

# City of Caribou, Maine

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Caribou Planning Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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## AMENDED AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. November 12, 2020 Regular Planning Board Meeting
     b. November 24, 2020 Special Planning Board Meeting
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- III. Public Hearing to consider a Site Design Review Application from SynerGen Caribou, LLC for a Solar Array proposed for adjacent properties on Tax Map 16 Lot 30 and Tax Map 13 Lot 17 accessed from the Ogren Road former Caribou Landfill entrance road.

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Applicants Participating via Zoom.

- IV. Staff Report
  - a. Birdseye Clean-up
  - b. 412 Access Highway (Pop-Up Junkyard)
  - c. Small Communities Grant (Septic Systems)
  - d. Riverside Redevelopment
- V. Chapter 13
  - a. Land Use Table
- VI. Adjournment

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# Caribou Planning Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 5:30 pm City Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert White, Dan Bagley, Christine Solman, Amanda Jandreau, Dave Corriveau and Frank McElwain

Members Absent: Drew Ayer

Others Present: Ken Murchison – CEO/Zoning Administrator, Dennis Marker – City Manager, James Bacon, Richard Solman, Mark Kelley – Country Farms Properties, Tom Ayer – Councilor Liaison and Denise Lausier – Executive Assistant to the City Manager

- I. Call Meeting to Order Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Chairman White stated that there will be no votes on the Public Hearings this evening. The Hearings will continue to November 24<sup>th</sup> in which time the Board will vote.
- II. Approval of minutes from the September 10, 2020 Planning Board meeting Dan Bagley commented that it was an excellent treatment of the minutes, a lot of work went into them. It was a long meeting and there was a lot to capture and he really appreciates all the detail. Kudos to Denise Lausier. Christine Solman also thanked Denise for her work on the minutes.

Frank McElwain moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Dave Corriveau.

Roll call vote.

Amanda – yes; Dan – yes; Christine – yes; Frank – yes; Dave – yes; Bob – yes Motion carried with all in favor.

# III. Public Hearings:

a. Rezoning request at 31 Herschel Street Map 31, Lot 17 and related area from C-1 (High Density Commercial District) to R-2 (Residential Single and Multi-Family Dwelling District). —

Chairman White opened the Public Hearing at 5:34 pm.

Richard Solman was present and stated that he owns property in that area and he fully supports this rezoning request. Mr. Solman stated that there is a need for flexibility because a lot of buildings are empty. Mr. Solman said his property is divided into two zones and this request makes sense.

Mark Kelley from Country Farms Properties who submitted this request for rezoning was present. Mr. Kelley explained that he is in real estate development and buys foreclosure property and upgrades them. His proposal is to turn commercial space into residential space in the building at 31

Herschel Street. Mr. Kelley has a partnership with Cary Medical Center, they are in need of apartments for traveling nurses.

Christine Solman questioned how many residential/commercial activities are there. Mr. Kelley stated there is a hair salon, food pantry, laundry mat for tenants and a conference room for himself.

Dan Bagley questioned his plan to permit these units; apartments were put into this building without prior approval. CEO Ken Murchison stated that it is an existing non-conformance. Mr. Bagley stated to make sure the permitting is correct for this project. Mr. Kelley stated he owns buildings all over Caribou and surrounding communities as well as other buildings with apartments on Herschel Street and he never intended to go against code.

Amanda Jandreau asked how many apartment units Mr. Kelley had in that building. Mr. Kelley stated there are two units that are both being rented out to traveling nurses, one for Cary Medical Center, one for Pines Health Services. Mr. Kelley stated that they are one year leases and that there is an extreme shortage of nice rental units in Caribou. Mr. Kelley said he gets eight to ten calls per day for apartments.

Chairman White recessed the Public Hearing at 5:47 pm until the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:30.

# b. To consider a requested amendment to Section 13-700 §27 of Caribou Code; Sewage Disposal allowing temporary private systems. –

Chairman White introduced this item.

Chairman White opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 pm.

City Manager Dennis Marker stated that State Plumbing Code has a provision that someone who needs to connect to public sewer can get a private system installed temporarily for a twelve month period with a twelve month extension if needed. If someone is within so many feet of the public sewer line, they need to connect according to City standards and Plumbing Code. Manager Marker stated that Mr. Bacon's attorney drafted proposed City Code amendments.

CEO Murchison stated that the staff proposed language will make the City's Ordinance line up with State Statute. Manager Marker stated the City is proposing a six month extension to be more restrictive.

James Bacon stated that the estimated cost to repair the connection to public sewer must exceed \$20,000 per the City but Mr. Bacon feels \$10,000 was enough. Mr. Bacon stated that \$20,000 was a little high and would be a big burden on someone else going forward. Mr. Bacon also questioned the performance bond.

Chairman Robert White stated that a performance bond is like an insurance policy. If the homeowner couldn't get the work done, the insurance would cover the work instead of the City.

Discussion on the cost of septic system and reconnection costs.

Chairman White stated that with Mr. Bacon's issue, this is about an existing section fourteen feet underground with the cost to reconnect to a new pipe has been estimated over \$20,000. Mr. Bacon is looking for relief with a temporary private septic system and time to save up the cost to reconnect within 12-18 months.

Amanda Jandreau asked to clarify that this was just a temporary system and reconnect. If the cost is over \$20,000 they can put in a temporary system. Manager Marker clarified that they want them to connect to City sewer; cost would be around \$18,000 for new system and around \$10,000 to reconnect to City sewer.

Dave Corriveau questioned if there is grant money available.

Mr. Bacon stated it's 14-16 feet deep. Chairman White commented it is cost prohibitive to fix at that depth.

Christine Solman questioned if refinancing credit enhancements can be used with new development. Manager Marker stated that Tax Increment Financing can fund infrastructure and clarified that we have that tool in parts of the City.

Dan Bagley had concerns that if at the end of the year and a half if no progress has been made, what can the City do. James Bacon stated this just buys some time. CEO Murchison noted that is why the performance bond is recommended.

Chairman White recessed the Public Hearing at 6:12 pm until the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:30.

# c. To consider an amendment to Section 13-700 §39 of Caribou Code; addressing Medical Marijuana related facilities. –

Chairman White introduced this item.

Chairman White opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 pm. There was no public comment.

CEO Ken Murchison stated that he was recently approached by this type of business. CEO Murchison said that what is proposed is good language to be able to handle and regulate this industry.

Chairman White clarified that Caribou has a facility that is non-profit and authorized by State law. This language is for the ones that are for profit and there are no laws to govern them. The State says if we have no laws, we cannot allow them. This is why this came up.

CEO Murchison produced a map to identify places in the City that can have this type of facility based on the proposed spacing standards. CEO Murchison said that City Ordinance states they need to be 500 feet from schools and churches, 1,000 feet from the drug free safe zones as well as 300 feet from residential. Mr. Murchison stated that there are only a couple of small potential areas for medical marijuana retail.

Discussion on caregivers, retail, dispensaries, profit and non-profit.

Dan Bagley questioned if the Board could decide to allow dispensaries but not retail. Manager Marker answered yes.

Chairman White commented there is a need to modify code for medical marijuana dispensaries, no more than what State allows. CEO Murchison stated that if we opt in, we can regulate how many and assess fees. Amanda Jandreau clarified that the Planning Board decides what zones they are allowed in and City Council would designate fees.

CEO Murchison stated that the City needs to be able to regulate somehow. Manager Marker commented that there are a lot of elements to the industry.

Dan Bagley questioned why on the Land Use Table that these facilities are not allowed in the Commercial and Industrial zones. Christine Solman commented that Retail and Testing could also be in the RC-2. Chairman White stated that they need to be 300 feet from residential, 500 feet from daycare and churches.

Chairman White recessed the Public Hearing at 6:37 pm to the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dave Corriveau moved to hold a Special Planning Board meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to continue the three Public Hearings; seconded by Amanda Jandreau.

Motion carried with all in favor. Vote was unanimous by show of hands.

- **IV.** New Communications None.
- V. Staff Report CEO Ken Murchison
  - a. 412 Access Highway (New Court Date) New court date is in December.
  - **b.** Downtown Team/Riverfront Development Committee Meeting Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress to date. This Committee is an off spin of the Downtown Team.
  - **c.** Small Communities Grant (Septic Systems) CEO Murchison is working on closing out these grants. There have been some snags with contractors and clients.
  - d. Day Care Permit Pending State Licensure Pending Daycare permit at 856 Sweden Street.
  - e. Caribou Stream River Side and Dellwood Trailer Parks Septic Issues There are huge septic issues at these Trailer Parks. DEP brought these issues forward and the City needs solutions as soon as possible.

Also neighbor disputes on the Van Buren Road and on Access Highway.

- VI. Chapter 13 City Manager Dennis Marker
  - **a.** Manager Marker TBA Manager Marker brought forward some work done on the Land Use Table. Christine Solman asked for a side by side comparison of the working Land Use Table with the current Land Use Table to better identify the changes. More discussion on this item at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- VII. Comprehensive Plan Update
  - **a.** Future Land Use (Information Only) CEO Ken Murchison is still working on the Land Use Study, nothing new to bring forward at this time.
- VIII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Solman Planning Board Secretary

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# Caribou Planning Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 24, 2020 @ 5:30 pm City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Robert White, Dan Bagley, Christine Solman, Amanda Jandreau, Dave Corriveau, Drew Ayer and Frank McElwain

**Others Present:** Ken Murchison –CEO/Zoning Administrator and Denise Lausier –Executive Assistant to the City Manager

- I. Call Meeting to Order Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. Approval of minutes from the October 22, 2020 Planning Board meeting –

Dave Corriveau moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Frank McElwain.

Roll call vote.

Frank – yes; Amanda – yes; Dan – yes; Dave – yes; Drew – yes; Christine – yes; Bob – yes Motion carried with all in favor.

- III. Public Hearings Continuance from Thursday, November 12, 2020 Caribou Planning Board Meeting:
  - a. Rezoning request at 31 Herschel Street Map 31, Lot 17 and related area from C-1 (High Density Commercial District) to R-2 (Residential Single and Multi-Family Dwelling District). –

Chairman White called the Public Hearing back into session at 5:32 pm. No public was in attendance. CEO Ken Murchison stated that there were no further comments or concerns since the last meeting.

Dan Bagley asked about a permit for the work that has already been done by the applicant. CEO Ken Murchison stated that the applicant would need a permit for the existing non-conformance.

Chairman White closed the Public Hearing at 5:35 pm.

b. To consider a requested amendment to Section 13-700 §27 of Caribou Code; Sewage Disposal allowing temporary private systems. –

Chairman White called the Public Hearing back into session at 5:36 pm. No public was in attendance.

Dan Bagley commented that they received a letter from Mr. Bacon's attorney that stated he did not agree with staff's proposed changes. It states that a performance bond is not necessary, \$20,000 is a bit high and suggested to lower the amount to \$15,000 for a temporary system.

Frank McElwain questioned if the owner will continue to pay fees like he was connected to the main line. CEO Murchison stated they would pay for sewer, it's a base fee. Mr. McElwain questioned if it would be an incentive to get rid of the fee. Chairman White commented that it would not be an incentive to reconnect.

Christine Solman stated with an eighteen month temporary system, they could continue with it.

Amanda Jandreau commented that it should be more than a system cost which is \$10,000-\$15,000. Frank McElwain agreed.

Amanda Jandreau said a temporary system and then they would need to hook up to the main. Dan Bagley questioned the threshold to reconnect. Drew Ayer stated with it being fourteen feet in the ground, probably would be around \$10,000 to do.

Dan Bagley & Christine Solman both had concerns with the eighteen months of a temporary system and then still needing the cost to hook up, they both feel it will cause problems. Chairman White commented that could be remedied with a possible six month extension.

Christine Solman questioned what would happen if they don't reconnect at the end of eighteen months. Amanda Jandreau stated it then becomes non-conforming. Chairman White said they would be served non-occupancy. CEO Murchison stated that the LPI (licensed plumbing inspector) would need to inspect and they would need to exercise the performance bond to get it done.

Frank McElwain questioned if other communities have language for this. Chairman White stated performance bonds are common in agreements with municipalities.

After discussion, Chairman White stated the Board has three options. #1 – leave as is with no temporary solution. #2 – recommend inaction of amendment to ordinances as presented. #3 – go with the recommendations with modifications with Board input.

Attorney Rudman's language proposed both to delete the performance bond and to change the trigger level from \$20,000 to \$15,000.

Amanda Jandreau stated that with the performance bond, requiring three bids and needing to pay for a temporary system, they may realize at some point that they need to connect to the City sewer line. Ms. Jandreau also stated that she believes the performance bond is a good idea.

Chairman White closed the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm.

# c. To consider an amendment to Section 13-700 §39 of Caribou Code; addressing Medical Marijuana related facilities. –

Chairman White called the Public Hearing back into session at 6:01 pm. No public was in attendance.

Dave Corriveau asked if the proposed language mirrored the State's laws; CEO Murchison stated that it does.

CEO Ken Murchison stated that the City has language for non-profit dispensaries and language in Ordinance for drug safe zones with thousand foot setbacks.

Dan Bagley questioned the proposed language in the land use table and why it wouldn't be allowed to exist in the commercial zones. Christine Solman stated that a lot of marijuana activity complaints are about odors from sites. Ms. Solman commented that C-1 & C-2 sites are small and processing or baking the product may be an issue and may be something the Board should consider. CEO Murchison commented that higher density of development has issues with odors when harvested.

CEO Murchison stated that in the C-1 there was a medical marijuana provider that was giving out prescriptions in the downtown, but since then a daycare has moved in.

Chairman White stated that retail store under C-1 on the land use table should be a No. Drew Ayer agreed.

Chairman White closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm.

## IV. Possible Action for Pending Amendments -

a. Rezoning request at 31 Herschel Street Map 31, Lot 17 and related area from C-1 (High Density Commercial District) to R-2 (Residential Single and Multi-Family Dwelling District). –

Dan Bagley stated they have an option to let it slide and wait for the Chapter 13, Zoning Code rewrite. Drew Ayer & Dave Corriveau stated they felt the Board needed to move on this item.

Dan Bagley has concerns with approving this after the fact and others down the road. CEO Ken Murchison stated it's more than a spot zone in this case, need to look at the whole area. Drew Ayer also stated he had concerns with repercussions.

Dave Corriveau stated that trends are changing and there is more demand for residential than commercial.

Chairman White said he was inclined to make the zoning change. Chairman White commented that senior housing on Collins Street is half in the R-2 zone and the commercial zone and another property landed in the commercial zone.

Dave Corriveau moved to send a recommendation to the City Council to approve this zone change request; seconded by Frank McElwain.

Drew Ayer questioned the current non-conformance. CEO Murchison stated that he will need permits and Chairman White stated the CEO will need to inspect.

Christine Solman stated that she doesn't support changing those lots out of commercial. The City has a Downtown Team looking to develop the downtown. Dave Corriveau commented that the demographics have changed over the last 35 years. Mr. Corriveau said the downtown is almost non-existent and that this would be changing with the times accommodating residents in the downtown area. Chairman White stated that grocery stores will be within walking distance for them.

Amanda Jandreau commented that the Board received a similar request from Rick Solman a short time ago. Chairman White said that Mr. Solman has not come back.

Drew Ayer stated he supports the zone change request.

Chairman White called for a roll call vote on the motion. Frank – yes; Amanda – yes; Dan – yes; Dave – yes; Drew – yes; Christine – no; Robert – yes Motion carried (6 – Yes; 1 – No, Christine Solman).

Dan Bagley asked that in the Board's recommendation letter to the City Council that the Board's concerns would be outlined as well.

# b. To consider a requested amendment to Section 13-700 §27 of Caribou Code; Sewage Disposal allowing temporary private systems. –

Chairman White stated that two issues were raised by Attorney Rudman; a performance bond and the trigger amount. Chairman White said that if they leave as is, the City would not have an ordinance that would comply with the State. Amanda Jandreau commented that City ordinance is stricter than the State and would not allow temporary systems. CEO Murchison stated that the City requires they connect with the Utilities District connection and there is no temporary option of a holding tank or private system, with the State statute they can have a temporary system for eighteen months.

Drew Ayer, Amanda Jandreau and Dan Bagley all agreed to follow State statute.

Chairman White stated that with the requiring of three bids from contractors, that perhaps two bids should be required instead of three. Amanda Jandreau stated that they shouldn't go with just one because it's a competitive process. Christine Solman & Drew Ayer agreed that three bids is fair. After Board discussion, consensus was to require three bids and it was requested the language be fixed under section '3 a-i' to state "or non-bids verified in writing" and also leave the amount at \$20,000 for a temporary system.

Chairman White brought up the second issue of performance bonds. Dan Bagley felt performance bonds were a great idea because they protect the City.

After Board discussion, consensus was to leave in the need for a performance bond. Dave Corriveau suggested to get a cost from insurance companies on performance bonds.

Drew Ayer moved to send a recommendation to the City Council as written in staff recommended changes with the change in section '3 a-i' to state "or non-bids verified in writing"; seconded by Amanda Jandreau.

Roll call vote.

Frank – yes; Amanda – yes; Dan – yes; Robert – yes; Christine – yes; Drew – no; Dave – yes Motion carried with all in favor.

# c. To consider an amendment to Section 13-700 §39 of Caribou Code; addressing Medical Marijuana related facilities. –

Chairman White stated that there was one change desired thus far by the Planning Board that Retail Store on the Land Use Table under the C-1 zone be changed from Planning Board to a No.

Dan Bagley questioned if the Board could pull back and recommend that we don't want any of this for Caribou at all. CEO Murchison stated that the City Council asked that this be addressed.

Dan Bagley questioned if they were under any obligation to have cultivation, manufacturing or testing facilities. Drew Ayer & Dave Corriveau both commented that this is coming.

Amanda Jandreau asked if this is a way for Caribou to set boundaries knowing it's in the area. CEO Murchison stated it was a way to regulate.

Dan Bagley had concerns that once it's in City Ordinance and in the Land Use Table they cannot say no and he asked if they really wanted to go this direction.

Chairman White commented to take manufacturing and testing off the table. Dave Corriveau said that if testing comes about it would be high paying jobs.

CEO Murchison stated that the Board could also send their concerns with recommendations to the City Council.

Frank McElwain moved to send to the City Council 'Exhibit C' as presented with the one change on the Land Use Table for Retail Stores in the C-1 zone from Planning Board to a No; seconded by Dave Corriveau.

Roll call vote.

Dave – yes; Drew – yes; Christine – yes; Dan – no; Amanda – yes; Frank – yes; Robert – yes Motion carried (6 - Yes; 1 - No, Dan Bagley).

## V. Adjournment – Board adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Solman Planning Board Secretary

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# CARIBOU ADMINISTRATION 25 HIGH STREET CARIBOU, ME. 04736

#### **MEMO**

TO:

**Planning Board** 

**FROM:** 

**Code Enforcement Department** 

RE:

Public Hearing regarding SynerGen Caribou, LLC

Solar Array Project Site Design Review Application

DATE:

December 10, 2020

# Included in the Planning Board Agenda for the December 10, 2020

Exhibit A: Public Hearing to consider a Site Design Review Application from SynerGen

Caribou, LLC for a solar array proposed for adjacent properties on Map 16 – Lot 30

and Map 13 - Lot 17 accessed from the Ogren Road former Caribou Landfill

entrance road.

This Application has been held over by the applicant's request. The original application dated april 9, 2020 called for more extensive use of the former Caribou Landfill property, but it became evident that there would be significant impacts to wetland areas on that site.

The revised application makes use of two adjacent properties on leased land to achieve the desired development (East and West arrays), involves Use Permit Application for both lots and must address some enhanced restrictions for developing, in part, on an existing closed landfill (East array).

The timeline for this Public Hearing for Site Design Review Application requires that the preliminary review be conducted at the regular meeting of the Caribou Planning Board Thursday December 10, 2020 with the final review and anticipated actions taken at the next meeting of the Planning Board currently slated for January 14, 2021.







November 19, 2020

Ken Murchison Code Enforcement Officer 25 High Street Caribou, Maine 04736

Dear Mr. Murchison:

SynerGen Caribou, LLC, is seeking to develop a solar field on property owned by the City of Caribou (Tax Map 16, Lot 30) and Guerrette Farms Corp (Tax Map 13, Lot 17), both located off of Ogren Road. Both sites are accessible by an old woods road. SynerGen Caribou, LLC, is proposing to occupy the property owned by City of Caribou and Guerrette Farms Corp. through lease agreements.

#### **Project Description:**

This project will consist of two arrays, referred to throughout the rest of this application as the "West Array" and the "Easy Array." The West Array will be located on leased property from Guerrette Farms Corp. and the East Array will be located on leased property from the City of Caribou. Both arrays will be surrounded by a fence and will only be able to be accessed through a gate with a combination lock.

The East Array will be located on the former Caribou landfill. The landfill was closed and capped in 1993. The final cover system consists of 18" of compacted, sandy, glacial till containing well-graded material with a minimum of 15% fines capped with 6" of topsoil. The East array will be a fixed tilt system installed on the landfill site using RBI's ballasted racking. The ballasted racking will use pre-cast ballast blocks that will rest directly on top of the landfill with no penetrations into the ground. The racking for the solar will be mechanically attached directly to these ballast blocks. The solar modules will be installed to this racking in two rows of portrait orientation.

The West Array will be located on land formerly used as farmland by Guerrette Farms Corp. The West array will be a fixed tilt system installed on a farmland site using RBI's pile driven racking. The racking for the solar will be mechanically attached directly to these steel piles. The solar modules will be installed to this racking in two rows of portrait orientation.

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Below is a system summary of the project. The project area is approximately 17.6 acres (19.8 acres with a ten foot buffer around the project area) and consists of 561 tables. The Easy Array will have 238 tables and the West Array will have 323 tables.

Sy	ystem Summary
Total DC System Size	5,896.80 kWDC
AC System Size	4,100.00 kWAC
Module Manufacturer	JA Solar
Module Model	JAM72S10-410/MR 410W
Modules Per String	626
Module Quantity	14,586
String Quantity	561
Module Tilt	25 degrees
Module Azimuth	180 degrees / 190 degrees
Inverter Manufacturer	CHINT
Inverter Model	CPS SCH125KTL-DO/US-600
Inverter Quantity	33

#### Landfill Gas Management:

In terms of landfill gas management, there is no existing gas management system in place at the landfill. The Caribou Landfill was operated as an open burning dump from the 1950's to October 1977 when it closed. Since the waste material is comprised predominantly of ash, a minimal amount of gas is expected to be generated. In addition, the landfill was left open until 1983 when a minimal closure of the site was conducted by the City of Caribou. The 6 years the landfill remained open without final cover allowed rain/snowfall to infiltrate the landfill, decompose the waste, and produce landfill gas that was released. The DEP required additional closure work and a cap that was completed in 1993 as the cap was found insufficient to prevent infiltration of rain/snow fall (or prevent gas release). At the time of the 1993 closure, no additional gas management or venting was thought necessary or required in part because of the length of time (16 years) the landfill was open and uncovered. Previous inspections of the cover system by DEP Staff in 2003 and 2006 do not indicate landfill gas generation to be an issue. No stressed vegetation has been observed. No odors or other indication of the presence of gas that would impact this installation have been noted.

We reexamined the potential for landfill gas during a site visit on May 7, 2020. We made a number of traverses across the landfill and across the slopes and found healthy vegetation. No bald spots, distressed vegetation or odors from landfill gas were observed.

On July 14, 2020, we met onsite with DEP staff to view the site. The vegetation on the landfill looked stressed compared to our May visit, in part because of a severe drought in Aroostook County in the summer. DEP staff believe that the presence of moss and strawberries in widespread areas on top of the landfill result from landfill gas emissions. This is an area that DEP staff are still researching, but did not believe that

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corrective action was warranted at this time. Based on our and DEP staff observations, we do not believe that landfill gas mitigation is needed for this solar field project.

#### **Landfill Settlement and Loading:**

As for landfill settlement and loading, there has been no evidence of waste settlement since the final cover system was installed first in 1983 and again in 1993. Construction inspections and regulatory inspections conducted after the closure of the landfill found no evidence of settlement or slope movement. The proposed solar equipment, including panels and concrete with a dead load maximum of 4.5 psi, is not expected to significantly increase the risk of settlement at this landfill. We have evaluated the potential for settlement of the landfill based upon the increased loading of the proposed solar system and it should not impact the integrity of the final cover system. The existing final cover is 18" of sandy glacial till containing well graded material with 15 to 20% fines. Field density tests taken during construction show compaction percentages between 93-99% at 5.5 to 12.3 % moisture content. Laboratory dry density tests were between 136 to 141%.

During our May 7, 2020 landfill inspection, we made three traverses across the landfill surface. We drilled a small bucket auger boring in the northern third of the landfill crest to determine the thickness of the cover material. We found the cover to be in excess of 2' deep. A 3/8" diameter soil tile probe was used to determine how firm and compacted the landfill surface was. Probing was done every six feet on each traverse.

The probe was inserted with a firm push and withdrawn. Except in two damp areas in closed depressions, the probe reached refusal between 2-4" in depth. In the closed depressions, the probe went to 4-6" in depth. The only settlement observed was in two small depressions near the north end of the landfill. The two small depressions are the areas that contain the starch ('peanut butter lagoons') and were probed with a soil probe and found to be quite firm below 6". The areas appear stable and will not interfere with the placement of the solar panels. Some small amounts of additional fill can be added to the depressions to bring them to grade.

Two very small areas of slope movement can be found on the steep slopes on the south side of the landfill. Both areas have healed and are completely vegetated. The PV system will be restricted to the relatively flat (2-3% slope) of the top of the landfill not the side slopes. The surface in all areas was firm and well compacted, the cover system is unlikely to settle under the additional weight of the system.

The inspection report from May 7, 2020 has been included in the application.

#### **Stormwater Control:**

The entire project area will create less than an acre of disturbed area. Therefore, an MDEP storm water permit will not be necessary for the project. Given the minimal area of

disturbance, any increase in stormwater will be infiltrated on-site. Any effect will be de minimis. The landfill itself is already considered disturbed area, but the proposed additional "disturbed" area that will occur on the East Array includes seven concrete pads, a variety of solar equipment, 476 ballast blocks (3' w x 9' l), fence posts with a bentonite seal (approx.. 28 sq. in. per post with approximately 346 fence posts around the landfill site), and an AC Trench from Transformer B to Transformer A (24" w x 30" d x 960' l). Therefore, the proposed additional "disturbed" area on the East Array will be approximately 14,037 sq. ft. (0.33 acres).

The proposed additional impervious area that will occur on the East Array includes seven concrete pads, a variety of solar equipment, 476 ballast blocks (3' w x 9' l), and fence posts with a bentonite seal (approx.. 28 sq. in. per post with approximately 346 post around the landfill site). The fence posts will not be located on the landfill, but on the edges of it. Therefore, the proposed additional impervious area on the East Array will be approximately 9,237 sq. ft. (0.22 acres).

The proposed "disturbed" area that will occur on the West Array includes two concrete pads, a variety of solar equipment, 1,292 posts for tables (assuming four posts per table with proposed impacts of 36 sq. in.), a DC Trench from combiner boxes in array to equipment pads (52" w x 45" d x 520' l), an AC Trench from Transformer A to riser pole (24" w x 30" d x 65' l). Therefore, the proposed "disturbed" area on the West Array will be approximately 9,443 sq. ft (0.22 acres).

The proposed impervious area that will occur on the West Array includes two concrete pads, a variety of solar equipment, and 1,292 posts for tables (assuming four posts per table with proposed impacts of 36 sq. in.). Therefore, the proposed impervious area on the West Array will be approximately 668 sq. ft. (0.02 acres).

To the south of the West Array, there are thirteen proposed utility poles, all approximately 20 sq. ft. These utility poles will create 260 sq. ft. (0.006 acres) of both impervious and "disturbed" area.

With a total of only 0.55 acres of total proposed additional "disturbed area" and 0.24 acres of total proposed additional impervious area, the project does not qualify as needing a stormwater permit according to DEP Stormwater Rules.

#### **Erosion Control:**

Though the arrays will be secured to concrete blocks and driven posts, minimal soil disturbance may occur during construction. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Best Management Practices will be followed. The Erosion Control Plan can be found attached to this application.

#### **Inspection and Maintenance:**

Monitoring and maintenance will be conducted by third party inspectors verified by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. This third party inspector will be provided by Jones Associates, Inc. The surface beneath the panels will be mowed at least once annually but no more than twice annually.

The former landfill will be inspected once annually by a certified DEP inspector, and SynerGen Caribou, LLC will be responsible for three other inspections throughout the year. Inspections done by a certified DEP inspector will be conducted using the same format as the inspection report that was conducted on May 7, 2020, which demonstrates anticipated inspection and maintenance items for the project.

The three other inspections will occur when minimal snow coverage is present on the landfill as to make certain that inspections are able to be conducted as applicably and accurately as possible (approximately bi-monthly). These inspections will focus on erosion, maintenance of this site, operation of the PV system, fencing, and access issues.

Please see attached Use Permit and Site Design Review Application for more information.

#### **Correspondence for Site Design Review Application:**

Additionally, below is a list of the person(s) and address(s) to which all correspondence regarding this site design review application should be sent to:

Hillel Halberstam (SynerGen Solar, LLC) 600 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208 (410) 440-3597 hillel.halberstam@synergensolar.com

Jones Associates, Inc. 280 Poland Spring Road, Auburn, Maine 04210 (207) 241-0235 rjones@jonesai.com; jgriffin@jonesai.com

Dennis Marker (City Manager of Caribou) 25 High Street, Caribou, Maine 04736 (207) 493-3324 citymanager@cariboumaine.org

Guerrette Farms Corp. P.O. Box 1135, Caribou, Maine 04736 (207) 498-8109

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Josie Ray



# City of Caribou Site Design Review Application

Planning & Code Enforcement 25 High St. Caribou, Maine 04736 (207) 493 – 3324 X 214 kmurchison@cariboumaine.org

Note to Applicant: Complete this application and return it with the required documents. In addition, the required fee must be returned along with this completed application. Make checks payable to: "City of Caribou", in the amount of \$90.00 plus \$10.00 per 2000 square feet of total gross floor area for commercial, industrial or other non residential applications.

#### Please print or type all information

Name of Property O	wner / Developer: Owner(s): O	ity of Caribou & Guerrette Farms Corp. ; Developer: SynerGen Caribou, LLC	С
Development Name	Caribou Solar Project		
Location of Property	y (Street Locations): Ogren Ro	ad, access road to former Caribou Landfill	
City of Caribou	Tax Map: 16 13	Lot: 30 (City of Caribou lot) Zone: Rural Mixed Uses 17 (Guerrette Farms Corp. lot)	

#### Site Design Review Application - City of Caribou, Maine

Site Design approval will not be considered complete until the Planning Board has determined it has all of the necessary information to review the proposal and render a decision. You are advised to meet with the Code Enforcement Officer prior to completing the application as it may not be necessary to comply with all of the items shown on the form. The review of your application shall consist of at least (2) two presentations to the Planning Board and possibly additional presentations until all required information has been provided. A "Performance Bond" may be required prior to approval of this project.

## **Applicant Information**

Please provide a brief description of this project.

SynerGen Caribou, LLC, is proposing to construct 561 solar tables on the areas that they will be leasing from the City of Caribou and Guerrette Farms Corp. 323 tables will be placed on the west array (Guerrette Farms Corp. property) with driven posts, while 238 tables will be placed on the east array (City of Caribou property) using ballast blocks.

	Phone:
	E-mail:
If applicant is a corporation, check if license (Attach copy of Secretary of State R	ed in Maine () Yes (_X) No
Name of Land Surveyor, Engineer, Architecture	ct or other Design Professionals. (attach list if needed)
Jones Associates, Inc.	Phone: _207-241-0235
Pure Power Engineering	Phone: _201-687-9975
What legal interest does the applicant have i option, purchase & sales contract, etc?)	in property to be developed (ownership, owners representative,
	asing portions of property from the City of Caribou and Guerrette Farms Corp. for this proje upportive legal documentation)
	General Information
Aroostook County Registry Deeds: Book #	Page # 44 (City of Caribou) (attach copy of deed)  2555
What interest does the applicant have in any	/ abutting property? No
	additing property: None
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or within 75 feet of any stream? () Ye	et of the normal high water line of a lake, pond, river, or wetland es (x) No
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Recreation area(s) Estimated Area & Description: N/A							
Common land(s) Estimated Area & Description: N/A							
Anticipated start date for construction: month / year $01 / 2021$ Completion: $12 / 2021$							
Does any portion of the proposal cross or abut an adjoining municipal line? () Yes () No							
Does this development require extension of public services?  () Yes () No							
Roads: No Storm Drainage: No Sidewalks: No Sewer Lines: No Other: N/A  Project design: ~\$255,000  Project construction: ~\$15,670,000 Interconection upgrade costs: ~\$2,300,000							
Water Supply: Private Well: (N/A) Public Water Supply: (N/A)							
Sewerage Disposal: Private SSWD: (N/A) Public Sewer: (N/A)							
Estimated sewerage disposal gallons per day: (/ day)							
Does the building require plan review by the State Fire Marshal Office? () Yes () No (Attach Barrier free and Construction Permits from SFMO)							
Have the plans been reviewed & approved by the Caribou Fire Chief? () Yes () No							
Does the building have an automatic sprinkler system? () Yes (_X) No							
Does the building have an automatic fire detection system? () Yes () No							
Will the development require a hydrant or dry hydrant fire pond?  () Yes () No							
Concept Plan Review Criterion							
The Planning Board shall review applications first as a Concept Plan. Concept Plan Review is intended to insure the proposed plan is in conformance with the Caribou Comprehensive Plan and all City Ordinances. The completed application and concept plans shall be delivered to the Code Enforcement Office no less than 21 days prior to the first day of the next month. The Chairman of the Planning Board shall determine the schedule and agenda of the next meeting when the application and plans will receive Concept Plan Review. At a minimum, Concept Plan applications shall include the following:							
1 Name and address of the owner of record and applicant (if different).							
2. Name of the proposed development and location.							

Names and addresses of all property owners within 500 feet of the property.

3.

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4.	X	doc	opy of the deed to the property, option to purchase the property, or other umentation to demonstrate right, title, or interest in the property on the part of the licant.
5	X	Nan	nes and addresses of all consultants working on the project.
6.	X	1 co	Plans to be included: Boundary Survey Storm Water Management Erosion and Sediment Control Finish Grading Plan Site Improvement Detail Building Elevations and Structural Plans
7.	Plans to	show 1	the following elements for review:
	_X_	a.	Graphic scale and north arrow.
	<u>X</u>	b.	Location and dimensions of any existing or proposed easements and copies of existing covenants or deed restrictions.
	-X	c.	Name, registration number, and seal of the land surveyor, architect, engineer, and/or similar professional who prepared the Plan.
	_X_	d.	All property boundaries, land area, and zoning designations of the site, regardless of whether all or part is being developed at this time.
	_X_	e.	Size, shape, and location of existing and proposed buildings on the site including dimensions of the buildings and setbacks from property lines.
	<u>X</u>	$\mathbf{f}_{\bullet}$	Access for Emergency Vehicles, location and layout design of vehicular parking, circulation areas, loading areas, and walkways including curb cuts, driveways, parking space and vehicle turn around areas.
	<u>X</u>	g.	Location and names of streets and rights-of-way within 200' and adjacent to the proposed development.
	N/A	h.	Proposed finish grades and graphic arrows indicating the direction of storm water runoff.
	N/A	i.	Conceptual treatment of on and off site storm water management facilities.
	N/A	j.	Location and sizes of existing and proposed sewer and water services including connections.
	N/A	k.	Conceptual treatment of landscaping buffers, screens, and plantings.
	<u>X</u>	l.	Location of outdoor storage areas, fences, signage and accessory structures.
	<u>x</u>	m.	Context map illustrating the area surrounding the site which will be affected by the proposal including all streets, sidewalks, intersections, storm water drainage ways, sanitary sewer lines and pump stations, nearby properties and buildings, zoning Districts, and geographic features such as, but not limited to, wetlands, natural features, historic sites, flood plains, significant scenic areas,

and significant wildlife habitats as provided in the Comprehensive Plan.

X	n.	All proposed signage and exterior lighting including the location, size and
		wording of all signs, type of exterior lights, radius of light, manufacturer's
		specifications sheet, and the ground level intensity in foot- candles of all
		exterior lights.

#### Final Site Design Plan Requirements

Following approval of the Concept Plan Review, the Planning Board may by majority vote schedule the Site Design Application for Final Plan Review. Final Plan Review must be at least 30 days following Concept Plan Approval. If additional information is required by the Planning Board following the Concept Plan Review, a complete set of revised plans shall be provided for final review and approval. If additional information or a change of information is required, the revised plans shall be delivered to the Code Enforcement Office at least 21 days prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Final Site Design Plan Review shall require three (3) 24" X 36" sets of plans for Board Signatures.

If the Planning Board determines that third party review will be necessary to make a sound decision, the applicant will be responsible for any fees incurred for the third party review.

During the Final Site Design Review the Chairman or designee shall determine that all of the elements of review 7-a., through 7-n. above have been addressed. The chair may then call for a motion.

If the Final Plan is approved by the Planning Board, no work may commence for a period of 30 days following the date of approval.

Final Site Design Plans shall provide an area designated for all seven Planning Board members signatures.

#### **Applicant Signature:**

Signature of Applicant:

to the best of my knowledge, all of the information submitted in this application is true and correct
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Final	Site Design Review Criteria by Planning Board			
	Date:	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
A.	Conformance with Comprehensive Plan			-
B.	Traffic	-		-
C.	Site Access			



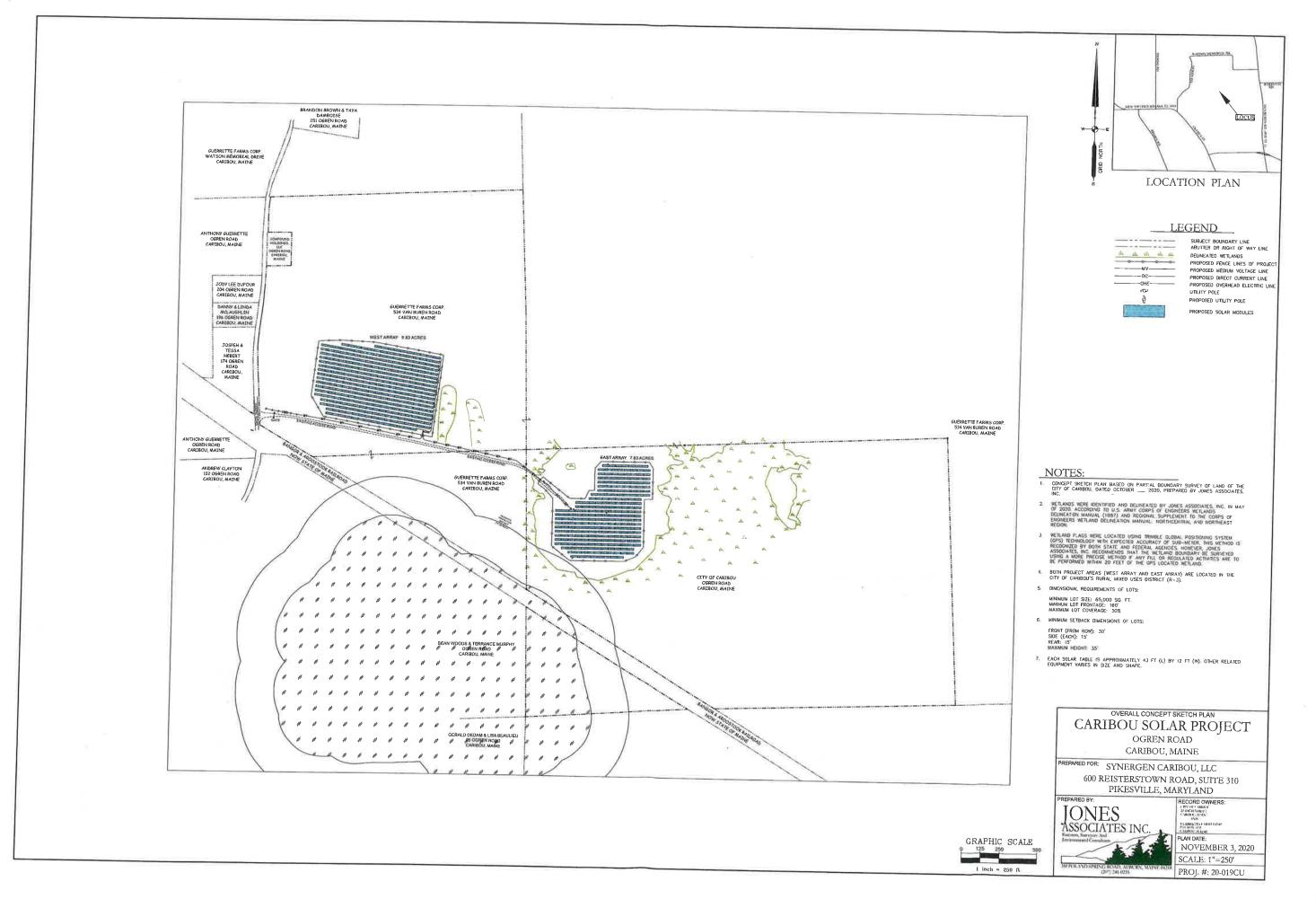
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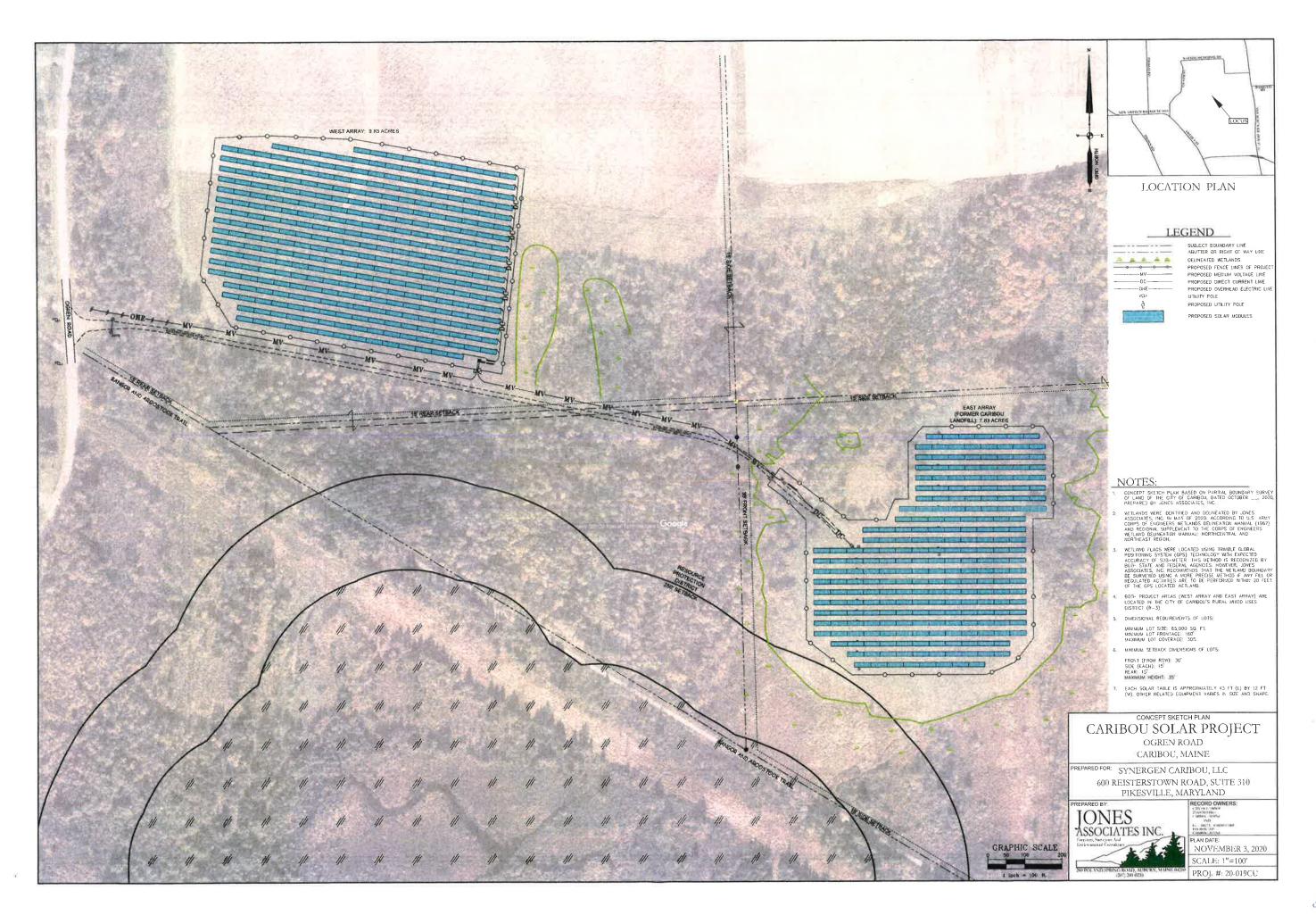
D.	Parking & Vehicle Circulation			
		Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
E.	Pedestrian Circulation			-
F.	Site Conditions		-	
G.	Open Space			-
H.	Sanitary Sewage	-		
I.	Water	-	-	-
J.	Emergency Vehicle Access			-
K.	Waste Disposal			-
L.	Buffering	-	-	-
M.	Natural Areas	-		-
N.	Exterior Lighting		, i	
O.	Stormwater Management		-	
P.	Erosion & Sediment Control		<del>5===</del>	
Q.	Buildings	<del>,</del>		, <del>V</del>
R.	Existing Landscaping	-		
S.	Infrastructure		-	-
T.	Advertising Features			-
U.	Design Relationship to Site			-
	& Surrounding Properties		·	-
V.	Scenic Vistas & Areas		·	
W.	Utilities			-
X.	Mineral Exploration		-	
Y.	General Requirements (Pg. 859)			



Z.	Phosphorus Export			-
City of Ca Planning	aribou, Maine Board			
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	Address:			
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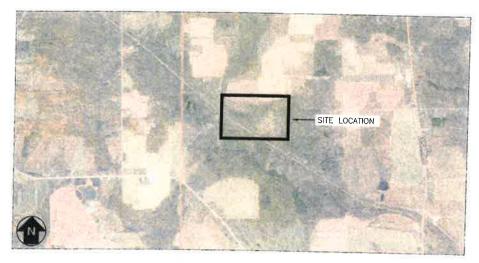
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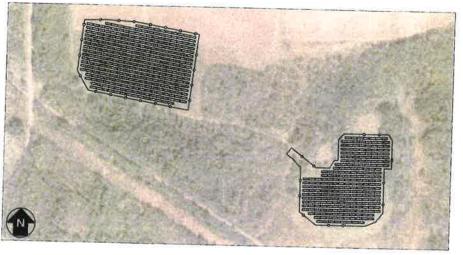


# 5,980.26 KW SOLAR GROUND MOUNT & LANDFILL SYSTEM AT CARIBOU LANDF

46.909°, -68.046°, CARIBOU, ME 04736



LOCATION MAP



SYSTEM PLAN

# TOTAL SYSTEM SUMMARY:

TOTAL DC SYSTEM SIZE: AC SYSTEM SIZE:

5,980.26 kWDC 4,100.00 kWAC

MODULE MANUFACTURER: MODULE MODEL: MODULES PER STRING:

JA SOLAR JAM72S10-410/MR 410W

MODULE QUANTITY: STRING QUANTITY:

14,586 561

MODULE TILT: MODULE AZIMUTH:

INVERTER MANUFACTURER: INVERTER MODEL: INVERTER QUANTITY:

180°,190°

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CPS SCH125KTL-DO/US-600 ENGINEERED BY:



DEVELOPER:

600 REISTERTOWN RD, SUITE 310

PIKESVILLE, MD 21208

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5 MARINE VIEW PLAZA, SUITE 301 HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY, 07030

### SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

GROUND MOUNT PY ARRAY.

INSTALL SOLAR MODULES AND RACKING SYSTEM ON GROUND LEVEL.
INSTALL INVESTERS AND ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT TO INTERCONNECT AT EXISTING MAIN ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT.

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#### ELECTRICAL NOTES

- 1. GENERAL
  1.A. ALL WORK AND MATERIALS SHALL BE IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND ALL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LISTED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING LABORATORY (NRTL) TO APPLICABLE UL STANDARDS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROCURE ALL NECESSARY CERTIFICATIONS FOR ALL WORK INSTALLED, PAY ALL FEES AND CHARGES CONNECTED THEREWITH AND DELIVER ALL CERTIFICATES AND INSPECTION APPROVALS TO THE OWNER THROUGH THE ENGINEER, BEFORE WORK WILL BE FINALLY ACCEPTED.
  1.B. ALL INVERTIERS SHALL BE JEFE 1547 COMPURED THAT AND SHALL BE
- 1.B. ALL INVERTERS SHALL BE IEEE 1547 COMPLIANT AND SHALL BE INSPECTED BY LOCAL UTILITY BEFORE COMMISSIONING, TESTING AND OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM.

   1.C. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, NEW EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE AN
- INTERRUPT RATING (KAIC) OR SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT RATING (SCCR) GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT

- 2. MANNER OF INSTALLATION
  2.A. ALL WORK SHALL BE INSTALLED IN A FIRST CLASS, NEAT AND WORKMANLIKE MANNER BY MECHANICS SKILLED IN THE TRADE INVOLVED. ALL DETAILS OF THE INSTALLATION SHALL BE MECHANICALLY AND ELECTRICALLY CORRECT
- 2.B. TORQUE AND MARK ALL RACKING AND MECHANICAL LUGS.

- CONDUCTORS AND CONDUCTOR INSTALLATION
   COMPRESSION LUGS SHALL BE USED ON ALL ALUMINUM CABLE TERMINATIONS. MECHANICAL LUGS MAY ONLY BE USED FOR COPPER CABLE TERMINATIONS OR ALUMINUM CABLE WITH COMPRESSION PIN ADAPTORS.
- 3.B. IF ALUMINUM MC CABLE IS USED, THHN/THWN-2 INSULATION IS ACCEPTABLE FOR ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS, XHHW-2 SHALL BE USED, 3.C. ANTI-OXIDANT COMPOUND SHALL BE USED WITH ALL ALUMINUM LUGS. CLEAN OXIDATION FROM WIRE STRANDS WITH STEEL WIRE BRUSH

PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF COMPOUND.
3.D. PV SYSTEM CONDUCTORS SHALL BE MARKED AND IDENTIFIED PER NEC 690.31(B)

3.E. INSTALL WIRE AND CABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEC AND AS HEREINAFTER SPECIFIED. USE THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION'S "STANDARD OF INSTALLATION", THE MANUFACTURER'S WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, UNLESS SUPERSEDED BY THESE SPECIFICATIONS. IN ALL CASES THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOGNIZED INDUSTRY PRACTICES.

THE USE OF WIRE SPLICES AT ANY POINT IN THE INSTALLATION IS

STRICTLY PROHIBITED

3.G. THE USE OF WIRE LUBE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WIRE PULLS THROUGH CONDUIT RUNS OF 20' OR LONGER, OR WITH BENDS IN 180' OR MORE, WIRE LUBE IS REQUIRED EVEN WHEN USING SELF

LUBRICATING CABLES SUCH AS SOUTHWIRE 'SIMPULL'.

3.H. STRING WIRING & HOMERUNS SHALL BE SECURED TO UNDERSIDE OF THE RACKING & MODULES USING ZIP TIES OUTDOOR RATED FOR UV. HELLERMAN TYTON PAGEUV OR EQUAL, TRANSITION TO EMT OUTSIDE OF ARRAY

ALL PV SOURCE CIRCUITS WHICH WOULD BE EXPOSED TO PHYSICAL

DAMAGE SHALL BE PROTECTED IN CONDUIT OR CABLE TRAY.

ALL PV SOURCE CIRCUITS WITH DIRECT EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT
SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGH THE USE OF CONDUIT, PROTECTIVE WRAP, SPLIT LOOM, OR EQUIVALENT, WHICH ARE DURABLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND RATED FOR THE APPLICATION.

3.K. ALL PLUG AND SOCKET CONNECTORS MATED TOGETHER SHALL BE OF

THE SAME TYPE AND OF THE SAME MANUFACTURER. "COMPATIBLE"

CONNECTORS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED (IEC 62446-1).
3.L. ALL FIELD-MADE PLUG & SOCKET CONNECTORS SHALL BE INSTALLED. USING MANUFACTURER APPROVED TOOLS AND METHODS, AND CABLE GLANDS SHALL BE TIGHTENED TO MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFIED

PHASE RELATIONSHIP
 A.A. CONNECT FEEDERS TO MAINTAIN PHASE RELATIONSHIP THROUGH
 SYSTEM. PHASE LEGS OF FEEDERS SHALL MATCH BUS OR CABLE
 ARRANGEMENTS IN EQUIPMENT TO WHICH THE FEEDERS ARE
 CONNECTED. COLOR CODING SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

208/120 VAC A PHASE: BLACK, B PHASE: RED, C PHASE: BLUE

A PHASE: BROWN, B PHASE; ORANGE, C PHASE: YELLOW

1500 VDC, 1000 VDC, OR 600 VDC UNGROUNDED POSITIVE CONDUCTOR: RED UNGROUNDED NEGATIVE CONDUCTOR: BLACK

AC AND DC SYSTEMS: GROUNDED CONDUCTOR: WHITE

4.B. GROUNDED CONDUCTORS (NEUTRAL) AND EQUIPMENT GROUNDING CONDUCTORS SMALLER THAN #4 MUST HAVE COLOR CODED INSULATION. WHERE COLOR CODED CABLE IS NOT USED, TAPE CONDUCTOR WITH OVERLAPPED COLORED TAPE FOR A MINIMUM OF 6" IN ACCESSIBLE LOCATIONS. COLOR CODING MUST BE USED CONSISTENTLY FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

5. CONDUITS AND RACEWAYS

5.A. PROVIDE RACEWAY'S MINIMUM SIZE 3/4".
5.B. CONDUITS SHALL BE EMT WHERE NOT SUBJECT TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE. CONDUITS SHALL BE IMC OR RMC WHERE SUBJECT TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE. PVC CONDUITS ONLY PERMITTED IN BELOW GRADE DUCT

5.C. DRAWINGS SHOW RACEWAY LOCATIONS DIAGRAMMATICALLY CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST ROUTING TO SUIT FIELD LOCATIONS. ANY CHANGES TO PROPOSED ROUTING SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

5.D. FURNISH AND INSTALL ALL FITTINGS AND SPECIAL DEVICES NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER INSTALLATION, CONNECTION AND OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM. CONDUIT ELBOWS SHALL BE OF THE SAME MAKE, QUALITY AND FINISH AS THE CONDUIT USED.

5.E. A PROTECTIVE COATING OF ASPHALT COMPOUND, PLASTIC SHEATH, OR

OTHER EQUIVALENT PROTECTION SHALL BE APPLIED TO ANY GALVANIZED STEEL CONDUITS DIRECTLY BURIED IN EARTH.

EMT CONDUIT SHALL USE COMPRESSION RAINTIGHT CONNECTORS, FACTORY STAMPED RAINTIGHT WITH COMPONENTS PROPERLY INSTALLED.

5.G. PROVIDE EXPANSION FITTINGS WITH BONDING JUMPERS FOR EVERY

100' OF STRAIGHT METAL CONDUIT RUN.
CONDUIT EXPANSION AND DEFLECTION FITTINGS WITH BONDING
JUMPERS SHALL BE USED WHENEVER CROSSING BUILDING EXPANSION AND SEISMIC SEPARATION JOINTS.

LEAVE WIRE SUFFICIENTLY LONG TO PERMIT MAKING FINAL CONNECTIONS. ALL EMPTY CONDUITS OVER 10' IN LENGTH SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH SYNTHETIC FIBER ROPE PULL WIRE, PATCH AND REPAIR ALL SURFACES DAMAGED BY TRENCHING TO

MATCH THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING CONDITIONS.

5.K. 15" WIDE OR LESS BUCKET TO BE USED FOR TRENCHING

NO MIDL ON LEGG BOUNCE TO BE USED FOR TRENCHING. ALL PENETRATIONS SHALL BE SEALED TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING FIRE RATING.

ALL ROOFTOP CONDUITS SHALL BE MARKED PER LOCAL FIRE CODES. 5.N. ALL CONDUITS ENTERING ENCLOSURES SHALL BE FITTED WITH PROTECTIVE BUSHINGS, INCLUDING CONDUIT WITH CONDUCTOR SIZES SMALLER THAN #4 AWG. METALLIC CONDUIT/BUSHINGS SHALL BE BONDED PER NEC. 5.0. ALL CONDUIT ENTERING ENCLOSURES SHALL BE SEALED WITH AN

APPROVED SEALANT.

6 FLECTRICAL ENCLOSURES

ELECTRICAL ENCLOSURES
 A. ALL OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES (PANELBOARDS, DISCONNECT SWITCHES, JUNCTION BOXES, COMBINER BOXES, ETC.) SHALL BE NEMA 3R, 4.

OR 4X. INDOOR ENCLOSURES SHALL BE NEMA 1.

6.B. PANELBOARD DOORS SHALL BE QUARTER TURN LATCHES OR EXTERNAL HANDLE WITH INTERNAL LATCHES, NO SETS OF EXTERNAL SCREW DOWN CLAMPS.

CONDUIT TERMINATING IN OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES SHALL USE MYERS—TYPE HUBS WITH GROUND SCREW. UTILIZE RAINTIGHT FITTINGS FOR ALL CABLE ENTRIES.

NO PENETRATIONS OR CABLE ENTRIES IN THE TOP OF OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES, ENTER OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES FROM THE BOTTOM

(PREFERRED) OR SIDE. ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LISTED OR LABELED BY A

6.E. ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LISTED BY
 RECOGNIZED TESTING AGENCY.
 6.F. ARC FLASH HAZARD WARNING LABELS SHALL BE PROVIDED AND
 MOUNTED ON EVERY COMBINER BOX, TERMINAL BOX, INVERTER, AC
 AND DC SWITCH, TRANSFORMER, AND SWITCHGEAR.
 6.G. HAND HOLES, PULL BOXES, OR CONDUIT BODIES SHALL BE

INSTALLED (WHETHER OR NOT SHOWN ON DRAWINGS) WHEN THE RACEWAY HAS MORE THAN 360' OF BENDS, OR AS NECESSARY TO NOT EXCEED MANUFACTURER'S MAXIMUM CABLE PULLING TENSION.

7. GROUNDING 7.A. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH AND INSTALL GROUNDING NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.

TESTS
 A.A. FINAL TESTS AND INSPECTION SHALL BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVES AND TO THEIR SATISFACTION.
 B. MEGGER ALL: STRING WIRING, COMBINER BOX OUTPUT FEEDERS, AND AC FEEDERS. SUBMIT RESULTS TO OWNER FOR REVIEW.
 C. IV CURVE TRACES OF STRINGS SHALL BE GENERATED USING THE SOLMETRIC PV ANALYZER (OR EQUIVALENT DEVICE) AND SUBMITTED TO OWNER FOR APPROVAL.

B,D. OPEN-CIRCUIT VOLTAGE (Voc) MEASUREMENTS OF ALL STRING CONDUCTORS.

## GENERAL NOTES

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10.DRAWINGS ARE DIAGRAMS AND INDICATE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF SYSTEMS AND WORK, FOLLOW DRAWINGS IN LAYING OUT OF WORK AND CHECK DRAWINGS OF OTHER TRADES TO VERIFY SPACE CONDITIONS. MAINTAIN HEADROOM, SPACE CONDITIONS, AND REQUIRED CLEARANCES.

11.PV SYSTEM CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE ALL THE WORK WITH THE ENGINEER, THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND ALL OTHER CONTRACTORS TO INSURE THAT THE PV SYSTEM IS INSTALLED AS SPECIFIED IN THESE DRAWINGS.

DRAWINGS

DRAWINGS.

12.PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) SHALL BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEC 70E AND OSHA REQUIREMENTS.

13.UNFORSEEN OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE SITE MAY NECESSITATE A CHANGE IN THE LAYOUT, ANY CHANGES TO THE RACKING LAYOUT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE ENGINEER. CHANGES IN UP TO 5% OF THE MODULES SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED, CHANGES TO THE ARRAY LAYOUT SHOULD BE MADE AS TO NOT IMPACT THE NUMBER OF MODULES ON A COMBINER BOX OR INVERTER.

BOX OR INVERTER.

14.LANDSCAPING: RESTORE TO ORIGINAL CONDITIONS.

15.ALL STRUCTURAL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXTERIOR STEEL, INCLUDING STRUT CHANNEL (SUCH AS UNISTUT OR KINDORF) SHALL BE CORROSION RESISTANT, HOT DIP GALVANIZED OR GALVANNEALED WITH A COATED FINISH MINIMUM.

# IFGEND - GENERAL

LIGHT LINE INDICATES EXISTING OR BEYOND THE SCOPE OF PROJECT DARK LINE INDICATES NEW OR WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PROJECT DASHED LINE INDICATES EQUIPMENT AT A DIFFERENT ELEVATION LIGHT TEXT INDICATES EXISTING OR BEYOND THE SCOPE OF PROJECT NEW TEXT DARK TEXT INDICATES NEW OR WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PROJECT

# IFGEND - PLAN SYMBOLS

SOLAR MODULE

RACEWAY TURNING UP OR TOWARDS OBSERVER

RACEWAY TURNING DOWN OR AWAY FROM OBSERVER

CABLE TRAY

P OR P PULLBOX

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J OR (J) JUNCTION BOX

PANEL BOARD

LOCAL DISCONNECT SWITCH

SIMPLEX RECEPTACLE, RATED: 125-VOLTS AC, 20A  $\odot$ 

DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, RATED: 125-VOLTS AC, 20A

WEATHERPROOF DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, RATED: 125-VOLTS AC, 20A

GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, RATED: Parci 125-VOLTS AC, 20A

DOUBLE DUPLEX (QUAD) RECEPTACLE

CEILING/PENDANT-MOUNT LIGHT, SEE FIXTURE SCHEDULE FOR TYPE Ø

WALL-MOUNT LIGHT, SEE FIXTURE SCHEDULE FOR TYPE K

• GROUND ROD

GROUND ROD W/ TEST WELL

# LEGEND - ONE LINE DIAGRAM AND WIRING DIAGRAM SYMBOLS

CIRCUIT BREAKER, FRAME SIZE AND TRIP SETTING AS NOTED

DISCONNECT SWITCH

7 INVERTER

BUS CONNECTION POINT

CROSSING POINT (NO CONNECTION) NORMALLY CLOSED - NORMALLY OPEN CONTACTS

TRANSFORMER CONTROL/POWER, SIZE AND RATING AS NOTED

CURRENT TRANSFORMER ₽

POTENTIAL TRANSFORMER -3⊱ FUSE, SIZE/RATING AS NOTED 

FUSED DISCONNECT SWITCH **→** 

EARTH GROUND

PUSHBUTTON SWITCHES: NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTACT BLOCKS

PUSHBUTTON SWITCHES MUSHROOM HEAD; NUMBER AND TYPE OF ... ... £ CONTACT BLOCKS MAY VARY

KEYED INTERLOCK (KIRK KEY OR EQ.) K

SHUNT TRIP COIL

# ABBREVIATIONS

AMPERES
ARC ENERGY REDUCING MAINTENANCE SWITCH AFRMS AMPERE FRAME ABOVE FINISH FLOOR ABOVE FINISH GRADE ARC FAULT DETECTION & INTERRUPTER AFDI AMPS INTERRUPTING CAPACITY AMPERE TRIP AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH ATS AMERICAN WIRE GAUGE AWG CIRCUIT BREAKER BKR CONDUIT ČВ COMBINER BOX CKT COU CP CU CIRCUIT CONDITIONS OF USE CONTROL PANEL DISC DISCONNECT EQUIPMENT GROUNDING CONDUCTOR ELEC EMERG FLECTRIC FLECTRICAL **EMERGENCY** ELECTRICAL METALLIC TUBING FOUIP EQUIPMENT EXIST FXISTING G, GND GEÇ GROUND GROUND-FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER
GROUND-FAULT PROTECTION OF EQUIPMENT HIGH-INTENSITY DISCHARGE (LIGHTING) HFRT7

**GFCI** GFPE НID HZ IMC kAIC INTERMEDIATE METALLIC CONDUIT 1000 AMPS INTERRUPT CAPACITY 1000 CIRCULAR MILLS kCM1L KILO-VOLT AMPERE

kVA kW LA LED LIGHTNING & SURGE ARRESTOR LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE LONG. SHORT, INSTANTANEOUS, & GROUND FAULT LSIG LTG

MAX MUMIXAM MANUFACTURER MEG MAIN LUGS ONLY MODULE LEVEL POWER ELECTRONICS MIPE

MAXIMUM POWER POINT TRACKING NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION NEMA

NOT TO SCALE POLE POWER FACTOR PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER PLC

POA PLANE OF ARRAY POINT OF INTERCONNECTION POI PRI

POLYVINYI CHLORIDE PVC PWR RCPT RGS RECEPTACLE

RIGID GALVANIZED STEEL CONDUIT RMC RIGID METAL CONDUIT SURGE ARRESTOR SA SECONDARY SURGE PROTECTION DEVICE SPD

SUPPLY SIDE BONDING JUMPER SHUNT TRIP SSBJ ST SHIELDED TWISTED PAIR SW TBD SWITCH TO BE DETERMINED

TWISTED PAIR TYP **TYPICAL** VOLT-AMPERE WEATHERPROOF

TRANSFORMER DIAMETER OR PHASE

# NOTES SPECIFIC TO MAINE

ADOPTED NEC VERSION: 2017
ADOPTED IBC VERSION: 2015 ADOPTED IFC VERSION:

UTILITY: VERSANT POWER

ELECTRICAL NOTES & SYMBOL LIST

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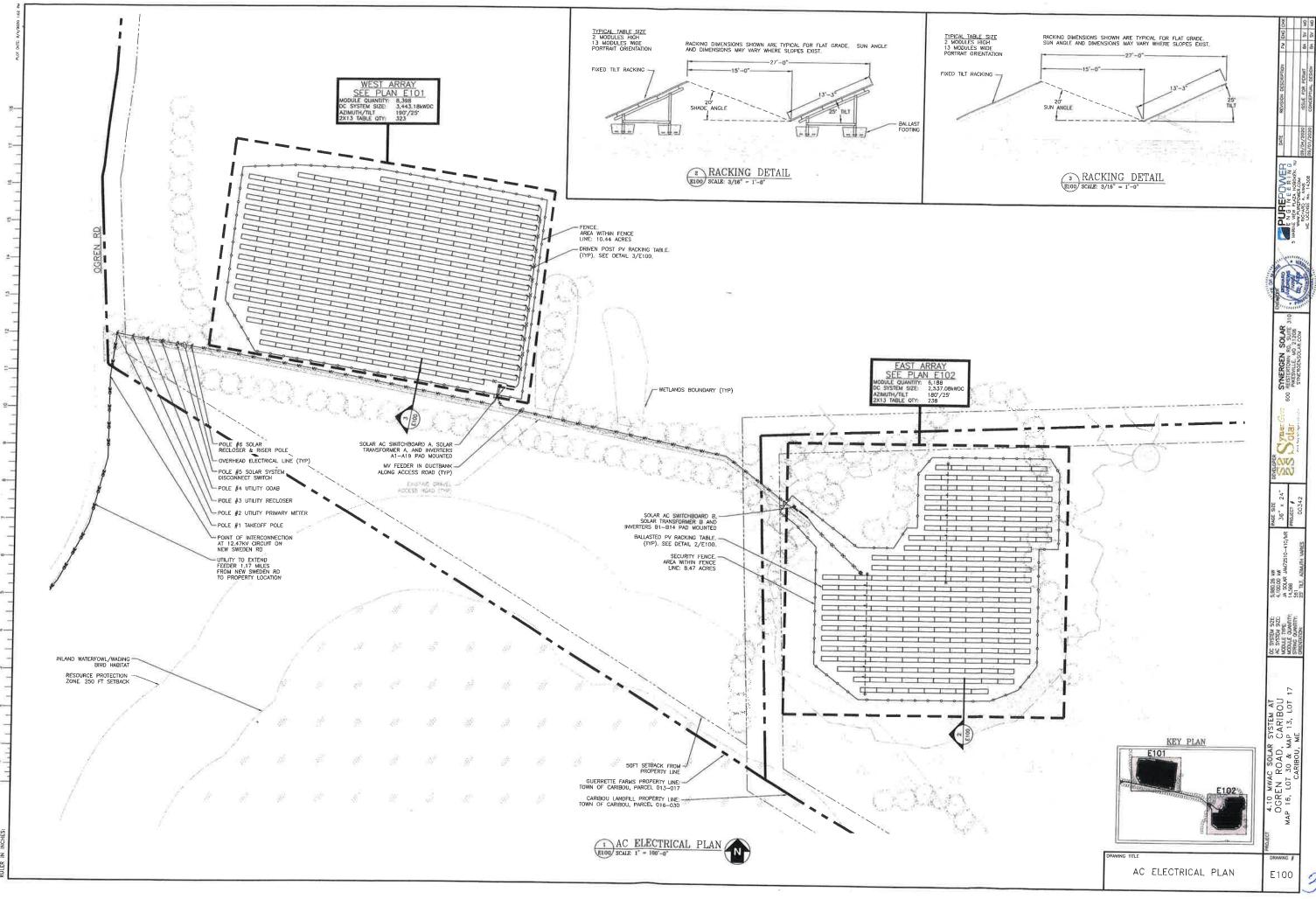
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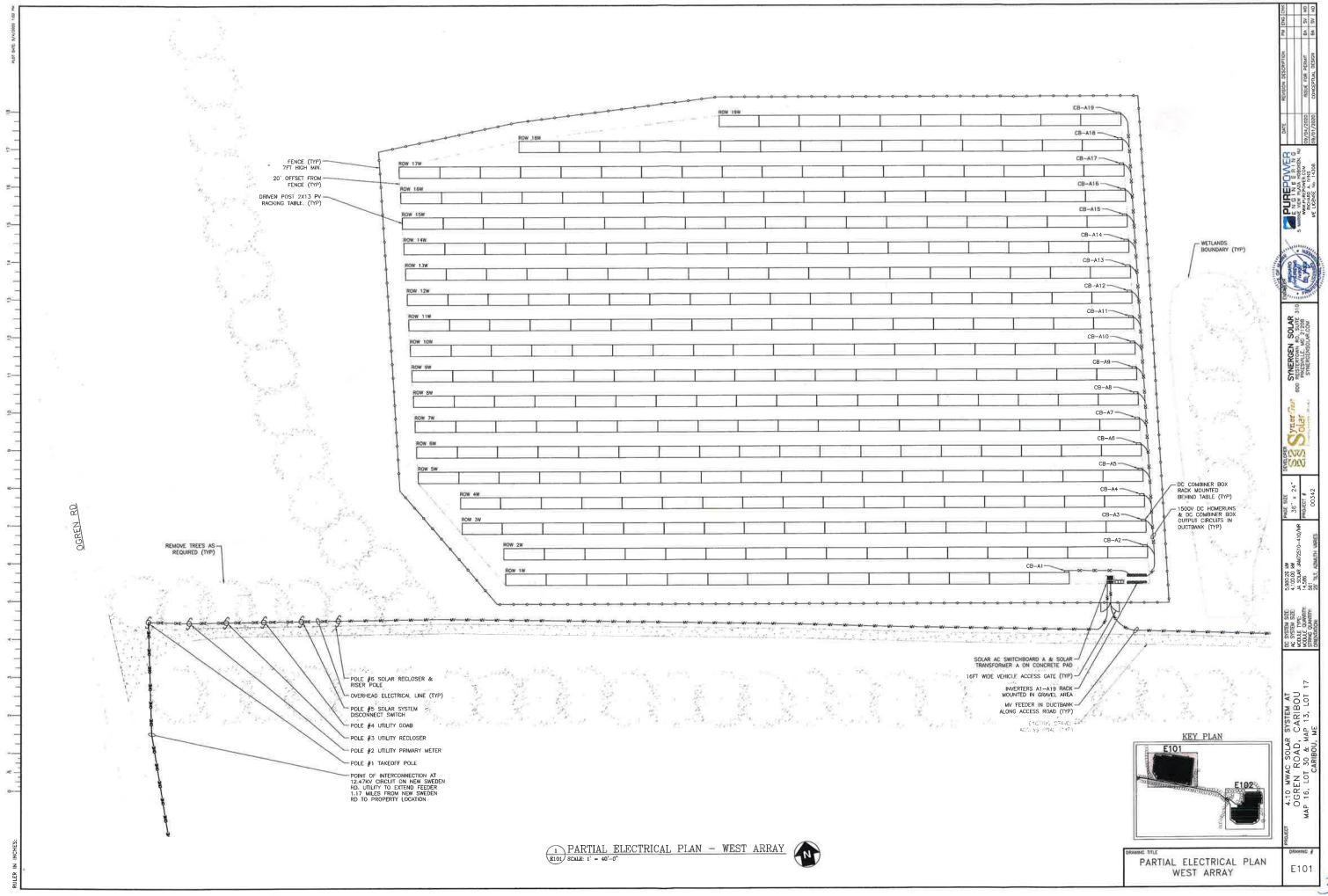
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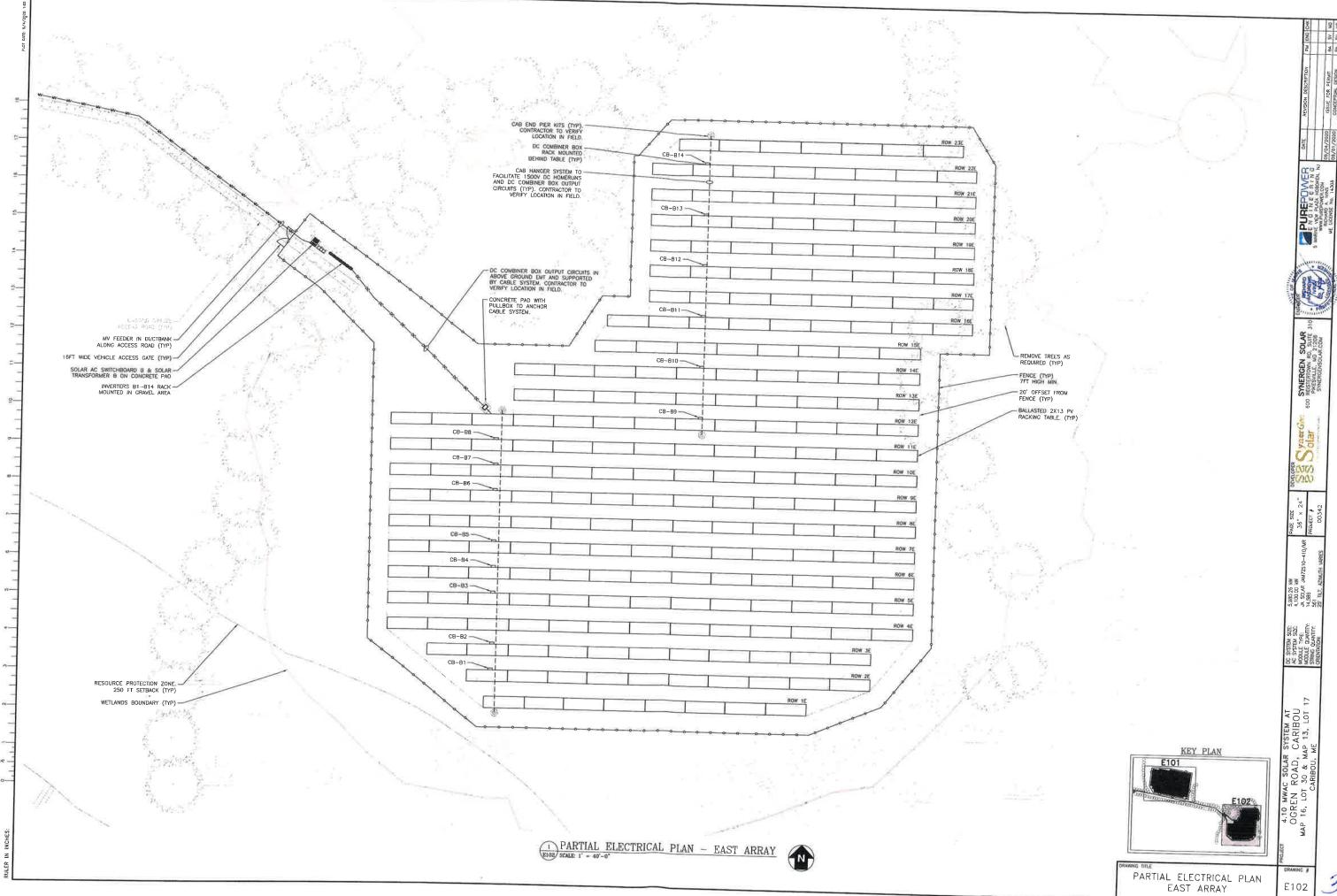
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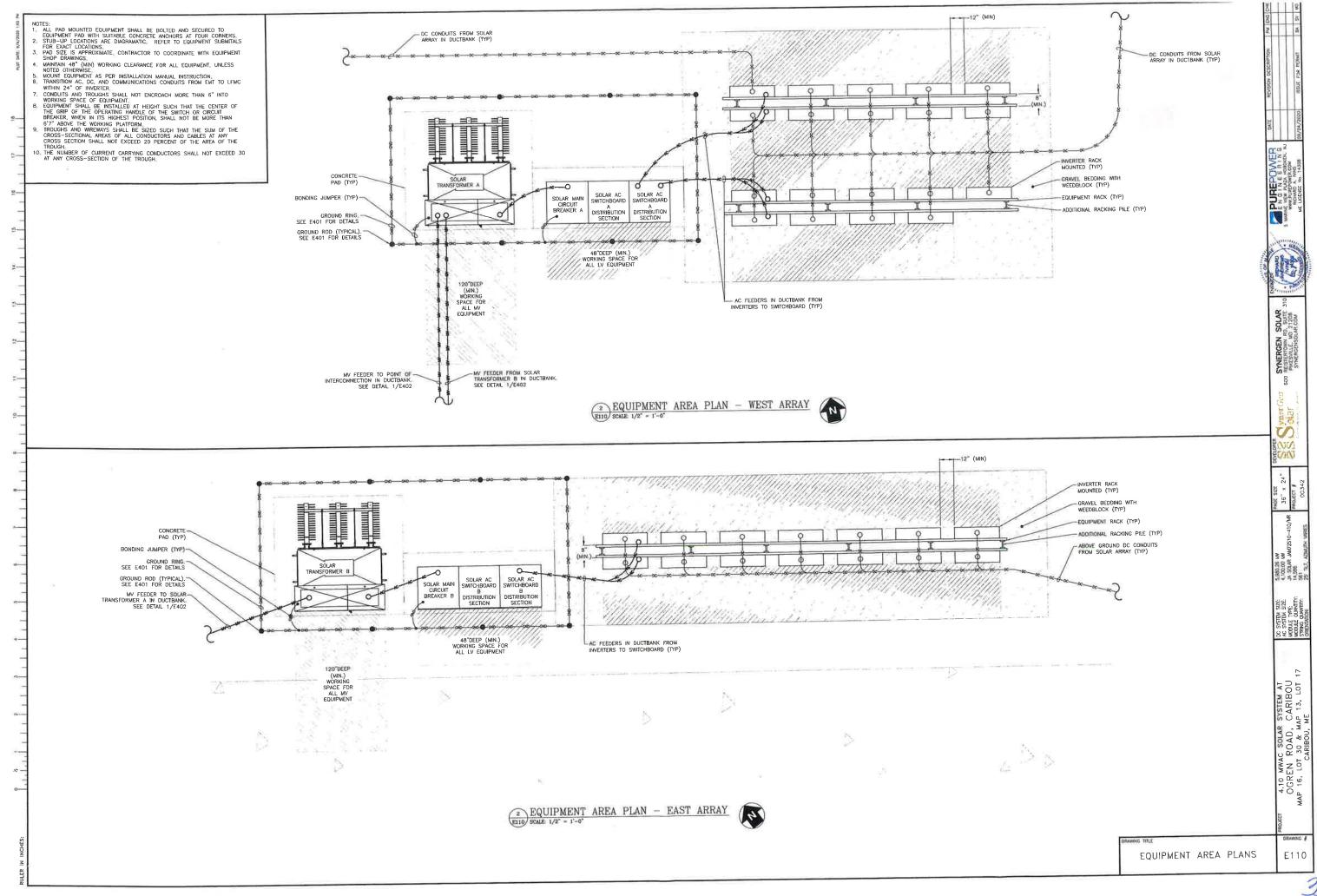
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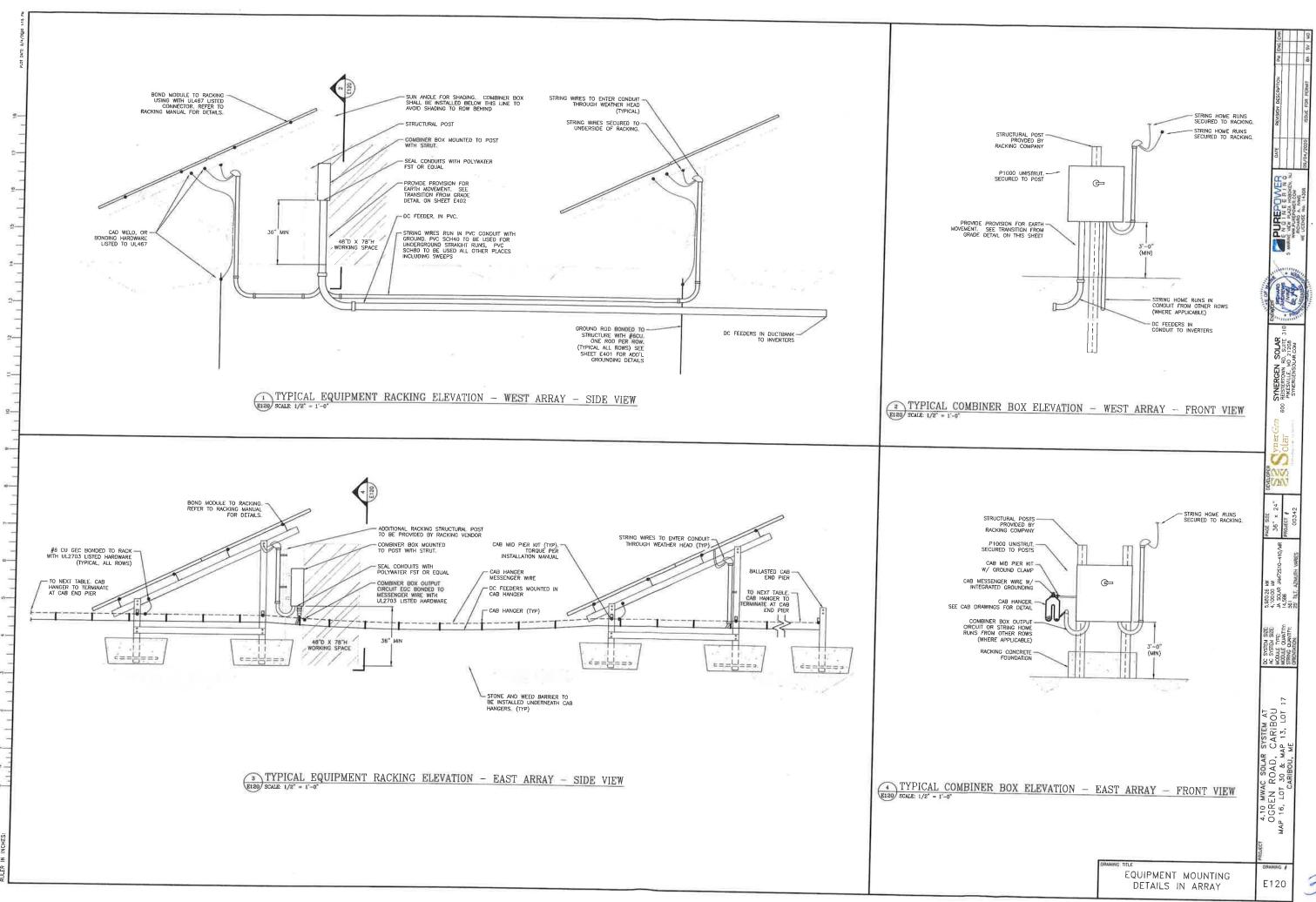
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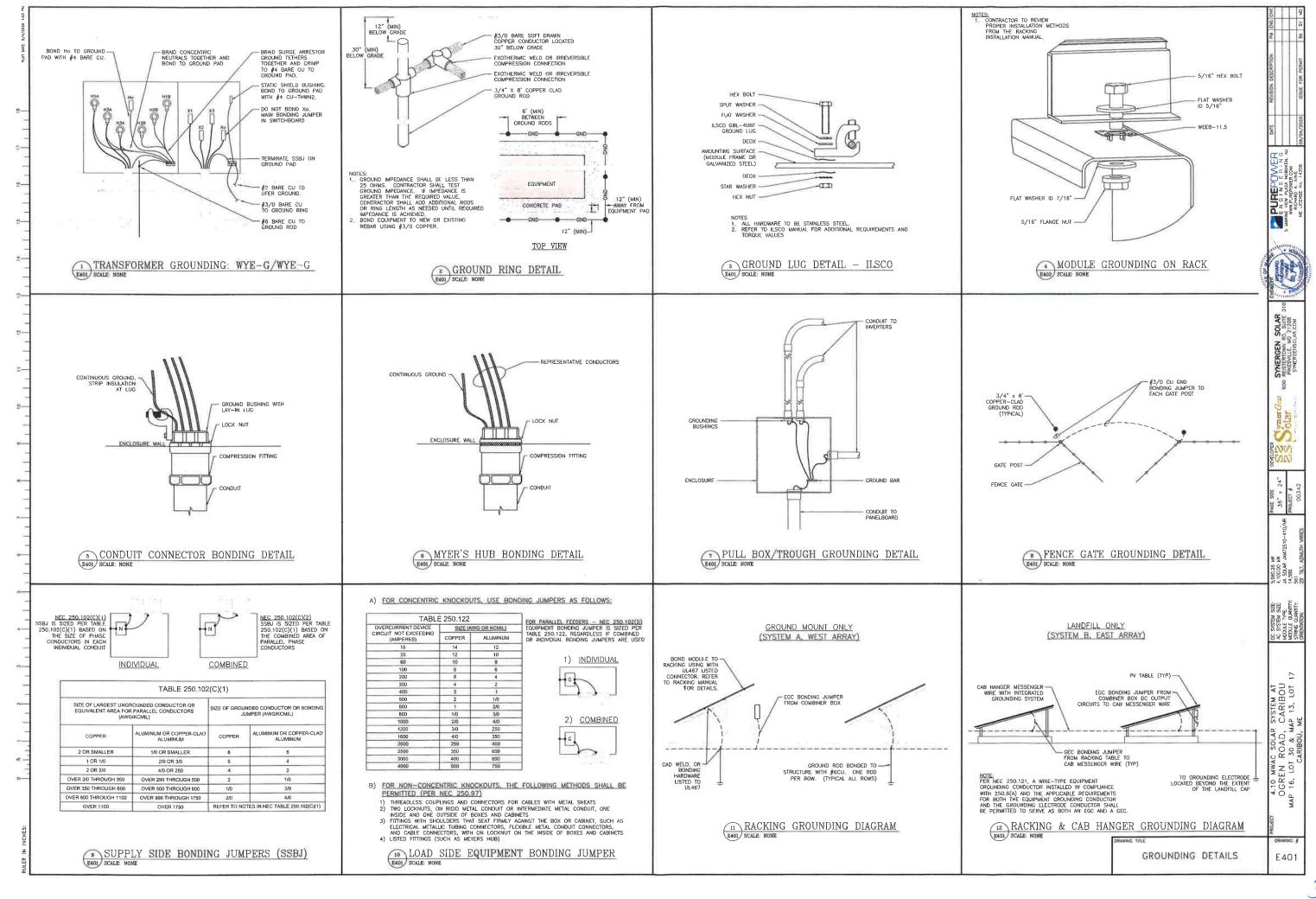


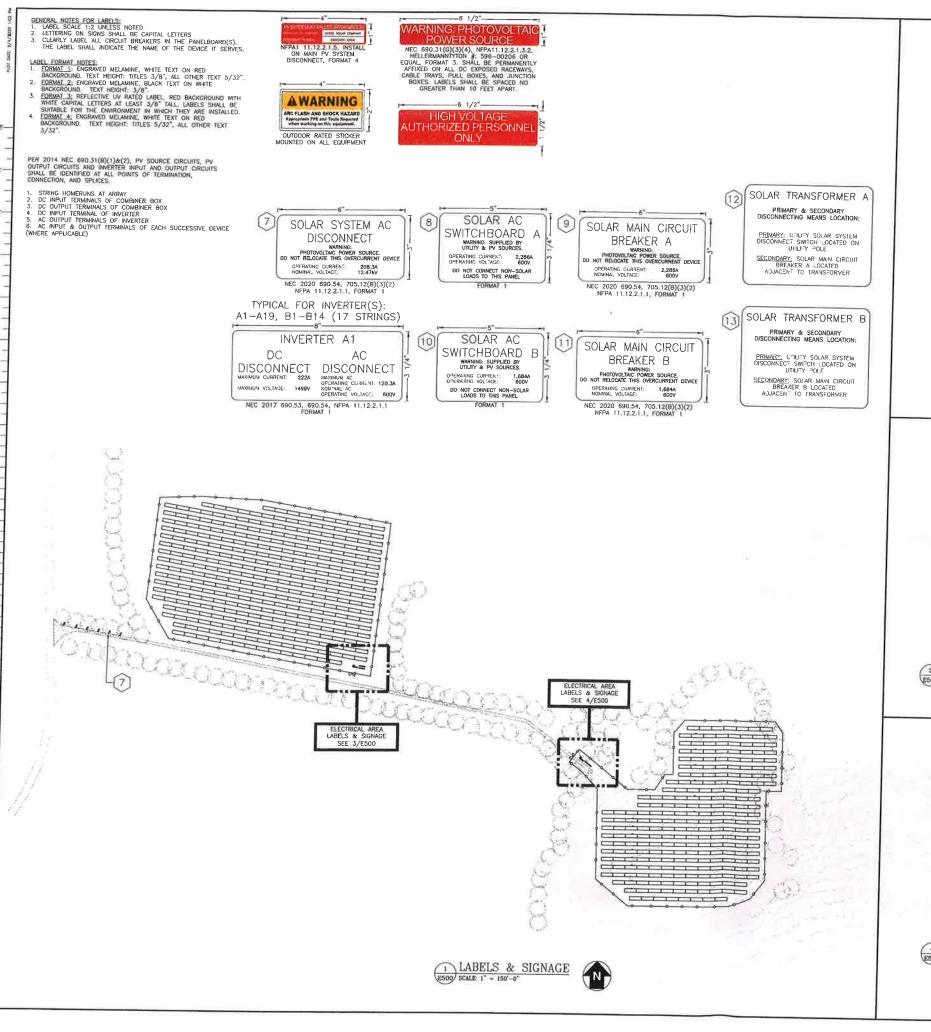


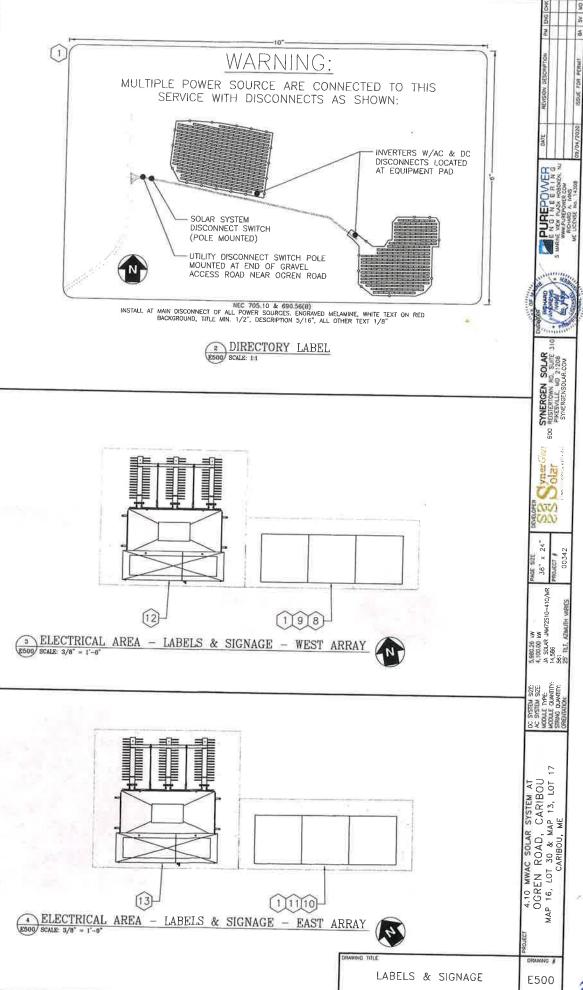












# 1500 VDC Disconnect Combiners

#### PRODUCT FEATURES

- ETL listed to UL-1741

  Up to 36 input circuits

  75/90C terminals

#### NEMA-3R, 4 & 4X enclosures AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- Transient surge suppression

  Frontisions for compression lugs
- Dual output lugs Oual output tugs
   Floating / Bit polar configurations
   Pre-terminated input conductors
   Touch safe cover over live parts
   Breather and drain vents
   Padlockable enclosures



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The 100 & 125kW high power CPS three phase string inverters are designed for ground mount applications. The units are high performance, advanced and reliable inverters designed specifically for the North American environment and grid. High efficiency at 201-th peak on 40 &20° CE<sub>2</sub> (100 departure) response to the North American environment and grid. High efficiency at 201-th peak of 100 departure of 100 departure and the North Apple of 20 miles are able to the inverted selform to operate at high performance across many applications. The CPS 100/125kW products ship with the Standard or Centralized Wine-box, each bully integrated and separatible with AC and OC disconnect switches. The Standard Wire-box includes touch sale fusing for up to 20 strings. The CPS fier-Galeway enables communication, controls and remote product upgrades.

- NFPA 70, NEC 2014 and 2017 compliant
- Touch safe DC Fuse holders adds convenience and safety
- CPS Flex Gateway enables remote FW upgrades
   Integrated AC & DC disconnect switches
- 1 MPPT with 20 fused inputs for maximum flexibility Copper and Aluminum compatible AC connections
- NEMA Type 4X outdoor rated, tough tested enclosure Advanced Smart-Grid features ICA Bule 21 certified)
- kVA Headroom yields 100kW © 0.9PF and 125kW ⊚ 0.9PF
   Generous 1.87 and 1.5 DC/AC [nverter Load Ratios
  - Separable wire-box design for fast service Standard 5 year warranty with extensions to 20 years

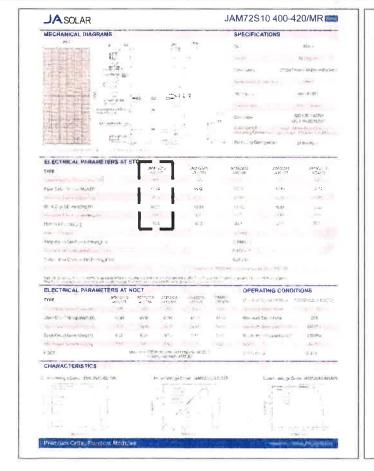


100/125KTL Standard Wire-box





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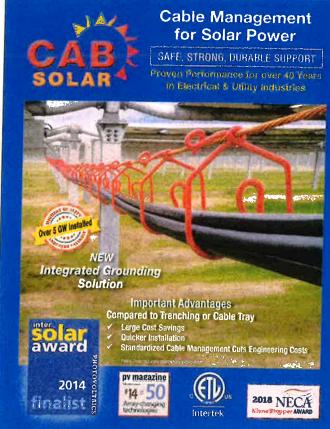
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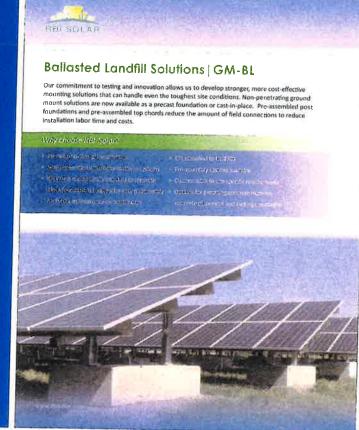
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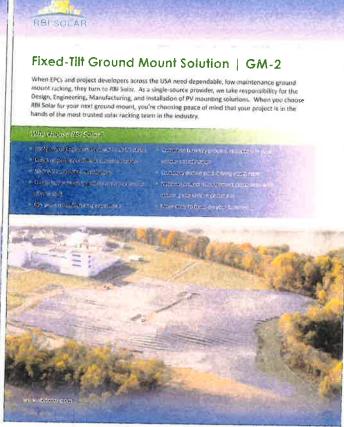
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CAE's 90 mil (2mm) thick PYC coating hus a dielectric breakdown strength of 400 volts per mil (0.25mm). The high performance coating is applied on 100% of the surface which makes CAE Hangers totally insulated and durable in highly conceive environments. It is available in two standard colors; gray and high-visibiley safety orange.

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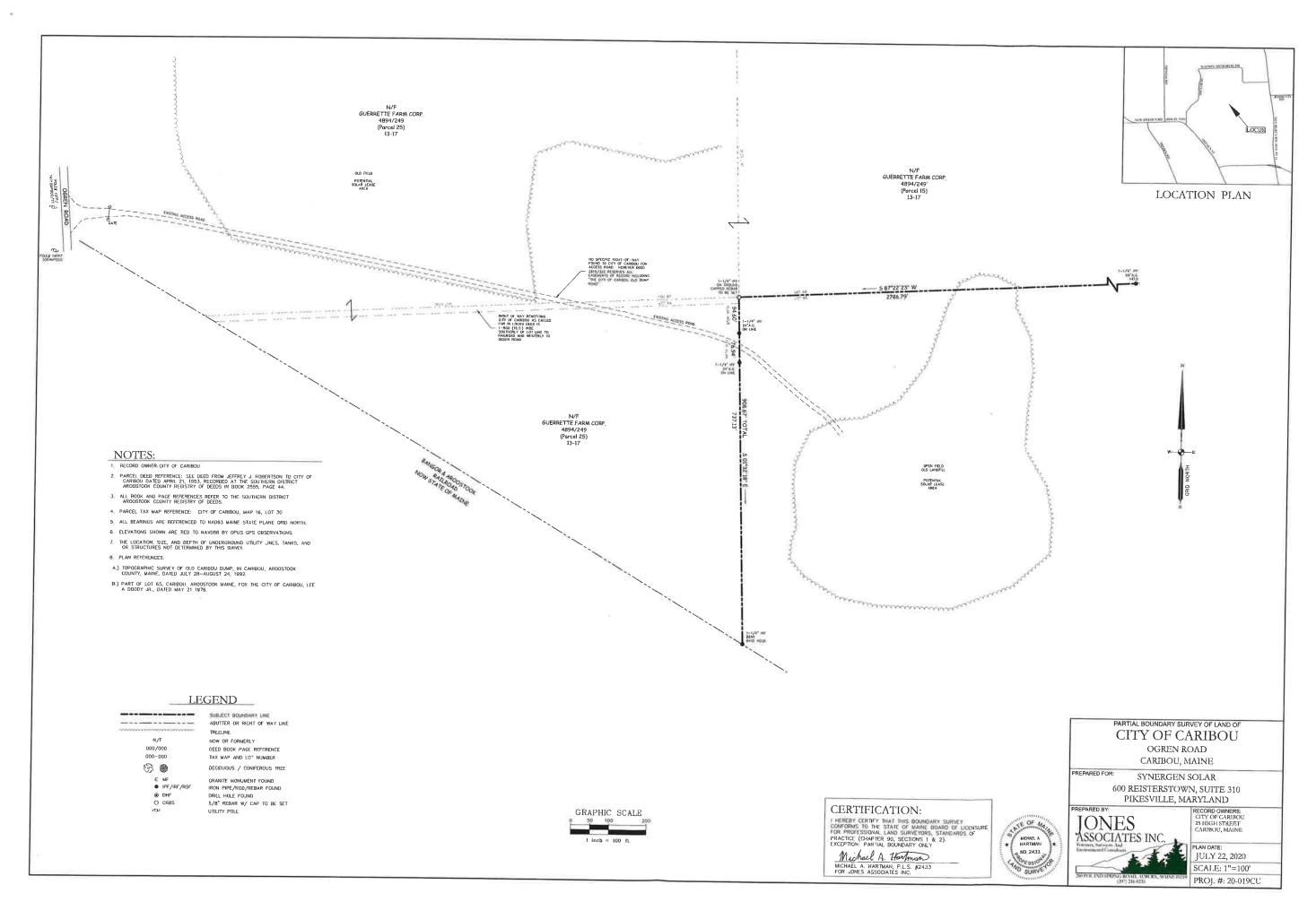
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# PARTIAL BOUNDARY SURVEY PLAN



# **EROSION CONTROL PLAN**

#### EROSION CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SYNERGEN CARIBOU SOLAR PROJECT:

Disturbed areas during and after construction shall be stabilized to control soil erosion and sedimentation. Seeding, mulching, and silt fence will be the major controls to provide appropriate measures to manage possible sedimentation and erosion problems from this project. Thus, this plan includes a list of construction activities, as well as temporary and permanent erosion control measures.

#### Construction Phase -- Erosion & Sedimentation Measures:

In order to protect the soil within and surrounding the project area, only necessary areas to reconstruct and stabilize the soils shall be disturbed. Any soil disturbance when the ground is frozen or saturated shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.

The following actions are recommended:

- 1) Areas undergoing actual construction will be left in an untreated or unvegetated condition for a minimum amount of time.
- 2) Silt fence shall be utilized for construction activities in close proximity to natural resources. This is an additional erosion and sedimentation control measure to compliment mulching. Refer to the following section on temporary and permanent erosion/sedimentation control measures for silt fence specifications and installation details.

#### Permanent -- Erosion & Sedimentation Measures:

Upon completion of each and every phase of construction, all disturbed areas will be graded, smoothed, and prepared for seeding as follows:

- 1) If needed four (4) inches of loam will be spread over slopes and raked smooth.
- 2) Following seedbed preparation, 5lbs per 1000 sq. ft. of a locally sourced conservation mix will be broadcast.
- 3) Hay mulch will be applied to the new seeding to hasten germination and to protect the new seedbeds from erosion during the establishment period. Mulch application rate will be 2 tons per acre.
- 4) Seeding will be inspected after any significant rainfall and/or at least every thirty days to insure establishment. Any seeding failures will be immediately re-seeded using the above procedures.