



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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November 22, 2024

Tej Patel
Surya Powered LLC
141 W Jackson BLVD STE 1692
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Rutland Solar Farm East
Project Number(s): 2506447
County: Kane

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

However, the Department recommends:

Establishing pollinator-friendly habitat as groundcover wherever feasible. Solar Site Pollinator Establishment Guidelines can be found here:
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/pollinatorscorecard.html>

The site should be de-compacted before planting.

Long term management of the site should be planned for prior to development to ensure successful native pollinator habitat establishment and prevent the spread of invasive species throughout the lifetime of this project. An experienced ecological management consultant should be hired to assist with long-term management.

Required fencing, excluding areas near or adjacent to public access areas, should have a 6-inch gap along the bottom to prevent the restriction of wildlife movement. Woven wire or a suitable habitat wildlife friendly fence should be used. Barbed wire should be avoided.

Trees should be cleared between November 1st and March 31st. All night lighting should follow IDA guidance.



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This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Isabella Newingham
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Applicant: Surya Powered LLC
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Address: 141 W Jackson BLVD STE 1692
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IDNR Project Number: 2506447
Date: 11/21/2024

Project: Rutland Solar Farm East
Address: Vacant Lot South of Sandwald Rd. & Big Timber Rd., Hamphisre

Description: Rutland Solar Farm East LLC. is proposing a 5mWac community solar facility in unincorporated Kane County, IL. The project will be developed with the intention on supplying energy to the Commonwealth Edison utility company.

Natural Resource Review Results

Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)

An IDNR staff member will evaluate this information and contact you to request additional information or to terminate consultation if adverse effects are unlikely.

Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Kane

Township, Range, Section:

- 42N, 7E, 17
- 42N, 7E, 18
- 42N, 7E, 19
- 42N, 7E, 20



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Disclaimer

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.

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EcoCAT Receipt	Project Code 2506447
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APPLICANT	DATE
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11/21/2024

DESCRIPTION	FEE	CONVENIENCE FEE	TOTAL PAID
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EcoCAT Consultation	\$ 125.00	\$ 2.81	\$ 127.81
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TOTAL PAID	\$ 127.81
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