Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: Lodi Solar		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Route 414 Lodi, NY (between #8933 and #9085) Parcel 12-1-28.2		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): Lodi PV, LLC is proposing to develop and build a new DG facility - Solar PV generation plant. The proposed project is located along Route 414 in Lodi NY. The project, as designed will have a nameplate capacity of 5,000 kW. The proposed project is a standalone ground-mounted system mounted on a single-axis steel structure. The system will include 23 inverters SUNGROW SF250HX. The inverters will be connected to two transformers. The total planned DC capacity of the plant is 7,004 kW. The applicant is proposing to interconnect the project to the 34.5 KV Valois circuit. An new access road with connection to Route 414 will be constructed. The entire facility will be enclosed within a fence.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Lodi PV, LLC, c/o RIC Development	Telephone: 917-463-0421 E-Mail: itomchev@ric.energy	
Address: 85 Broad St., 28th Floor		
City/PO: New York	State: NY	Zip Code: 10004
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Ivo Tomchev, Project Development Director, RIC Development	Telephone: E-Mail: itomchev@ric.energy	
Address: 85 Broad St, 28th Floor		
City/PO: New York	State: NY	Zip Code: 10004
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): Robert and Suzanne Stack	Telephone: E-Mail:	
Address: 1546 Oatland Lake Rd		
City/PO: Pawley's Island	State: SC	Zip Code: 29585

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)

Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Council, Town Board, or Village Board of Trustees ☐Yes ☑No		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission ☐Yes ☑No		
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals ☐Yes ☑No		
d. Other local agencies ☐Yes ☑No		
e. County agencies ☑Yes ☐No	Seneca County Electrical Permit, GML Section 239l-m review, Seneca County IDA PILOT	March 2023
f. Regional agencies ☐Yes ☑No		
g. State agencies ☑Yes ☐No	NYSDEC, NYSERDA, NYDAM, NYSDOT	March 2023
h. Federal agencies ☑Yes ☐No	USACE; wetland jurisdictional determination	March 2023

i. Coastal Resources.

i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? ☐Yes ☑No

ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? ☐Yes ☑No

iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? ☐Yes ☑No

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? ☐Yes ☑No

- **If Yes,** complete sections C, F and G.
- **If No,** proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

C.2. Adopted land use plans.

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? ☑Yes ☐No

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? ☐Yes ☑No

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

_____

_____

_____

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

_____

_____

_____

C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? ☐ Yes ☑ No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes,
i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site?

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? South Seneca Central School

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?
Seneca County Sheriff Department

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?
Lodi Volunteer Fire Company

d. What parks serve the project site?
Finger Lakes National Forest

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? Solar facility (generally regarded as either industrial or commercial)

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 92.6 acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 29.82 acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 92.6 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? ☐ Yes ☑ No
i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If Yes,
i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)
Commercial division of property into two areas
ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
iii. Number of lots proposed? 2
iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum 29.82 Maximum 44.2

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? ☐ Yes ☑ No
i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ months
ii. If Yes:
- Total number of phases anticipated _____
- Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) _____ month _____ year
- Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____year
- Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	One Family	Two Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

i. Total number of structures 10,612

ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: 10-12 height; 6-8 width; and 3-5 length

iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: N/A square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____

ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: ☐ Ground water ☐ Surface water streams ☐ Other specify:

_____

iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source.

_____

iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres

v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length

vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete):

_____

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i .What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____

ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?

- Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____
- Over what duration of time? _____

iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them.

_____

_____

iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe. _____

_____

v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____acres

vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres

vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet

viii. Will the excavation require blasting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____

_____

_____

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): _____

_____

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

_____

_____

_____

_____

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes, describe: _____

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: _____
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion:_____
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): _____

_____

- proposed method of plant removal: _____
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): _____

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

_____

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? ☐Yes ☐No

If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: _____
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☐Yes ☐No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐Yes ☐No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐Yes ☐No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☐Yes ☐No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? ☐Yes ☐No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____

_____

- Source(s) of supply for the district: _____

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐No

If, Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: _____

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: _____

_____

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

_____

_____

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? ☐Yes ☐No

If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: _____
- Name of district: _____
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☐Yes ☐No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐Yes ☐No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐Yes ☐No

- Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? ☐Yes ☐No
- Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? ☐Yes ☐No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? ☐Yes ☐No

If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____

v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):

_____

vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____

e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? ☑Yes ☐No

If Yes:

i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?

_____ Square feet or 0.01 acres (impervious surface)

_____ Square feet or 90.06 acres (parcel size)

ii. Describe types of new point sources. No new point sources

iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?

Temporary construction runoff will be controlled on-site by stormwater and sediment/erosion control best management practices. Sheet flow from solar panels will infiltrate ground surface or be controlled prior to existing site via wetland, existing drainage, and/or swale areas. No increase in runoff.

- If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: N/A
- Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? ☐Yes ☑No

iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? ☑Yes ☐No

f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? ☑Yes ☐No

If Yes, identify:

i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)

Vehicles for occasional maintenance of equipment and equipment for mowing.

ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)

None

iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)

None

g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) ☐Yes ☐No

ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:

- _____Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)
- _____Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N_2O)
- _____Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
- _____Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF_6)
- _____Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflourocarbons (HFCs)
- _____Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____

ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____

_____

i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust):

_____

_____

j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): ☐ Morning ☐ Evening ☐Weekend

☐ Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____

_____

iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? ☐Yes ☐No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe:

_____

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? ☐Yes ☐No

vii Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? ☐Yes ☐No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? ☐Yes ☐No

k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____

_____

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other):

_____

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? ☐Yes ☐No

l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

i. During Construction:

- Monday - Friday: 7 AM - 7 PM
- Saturday: 7 AM - 7 PM (if needed)
- Sunday: NA
- Holidays: NA

ii. During Operations:

- Monday - Friday: Dawn to Dusk
- Saturday: Dawn to Dusk
- Sunday: _____
- Holidays: _____

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes:

i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:

Noise levels will increase due to equipment used during the construction period within the hours of 7AM - 7 PM) Monday to Friday and Saturday when necessary.

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Describe: _____

n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes:

i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe: _____

o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____

p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Product(s) to be stored _____

ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)

iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities:_____

q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Describe proposed treatment(s):

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? ☐ Yes ☐ No

r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:

- Construction: 300 tons per Year (unit of time)
- Operation : 0 tons per Year (unit of time)

ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:

- Construction: Waste generated during construction, largely due to packaging materials (pallets and cardboard). Approximately 70% of materials will be recyclable.
- Operation: N/A

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:

- Construction: Recyclable materials will be recycled. Remaining waste will be disposed of in a NYSDEC-approved landfill.
- Operation: N/A

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

_____

_____

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: _____

_____

_____

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

_____

_____

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

_____

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility:

_____

_____

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

☐ Urban ☐ Industrial ☑ Commercial ☑ Residential (suburban) ☑ Rural (non-farm)
☐ Forest ☑ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other (specify): _____

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:

_____

_____

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	0.00	0.01	+0.01
• Forested	5.69	5.69	0.00
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	84.37	54.55	-28.82
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0.00	0.00	0.00
• Other Describe: Solar Project	0.00	29.81	+29.81

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? ☐ Yes ☑ No

i. If Yes: explain: _____

d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes,

i. Identify Facilities:

_____

_____

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:

- Dam height: _____ feet
- Dam length: _____ feet
- Surface area: _____ acres
- Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet

ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____

iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:

_____

_____

f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Has the facility been formally closed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____

ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:

_____

_____

iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: _____

_____

g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:

_____

_____

h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____

☐ Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____

☐ Neither database

ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures:_____

_____

_____

iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): _____

iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):

_____

_____

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? ☐ Yes ☑ No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: _____
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____
- Describe any use limitations: _____
- Describe any engineering controls: _____
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? 6.56 feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____%

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

CsB, Conesus gravelly silt loam	55.5 %
LsB, Lansing gravelly silt loam	18.3 %
AoB, Appleton gravelly silt loam, 3-8	15.3 %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: 2.37 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils:

☑	Well Drained:	18.3 % of site
☑	Moderately Well Drained:	55.5 % of site
somewhat ☐	Poorly Drained	26.2 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes:

☑	0-10%:	100 % of site
☐	10-15%:	% of site
☐	15% or greater:	% of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, describe: _____

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? ☑ Yes ☐ No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? ☑ Yes ☐ No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name _____ Classification _____
- Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____
- Wetlands: Name Federal Waters, Wetland A Approximate Size 0.01 acres
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____

i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? ☐ Yes ☑ No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? ☐ Yes ☑ No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? ☐ Yes ☑ No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:

i. Name of aquifer: _____

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:
White-tailed deer | Song birds / Raptors | Wild turkey
Various rodents (squirrels, mice, moles,) | Coyote

n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:
i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____
ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____
iii. Extent of community/habitat:
- Currently: _____ acres
- Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres
- Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres

o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:
i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): Short-eared Owl (State-endangered), Northern Harrier (State-threatened)

p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:
i. Species and listing: _____

q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____

E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site

a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: SENE012

b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? ☑ Yes ☐ No
i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? 22.2 acres
ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey - Farmland Classification

c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:
i. Nature of the natural landmark: ☐ Biological Community ☐ Geological Feature
ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____

d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:
i. CEA name: _____
ii. Basis for designation: _____
iii. Designating agency and date: _____

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: ☐ Archaeological Site ☐ Historic Building or District

ii. Name: _____

iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:

_____

f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? ☐ Yes ☑ No

g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Describe possible resource(s): _____

ii. Basis for identification: _____

h. Is the project site within fives miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Identify resource: Finger Lakes National Forest

ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): United States Forest Service National Forest

iii. Distance between project and resource: 0.25 miles.

i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____

ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? ☐ Yes ☐ No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Lodi PV, LLC / Jonathan H. Rappe Date March 9, 2023

Signature _____ Title Signatory of sole member, RIC Development, LLC

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Supplemental Information

Full Environmental Assessment Form

Part I

Route 414, Lodi NY (between #8933 and #9085)

Parcel 12-1-28.2

March 2023

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Lodi Solar Project

The following information supplements Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) for use by the Lead Agency in completing the FEAF Parts 2 and 3 for a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Determination of Significance relative to the Lodi Solar Facility.

Project Description and Action

Lodi PV, LLC is proposing to DG develop and build a new facility - Solar PV generation plant. The proposed project is located along Route 414 in Lodi NY. The project, as designed will have a nameplate capacity of 5,000 kW. The proposed project is a standalone ground-mounted system mounted on a single-axis steel structure. The system will include 23 inverters connected to two transformers. The applicant is proposing to interconnect the project to the 34.5 KV Valois circuit. A new access road with connection to Route 414 will be constructed. The entire facility will be enclosed within a fence.

The below narrative expands upon questions found within the FEAF Part 1, submitted to the Lead Agency for review:

Agricultural Resources:

Seneca County has a rich legacy of farming as reflected in its Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, which spells out the value of farming. The site in question is located within an Agricultural District and has historically and even currently been used for farming. However, the landowner is not interested in continuing farming on this property indefinitely, nor in selling the land to another area farmer. They do, however, wish to keep the rural character of their property, and exercise their right to use the property in a manner that generates income without adversely affecting the environment. Their intent is to do this by selecting a development option that will not generate waste, noise, odors or other adverse impacts, expenses or drain on community services.

The field in question has been used for this past season for production of corn and soybean. Within the proposed solar facility, a low-growing, native pollinator-friendly meadow seed mix will be planted to continue a meadow environment under and around the panels. After the useful life of the project, upon completion of the lease term, the Site will be returned through decommissioning to a condition that can again be farmed, should that be the desire of the landowner. This ability to maintain the property in condition for future desired uses is an advantage of the solar industry--Soils are depleted of nutrients when land is continuously farmed, requiring fertilizers to be applied, frequently along with herbicides and pesticides intended to maximize crop yield through continuous heavy labor working the ground. By contrast, solar allows for a period of rest and recovery whereby organic matter is retained awaiting a new future use after decommissioning. Construction and decommissioning are conducted in accordance with the NYS Department of Agriculture recommendations and standards for construction of solar within an agricultural area.

Groundwater Resources:

The project is in an area with groundwater averaging less than three feet below the ground. This depth to groundwater is a threshold referenced within the FEAF (Part 2) that suggests additional thought should be given to the nature of the development relative to its impacts on groundwater.

The Lodi Solar proposal does not present a risk to groundwater. No contaminants or pollutants are stored or used on site. There is no battery storage at this site, and no discharge of any waste. Herbicides are not proposed in the future maintenance of vegetation on site. If anything, the cessation of fertilizer or pesticide application during the period in solar production will be beneficial to underlying groundwater resources. Construction is entirely above ground, with the exception of small-diameter posts driven in to support panel racking, and areas of underground wiring installed through trenching.

Plants and Animals:

The Project Site is indicated by agency data to be within the vicinity of past sightings of the northern harrier and short eared owl. These bird species are known to winter in New York, and are listed as state-threatened and state-endangered, respectively. There is no known nesting by these species on the site. An weekly on-site raptor survey was suggested by the NYSDEC and has been underway since November 2023. To date, a single sighting of both species has occurred, with the bird flying over and through a portion of the property. Total time over the site was less than one minute. Survey completion is scheduled for the end of March, with results evaluated by the NYSDEC for a final conclusion relative to cause for concern. Thus far, survey results—one sighting—are not cause for concern. Final results and the conclusion of NYSDEC on the subject are expected in April. A worst case scenario would be the need by the applicant to perform some form of habitat mitigation to be determined by the NYSDEC. Examples may include placement of a conservation easement on comparable property in the vicinity, or perhaps habitat enhancement in the form of promoting grassland vegetative species.

Publicly Accessible Federal, State or Local Scenic or Aesthetic Resource:

The Project Site is within proximity to the Finger Lakes National Park, the closest point being approximately 0.25 miles distant From the Park land, the solar facility will be obscured by trees. The area closest to the proposed solar facility does not contain hiking trails or frequent visitors. As such, the scenic or aesthetic resources associated with the federal park land are not assumed to be at risk.

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project : Lodi Solar

Date : 07/06/2023

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency **and** the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer **"Yes"** to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer **"No"** to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land

Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1)

☐ NO ☑ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a	☑	☐
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	☑	☐
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e	☑	☐
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	☑	☐
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	☑	☐
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

2. Impact on Geological Features

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g) ☑ NO ☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached: _____	E2g	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature: _____	E3c	☐	☐
c. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐

3. Impacts on Surface Water

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h) ☐ NO ☑ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	☑	☐
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	☑	☐
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	☑	☐
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	☑	☐
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	☑	☐
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	☑	☐
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	☑	☐
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	☑	☐
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	☑	☐

l. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

4. Impact on groundwater

The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t) ☑ NO ☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	☐	☐
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: _____	D2c	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	☐	☐
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	☐	☐
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	☐	☐
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

5. Impact on Flooding

The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) ☑ NO ☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	☐	☐
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	☐	☐

g. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

6. Impacts on Air

The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) ☐NO ☑YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels:			
i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO_2)	D2g	☑	☐
ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N_2O)	D2g	☑	☐
iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs)	D2g	☑	☐
iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF_6)	D2g	☑	☐
v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions	D2g	☑	☐
vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane	D2h	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	☑	☐
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g	☑	☐
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	☑	☐
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

7. Impact on Plants and Animals

The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) ☐NO ☑YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	☑	☐
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	☑	☐

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	☑	☐
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source: _____	E2n	☑	☐
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	☑	☐
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _____ _____	E1b	☑	☐
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	☑	☐
j. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources
The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.) ☐NO ☑YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, E1b	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	☑	☐
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	☑	☐
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1 a, E1b	☑	☐
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	☑	☐
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	☑	☐
h. Other impacts: _____		☑	☐

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources

The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)

☐ NO ☑ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	☑ ☑	☐ ☐
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	☑ ☑	☐ ☐
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	☑	☐
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile ½ -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	☑	☐
g. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources

The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)

☑ NO ☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	E3e	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source: _____	E3g	☐	☐

d. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐
e. If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3e, E3g, E3f	☐	☐
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b	☐	☐
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3	☐	☐

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation

The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan.
(See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.)
If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.

☑ NO ☐ YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	☐	☐
e. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas

The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d)
If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.

☑ NO ☐ YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	☐	☐
c. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐

13. Impact on Transportation
The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. ☑ NO ☐ YES
(See Part 1. D.2.j)
If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	☐	☐
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	☐	☐
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	☐	☐
f. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐

14. Impact on Energy
The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. ☑ NO ☐ YES
(See Part 1. D.2.k)
If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	☐	☐
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g	☐	☐
e. Other Impacts: _____		☐	☐

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light
The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. ☐ NO ☑ YES
(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)
If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	☑	☐

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	☑	☐
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	☑	☐
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.) ☑ NO ☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No,or small impact may cccur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	☐	☐
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	☐	☐
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	☐	☐
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	☐	☐
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	☐	☐
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	☐	☐
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	☐	☐
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	☐	☐
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, E1g E1h	☐	☐
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	E1f, E1g	☐	☐
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	☐	☐
m. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

17. Consistency with Community Plans

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.) ☐ NO ☑ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	☑	☐
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	☑	☐
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	☑	☐
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	☑	☐
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	☑	☐
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	☑	☐
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	☑	☐
h. Other: _____ _____		☑	☐

18. Consistency with Community Character

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3) ☐ NO ☑ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g	☑	☐
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	☑	☐
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	☑	☐
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	☑	☐
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	☑	☐
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	☑	☐
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		☐	☐

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Date : 07/06/2023

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: ☑ Type 1 ☐ Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: ☑ Part 1 ☑ Part 2 ☑ Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

See Attached

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) as lead agency that:

☑ A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

☐ B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

☐ C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Lodi Solar

Name of Lead Agency: Seneca County Industrial Development Agency

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Sarah Davis

Title of Responsible Officer: Executive Director

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Sarah R Davis Date: 7/19/23

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) David Hewitt Date: 7/19/23

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)
Other involved agencies (if any)
Applicant (if any)
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Part 3 FEAF Notes

1f. Impact on Land: The proposed project indicates a minor increase in impervious surface area, adding only 0.01 acres out of a total 90.96-acre project site. This is a nominal change unlikely to have a significant impact on surface water runoff.

The project proposal does not incorporate the establishment of any new point sources of stormwater runoff. Temporary stormwater runoff during the construction phase is to be managed on-site, utilizing best management practices for stormwater, sediment, and erosion control.

Following project completion, the sheet flow from the solar panels is expected to either infiltrate the ground surface or be controlled through existing drainage channels, wetland areas, and/or swales, according to the project proposal. This plan is intended to prevent any increase in runoff or flow onto adjacent properties and to minimize any increase in impervious surfaces.

These proposed designs and controls should serve to mitigate potential impacts on local water resources and the surrounding environment, according to the information provided.

3d./3i. Impacts on Surface Water: In reference to the SEQR Part 1 Section E2h, it was confirmed that a very small portion of federally regulated wetlands, specifically 0.01 acre, adjoins the project site. This constitutes a minimal fraction of the overall project area. Given this minor interaction with these water resources it is anticipated that there will be minimal, if any, impact on these wetlands.

6f. Impacts on Air: Only minimal air emissions are expected from the proposed solar project. As detailed in Part 1, Section D2f(i), the main source of these emissions would be from vehicles used for occasional maintenance and equipment for periodic mowing at the site. Given the infrequency of these activities, their overall contribution to air emissions will be relatively insignificant.

7a./7b. Impact on Animals: In addressing concerns related to impacts on animal populations, specifically we reference the findings of the 'Grassland Winter Raptor Survey' conducted on the project sites for Lodi Solar and Lodi II Solar, situated along State Route 414, Town of Lodi, Seneca County, New York 14860. The study's findings have indicated that sightings of short-eared owls and northern harriers within the project vicinity are infrequent. Consequently, it's pertinent to highlight that, per New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (6 NYCRR Part 182), this project site does not meet the criteria for designation as a 'Critical Habitat.' This label typically applies to habitats that are characterized by a high density of specific endangered or threatened species - a condition not applicable to our project site. The attached study documents the observed species and the relative frequency of their occurrences within the project area.

8a/8c/8d. Impact on Agricultural Resources: The proposed project site, as indicated in Part One reference E3a, is located within a recognized agricultural district (SENE012), certified in accordance with Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25 -AA, Sections 303 and 304 of Seneca County. The site

encompasses 40.2 acres designated as 'highly productive' soils, as per the USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey – Farmland Classification.

While acknowledging that the installation of the solar farm involves a temporary adaptation of agricultural land for solar energy production, it is crucial to note that this alteration is not expected to cause an irreversible impact on the agricultural resources present. In line with established industry practices, the project developer will assume the responsibility of decommissioning and removing the solar panels at the end of their operational lifespan, restoring the site to its original agricultural state.

It is anticipated that a financial surety, such as a bond, letter of credit, or cash deposit, will be put in place at the project's inception. This financial assurance, a standard provision in solar development projects, aims to secure the developer's obligation and cover the projected costs associated with decommissioning and site restoration.

9a. Impact on Aesthetic Resources: With respect to aesthetic resources, as outlined in SEQR Part 2 question 9a and in reference to Part 1 E3h, the project site's location along the designated 'Scenic Byway' of State Route 414 and within five miles of the Finger Lakes National Forest is duly acknowledged. Given these factors, we recognize the potential visual impact of the proposed solar farm on the local landscape.

In response to these considerations, the project developer has crafted a comprehensive landscaping plan aimed at mitigating the majority of potential adverse visual impacts. This plan includes the planting of 117 trees and 143 shrubs, forming a natural buffer that aids in harmonizing the solar farm's visual presence with the surrounding environment.

All plant species selected for this buffer are indigenous to the Finger Lakes region. This choice aligns with our commitment to maintain the visual integrity and natural beauty of the local ecosystem, thus respecting and preserving the scenic quality of both the State Route 414 Byway and the broader Finger Lakes area.

15a. Impact on Noise, Odor, and light: It is anticipated that there will be a temporary increase in noise levels due to the operation of construction equipment. This is a common and unavoidable aspect of the construction process. However, to minimize the impact on the local community, all construction activities will be carefully scheduled to occur between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

15d. Impact on Noise, Odor, and light: Concerning potential glare, the design of this project inherently minimizes this risk due to several important factors.

Firstly, the project will employ monocrystalline photovoltaic cells housed in bifacial panels. By design, these panels aim to absorb and convert sunlight into energy, not reflect it. Hence, any reflected light signifies a loss in efficiency, which the design seeks to minimize.

Secondly, these photovoltaic cells are treated with an anti-reflective coating. This treatment further reduces the intensity of any light that might be reflected from the surface of the panels, further decreasing the potential for glare.

Lastly, the use of single-axis trackers ensures that the panels continually face the sun during daylight hours. This orientation results in any minimal reflected light being directed back towards the sun, rather

than outwards. This positioning effectively means that ground-level visibility of any reflected light is extremely unlikely.

To further support this, I've attached the 'Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation' issued by the FAA for this project, attesting to the minimal risk of glare associated with this design."

17. Consistency with Community Plans: Item 17 of the SEQR Part 2 addresses the "Consistency with Community Plans". While it's noted that a comprehensive community plan exists, as indicated in Part 1, Section C2a, this plan doesn't provide specific recommendations for the proposed project site. Furthermore, it's important to highlight that the Town of Lodi does not have a zoning ordinance. Hence, despite marking 'Yes' for Item 17, the absence of site-specific guidance and zoning regulations implies that the proposed project is unlikely to significantly contradict or disrupt existing community planning efforts.

18. Consistency with Community Character: The proposed project could initially seem inconsistent with the existing natural landscape's character. The Town Master Plan emphasizes 'quality of life' characteristics such as the lakefront, open spaces, expansive vistas, and the rural and agricultural feel of the Town of Lodi.

Notwithstanding, it's important to note that the proposed project includes measures to minimize potential visual impact. The addition of 117 trees and 143 shrubs as part of a comprehensive landscaping plan serves as a natural buffer. This approach aids in aligning the solar farm with the surrounding landscape, thus addressing potential inconsistencies with the area's rural character as detailed in the Town Master Plan. The aim is to ensure that the project respects and aligns with the characteristic 'quality of life' factors outlined in the Town Master Plan while contributing to renewable energy production.