



# NYSDERDA Overview of the Town of Ashford's Proposal for a Solar Facility on the Retained Premises

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## Town of Ashford Property Reuse Initiatives for the WNYNSC

For many years, the Town of Ashford has been interested in finding uses for Center property that would benefit the town and its residents. Discussions with the town on reuse initiatives have included:

- Gravel Quarry (adjacent to Town of Ashford Highway Facility)
- Deer Hunting Program (initiated 1994)
- Timber Harvesting Study (2001)
- CTF's "Future Site Use Working Group" (2001-2005)
- NRC's Process for Release of Property from the License (2005)
- DOE's Energy Parks Initiative; evolves into the Asset Revitalization Initiative (2011)
- Ashford Concept for Solar/Wind/Natural Gas Generation Facility (2012)
- Proposals to the Town for Community Shared Solar Facilities on Center Property (2016)
- Current solar facility initiative (began 2017)



## Town of Ashford and Renewable Energy Initiatives

- The Town of Ashford became a NYSERDA Clean Energy Community in 2017.
  - The Clean Energy Communities program provides an opportunity for local governments in New York State to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment.
  - The Clean Energy Communities Program is part of New York State’s comprehensive effort to achieve its goal of 50% of New York State’s electricity to be sourced from renewable energy sources by 2030.
- Ashford earned the Clean Energy Communities designation by completing four “High Impact Actions”:
  1. Benchmarking - collecting, reporting, and sharing of data on energy use in local government buildings;
  2. Adopting the Unified Solar Permit, a standardized permit application, designed to streamline the approval process for installing solar in the community;
  3. Completing Energy Code Enforcement Training for the Town Building Inspector; and
  4. Installing electric vehicle charging stations.
- The Town of Ashford Supervisor has stated that his goal for Ashford is to be a regional leader in the deployment of renewable energy technologies on a local level.

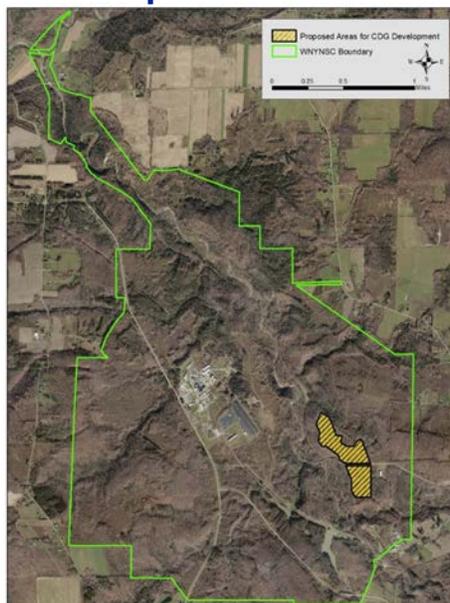


## Town of Ashford Proposal for Locating a Solar Photovoltaic Facility on the Western New York Nuclear Service Center

- The Town of Ashford approached NYSERDA in mid-2017 regarding a specific proposal they received for the development of a solar photovoltaic facility on the Center property.
- The facility proposed would generate approximately 13 MW of electricity for Community Shared Solar usage.
- NYSERDA had previously identified about 300 acres of property on the eastern portion of the Center that could be considered for reuse.
- The currently proposed facility would be located on approximately 50 acres of property at the end of Buttermilk Road near the Bulk Storage Warehouse.
- The concept for development of the facility includes NYSERDA leasing the property to the Town of Ashford, and the Town entering into a separate agreement with the solar developer to plan, permit, build, operate, and eventually, remove the facility.
- The property will remain under NYSERDA ownership and under the NRC license for the Center.



## WNYNSC and Location of Proposed Solar Facility



## Proposed Solar Facility Site



## Status and Path Forward on the Town of Ashford's Solar Proposal

There are several activities underway in support of the establishment of the solar facility:

- Preparation of lease agreements between NYSERDA and the Town, as well as the Town and solar developer.
- NRC screening of an information package for the facility, including:
  - A description of the project;
  - A 10 CFR Part 50.59 evaluation asserting NYSERDA's view that a license amendment is not required for this activity;
  - Information documenting that the property is not impacted by nuclear operations; and
  - A letter from DOE stating that the project will not inhibit DOE from taking any action required under the Atomic Energy Act, WVDP Act, or Amendment 31 of the NRC License.
- Preparation of an independent property appraisal for the 50-acre parcel (complete).
- Interconnection discussions between the solar developer and the local electric utility.
- SEQRA review – The Town of Ashford declared itself lead agency at the July 2018 Town Board Meeting and is conducting a coordinated review of the activity under SEQRA.
- If all activities come together as needed, site work could begin in spring/summer 2019.



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**Questions?**

