within the Town of Wilna are reported as low-income indicating the potential for an environmental justice area. This census block is located within the northern portion of the Project Area, extending west to the Village of Carthage (Figure 4). No other census blocks within the Project Study Area were identified as environmental justice areas. While the Applicant does not expect that the Project will have impacts on any environmental justice areas, the Applicant will voluntarily provide additional information about potential impacts to environmental justice areas in the PSS for the Project, and to comply with the Siting Board’s environmental justice regulations throughout the Article 10 proceeding for the Project. As the Town of Wilna is a host community and already included in the Master Stakeholder List (see Appendix A), Sugar Maple Solar will continue to engage them as the Article 10 process proceeds.

## 7.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

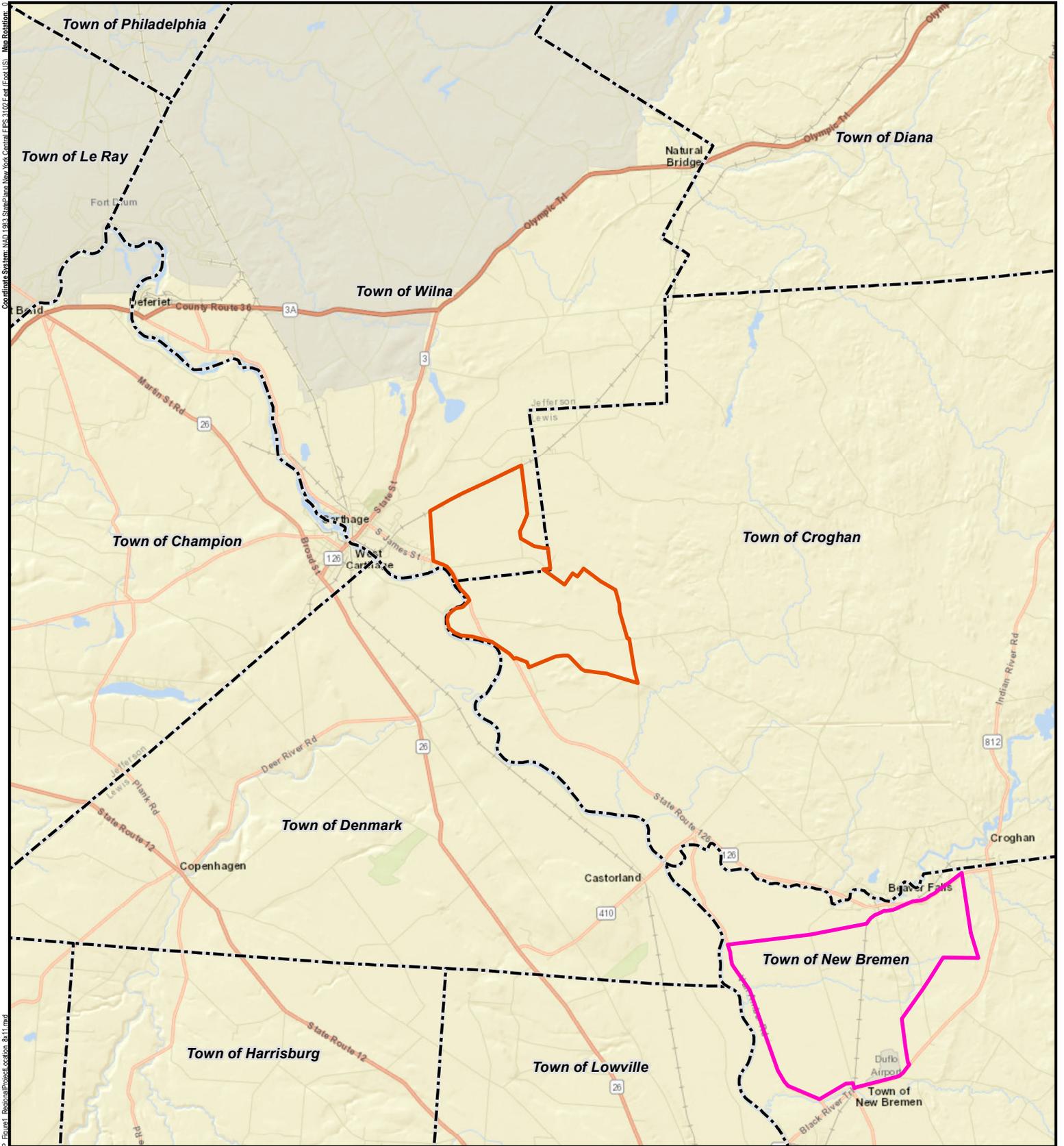
The Article 10 Regulations require an applicant to identify in its PIP Plan (1) any language other than English spoken according to United States Census data by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area for the facility; and (2) any language other than English spoken by a significant population of persons residing in close proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections.

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, a total of 7,580 people within all of Jefferson County speak a language other than English at home. The Project Area falls within one zip code tabulation area serving five municipalities (Carthage, West Carthage, Great Bend, Herrings and Champion as shown in Table 1 below. No language other than English is spoken by more than 5,000 people residing in any zip code within the Study Area (again, see Table 1 below). As there do not appear to be more than 5,000 persons within the Project’s zip code speaking a non-English language, the Applicant does not propose any non-English public outreach for this Project. To the extent that there are Amish families within the Study Area, they will receive notifications via postal mail as previously identified in the PIP Plan (see Section 5.1.1.)

<b>Table 1. Number of Residents of Study Area</b>						
<b>Zip Codes who speak a Language Other than English</b>						
<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Speak Only English</b>	<b>Percentage of Population that speaks only English</b>	<b>Most Prevalent Non- English Language Spoken</b>	
					<b>Language</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>13619</b>	<b>Carthage</b>	<b>9,896</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>211</b>

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimate, Table ID S1601: Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over

## FIGURES



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane New York Central FIPS 3102 East (Foot US) - Map Rotation: 0  
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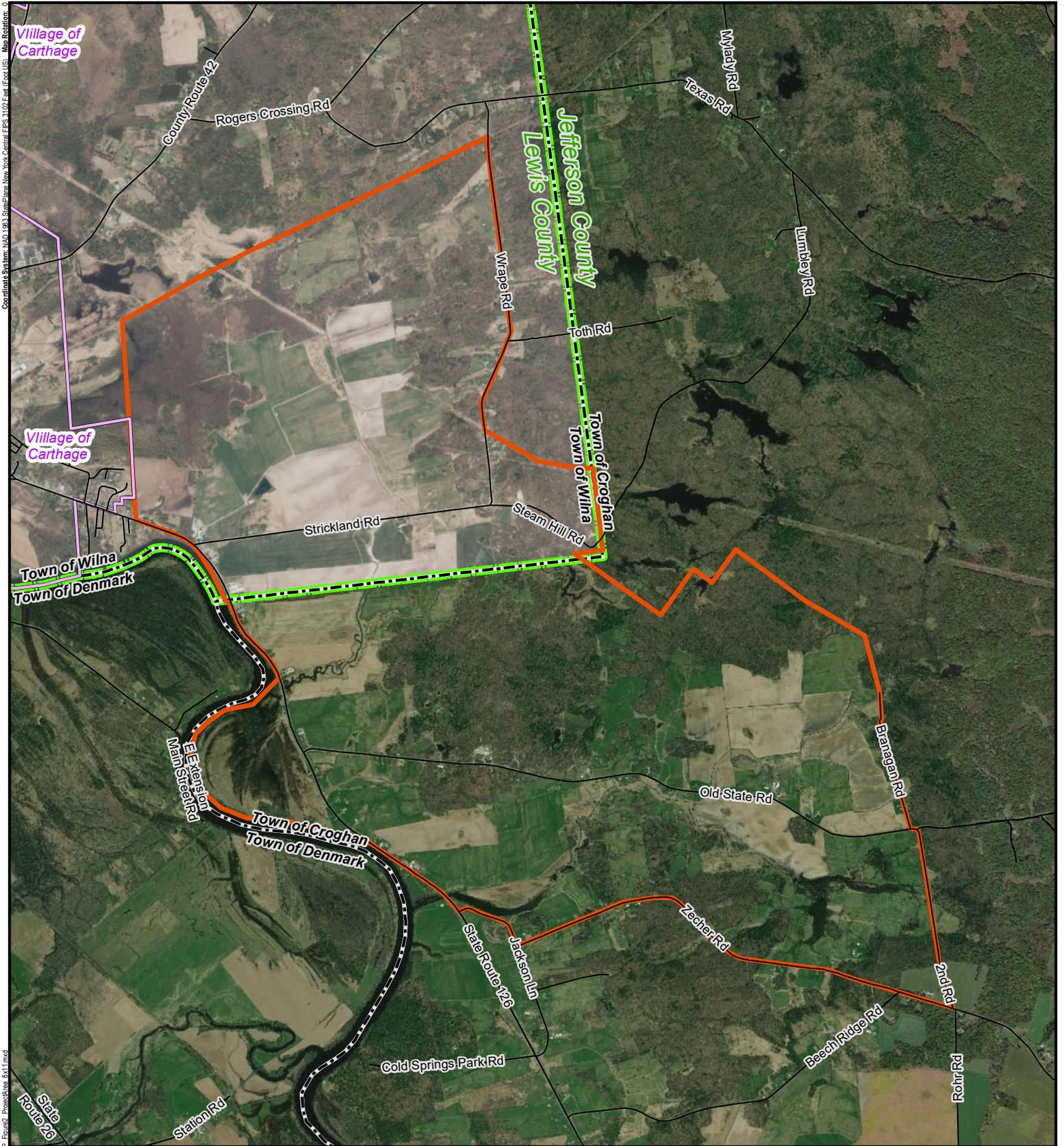
**LEGEND**

- SUGAR MAPLE PROJECT AREA
- NEW BREMEN PROJECT AREA
- TOWN BOUNDARY

1:144,000  
1" = 12,000'

1. BASEMAP IMAGERY FROM ESRI  
\*WORLD STREET MAP™ MAP SERVICE

PROJECT: SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR LLC TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY	
TITLE: REGIONAL PROJECT LOCATION	
DRAWN BY: D. BARLEY	PROJECT NO.: 373219
CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER	<b>FIGURE 1</b>
APPROVED BY: B. SCHWABENBAUER	
DATE: FEBRUARY 2020	
 215 GREENFIELD PKWY, STE 102 LIVERPOOL, NY 13088	
 <small>a nationalgrid company</small>	



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**LEGEND**

- PROJECT AREA
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

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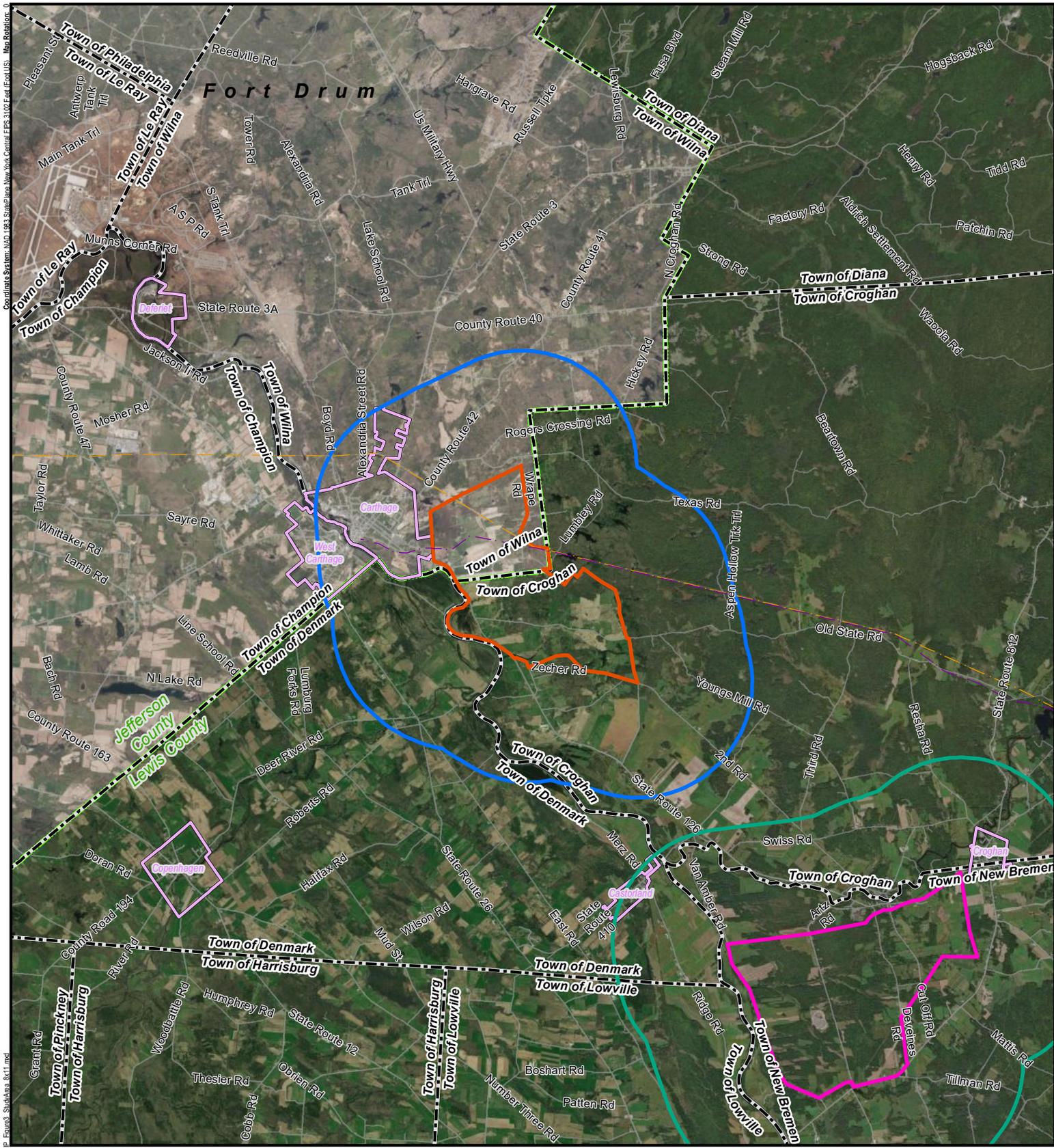
Note: No public lands, nor land without private agreement and approval will be used for this project.

1:36,000

1" = 3,000'

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PROJECT: SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR LLC TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY	
TITLE: PROJECT AREA	
DRAWN BY: D. BARLEY	PROJECT NO.: 373219
CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER	
APPROVED BY: B. SCHWABENBAUER	
DATE: FEBRUARY 2020	
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<b>FIGURE 2</b>	



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**LEGEND**

- NATIONAL GRID CARTHAGE-TAYLORVILLE 22, 23kV LINE
- NATIONAL GRID BLACK RIVER-TAYLORVILLE 1 & 2, 115kV LINE
- SUGAR MAPLE PROJECT AREA
- NEW BREMEN PROJECT AREA
- SUGAR MAPLE TWO MILE STUDY AREA
- NEW BREMEN TWO MILE STUDY AREA
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

Note: No public lands, nor land without private agreement and approval will be used for this project.

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1" = 12,000'

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TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN  
JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY**

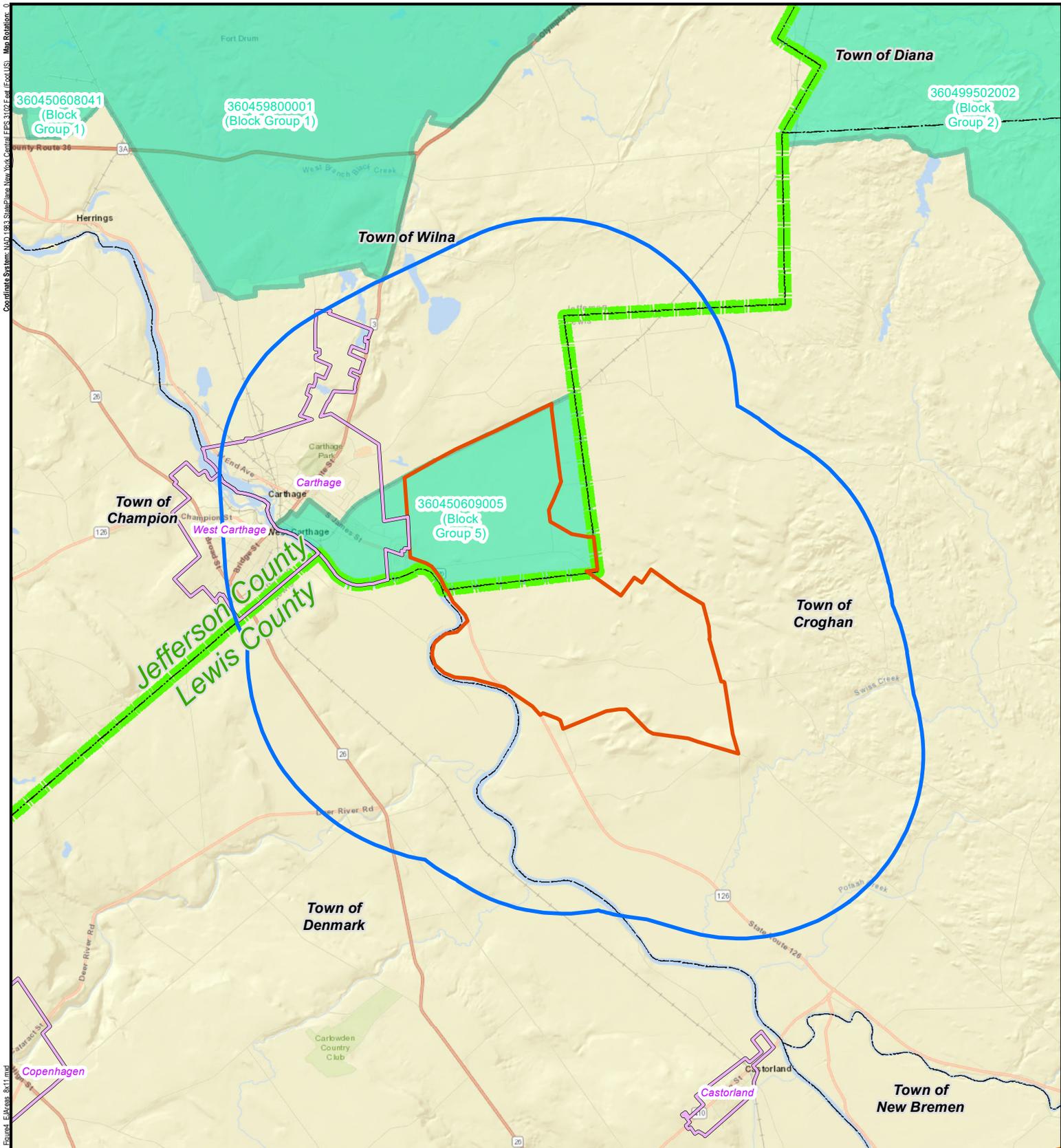
TITLE: **STUDY AREA**

DRAWN BY: D. BARLEY	PROJECT NO.: 373219
CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER	
APPROVED BY: B. SCHWABENBAUER	
DATE: APRIL 2020	

**FIGURE 3**

215 GREENFIELD PKWY, STE 102  
LIVERPOOL, NY 13088

GERONIMO ENERGY  
a national grid company



**LEGEND**

- POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREA
- PROJECT AREA
- TWO-MILE STUDY AREA
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

1. BASEMAP IMAGERY FROM ESRI  
 2. WORLD STREET MAP MAP SERVICE  
 3. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS ARE SHOWN AS IDENTIFIED ON THE USEPA EJSCREEN WEBSITE.

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 1" = 7,500'

0 0.5 1 Miles

PROJECT: SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR LLC  
 TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN  
 JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY

TITLE: **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS**

DRAWN BY: D. BARLEY PROJECT NO.: 373219  
 CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER  
 APPROVED BY: B. SCHWABENBAUER  
 DATE: FEBRUARY 2020

**FIGURE 4**

**TRC**  
 215 GREENFIELD PKWY, STE 102  
 LIVERPOOL, NY 13088

**GERONIMO ENERGY**  
 a nationalgrid company

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## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A. Master Stakeholders/Notification List**

**Exhibit A. Master Stakeholders/Notification List**

**HOST COMMUNITIES**

Town of Croghan  
Roger M. Burriss, Town Supervisor  
9882 State Route 126  
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Town of Croghan  
Laurie Halladay, Historian  
9882 State Route 126  
Beaver Falls, NY 13620

Town of Wilna  
Lori Borland, Town Clerk  
414 State Street  
Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Croghan  
Mike Monnat, Mayor  
9882 State Route 126  
Suite A  
Castorland, NY 13620

Town of Wilna  
Terry McKeeever, Codes Officer  
414 State Street  
Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Croghan  
Allan C. Shaw, Highway Superintendent  
9882 State Route 126  
Suite A  
Castorland, NY 13620

Town of Wilna  
Michael O'Shaughnessy, Highway  
Superintendent  
39767 NY Route 3  
Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Croghan  
Megan E. Simpson, Town Clerk  
9882 State Route 126  
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Castorland, NY 13620

Town of Wilna  
Paul Smith, Town Supervisor  
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Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Croghan Planning Board  
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Town of Wilna Planning Board  
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Castorland, NY 13620

Town of Wilna Planning Board  
Robert Fetterly, Board Member  
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Carthage, NY 13619

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Town of Wilna Planning Board  
Donald Foster, Board Member  
414 State Street  
Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Wilna Planning Board  
Yolanda Skvorak, Board Member  
414 State Street  
Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Wilna Planning Board  
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Carthage, NY 13619

Town of Wilna Planning Board  
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**ADJACENT LANDOWNERS**

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**Appendix B. Stakeholder Consultation Goals and Schedule**

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
<b>Federal Agencies / Representatives</b>		
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Identify any concerns related to Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	Consultation letter prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process
US Army Corps of Engineers	Clarify jurisdiction and requirements under Section 404 and Clean Water Act	Initiate prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process
US Department of Defense	Discuss any navigational issues of concern to military aircraft	Consultation letter prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Federal Aviation Administration	Discuss any navigational issues of concern to glint/glare	Consultation letter prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
US Senator Charles E. Schumer	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
US Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (District 21)	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
<b>New York State Agencies / Representatives</b>		
Members of NYS Assembly (Ken Blankenbush – 117 <sup>th</sup> District) and NYS Senate (Joseph Griffo – 47 <sup>th</sup> District and Patricia Ritchie – 48 <sup>th</sup> District)	Introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information	Introductory letter to be sent prior to PSS
	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS
	Respond to specific inquiries or comments	As requested by the Stakeholder
NYS Department of Public Service	Introduce the Project and coordinate Article 10 process	Introductory meeting to be held prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Main Headquarter and Region 6 Staffs.	Introduce Project and provide contact information; identify agency concerns related to RTE species, wetlands, and streams	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process
	Additional input of survey plans; feedback on study results	
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	Coordinate consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Historic Preservation Law, and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required	Correspondence and meetings to be requested prior to the Article 10 Application submittal to inform of work plans and contents of cultural studies; ongoing interaction to review findings as necessary throughout Article 10 process
OPRHP, Thousand Islands Regional Commission	Coordinate consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Historic Preservation Law, and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required	Correspondence and meetings to be requested prior to the submittal of the Article 10 Application to inform work plans and contents of cultural studies; ongoing interaction to review findings as necessary throughout Article 10 process

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
NYS Department of Health	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Department of Transportation	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Department of State	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Department of Ag & Markets	Notification as required by Article 10; Introduce Project including contact information; discuss areas of interest and identify agency concerns	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS; consultation anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Attorney General	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application
New York Independent System Operator	Participation in interconnection process	Interconnection filings to be submitted prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application.
New York State Thruway Authority	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 application

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
<b>Host County</b>		
Jefferson County Administrator (Robert F. Hagemann II) & Lewis County Clerk (Jake Moser)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Legislature (Chairman Scott A. Gray) & Lewis County Legislature (County Manager Ryan Piche)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Legislators (Daniel R. McBride – District 6 and John D. Peck – District 7) & Lewis County Legislators (Philip Hathwat – District 1, Randy Lachausse – District 2, and Ron Burns – District 3)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District (Executive Director Christine Watkins) & Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (District Manager Nichelle Swisher)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Dept. of Planning (Michael J. Bourcy, Director) & Lewis Count Dept. of Planning (Frank Pace, Director)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
Jefferson County Highway Department (James Lawrence Jr., Superintendent) & Lewis County Highway Department (Warren Shaw, Superintendent)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Economic Development (Brittany Davis, Interim Director)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Recreation, Forestry and Parks (Jackie Mahoney, Director)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
<b>Host Municipalities</b>		
<b>Town of Croghan</b>		
Town Mayor (Mike Monnat)	Introduce Sugar Maple Solar and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
Town Board	Introduce Sugar Maple Solar and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Supervisor (Roger M. Burriss)	Introduce Sugar Maple Solar and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Clerk (Megan E. Simpson)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Highway Department Superintendent (Allan C. Shaw)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
<b>Town of Wilna</b>		
Town Planning Board (Chairman Jon Storms)	Introduce Sugar Maple Solar and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
Town Supervisor (Paul Smith)	Introduce Sugar Maple Solar and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Clerk (Lori Borland)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Codes Officer (Terry McKeeever)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Highway Department Superintendent (Michael O'Shaughnessy)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
<b>Airports</b>		
Watertown International Airport Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
Countryman’s Landing Strip Airport	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
<b>School Districts</b>		
Carthage Central School District (Jennifer L. Premo, Interim Superintendent)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
<b>Chambers of Commerce</b>		
Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce (Erin Boshart, President)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Chamber of Commerce	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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<b>Emergency Responders</b>		
Carthage-Wilna Fire District & Wilna Fire Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Sherriff's Office & Lewis County Sherriff's Office	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Office of Fire & Emergency Management	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Office of Fire & Emergency Management	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
New York State Police, Troop D	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
<b>Adjacent Municipalities</b>		
Town of Champion	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town of Denmark	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Village of Carthage	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Village of West Carthage	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
<b>Additional Stakeholders and Public Interest Groups</b>		
Participating Landowners	Landowner agreements	Correspondence by phone, mail or in-person meeting per Article 10 regulations and as needed
Adjacent Landowners	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Area Residents	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to PSS submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
USDA Farm Service Agency	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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Jefferson and Lewis County USDA Farm Service Agencies	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County 1000 Islands Tourism Council	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jefferson and Lewis Counties	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Fort Drum Garrison	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Jefferson County Historical Society Lewis County Historical Society	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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National Grid	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
New York Power Authority	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout NYISO interconnection process.
New York Audubon Society	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
The Nature Conservancy	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Development Authority of the North Country	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Missing Link Snowmobile Club	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Tug Hill Commission	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

**Appendix C**  
**Sugar Maple Solar Project PIP Plan Meeting Log**

Date	Location of Meeting/Method of Communication	Meeting Attendees/Communication Participants	Purpose of Meeting/Communication and Comments	Follow Up Action Items
1-20-2020	Croghan Town Hall	Eric Will (Geronimo) and Brett Hastings (Geronimo) appeared at the January board meeting.	Introduce Geronimo Energy and Sugar Maple Solar to the Board/Community – let everyone know that an Open House will be held in the next several months.	Keep them informed as things develop.
1-13-2020	Wilna Town Hall	Eric Will, Derek Hasek (Geronimo), and Brett Hastings appeared at the January board meeting.	Introduce Geronimo Energy and Sugar Maple Solar to the Board/Community – let everyone know that an Open House will be held in the next several months.	Keep them informed as things develop.
1-30-2020	Jefferson County LDA	Eric Will and William Johnson (Jefferson County Legislator and IDA Board Member)	Learn about the county's view on taxation of large renewable energy facilities. In Jefferson County any Article 10 Project is subject to full taxation.	Nothing specific, but more discussion will be needed.
3-4-2020	Wilna Town Clerk	Brett Hastings and Lori Borland	Personal meeting to let her know PIP Plan was coming.	Send PIP Plan when available.
3-10-2020	Meeting at Jefferson County Office Bldg.	Eric Will, Scott Gray (Chairman, Jefferson County Legislature), Robert Hagemann (County Administrator), and David Paulsen (County Attorney)	General discussion of NY CLCPA, introduction of Project, and county's policy on PILOT's for energy projects.	Nothing specific, but more discussion will be needed relative to PILOT's and taxation.

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3-11-2020	Email to Senator Schumer's Syracuse Office	Eric Will to Emily Cole (Staff Asst.) – had in-person meeting on 1-29-2020	Sent her Project information pieces and encouraged her to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-11-2020	Email to Senator Gillibrand's Syracuse Office	Eric Will to Grace Bobertz (CNY Regional Asst.) – had in-person meeting with her predecessor, Kayla Anderson, on 1-28-2020	Sent her Project information pieces and encouraged her to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-11-2020	Email to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's Watertown Office	Eric Will to Mary Jo Richards (Regional Director) – had in-person meeting on 1-28-2020	Sent her Project information pieces and encouraged her to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-24-2020	ANCA (Email)	Eric Will to Kate Fish (Executive Director)	Sent Project information along with an offer to be available to discuss any questions she may have.	Complete
3-24-2020	Wilna Town Clerk (Email)	Brett Hastings to Lori Borland (Town Clerk)	Sent PIP Plan for distribution to Town Board.	Complete
3-24-2020	Croghan Town Clerk (Email)	Brett Hastings to Megan Simpson (Town Clerk)	Sent PIP Plan for distribution to Town Board.	Complete
3-24-2020	Wilna Town Clerk (Email)	Eric Will to Lori Borland	Sent Project information pieces and encouraged her to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete

Date	Location of Meeting/Method of Communication	Meeting Attendees/Communication Participants	Purpose of Meeting/Communication and Comments	Follow Up Action Items
3-24-2020	Croghan Town Clerk (Email)	Eric Will to Megan Simpson	Sent Project information pieces and encouraged her to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-24-2020	Email to Croghan Town Clerk	Eric Will to Megan Simpson	Sent her a second email specifically requesting she share the Project information with Roger Burriss (Town Supv.), Larry Boliver, Yvonne Hamlin-Boliver, John Jones, Thomas Kalamas (Planning Board Members), Allan Shaw (Highway Supt.), and Robert Ball (Assessor). Asked her to share my contact information with anyone who would like to communicate with Geronimo. Received an acknowledging email.	Complete
3-24-2020	Email to Croghan Mayor	Eric Will to Mike Monnat (Mayor)	Provided Project information and contact information.	Complete
3-24-2020	Email to Wilna Town Clerk	Eric Will to Lori Borland	Sent her a second email specifically requesting she share the Project information with Paul Smith, Town Supv., William Dutton, Robert Fetterly, Charles Florence, Donald Foster, Cheryl Schroy, Yolanda Skvorak,	Complete

Date	Location of Meeting/Method of Communication	Meeting Attendees/Communication Participants	Purpose of Meeting/Communication and Comments	Follow Up Action Items
			and Jon Storms (Planning Board Members), Terry McKeever (Codes Officer), and Michael O'Shaughnessy (Highway Supt.). Received an acknowledging email.	
3-24-2020	Email to Croghan Town Historian	Eric Will to Laurie Halladay (Historian)	Sent Project information pieces and encouraged her to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-24-2020	Email to Jefferson County LDC/IDA	Eric Will to Don Alexander (CEO, Jefferson County LDC/IDA)	Provided Project information and received an acknowledging email.	Complete
3-25-2020	Email to NYS Senator Ritchie's Watertown Office	Eric Will to Logan Eddy (District Director) – we had met in person on 1-30-2020	Sent Project information pieces and encouraged him to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-25-2020	Email to NYS Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush	Eric Will to Ken Blankenbush (Assemblyman)	Sent him Project information pieces and encouraged him to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
3-25-2020	Email to NYS Senator Joseph Griffo	Eric Will to Joseph Griffo (Senator)	Sent him Project information pieces and encouraged him to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete

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3-26-2020	Email to Fort Drum	Eric Will to Sonja Draught (Chief, Plans, Analysis & Integration)	Sent her the Project map and set up a call to discuss.	Review the Project with her on the scheduled call.
3-30-2020	Email from Fort Drum	Sonja Draught (Chief, Plans, Analysis & Integration) to Eric Will	She informed Geronimo that we didn't need to have the scheduled telephone call because they had studied the map and didn't foresee any impact to their operations.	Complete
4-30-2020	Email to Lewis County Officials	Eric Will to Cassandra Moser (County Legislative Clerk), Ryan Piche (County Manger), Phil Hathway, Randy Lachausse, Ron Burns, Ian Gilbert, Richard Chartrand, Andrea Moroughan, Greg Kulzer, Larry Dolhof, Tom Osbourne, and Jerry King (Legislators)	Forwarded Article 10 and economic benefit information as well as a map of the Project area and invited them to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete
4-30-2020	Email to Lewis County	Casandra Buell, Senior Planner	Sent her the same information as above.	Complete
5-1-2020	Email to Lewis County	Eric Will to Warren Shaw (Highway Superintendent)	Sent him the Project information including a map.	Complete
5-1-2020	Email to Lewis County Farm Bureau	Eric Will (Geronimo) to Jill Williamson (Regional Office Staff)	Sent her the Project information.	Complete

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5-1-2020	Email to Lewis County	Eric Will to Jake Moser (County Clerk), Mike Carpinelli (Sheriff), and Leanne Moser (District Attorney)	Sent them Article 10 Fact Sheet, Economic Benefits Sheet, and map showing the Project area and the study area. Invited them to reach out with any questions and let them know Geronimo would be in the area often once COVID-19 travel restrictions are eased.	Complete
5-1-2020	Email to Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation District	Eric Will to Nichelle Swisher (District Manager)	Sent her the normal Project information pieces	Complete
5-4-2020	Email to US Fish & Wildlife Service	Eric Will to David Stilwell (Field Supervisor)	Sent Project information to the Field Office in Cortland, NY.	Complete
5-4-2020	Email to Jefferson County Historical Society	Eric Will (Geronimo) to Toni Engleman (Interim Executive Director)	Sent her Project information.	Complete
5-4-2020	Email to the Development Authority of the North Country	Eric Will to Hartley Bonisteel Schweitzer (Community Planner)	Sent her the Project information.	Complete
5-4-2020	Email to National Grid	Eric Will to Gerald Haelin (Community and Customer Management)	Sent him the Project information.	Complete

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5-4-2020	Email to Lewis County Historical Society	Eric Will to Jonathan Miller (President) and Jerry Perrin (Curator)	Sent them a note regarding the CLCPA and attached Project information to be shared with the board if they deem it appropriate.	Complete
5-6-2020	Email to the Village of Carthage	Eric Will to Kristy O'Shaugnessy (Clerk)	Sent her an email with materials about the Project and requested she share them with the Village Board of which she is a member.	Complete
5-6-2020	Email to the Village of West Carthage	Eric Will to Scott Burto (Mayor)	Sent him an email with materials about the Project and encouraged him to share them with those he deems appropriate.	Complete
5-6-2020	Email to the Town of Champion	Eric Will to Christina Varagulich (Town Clerk)	Sent her an email with materials about the Project and requested she share the information with the Supervisor, the Board, and any others she deemed appropriate.	Complete
5-6-2020	Email to the Town of Denmark	Eric Will to Prudence Greene (Town Clerk)	Sent her an email with materials about the Project and requested she share the information with the Supervisor, the Board, and	Complete

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			any others she deemed appropriate.	
5-6-2020	Email to Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce	Eric Will to Erin Boshart (Board President) and Jeanette Turner (Executive Director)	Sent an introductory email and relevant Project information.	Complete
5-6-2020	Email to Lewis County	Eric Will to Tim Peterson (County Planning Board Chairman) and Gary Rosiczkowski (Vice Chairman) in care of Teresa Clark (Legislators Clerk)	Sent cover letter and Project information and encouraged them to contact Geronimo with questions.	Complete

**Appendix D**

**Sugar Maple Solar Project Preliminary Project Schedule**

*\*Please note – all dates are estimated and subject to change; notification of major Project milestones and public participation opportunities will be provided as information is available.*

**March 2020** – File Preliminary Public Involvement Program Plan with NYSDPS

**May 2020** – File Final Public Involvement Program Plan with NYSDPS

**Spring/Summer 2020** – Public Open House Informational Meeting; Public to be notified of specific date/location prior to meeting

**Summer 2020** – File Preliminary Scoping Statement<sup>2</sup>

**Winter 2020** – File Article 10 Application

**Winter 2021** – Siting Board Decision on Issuance of Article 10 Certificate

**Fall 2023** – Commercial Operation Date

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<sup>2</sup> Assuming the Applicant continues to pursue the Article 10 permitting process versus opting into 94(c) of the State's Executive Law.



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