



**Appendix 2-A: Community Engagement Plan**

## **Community Engagement Plan**

### **Cider Solar Farm**

Towns of Oakfield and Elba,  
Genesee County, New York

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## Abbreviations

CEP	Community Engagement Plan
DC	Direct Current
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
GIS	Geographic Information System
GW	Gigawatt
kV	Kilovolt
NYCRR	New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations
NYPA	New York Power Authority
NYS	New York State
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
ORES	Office of Renewable Energy Siting
PV	Photovoltaic
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture



## Glossary of Terms

Applicant	Hecate Energy Cider Solar LLC
Project	Refers to the proposed Cider Solar Farm, an up to 500-megawatt utility scale solar project that will be comprised of photovoltaic panels, inverters, access driveways, electrical collection lines, point of interconnection/substation, construction staging areas, fencing and plantings, located on private land in the towns of Elba and Oakfield, Genesee County, New York.
Project Area	Refers to the Project Site and surrounding/adjacent land totaling approximately 7,518 acres.
Project Site	Refers to those privately owned parcels under option to lease, purchase, easement or other real property interests with the Applicant in which all Project components will be sited totaling approximately 4,650 acres.
94-c Permit Process	The process set forth in New York State Executive Law § 94-c and the Office of Renewable Energy Siting implementing regulations found at Title 19, New York Codes Rules and Regulations Part 900 for the permitting of a Major Renewable Energy Facility, including all pre-application requirements, adjudicatory proceedings, and post-permit compliance filing described therein.



### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Hecate Energy Cider Solar LLC (“Hecate” or “the Applicant”) proposes to develop the Cider Solar Farm (the Project), an approximately 500-megawatt alternating current photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility in the Towns of Elba and Oakfield in Genesee County, New York (Figure 1). The project will involve the construction, operation, and maintenance of a utility scale solar project consisting of photovoltaic panels arrayed primarily in fields on tracking structures and include buried electrical collection cables, inverters, access drives, an electrical transmission line and a point of interconnection, fencing, and temporary laydown areas for equipment staging during construction. The project will interconnect to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) Dysinger – New Rochester 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to deliver power to the New York State (NYS) Grid (Figure 2). The Project is anticipated to be constructed in 2022 and 2023, with a proposed In-Service Date of August 31, 2023, and Commercial Operation in 2024. The schedule is subject to change.

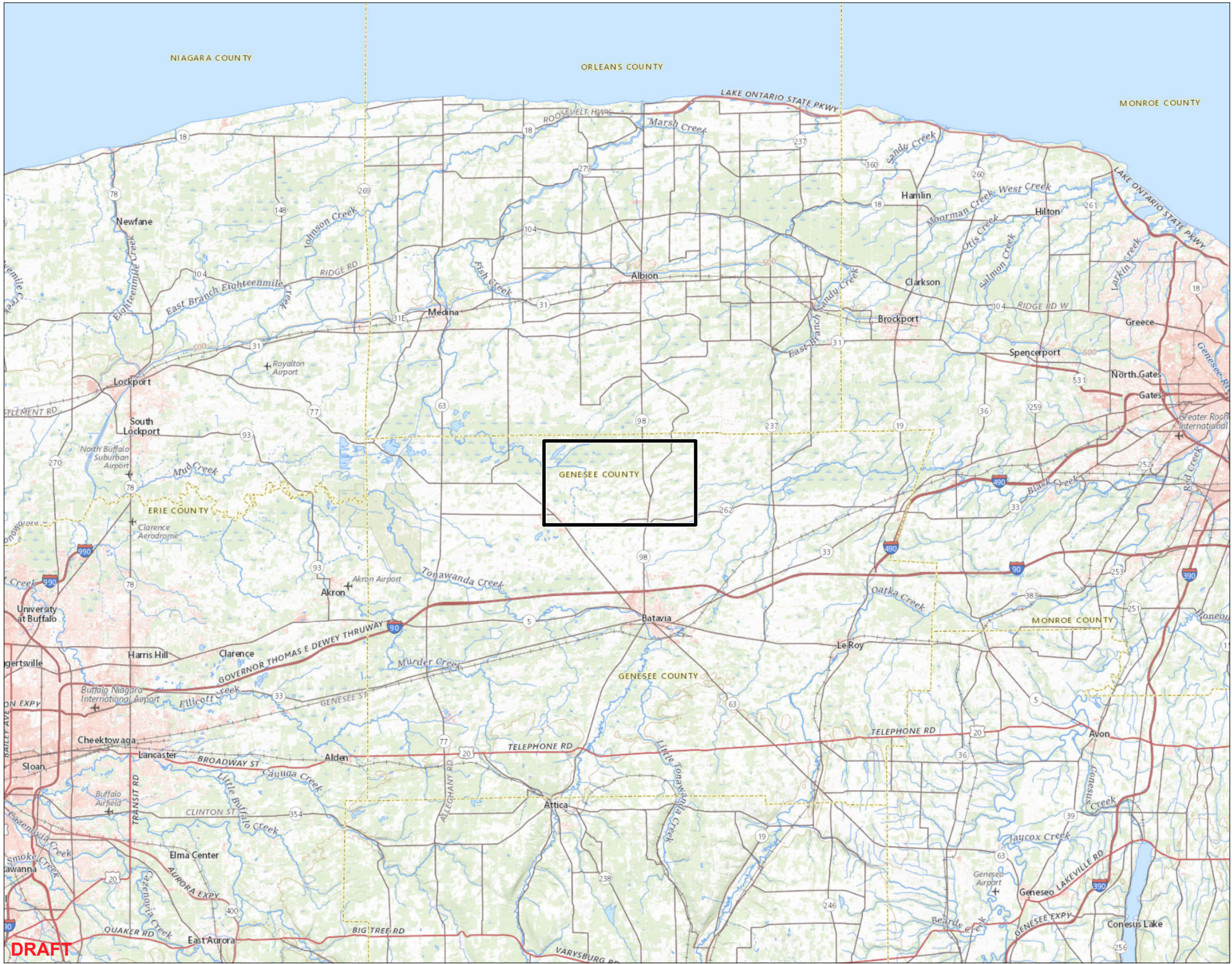
The Project is considered a Major Renewable Energy Facility, as defined in Title 19 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (NYCRR) § 900-1.2(ag) and will seek a permit for such Facility from the NYS Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) pursuant to the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act and NYS Executive Law § 94-c. Although ORES has not yet established Uniform Permit Standards and Conditions, it is anticipated that they will be implemented before Spring 2021 (94-c Permit Process). This permitting process will replace Article 10 of the Public Service Law before the NYS Board on Electric Generating Siting and the Environment (Siting Board).

Although NYS Executive Law § 94-c and the implementing regulations do not contain a specific requirement to develop a Public Involvement Plan, as was previously required under Article 10, the Applicant recognizes the importance of stakeholder and community engagement as a part of the development of the Project. This Community Engagement Plan (CEP) describes the Applicant’s public outreach and involvement activities that will be applied throughout the development phase, including this 94-c Permit Process. The intent of the CEP is to determine the interest of stakeholders and address concerns as the development of the Project advances. The CEP presents the proposed Project, and it is presently envisioned, identifies anticipated interested parties and stakeholders, outlines activities planned for stakeholder engagement, and establishes the means by which the public can participate in the process by asking questions and providing comments.





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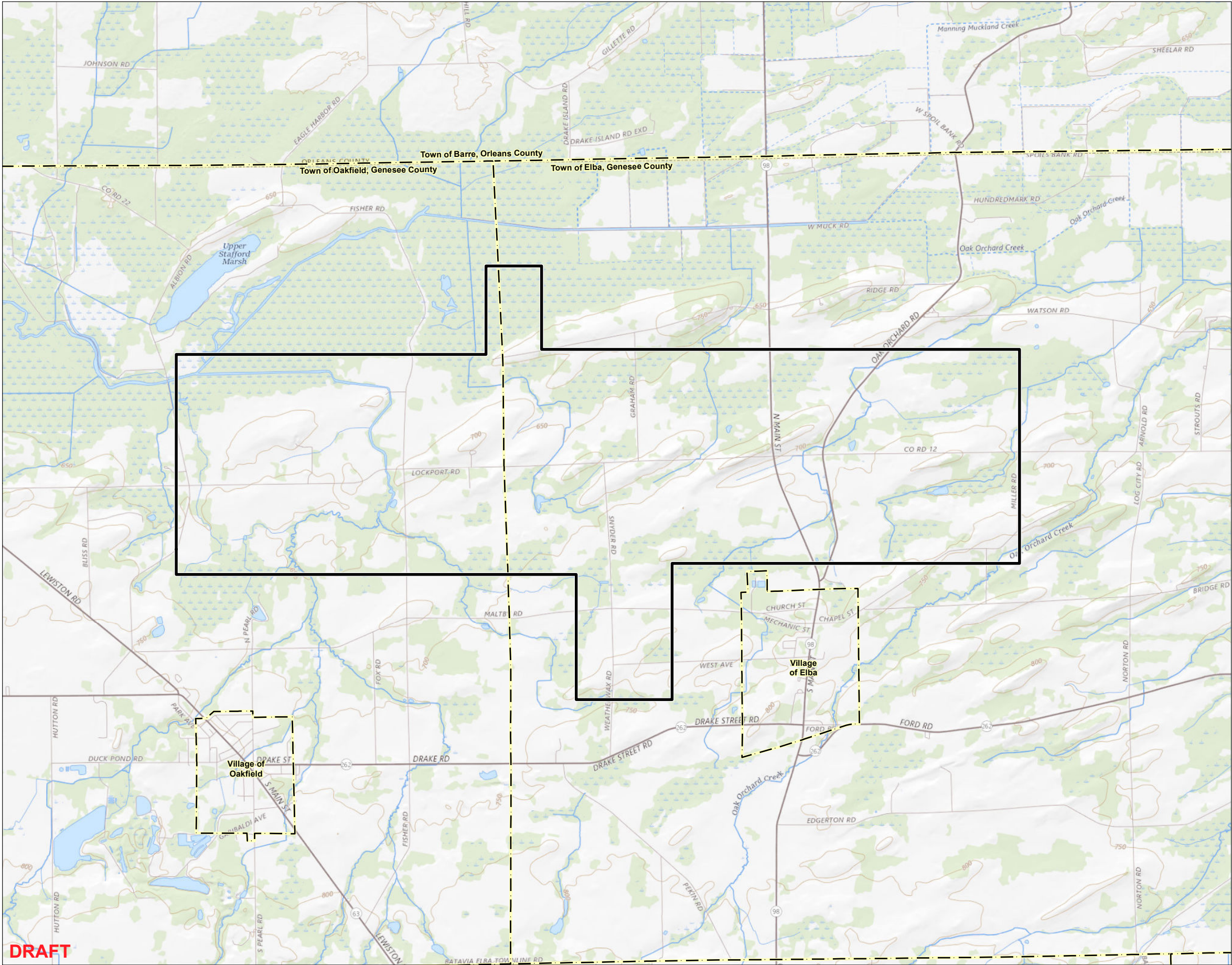
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## 2.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

### 2.1 Company Profile

The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hecate Energy LLC. Hecate Energy is a leading developer, owner, and operator of renewable power projects and storage solutions in North America and select international markets. Founded in 2012 by a team of industry veterans, with this project Hecate Energy has contracted or developed 2.0 gigawatts (GW) of solar projects and an additional 100 megawatt of battery storage. Hecate Energy has entered into over 1.6 GW (powering approximately 910,000 homes) of renewable power purchase agreements since 2012 and has approximately 12 GW of additional projects currently under development. Hecate Energy is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and has offices in Los Angeles, California, Columbus, Ohio, and Darien, Connecticut. Company contacts are provided in Section 5.1, below.

### 2.2 Project Siting and Location

The selection of appropriate sites for a solar-powered electric generation facility is constrained by numerous factors that are essentially considerations for a project to operate in a technically and economically viable manner. Important factors include the availability of open and appropriately oriented land, willing land lease participants, and preliminary environmental screenings that have not indicated any significant wildlife habitat or other environmental or societal concerns.

The Project location within Genesee County is depicted on Figures 1 and 2 (Regional Project Location and Project Area, respectively). The Project Area includes approximately 7,518 acres, and is located north-centrally within Genesee County, approximately five miles north of the City of Batavia. It is roughly bound by County Route 9/Albion Road to the west, Miller Road and vacant land to the east. Lockport Road bisects the Project Area from east to west, while State Route 98 traverses the eastern portion of the Project. The Project Area is located to the north and west of the Village of Elba, and north of the Village of Oakfield. The northern portion of the Project Area is bisected by the NYPA 345-kV Dysinger – New Rochester transmission line and the Empire Gas Pipeline, which are located adjacent to each other and run east-west through the Project. The proposed Project substation interconnects to the NYPA transmission line in the center of the Project Area.

The Project components will be located on approximately 67 parcels comprising of 4,650 acres of leased private land in the Towns of Elba and Oakfield, Genesee County, New York (Project Site). The Applicant plans to lease land from private landowners, which will provide a stable and predictable revenue stream without having to sell their property. The Project Area consists of level to rolling hills with predominantly agricultural land interspersed with forested land, and rural residential development along roadways. Low density rural residential development and farms are located within and adjacent to the Project Area.



### 2.3 Project Summary

The Project will involve the construction, operation, and maintenance of a utility scale solar project consisting of photovoltaic panels arrayed primarily in fields on tracking structures and include buried electrical collection cables, inverters, access drives, an electrical transmission line and a point of interconnection, fencing, and temporary laydown areas for equipment staging during construction.

The Project will consist of the following components:

- Arrays of PV panels, with a maximum height profile of 15 feet, producing direct current electricity mounted on single-axis tracking structures that will follow the sun throughout the day
- Inverters to convert direct current electricity to alternating current electricity
- Electrical collections system between the panel arrays
- A new planned substation to deliver power to an existing NYPA 345-kV transmission line
- Access roads which will be approximately 20 feet wide
- Fencing which will be approximately 6 feet to 8 feet high
- Temporary on-site laydown areas for equipment staging during construction

The proposed point of interconnection will be on the NYPA Dysinger – New Rochester 345-kV line. The planned substation will be sited on approximately 5 acres of private land located within the Project Area, adjacent to the NYPA transmission facility.

It is anticipated that the Project is anticipated to be constructed in 2022 and 2023, with a proposed In-Service Date of August 31, 2023, and Commercial Operation in 2024. The schedule is subject to change.

### 2.4 Project Benefits

The Applicant began developing the Project in 2019 with a vision of bringing utility-scale solar power to New York. The Project is consistent with the most recent State Energy Plan, the Public Service Commission's Orders in the Clean Energy Standard Proceeding, and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, and the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act, all of which support the development of clean energy and renewable resources in NYS. The Project will safely generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power over 125,000 New York households and will contribute to the CLCPA targets of generating 70% of the State's electricity from renewable energy by 2030 and achieving 100% emissions free electricity supply by 2040

Solar generated power is unlike conventional power generating facilities, as solar facilities produce energy without emitting pollutants that decrease air or water quality. It is well established that solar provides public health benefits by avoiding air pollution and climate change impacts associated with traditional, non-renewable resources. Also, by allowing farmland to recharge over the life of the Project, watersheds benefit from the reduction of synthetic fertilizers used in many farming communities. In addition, the Project will provide a significant economic stimulus to the area during construction by providing jobs and local contracts for goods and services, and significant long-term economic benefits through tax revenue to the community.



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Through deliberate site selection, followed by careful planning and design, and by the benign nature of the technology, the Project is expected to have minimal impacts on the surrounding community. Solar facilities are quiet and produce no vibration during operation. The PV solar panels proposed to be used for the Project do not contain hazardous materials and have a low height profile. Setbacks, fencing, and landscape buffering allow solar projects to have minimal visual impact on the community and natural setting of the area.

Responsibly sited solar facilities also can provide long-term preservation of agricultural land. 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. Solar projects generally have an operational life of up to 40 years. Pursuant to 19 NYCRR § 900-2.24, the Applicant will provide a Decommissioning and Site Restoration Plan in its Application, as well as a financial security mechanism to ensure adequate funding is available for decommissioning. The Decommissioning and Site Restoration Plan will ensure proper removal of the Project components and restoration of the land at the end of the Project's operational life.

The Project would improve fuel diversity within the NYS by increasing the amount of electricity produced by non-fuel-dependent sources. Consequently, there will be no adverse impacts or constraints on fuel delivery. Rather, by generating electricity without the need for fuel delivery and offsetting the need for facilities that rely on fuel for electrical generation, it is expected that the Project will contribute to reducing the demand for fuel, thereby alleviating fuel delivery constraints.





### 3.0 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

An essential component of the public outreach process for the Project is to identify interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders affected by the construction and operation of the proposed Project. The selection of specific stakeholders for the Project is based on previous experience with several solar projects, past submission of Article 10 Public Involvement Plans under Article 10 of the Public Service Law for major electric generating facilities, and compliance with 19 NYCRR § 900-1.3.

To ensure successful identification of relevant stakeholders for the CEP, the following resources have been reviewed and considered in compiling the list of interested parties, involved agencies or other stakeholders;

- Land use plans;
- County websites;
- Town websites;
- Tax records;
- Geographic Information System (GIS) resources; and
- Other independent research.

Additionally, these factors were considered:

- The anticipated locations of Project components within the Project Area;
- Landowners within the Project Area;
- Adjacent landowners within 500 feet of the Project Site;
- Interested parties, including municipalities, within one mile of the Project Site;
- Host Municipalities, which for the purposes of this CEP, refer to those municipalities that are currently within the Project Area and are anticipated to host Project components, in this case the Towns of Elba and Oakfield.
- The Chief Executive Officer(s) of the Host Municipalities and the local agencies identified by the Chief Executive Officer(s).
- Public interest groups; and
- State and federal elected officials representing the Host Municipalities and, if different, other municipalities within the Project Area.

The Applicant has established a Master Stakeholder List (Attachment A) from the aforementioned resources and those stakeholders listed in sections 3.1 through 3.5 of this CEP. This Master Stakeholder List will be updated as necessary based upon information and requests from potentially interested and/or affected stakeholders and parties.



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### 3.1 Representative State and Federal Agencies

Representative state and federal agencies are as follows:

- NYS Senate, Edward A. Rath III, 61<sup>st</sup> District
- NYS Assembly, 139<sup>th</sup> District
- NYS Governor, Andrew Cuomo
- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Regional Headquarters
- NYSDEC, Region 8
- NYS ORES
- NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
- NYS Office of General Services
- NYS Department of Economic Development
- NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- NYS Department of Public Service
- NYS Department of State Office of Planning and Development
- NYS Department of Transportation, Region 4
- United States Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
- United States Senator Charles E. Schumer
- United States House of Representatives, 27th Congressional District
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Rural Developments
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration

### 3.2 Local Agencies and Governments

Host community agencies and officials are listed below:

- Village of Elba Mayor
- Village of Elba Village Board
- Village of Elba Village Clerk
- Village of Elba Planning Board
- Village of Elba Zoning Enforcement Officer
- Town of Elba Town Clerk
- Town of Elba Town Board Supervisor
- Town of Elba Board Council
- Town of Elba Planning Board
- Town of Elba Town Historian
- Village of Oakfield Mayor



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- Village of Oakfield Village Clerk
- Village of Oakfield Board of Trustees
- Village of Oakfield Planning Board
- Village of Oakfield Zoning Board of Appeals
- Town of Oakfield Supervisor
- Town of Oakfield Town Clerk
- Town of Oakfield Town Board
- Town of Oakfield Code Enforcement and Building Inspector
- Genesee County Manager
- Genesee County Chamber of Commerce
- Genesee County Economic Development Center
- Genesee County Emergency Management Services
- Genesee County USDA Farm Service Agency
- Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Genesee County History Department
- Genesee County Planning Board

Communities within one mile of the Project Area include the following:

- Village of Elba
- Village of Oakfield

### 3.3 Host Municipalities and School Districts

Host Municipalities and school districts for the Project are listed below:

- Genesee County
- Town of Elba
- Town of Oakfield
- Oakfield-Alabama Central School District
- Elba Central School District

### 3.4 Utilities and Highway Departments

Local utilities and highway departments:

- Town of Oakfield Highway Superintendent
- Town of Elba Highway Department
- National Grid
- National Fuel Gas
- New York Power Authority



### 3.5 Additional Stakeholders and Public Interest Groups

Additional stakeholders potentially interested or invested in the Project may include:

- Batavia Turf
- Bergen Swamp Preservation Society
- Cornell Cooperative Extension, Genesee County
- Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club

Airports and airstrips in the vicinity of the Project Area include:

- Genesee County Airport
- Zelazny Airport
- Pine Hill Airport
- Sackett Farms Airstrip

### 3.6 Host and Adjacent Landowners

Host landowners are landowners with whom the Applicant has entered (or will enter) into a lease option or easement option agreement or are in discussion with landowners with the intention of entering option agreements. For the purposes of this CEP, and pursuant to 19 NYCRR § 900-1.6(c), the Applicant is defining adjacent landowners to include landowners with property within one mile of the Project Site. The identities of potential host and adjacent landowners are determined from county GIS records and tax records.

The Project Footprint, which refers to the limit of temporary and permanent disturbance caused by the construction and operation of all components of the Project, will be developed by considering further input from stakeholders, as well as processing data from fieldwork (e.g., avoidance of impacts to wetlands identified during field delineation efforts). As the Project Footprint evolves, some stakeholders identified as adjacent landowners may be removed while others may be added in response to changes in land acquisition and facilities siting. Therefore, specific host and adjacent landowner information is not included with this CEP. Participating and adjacent landowners will be included in mailings, outreach activities, and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this CEP and as the Project progresses. However, for privacy purposes, the information for host and adjacent landowners may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification.





## 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND LANGUAGE ACCESS

Per NYSDEC Environmental Justice Policy Commissioner Policy (CP-29), Potential Environmental Justice Areas include census block groups featuring populations that meet or exceed at least one of the following statistical thresholds:

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

Based on data obtained from the NYSDEC (2020) GIS dataset, there are no Potential Environmental Justice Areas within the Project Area. The closest Potential Environmental Justice Area is located to the west of the Project at the Tonawanda Reservation, approximately 6.72 miles away.

Additionally, this CEP identifies: (1) any language other than English spoken by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area for the Project; and (2) any language other than English spoken by a significant population of persons residing in close proximity to the proposed Project, alternative locations or interconnections.

The Project Area is located within Genesee County, New York. According to United States Census Bureau Data from 2018, approximately 3.6% of Genesee County residents aged five or older speak a language other than English at home (USCB 2018). With a population size of ±55,132 people 5 years and over, it is assumed that approximately 1,964 people in the county speak a language other than English at home (USCB 2018).

**Table 1. Most Prominent Non-English Languages Spoken in Genesee County, NY**

Language	Approximate Number of Speakers 5 Years and Over
Spanish	1,027
Other Indo-European Languages	304
German or other West Germanic Languages	211
French, Haitian, or Cajun	124

Source: USCB 2018.

Based upon the low percentage of non-English speaking people residing in the vicinity of the Project, dissemination of Project information in a second language is not anticipated.



## 5.0 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

### 5.1 Project Contact Information

Project contact information is provided below. A Project representative will be available to address any questions or concerns during business hours, Monday through Friday. A voicemail will be available for any inquiries made outside of designated office hours.

Harrison Luna  
Hecate Energy LLC  
621 W Randolph St.,  
Chicago, IL 60661  
Toll Free Telephone: (833) 529-6597  
Email: hluna@hecateenergy.com

Project Website: <http://cidersolarfarm.com/>

### 5.2 Document Repositories

Upon public availability, documents will be made available at the following local libraries:

Haxon Memorial Library  
3 North Pearl  
Oakfield, NY 14125

Town of Oakfield Town Hall  
3219 Drake Street  
Oakfield, NY 14125

Town of Elba Town Hall  
7 Maple Avenue  
P.O. Box 295  
Elba, New York 14058  
Elba, NY 14058

### 5.3 Community Engagement Activities

Proposed community engagement activities will include:

- Consultation with interested agencies and other stakeholders;
- Pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest convenience;
- Activities designed to educate the public about the Project, the regulatory process and the availability of intervenor funding, as applicable;
- A website to disseminate information to the public;



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- Notification; and
- Activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholder in the environmental compliance process.

It is anticipated that outreach and engagement will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the development and permitting process. The Applicant intends to disseminate information regarding the Project to stakeholders, solicit information from those stakeholders during public outreach events, and generally foster participation in the 94-c Permit Process. Hecate Energy has established a user-friendly website in plain English that describes the Project (<http://cidersolarfarm.com/>). This website will describe the 94-c Permit Process, once established, and provide Project updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Project to keep the community informed of the Project's status.

### 5.4 Stakeholder and Agency Outreach and Consultation

Consultation with interested or affected agencies and municipalities will include the following general activities:

- The Applicant will make initial contact with each agency or municipality to make certain they are aware of the Project and provide information on who to contact with any questions or comments about the Project and about the permitting process;
- Subsequent interaction with the agency or municipality, as needed, to answer specific questions or concerns about the Project,
- Regular consultation with applicable agency staffs, as needed, during early development of the scopes of environmental studies, as required by 19 NYCRR § 900-1.3; and
- Other specific consultations as required by ORES, or as needed to inform the process.

The goals of the initial consultation with each municipality or agency will be to consult with representatives, disseminate information, request information, and schedule follow-up meetings and/or consultations, as appropriate. Specific information provided to the affected agencies and municipalities will include a description of the Project and location, and once established, the process for public involvement in the 94-c Permit Process. Information to be requested from affected municipalities and agencies may vary by the involvement of each but may include topics such as local ordinances and regulations, emergency response contacts and procedures, environmental impact review, and determination of news sources to be used for official notices.

### 5.5 Pre-Application Activities

Pre-application activities to encourage stakeholder participation have taken place and will continue throughout the process. For example, meetings have been held with the Town of Elba and Town of Oakfield local representatives, Genesee County legislators, the Genesee County Economic Development Center staff members, staff at NYSDEC Central Office, and State Historic Preservation Office.

In addition to engagement activities that have already taken place, the Applicant will continue pre-application activities to encourage stakeholder participation. Appendix 2-B: *Applicant Meeting Log* (of the



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Project Application will be regularly updated as consultation and stakeholder participation activities take place, and additional means of engagement are identified (as necessary).

### 5.6 Public Education Activities

Public education activities will be conducted in a safe manner, in light of the global pandemic Covid-19, and in consideration of Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders and NYS guidance on Covid-19 safety measures. While a preference is to have in person gatherings for outreach opportunities, such as open houses, in light of public safety, alternative means for information sharing may have to occur, including the continued use of virtual meetings.

The Applicant plans to attend one or more Town meetings and is planning sponsored public information sessions, either virtually or in person, as appropriate. The Applicant will be distributing educational materials, and via the Project website, will offer information on the proposed Project, as well as links to and information on the 94-c Permit Process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder issues. The Applicant is also holding weekly public virtual ZOOM meetings. These efforts will allow the Applicant 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.

The Applicant intends to hold open-house-style public meetings prior to submittal of the 94-c Application to ORES. The Applicant has scheduled the Project's first public meeting for October 21, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the meeting will be a virtual meeting and is scheduled to be held at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Eastern time. Representatives of the Applicant will be present to provide Project information and answer questions. If feasible in the future, it is anticipated that these meetings will be held at a public meeting space in reasonable proximity to the Project Area. Public meetings will be announced through public notices in local newspapers (see Section 5.8), in advance of the scheduled events. The Applicant will also mail notices of public meetings to adjacent property owners. Notification of all public meetings held by Hecate Energy will also be mailed or emailed to all residences and businesses within one mile of the Project Area, as well as to the host and adjacent landowners and the Master Stakeholder List in Exhibit A and updated as public engagement proceeds. Additional stakeholders will be added to this list as they are obtained through the initial public meetings and Project website. The updated list will then be used for future mail and email notifications and the list will be further updated based on additional requests. In addition, all meeting announcements will be posted on the Project website.

### 5.7 Website Development

A user-friendly website in plain English has been established that describes the Project (<http://cidarsolarfarm.com/>). This website will provide information regarding the 94-c Permit Process, once established, and will continue to provide Project updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Project to keep the community informed of the Project's status. For example, notices will be posted to the website prior to various milestones and public meetings/outreach events.





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The following information is expected to be included on the website, as it becomes available:

- Project description;
- Project benefits;
- Summary of permitting requirements;
- Information regarding the established process and opportunities for participation;
- Summary of the Intervenor Funding process and how to apply;
- Project contact information, including email address and toll-free telephone number;
- Copies of the Applicant's Application and related permitting documents;
- Addresses of local document repositories;
- Link to request stakeholder status;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates, such as when the Application will be filed; and

### 5.8 Notifications

As required by 19 NYCRR § 900-1.6, the information noted in Section 5.7 will be published on the Project website and in the following news sources:

- The Batavian (<https://www.thebatavian.com/>)
- Town of Elba Website (<https://elbanewyork.com/>)
- Town of Oakfield Website (<https://townofoakfieldny.com/>)
- Genesee Valley Batavia Pennysaver (<https://www.gvpennysaver.com/>)

As required by 19 NYCRR § 900-1.6(c), the Applicant will provide notifications as follows:

- To ORES
- Publish the Application in the newspapers listed above
- Serve each member of the State Legislature in whose district any portion of the proposed Project is to be located
- Provide mail and email (if available) notification to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List, including persons residing within 1 mile of the Project Site. Notifications will also be posted on the Project website

### 5.9 Activities to Encourage Stakeholder Participation

In addition to the activities described above in Sections 5.1 through 5.8, the Applicant will continue to seek stakeholder participation in the development and construction phase of the Project. Additionally, the Applicant will track community engagement efforts and provide updates on public outreach activities to stakeholders upon request. The Applicant will maintain a meeting log (Appendix 2-B: *Applicant Meeting Log* of the Project Application) that will provide specific information regarding all meetings; including dates, locations, attendees, purpose, and discussion topics.



### 5.10 Airport/Heliport Pre-Application Consultation

The FAA maintains rules for the evaluation of potential project impacts on aviation (14 CFR 77.9). To date, the Project does not meet any of the defined criteria outlined in the FAA regulations, including the construction of a structure exceeding 200 feet above ground level. The Applicant will consult with local airport or heliport operations within five miles to determine the extent of impacts to aviation presented by the potential Project as the design evolves.

As listed in Section 3.5, the nearest civilian public airport, heliport, or military airport to the Project Area include the following:

- Genesee County Airport, approximately 2± miles south,
- Zelazny Airport, approximately 4± miles northwest,
- Pine Hill Airport, approximately 3± miles north, and the
- Sackett Farms Airstrip, approximately 5± miles east.



## 6.0 REFERENCES

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