

**Appendix I: Solar Decommissioning Plan [Added 10/21/2024 by L.L. No.3-2024]**

**Date:** [Date]

**Decommissioning Plan for [Solar Project Name], located at: [Solar Project Address]**

Prepared and submitted by [Solar Developer Name], the owner of [Solar Farm Name]

As required by the Village of Lansing, [Solar Developer Name] presents this decommissioning plan for [Solar Project Name] (the “Facility”).

System decommissioning shall be required as a result of any of the following conditions:

1. The land lease – if any – ends, unless the project owner has acquired the land.
2. The solar energy system ceases to generate electricity on a continuous basis for 12 months.
3. The solar energy system is damaged and will not be repaired or replaced by [Solar Developer Owner].

If any of the above conditions are met, and upon notification or instruction by the Village of Lansing, [Solar Developer Name] shall implement this decommissioning plan. System decommissioning and removal, as well as all necessary site restoration or remediation activities, shall be completed within six months.

The owner of the Facility, as provided for in its lease with the landowner, and in accordance with the requirements of the Village of Lansing zoning law, shall restore the property to its condition as it existed before the Facility was installed, pursuant to which shall include the following:

1. Removal of all operator-owned equipment, concrete, conduits, structures, fencing, and foundations located less than 36-inches below the soil surface, and/or less than 48-inches below the soil surface in areas consisting of **Mineral Soil Groups (MSG) 1-4 and/or Active Agricultural Lands**.
2. For projects located on areas consisting of **MSG 1-4 and/or Active Agricultural Lands**, removal of all operator owned equipment, concrete, conduits, structures, fencing, and foundations in accordance with the decommissioning requirements contained in the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets’ “Guidelines for Solar Energy Projects - Construction Mitigation for Agricultural Lands.”
3. Removal of any solid and hazardous waste caused by the Facility in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
4. Removal of all graveled areas and access roads unless the landowner requests in writing for it to remain.

An appendix is included in this plan to provide a project schedule detailing a breakdown of tasks required for the decommissioning removal of the system, including:

1. Time required to decommission and remove the system and any ancillary structures.
2. Time required to repair any damage caused to the property by the installation and removal of the system.

The cost of system decommissioning and removal, as well as all necessary site remediation and restoration activities, is estimated to be \$[XXX] as of the date and time this application is filed.

A decommissioning security shall be executed in the amount of 115% of the cost of system decommissioning, removal, and site restoration.

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This cost estimate and decommissioning surety will be revisited every five years and updated as needed to account for inflation or other cost changes.

The owner of the Facility, currently [Solar Developer Name], is responsible for this decommissioning.

**Facility Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_