



VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 02, 2026 at 6:05 PM
108 West Main Street and Virtually

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1. **RECORDING OF THE MEETING**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
5. **MEETING GUIDELINES**

Discussion and Vote to Allow an Absent Trustee to Vote By Phone or Other Allowable Means.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[a.](#) Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2026

8. **DISCUSSION**

[a.](#) TotalEnergies Concept Plan

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Posted: August 28, 2026 at 2:15 P.M. 108 W. Main Street, Winnebago, IL
and online at www.villageofwinnebago.com Tel 815.335.2020 | Fax 815.415-8491

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago, August 19, 2026.

The online meeting link to GoToMeeting was made available to employees and the public to attend remotely.

1. RECORDING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was recorded.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago met in person on August 19, 2026, at 6:10 p.m. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Jason Ackerman, Trustee Jeremy Graham and Trustee Mike McKinnon.

ABSENT: Trustee John Kim, Trustee Adam LeFevre and Trustee Duane Springer.

Guests present: Guests present: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Chief Jeff White, Lieutenant Nick Haff, Deputy Clerk Kellie Symonds, Seth Uphoff, Shantanu Pai, Edward Vock, and Greg Hodges,

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum was established.

5. MEETING GUIDELINES

Discussion and Vote to Allow an Absent Trustee to Vote By Phone or Other Allowable Means.

No absent Trustee attended remotely.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be generally allowed for public comment at each meeting.

No one requested to address the Board.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2026.

Motion made by Trustee McKinnon, Seconded by Trustee Graham to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION

a. TotalEnergies Concept Plan

Mr. Uphoff on behalf of TotalEnergies gave a presentation on a proposed community solar project on a growth corridor presently adjacent to the Village. As it is adjacent the property could be annexed to the Village. It would be limited to 1.7mw at this time because of the

substation limitations. The Board asked if the project could be moved to the north on the same 12 acre parcel. TotalEngeries will get that information back to the Village next week.

b. Peak Storage Letter of Credit Extension

The Board agreed the Peak Storage Letter of Credit should be extended for one year.

c. Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Agreement

The Board left the decision on the Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Agreement open. It was noted that membership would help to get our name out there.

d. Long-Term Village Facilities Direction

Administrator Dienberg stated that he, Mr. Insko and Chief White discussed the long-term facilities with the critical need being a Public Works wash bay.

e. 6-Month Budget Review

Administrator Dienberg presented a six-month budget review and the status of the preparation of the 2027 budget.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)

None needed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Gaziano explained that neither counties or municipalities can say absolute no to solar energy systems per the State legislation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Graham, Seconded by Trustee Ackerman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk



Agenda Item Executive Summary

Item Name

TotalEnergies Concept Plan

Committee or Board

Committee

BUDGET IMPACT			
Amount:	N/A	Budgeted:	N/A
List what fund:	N/A		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TotalEnergies Renewables USA is proposing a 12-acre community solar project, CS Winnebago West, on Parcel 14-09-200-001 in unincorporated Winnebago County immediately adjacent to the Village. The Village’s Comprehensive Plan identifies the property for future Office/Light Industrial use, and the Village has also discussed planned water and sewer infrastructure in the area.

Village staff first met with TotalEnergies on July 17, 2026, followed by additional discussions with Village and project legal counsel. TotalEnergies presented the concept plan to the Committee of the Whole on August 19, 2026.

The project team is seeking Board direction on the preferred permitting path: (1) continue through Winnebago County, or (2) pursue the project through the Village, including the applicable pre-annexation and Village permitting process.

ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE LIST)

CS Winnebago West – Array Layout, TotalEnergies Presentation

ACTION REQUESTED

☒For Discussion Only

☐Resolution

☐Ordinance

☐Motion:

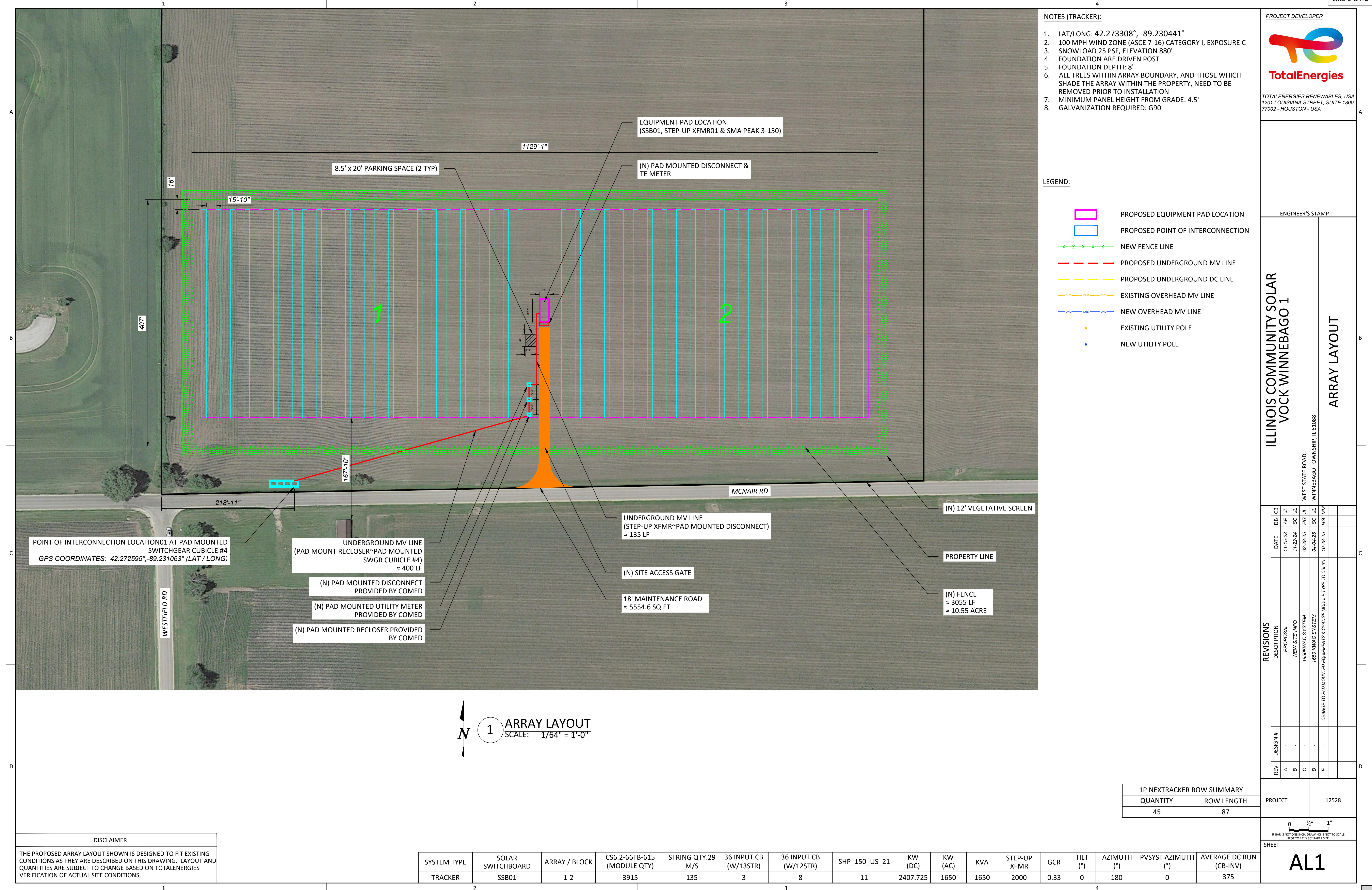
MOTION:

Staff:

Joseph Dienberg, Village Administrator

Date:

9/2/2026



- NOTES (TRACKER):
1. LAT/LONG: 42.273308°, -89.230441°
 2. 100 MPH WIND ZONE (ASCE 7-16) CATEGORY I, EXPOSURE C
 3. SNOWLOAD 25 PSF, ELEVATION 880'
 4. FOUNDATION ARE DRIVEN POST
 5. FOUNDATION DEPTH: 8'
 6. ALL TREES WITHIN ARRAY BOUNDARY, AND THOSE WHICH SHADE THE ARRAY WITHIN THE PROPERTY, NEED TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION
 7. MINIMUM PANEL HEIGHT FROM GRADE: 4.5'
 8. GALVANIZATION REQUIRED: G90

- LEGEND:
- PROPOSED EQUIPMENT PAD LOCATION
 - PROPOSED POINT OF INTERCONNECTION
 - NEW FENCE LINE
 - PROPOSED UNDERGROUND MV LINE
 - PROPOSED UNDERGROUND DC LINE
 - EXISTING OVERHEAD MV LINE
 - NEW OVERHEAD MV LINE
 - EXISTING UTILITY POLE
 - NEW UTILITY POLE

PROJECT DEVELOPER

TotalEnergies

TOTALENERGIES RENEWABLES, USA
1201 LOUISIANA STREET, SUITE 1800
77002 - HOUSTON - USA

ENGINEER'S STAMP

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY SOLAR
VOCK WINNEBAGO 1

WEST STATE ROAD
WINNEBAGO TOWNSHIP, IL 61088

ARRAY LAYOUT

REV		DESIGN #	DESCRIPTION	DATE	DB	CB
A	-	-	PROPOSAL	11-15-23	AP	JL
B	-	-	NEW SITE INFO	11-22-24	SC	JL
C	-	-	1050KWAC SYSTEM	02-28-25	HG	JL
D	-	-	1650 KWAC SYSTEM	04-04-25	SC	JL
E	-	-	CHANGE TO PAD MOUNTED EQUIPMENTS & CHANGE MODULE TYPE TO CS6 615	10-28-25	HG	MM

1P NEXTRACKER ROW SUMMARY	
QUANTITY	ROW LENGTH
45	87

PROJECT

12528

0 1/2" 1"

IF BAR IS NOT ONE INCH, DRAWING IS NOT TO SCALE
PLOT TO 24" X 36" PAPER SIZE

SHEET

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DISCLAIMER

THE PROPOSED ARRAY LAYOUT SHOWN IS DESIGNED TO FIT EXISTING CONDITIONS AS THEY ARE DESCRIBED ON THIS DRAWING. LAYOUT AND QUANTITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON TOTALENERGIES VERIFICATION OF ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.

SYSTEM TYPE	SOLAR SWITCHBOARD	ARRAY / BLOCK	CS6.2-66TB-615 (MODULE QTY)	STRING QTY.29 M/S	36 INPUT CB (W/13STR)	36 INPUT CB (W/12STR)	SHP_150_US_21	KW (DC)	KW (AC)	KVA	STEP-UP XFMR	GCR	TILT (°)	AZIMUTH (°)	PVSYST AZIMUTH (°)	AVERAGE DC RUN (CB-INV)
TRACKER	SSB01	1-2	3915	135	3	8	11	2407.725	1650	1650	2000	0.33	0	180	0	375



Community Solar Project – Winnebago IL

TotalEnergies Renewables

08/19/2026

Project Team



- **TotalEnergies, Developer**

Shantanu Pai, Project Development Manager

- **Legal**

Seth Uphoff, Counsel

TotalEnergies Company Overview

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Over 100 years in the business

Founded in **1924** to play a key role in the oil and gas industry.

A global integrated energy company

Committed to provide as many people as possible with energy that is more reliable, more affordable and more sustainable.

Active in about 120 countries

With more than 100,000 employees, TotalEnergies places sustainability at the heart of its strategy, its projects and its operations.

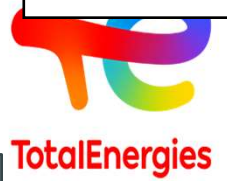
Anchored on a two-pillar multi-energy strategy

The Company plans to increase its energy production by +4% per year between 2024 and 2030.



Total's Existing Successful Experience

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JFK Airport, NY
12MWp with storage
Under construction



**Washington
Metro Transit
Authority , DC**
10MWp
Under construction



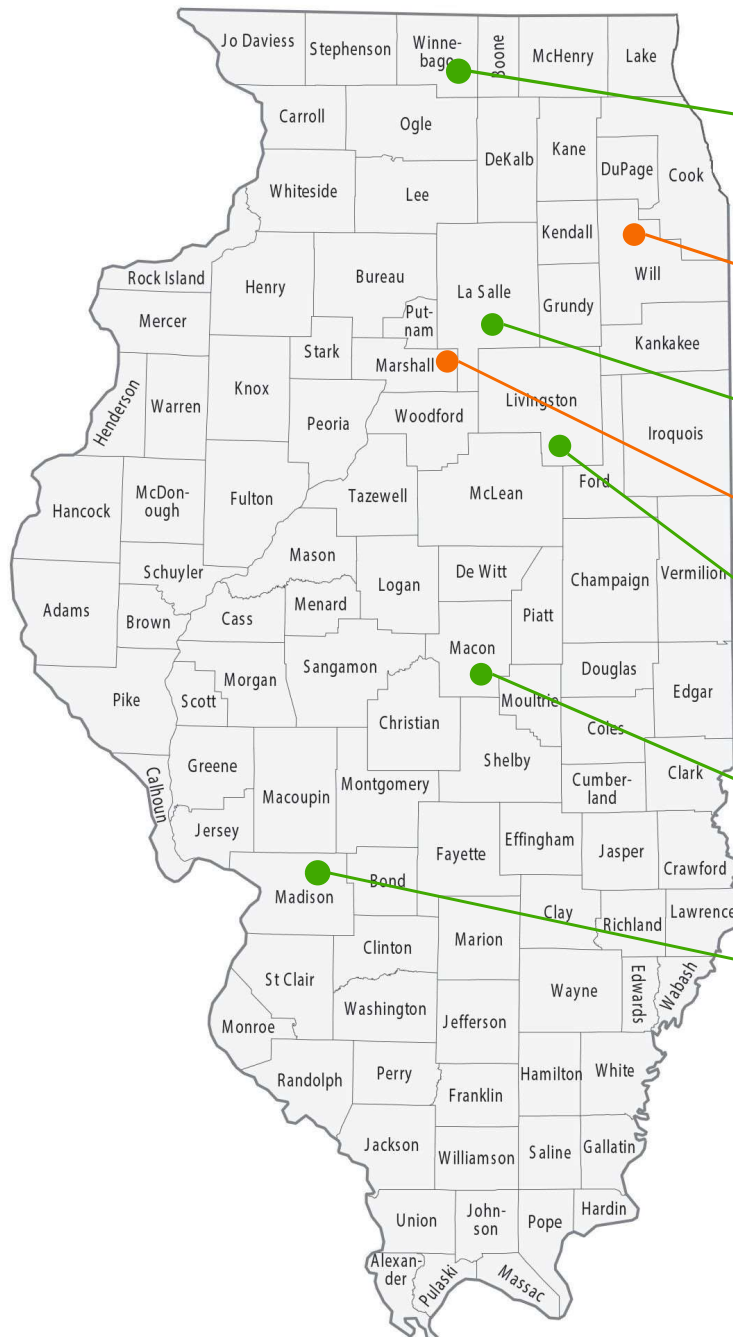
City of Urbana, IL
5MWp
In operation since 2020

Total's Existing Pipeline in IL

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Winnebago County :

- 10 MW (2 projects)
- 1.7 MW (1 project)

Will County : 5 MW (1 Project)

LaSalle County : 24 MW (6 Projects)

Marshall County : 8 MW (2 Projects)

Livingston County : 32 MW (7 projects)

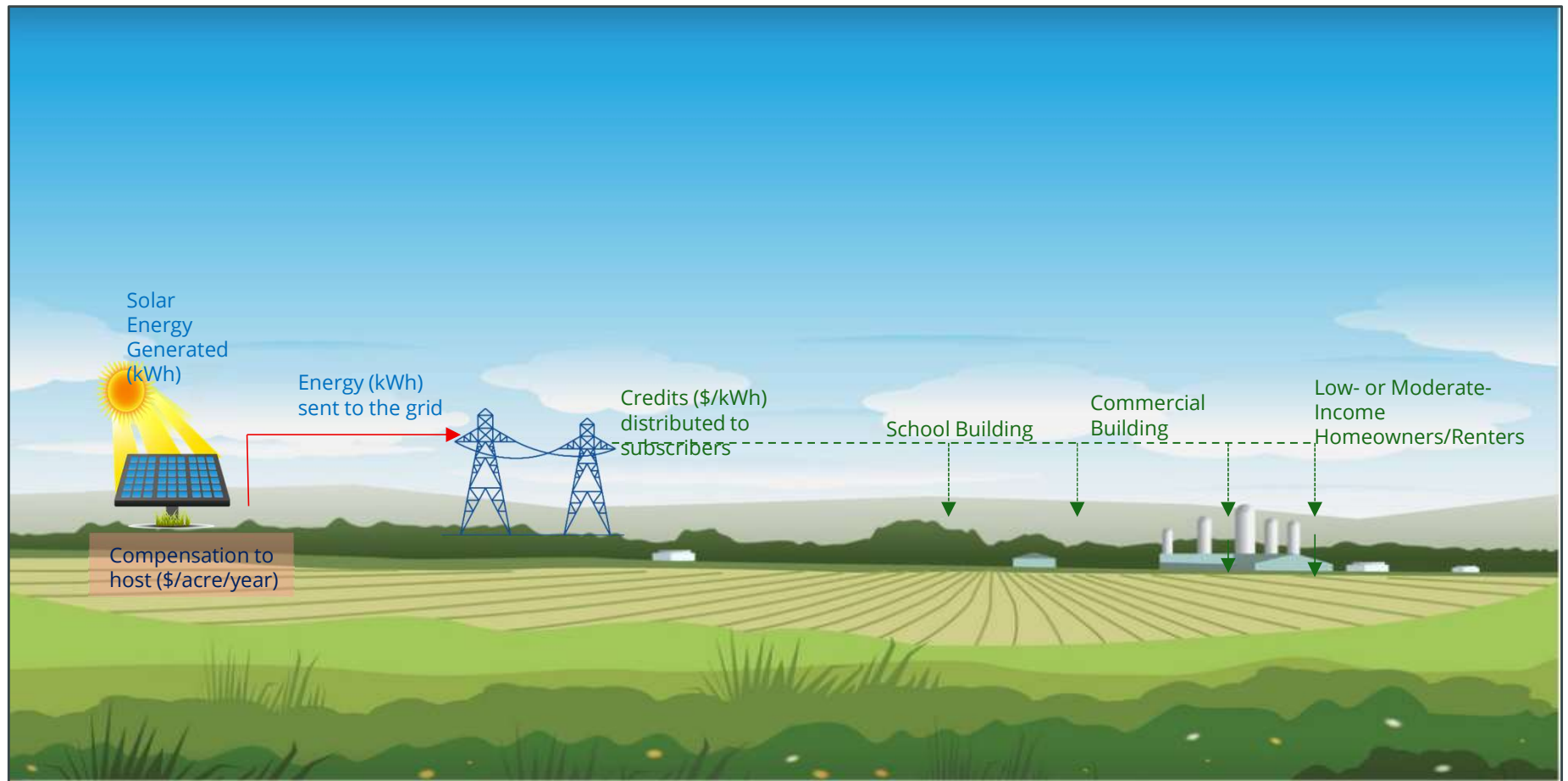
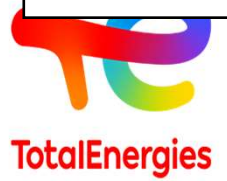
Macon County : 3.3 MW (1 Project)

Madison County : 7.4 MW (2 Projects)

- **Total Pipeline of 91 MW (22 projects)**
- 18 projects starting construction
- 4 projects under Development

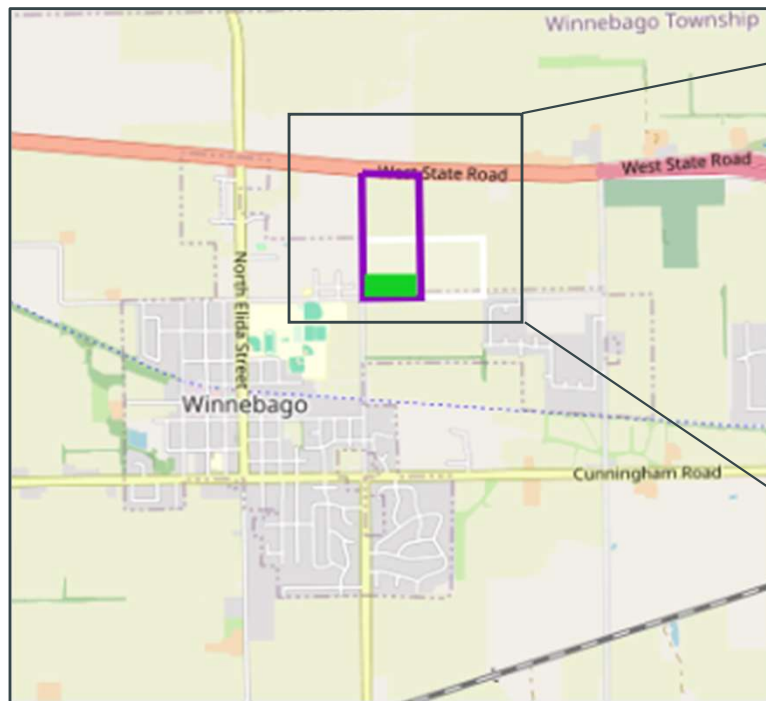
How does Community Solar Work?

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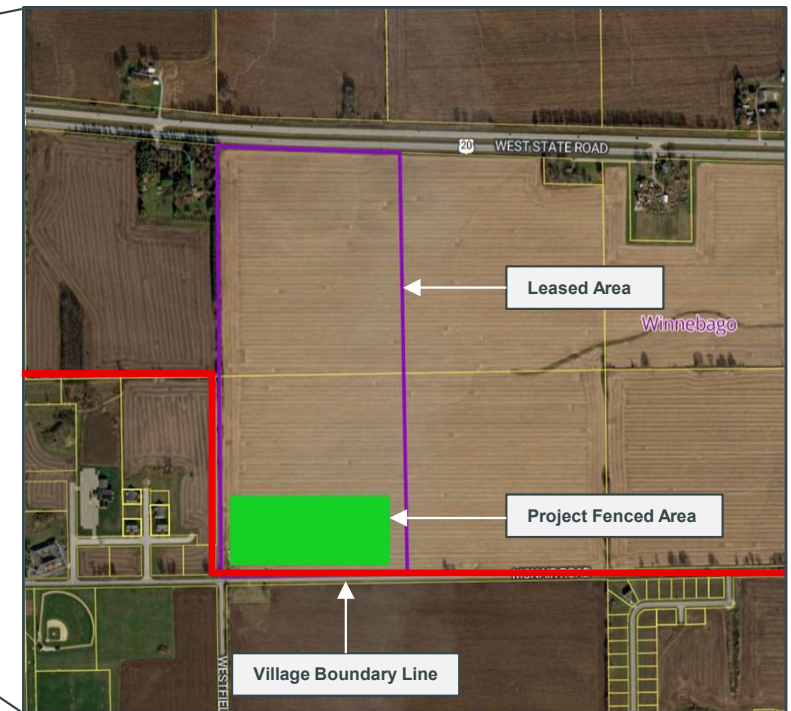


Project Location

- Located on a parcel in Winnebago County (AG Zoned)
 - Northeast of the intersection of McNair Rd and Westfield Rd
- Solar project totaling 1.7 MW and total footprint of 12 acres.
- The solar farm will generate enough electricity for over 250 homes in Illinois



Project Location



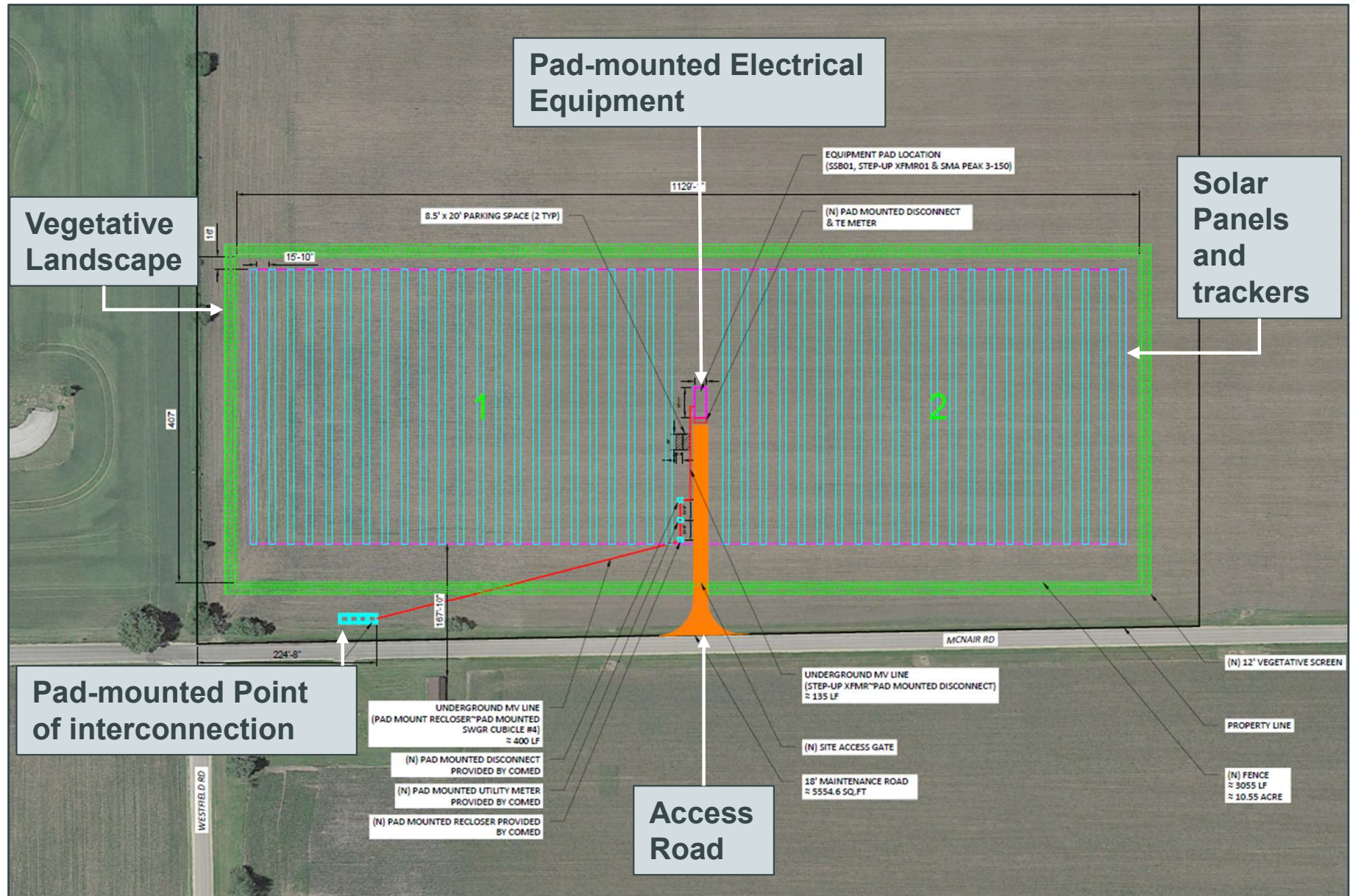
Parcel View

Site Plan

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Vegetative Screening Example

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9 | **This image is for illustrative purposes only and depicts a rendering from a different project.*

Decommissioning Plan



Remove all facility related equipment and material above and below grade

Restore agricultural lands to their former state.

Financial Assurance Bond (\$220k) posted to cover all Facility Decommissioning costs ensuring no cost is borne by County, village or Landowner

Component	Typical Mode of Disposal
<i>Solar Panels</i>	<i>Salvage, recycle or dispose off appropriately</i>
<i>Transformers</i>	<i>Salvage for reuse or recycle for scrap</i>
<i>Inverters</i>	<i>Salvage for reuse or recycle for scrap</i>
<i>Steel racks and mounts</i>	<i>Salvage for reuse or recycle for scrap</i>
<i>Fencing</i>	<i>Salvage for reuse or recycle for scrap</i>
<i>Cabling</i>	<i>Salvage for reuse or recycle</i>
<i>Concrete Foundation</i>	<i>Crush and recycle as granular material</i>
<i>Granular Material</i>	<i>Reuse or dispose off appropriately</i>
<i>Miscellaneous non-recyclable materials</i>	<i>Dispose off appropriately</i>

Economic Benefits of the Project

	Current AG Use over 40 yrs	Project over 40 years
Winnebago Village	\$16k	\$27k
Winnebago Fire Department	\$15k	\$26k
Winnebago Park District	\$2k	\$4k
Winnebago School District	\$114k	\$196k
Winnebago Township Road	\$3k	\$6k
Winnebago Library	\$4k	\$6k
Others	\$29k	\$50K
Total	\$183K	\$315k



Overall Benefits of the Project

- **Electric bill savings for Residents and Small businesses**

Community solar subscribers receive a discount on their energy bills

- **Fees and review authority stays with the Village**

SUP application fees, building permit fees, and decommissioning assurance bond are paid locally, while the Village retains ordinance oversight.

- **School and community benefits**

\$20K PLTW support to school district and additional tax revenue to the School District and the village

Annual property taxes

\$14,180

+\$9.6k/year vs. current
parcel taxes

40-year tax value

\$315K

+\$130k vs. Current
estimate before any future
rate changes

School STEM support

\$20K

Project Lead The Way
sponsorship for one
program year



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Thank you!