



Proposed Community Engagement Plan – Alfred Oaks

Northland Power U.S. Projects Inc. (“Proposer”) is committed to developing and implementing a robust Community Engagement Plan (“Plan”) that responds to the needs of the local community and maintains a transparent relationship with local stakeholders throughout the pre-award, development, construction, and operation of the Alfred Oaks Solar Project (“Project”). This Plan describes how Proposer has engaged and will continue to engage the local community, host municipalities (Town of Alfred and County of Allegany), stakeholders (including interested state agencies), and interested parties and solicit their involvement throughout the various phases of the Project. It is Proposer’s ongoing intent to communicate with interested or affected stakeholders, solicit public comments, provide timely notice of Project milestones and events, and encourage the public and interested parties to provide input. This Plan will ensure that Proposer continues to engage the local community and receive stakeholder support and input throughout the life of the Project.

The Plan is organized to reflect the outreach activities to date and the intended steps to be taken when engaging stakeholders and interested parties going forward and at a minimum will address the following:

- (1) Identification of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (“AHJ”) and taxing School District, including elected local officials’ names, contact information, and tenure;
- (2) Detail outreach strategies and activities the Proposer has implemented to date and will use to engage stakeholders and interested parties, including affected agencies, and to encourage public involvement throughout the pre-award, development, construction, and operation phases (consistent with the Project Milestone Schedule), including methods of communication and specific channels the Proposer intends to use to disseminate Bid Facility information;
- (3) Applicability of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”) goals regarding benefits to Disadvantaged Communities that would be realized with the development and construction of the Bid Facility;
- (4) Frequency of past/planned public events and the anticipated duration, in years, of the public engagement events of community outreach, and strategies to ensure that public engagement events are widely attended by a representative cross section of host community residents;
- (5) Details of the direct benefits to the community the Proposer will advance;
- (6) Details on past/planned engagement regarding payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) agreements or host community agreements (“HCA”);
- (7) A description of local interests and concerns, including passed/planned strategies to thoughtfully build support for and respectfully responding to any opposition to the Bid Facility;
- (8) Strategies that have been and will be used to mitigate concerns raised by the public regarding the Bid Facility, and if applicable, Energy Storage. This may include visibility and viewshed



- impact mitigation efforts, accommodations to co-locate agricultural activities, or other issues of importance to the host communities; and
- (9) Past/planned methods for soliciting feedback and input from the public and affected agencies and the process for sharing feedback and responses publicly.

Stakeholder Identification

A fundamental first step in the community outreach process is identifying the stakeholders that may be affected by construction and operation of the Project. Proposer’s approach has been and will continue to be to proactively engage interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders by being transparent and providing timely information to consistently educate and involve all stakeholders. Further, Proposer understands that stakeholders may change during the development cycle of a project; therefore, Proposer intends to review and assess stakeholder involvement throughout all phases of the Project to ensure new stakeholders that may have interests in the Project are identified and informed at the earliest opportunity.

The process by which Proposer identifies specific stakeholders for this Project is informed by prior experience both generally and as part of a New York-specific permitting and community engagement regime. Current and ongoing stakeholder identification efforts for the Project include, but are not limited to, reviewing County GIS records, tax records, personal visits, word-of-mouth discussions with local community members, public outreach, and internet research. A Project website has been established through which community members can request inclusion to Proposers stakeholder list via the web portal or contact information publicly available.

A master list of stakeholders (the “Notification List”), which includes all known potentially interested stakeholders and parties, has been developed based upon the combination of efforts described above. This Notification list includes, but is not limited to, local municipal officials, state agencies, host landowners, adjacent landowners, and local emergency response. The Notification List will continue to be updated as necessary based on information and requests from interested stakeholders received during Plan activities.

Early in the stakeholder identification process, Proposer identified the Authority Having Jurisdiction and the taxing School District.

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Outreach Strategies

Proposer's Plan focuses first and foremost on early and frequent communication with Host Communities and participating landowners, including the Town of Alfred.

In Fall 2020, Proposer brought the Project to the attention of Alfred's then Town Supervisor, Dan Acton. Proposer also communicated its intentions for the Project at the county level by engaging Brook Harris, a county legislator responsible for Alfred's District, and Craig Clark, the Executive Director of the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency ("IDA"). Proposer formally introduced the Project via virtual presentation to the Alfred Town Board at their monthly meeting on April 8, 2021. The presentation gave details about the project's location, timeline, and progress to date. Proposer also discussed the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES") permitting process and the plan to bid into NYSERDA's 2021 Large-Scale RFP. Proposer consulted with the Town of Alfred, Allegany County, the IDA, and the Fire Department throughout Project development, including during Town consultation meetings in May 2022, June 2022, November 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, and September 2023.

In October 2021, due to COVID 19 restrictions, Proposer held a virtual open house, during which Project representatives gave Project updates and answered questions. In June 2022, Proposer held both the Town of Alfred Local Agency Consultation Meeting and an in-person pre-application meeting to walk local agencies and community members through information to be contained in the 94-c Application, including a summary of the applicable local laws and an explanation of efforts to comply with those laws.

Aside from the Town and the County, there are numerous other stakeholders to consider in developing a solar project of this scale. A successful Plan must include: (1) consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders; (2) pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity; (3) activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Section 94-c review process, including the availability of funding for municipal and local parties; (4) the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public; (5) notifications; and (6) activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process. The Plan is ongoing and may evolve throughout the remaining phases of the Section 94-c review process (application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase). Proposer has disseminated and will continue to disseminate information regarding the Project to stakeholders, solicit information from those stakeholders during public outreach events, and generally foster participation in the Section 94-c review.



Since September 2020, Proposer has engaged in discussions with participating landowners. Proposer began discussions with adjoining landowners after the April 2021 Alfred Town Board meeting. These discussions with project neighbors and landowners with adjoining land are ongoing. To provide Project information and land agreements to landowners, Proposer worked with Ozone, a development partner active in New York State, to acquire lands and conduct other early development activities.. As the Project advanced, Proposer extended the opportunity to engage in the Project via letter of intent or lease and easement agreement to key landowners with suitable acreage in the general Project area. Proposer's broad-sweeping approach to landowner outreach has helped to create awareness of the Project in the immediate vicinity. As the Project continues to advance, Proposer will continue in-person outreach efforts with all landowners immediately adjoining the Project area to ensure they are aware of the Project and the resources available to monitor the Project's progress. As part of this outreach, Proposer has approached potentially impacted landowners whose land will not host Project facilities and offer them an opportunity to participate in the Project through neighbor agreements.

Proposer has consulted and will continue to consult with affected state and federal agencies including, but not limited to, ORES, the New York State Department of Public Service ("DPS"), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC"), New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York State Historic Preservation Office, New York State Department of Transportation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as necessary throughout the development of the Project. This consultation has included incorporation of agency officials to the Notification list and relevant mailings, periodic meetings regarding Project development, and coordination on environmental studies and surveys.

Additional potentially affected agencies will be identified through review of the Section 94-c regulations and affected municipalities are identified above. Consultation with affected agencies and municipalities has included and will continue to include the following general steps:

1. Proposer has contacted each agency or municipality to make certain they are aware of the Project, obtain information on sensitive resources and planning initiatives Proposer should be aware of, inform them of the Section 94-c process (including steps for intervenor funding), and provide information on who to contact with any questions or comments about the Project and/or about the Section 94-c process;
2. Subsequent interaction with each agency or municipality will occur as needed to answer specific questions or interests about the Project and to identify the applicable studies and impact analyses to be performed and how they pertain to the Project;
3. Regular consultation with ORES Staff will occur throughout the Section 94-c process; and
4. Other specific consultations as required by the Section 94-c regulations, or as needed to inform the process.



Additionally, as part of the state permitting process, the New York State DPS maintains a website (<http://documents.dps.ny.gov>) where all materials associated with the Project review to date have been published and will continue to be published as more are filed. The DPS website also provides an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the Project or request to be a party in the state permitting process. Should there be any changes to the location where Project materials will be published, Proposer will ensure that the public directed to the relevant website.

At the time of its 94-c Application filing, Proposer deposited funds for intervenor participation. Funds were deposited with ORES in an amount equal to \$1,000 for each 1,000 kilowatts (i.e., 1 megawatt (“MW”)) of generating capacity of the Facility. Under Section 94-c, intervenor funds are held in a Local Agency Account managed and dispersed by NYSERDA to qualifying parties to aid in their participation in the scoping phase of the Section 94-c proceeding. One request for Local Agency Account Funding was received and awarded: the Town of Alfred was awarded \$75,000.

In addition to the engagement activities that have already taken place, Proposer will continue activities to encourage stakeholder participation as set forth below.

Activities to Educate the Public

Proposer has attended and will continue to attend Town meetings and to conduct Proposer-sponsored public information sessions. Proposer will continue to distribute educational materials and provide information about the Project website, which will describe the proposed Project and provide links to information on the Section 94-c process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder issues. These efforts have allowed and will continue to allow Proposer to engage with stakeholders regarding the proposed Project and will offer multiple avenues of information distribution so that stakeholders and the public have multiple, varied opportunities to obtain information on the Project and participate in the proceedings.

Public Meetings

As mentioned above, Proposer held one virtual and one in-person public meeting at two separate stages of the Project development process. . These meetings have been held at different times during the day, based on stakeholder feedback, to provide more opportunities for public participation. Representatives of the Project have been present to provide Project information and answer questions. It is anticipated that the post-Application meeting will be held at a public meeting space in reasonable proximity to the Project area. To provide early outreach to adjacent landowners, Proposer will contact residences and businesses within the Project area and parties on the Notification List, notifying them of the date and time of the public meetings.

Proposer conducted a mass mailing to the Notification List to announce each open house style public meeting and properly noticed these meetings in local newspapers at least 14 days prior to the scheduled



event. Information regarding public meetings was also posted at the Alfred Town Hall or other appropriate locations based on the pending public meeting(s). In addition, Proposer maintained a copy of the mailing and an affidavit of service as a record of what was mailed and to whom. The most recent meeting was scheduled prior to filing of the Application to present detailed information regarding the anticipated content of the Application and to solicit public input. The next meeting will be scheduled to present an overview of the Application's content. Notification of all public meetings held by Proposer was and will be mailed to the Notification List.

Educational Materials

During the development and pre-award phases of the Project, Proposer developed and will continue to develop outreach materials – including educational materials – with contact information (including a dedicated email address), case number, and document repository information, detail where additional Project information can be obtained, and the process for becoming a party to these proceedings or for joining the Notification List. This information will be included in a notice mailed to residences and businesses in the Project area as well as additional groups included in the Notification List. Educational handouts have been and will continue to be made available at public meetings that include information on intervenor funding, the Section 94-c process, and general information about solar projects, as well as specific information about this Project. Additionally, the Project website offers up-to-date information on the proposed Project, links to (and information regarding) solar energy, the Section 94-c process, Intervenor Funding, and other important stakeholder issues. These efforts have allowed and will continue to allow Proposer to engage with applicable stakeholders and offer multiple avenues of information exchange, so stakeholders and the public have the best chance to obtain the right information and participate in the process.

Project Website

Proposer has established a live, user-friendly website with up-to-date Project and company information in plain English. In addition, the website provides information regarding the Section 94-c process. Proposer has provided and will continue to provide Project updates throughout the pre and post-award and construction phases of the Project to keep the community informed of the Project's status. For example, maps will be added to the website as the Project layout evolves, and notices will be posted to the website prior to various milestones and public meetings/outreach events.

The Project website includes:

- Project description;
- Project benefits and need;
- Summary of permitting requirements;
- Links to the ORES home page, and case-specific documents;
- Information on the Section 94-c process;



- Instructions on how to become a party to these proceedings or join the Notification List, with a link to the appropriate webpage;
- Summary of the Intervenor Funding process and how to apply;
- Project contact information, including email address and toll-free telephone number;
- Copies of Section 94-c 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 Application will be filed;
- Information on Proposer;
- News and announcements; and

As indicated above, the website includes the Project contact information (email address and toll-free telephone number). Interested parties may request stakeholder status through the website. Proposer will make efforts to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Project contact (by email, telephone or mail) within 2-3 business days of receiving the inquiry and/or comment. Proposer's normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays and between Christmas and New Year's. Where the inquiry and comments may take longer to respond, the initial response will indicate a timeframe anticipated for the full response. Correspondence will be documented in a database. In addition, where an in-person meeting is requested, efforts will be made to accommodate such meetings within 15 business days. Email inquiries will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of an interested party's question or comment.

Beyond the activities described above, Proposer will continue to seek to identify additional, practical measures to encourage stakeholder participation during the certification process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all remaining phases of the Section 94-c review process (application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase).

Following Project certification, Proposer will conduct additional public outreach and notifications as the Project enters the construction phase. These efforts will include notification of the start of construction to various parties and implementation of a Complaint Resolution Plan (a draft of which will be included with the Section 94-c Application). This Plan will address public complaints and resolution procedures during Project construction and operation per the Section 94-c regulations.

Further, Proposer builds long-term relationships with the community and will continue to remain involved in the community once the Project reaches the operational phase.



Soliciting Feedback and Input from the Public

In order to ensure that the local community stakeholders and host municipalities are engaged before, during, and after the Section 94-c Application processes, Proposer has employed and will continue to employ the following methods to foster a dialogue and solicit feedback and input:

1. Comment cards have been available at all public meetings hosted by Proposer. This will allow Proposer to gather feedback on and questions about the Project and document and respond to stakeholder questions and comments.
2. The information contained in the comment cards has been entered into a database, and members of the Project team will use the database to follow up with individuals and inform the content used in educational materials.
3. The Project website will continue to include Project contact information, including an email address, a toll-free phone number, a contact form for members of the public to submit comments or questions to the Project team, as well as a page through which visitors can request to be added to the Notification List.
4. The Project website will continue to include information on the Section 94-c Application process, so that stakeholders can monitor and/or become involved in that process, including information regarding any planned open houses.
5. Proposer will continue to conduct a mass mailing to the Notification List to announce each public open house meeting and will properly notice these meetings and public hearings in local newspapers prior to the scheduled event.
6. Information regarding public meetings and public hearings has been and will be posted in the Alfred Town Hall or other appropriate locations based on the where the pending public meeting(s)/hearing(s) will be held.

Local Interests and Concerns and Mitigation Strategies

Although New York State supports the development of renewable energy facilities, the opposition to solar facilities within New York to-date has been primarily focused on the approach of utilizing highly productive agricultural land for the installation of solar facilities. Proposer has spoken with a few residents in the Town of Alfred about their concerns, both on the phone and over email, as well as has provided those individuals with Project-related materials. More broadly, based on discussions with many landowners and other residents where Proposer is pursuing solar development in New York, it appears many groups and individuals in New York believe that the State's strong farming roots should be respected by avoiding the re-purposing of agricultural land for renewable energy facilities.

Proposer carefully sites projects where transmission and land is available, and the landowner's preferences control how much and what kind of land, including farmland, is available to be developed. Proposer has to-date focused on utilizing land that does NOT have other high-productivity agricultural uses for siting solar facilities for this Project, and it does not have any facilities sited on prime farmlands



(soil groups 1-2) or farmlands of statewide importance. This somewhat unique approach to solar development in New York will significantly enhance the community acceptance of this Project.

Further, the Section 94-c siting process requires the study of the environmental, public health, and public safety impacts of the development, design, and construction of solar energy projects, as well as any proposed mitigation measures and reasonable alternatives to the Project. Proposer will continue to work with the relevant state and federal agencies and stakeholders to ensure that potential impacts are avoided entirely or minimized to the greatest extent possible.

Proposer understands that the Section 94-c siting process will require the Project to comply with applicable local law and regulation, unless such law is unreasonably burdensome in view of New York State renewable targets and environmental benefits. Proposer designed the Project in accordance with the local solar law to the greatest extent practicable to reduce the likelihood of an adjudicatory or public statement hearing for non-compliance in the Section 94-c siting process. Proposer met with the Town of Alfred in June 2022 to walk the Town Board and other agencies through its efforts to comply with the local law as well as discuss the local laws for which it was requesting a waiver from ORES.

In addition, substantive comments and questions on social and economic factors raised by the stakeholders and host communities and Proposer's response to these concerns and questions will be documented in the educational materials that are distributed to the public and posted on the Project website. For example, a common concern often associated with the development of a new solar farm is the potential visual impact it will have on the surrounding area. To this end, a thorough Visual Impact Analysis was completed in conjunction with input from the Town of Alfred to accurately determine sensitive visual receptors or other areas of importance to the community. Based on that analysis, only 8% of the visual study area is expected to have visibility of the Project. Proposer is committed to taking steps to minimize and mitigate visual impacts of the Project using vegetative buffers and setbacks from property lines. To that end, Proposer has developed a comprehensive Landscape Mitigation Planting Plan that uses four different planting schemes that will be applied as appropriate to minimize and mitigate the Project's visual effect. This concern and other common concerns are addressed in Proposer's 94-c application, which is included in the educational materials distributed to the public and posted on the Project website.

[Project Benefits and Potential Project Impacts](#)

With a planned nameplate capacity of 100 MW, the electricity generated by the Project will deliver a material amount of greenhouse gas-free energy to the New York electricity grid. Solar energy is particularly beneficial during the summer months, as consumer demand increases. Because it uses no fuel, solar energy avoids the air pollution that would result from meeting this increased demand solely from fossil fuels, and it dampens the cost of power at this time of peak conventional power cost.



The Project is expected to have positive socioeconomic impacts in the area related to employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, a significant portion of which will likely be drawn from the regional labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians, and is anticipated to potentially generate approximately 173 short-term, full time-equivalent jobs during project installation. In addition, Project operation will generate employment and contracting service opportunities for electricians, operations managers, laborers and fencing contractors, and landscaping maintenance crews.

Over the life of the Project, Proposer is expected to contribute millions of dollars in additional revenue to the Town of Alfred, Allegany County, and the Alfred-Almond Central School District in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement or host community agreement (HCA). Preliminary discussions have been held with staff from the Allegany County IDA and the Town of Alfred; however, the specific terms of a PILOT or HCA are still to be negotiated and approved, and Proposer plans to continue to engage in discussions with staff from the Allegany County IDA, the Town of Alfred, and the Alfred-Almond Central School District as the development of the project progresses. The Project will bring other socioeconomic benefits to the local community including the purchase of goods and services from local shops, hotels, restaurants and construction material suppliers, as well as direct lease payments to participating landowners. Proposer anticipates that the short and long-term payments and other benefits to the local host community could total up to \$6 million dollars.

In addition, if Proposer is granted a NYSERDA contract, Proposer will establish a Host Community Benefit Program through which \$500/MW is paid into a fund annually over the first ten years of the Project's operations (\$500,000 in total). These funds will be distributed equally by the local utility to all residential utility customers in the Town of Alfred in the form of an annual utility bill credit.

Through deliberate site selection, followed by careful planning and design, and considering the benign nature of the technology, the operating Project is expected to have minimal impacts on the surrounding community. Solar facilities are quiet and produce no vibration. The solar PV panels proposed to be used for the Project have a low height profile, while setbacks, fencing and landscape buffering contribute to minimizing visual impacts on the community and natural setting of the area.

Although the Project will result in a change to the current land use practices in the locations where panel arrays are sited, this land use change is temporary. The Project is not a permanent structure and will be decommissioned at the end of its operational life, at which time the land can be returned to its former use. Therefore, the land is not permanently lost to development but is temporarily converted to another productive and beneficial use. Proposer provided a detailed decommissioning plan in the 94-c Application. In accordance with the Section 94-c regulations and the detailed plan required by the New York State



Department of Agriculture and Markets, the plan will ensure proper removal of the Project and restoration of the land at the end of the Project's useful life.

Impacts associated with the construction of a solar project are generally short-term and temporary, occurring briefly during the construction period. Construction-related noise may be associated with site preparation activities and increased traffic associated with equipment and parts deliveries. Limited ground disturbance in the form of clearing and grading may be needed; however, best management practices and stormwater protection measures pursuant to the New York State DEC handbook would be implemented to avoid or minimize impacts to water quality. Potential impacts to wildlife could involve the displacement of resident and migratory species associated with the conversion of habitat, although the Project would implement conservation practices to avoid and minimize adverse effects to sensitive species during construction. In its Occupied Habitat Final Determination Letter in November 2022, ORES, in consultation with NYSDEC, found the following: (1) the Project is not within one and a half miles of a maternity roost site or five of a hibernaculum site of the Northern Long Eared Bat, (2) the Project is not within two and a half miles of maternity roost sites or a hibernaculum or bachelor colony of the Indiana Bat, and (3) there are no bald eagle nests identified within close proximity of the Project Area. Further, Proposer will preserve and manage more than 71 acres of open land to mitigate any potential future impacts to grassland birds. Following completion of construction of the Project, which shall adhere to the Uniform Standards and Conditions, post-construction reclamation activities would be performed to revegetate disturbed areas, reclaim temporary work zones, and remove construction materials debris.

A robust analysis of the potential Project impacts associated with the operation, construction, and decommissioning of the Project was performed as part of the Section 94-c process.

Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities

The closest Designated disadvantaged community (DAC) to the Facility is Census Tract 36003950600, which is located approximately 10 miles west of the Facility. However, the Project is adjacent to a potential Environmental Justice Area pursuant to DEC Commissioner Policy 29. The Environmental Justice Area, comprising a portion of the Town of Alfred, is depicted in purple in Attachment A was designated as such because at least 23.59% of its population had household incomes below the federal poverty level.

The Project is also adjacent to Federal Opportunity Zone ID# 36003950800 pursuant to the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The Project's relation to the opportunity zone is depicted in Figure 1 and the opportunity zone is represented by the area highlighted in purple.

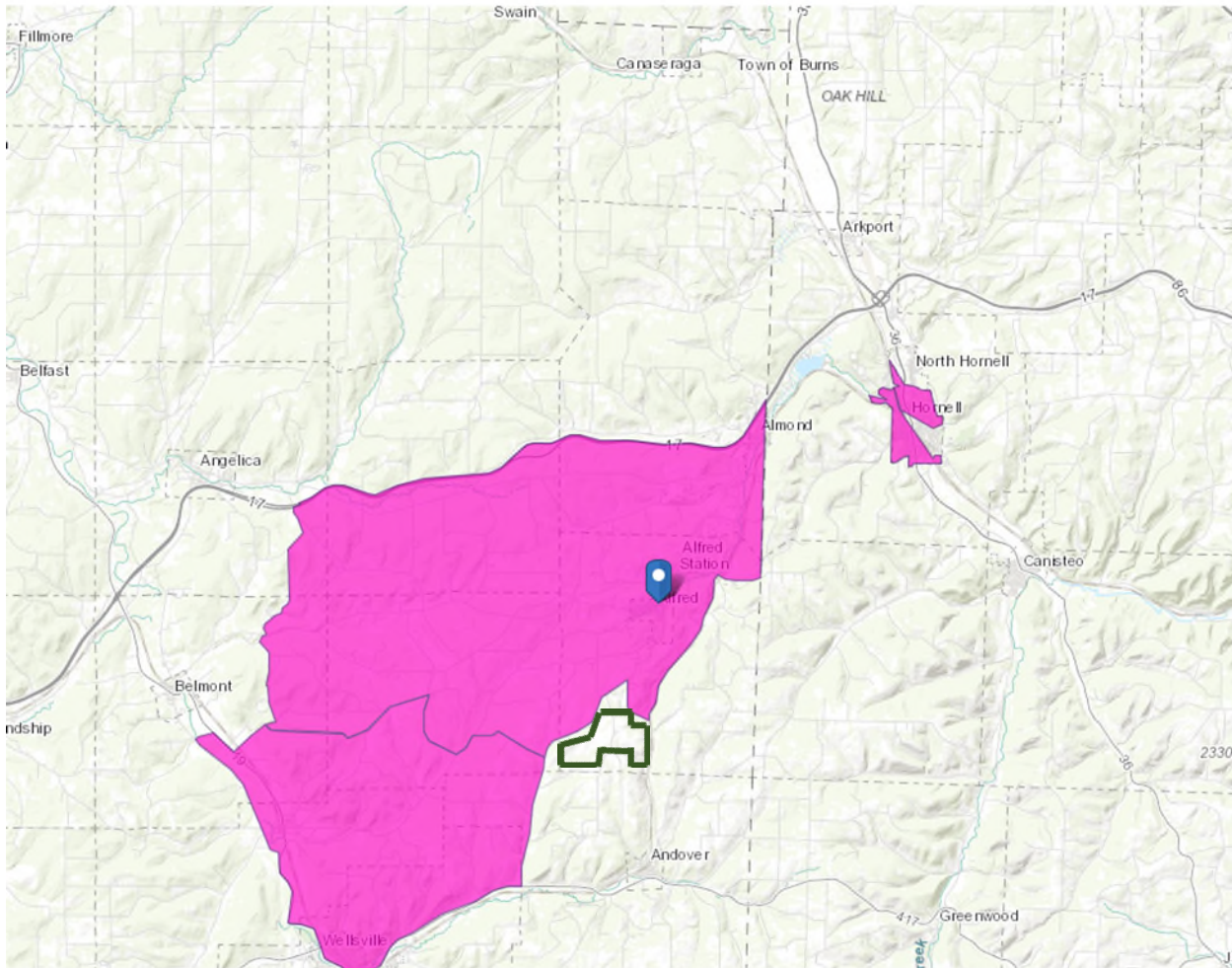
The Project's adjacency to a potential Environmental Justice Area and Federal Opportunity Zone provides it with the ability to meaningfully contribute to the CLCPA goal of directing 35-40% of program



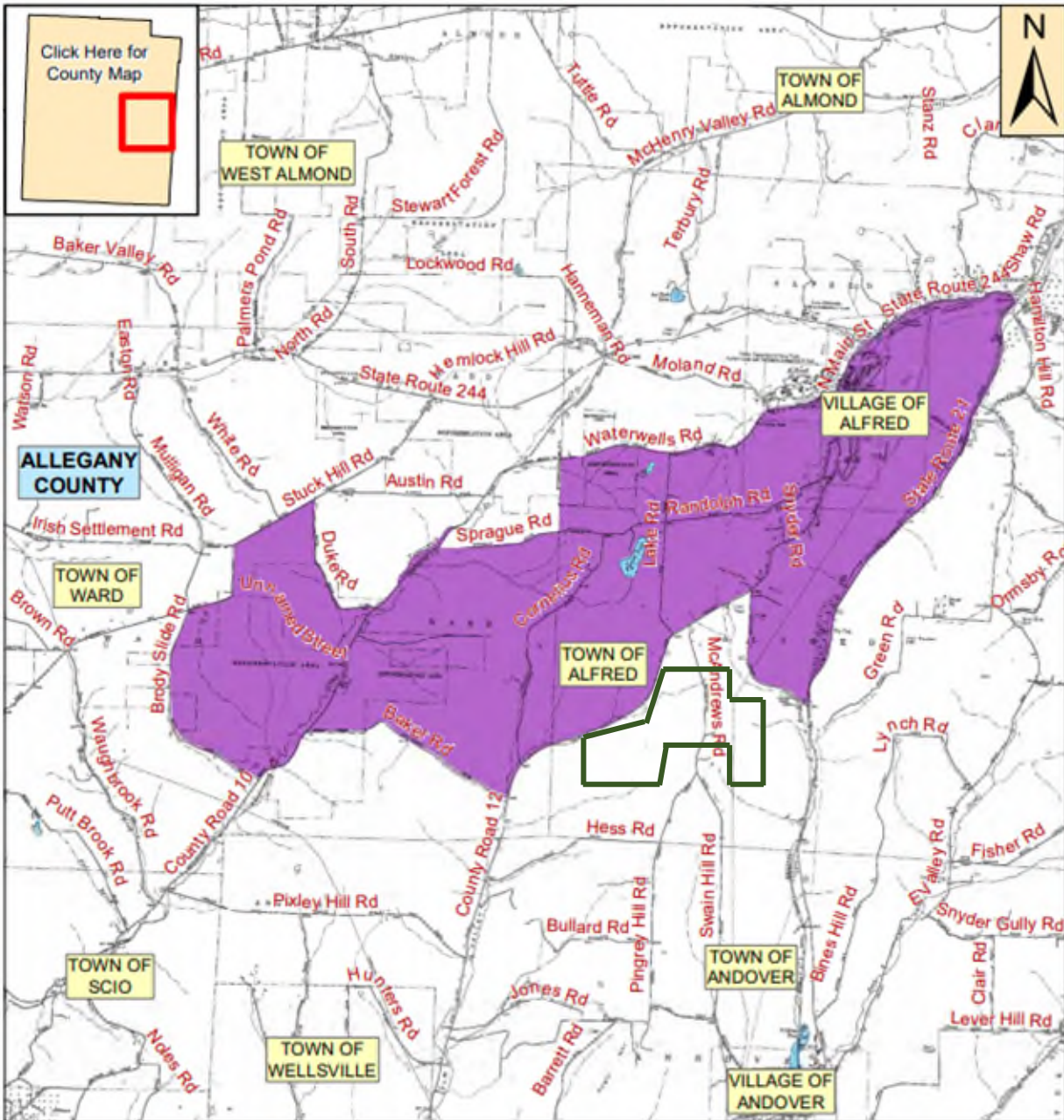
benefits to historically disadvantaged communities. The below points are specific areas where the Project could contribute towards CLCPA's goal of benefitting disadvantaged communities:

- Through generating electric power by harnessing solar energy, the Project will reduce the carbon emissions exposure associated with fossil fuel generation. Disadvantaged communities have been exposed disproportionately to the negative externalities resulting from by-products of non-renewable power generation.
- The Project has worked with the Town of Alfred and the Allegany County IDA to create a PILOT agreement such that tax revenues associated with the project will directly impact the Town of Alfred and the Alfred-Almond Central School District, both of which represent disadvantaged communities in an Environmental Justice Area and Federal Opportunity Zone.
- The project would assist in the labor transition taking place towards renewable energy in New York. The area designated for disadvantaged communities hosts two universities, Alfred University and Alfred State College. Alfred State College provides affordable secondary-level education to New York residents, offers its own Center for Renewable Energy education, and trains more students for the construction industry than any other college in the state. The Proposer has had discussions with the Center for Renewable Energy engineering department around how its project, located approximately 3 miles from the university, could be utilized to enhance the education and training of future renewable energy professionals. The proposer has also committed to host at least six interns from Alfred University's Renewable Energy Engineering Department tied to their project with New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), and over the entire cycle of the grant.
- The project would provide an economic boost to adjacent Potential Environmental Justice Areas and Federal Opportunity Zones while it is under construction. The inflow of labor required to build the project would likely use the Village of Alfred as a base location and provide revenues for small business in the vicinity. The Village of Alfred exists in an Environmental Justice Area and Federal Opportunity Zone.

Map of Opportunity Zones



Potential Environmental Justice Areas in the Village and Town of Alfred, Allegany County, New York



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Data Source for Potential Environmental Justice Areas: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 U.S. Census

Legend

- Potential EJ Area
- County Boundary
- Waterbodies

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Figure 1: Town of Alfred, Environmental Justice Area