

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

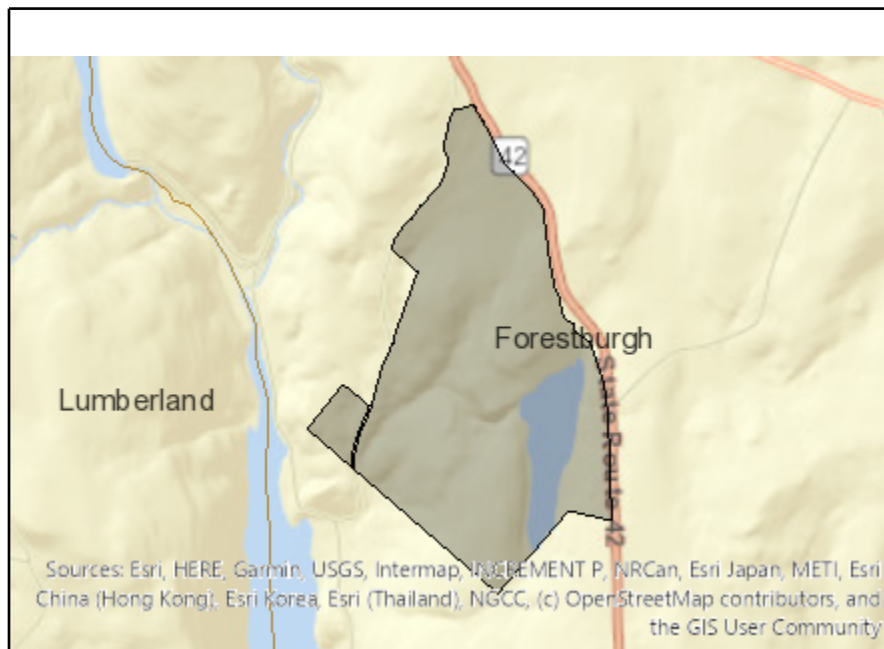
Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Town of Forestburgh Solar Energy Systems Local Law			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Town of Forestburgh			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Adoption of Local Law amending Town Code and establishing regulations applicable to installation solar energy facilities.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of Forestburgh		Telephone: (845) 794-0611	
		E-Mail: forestburghsupervisor@gmail.com	
Address: 332 King Road			
City/PO: Forestburgh		State: New York	Zip Code: 12777
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2. SEE ATTACHED		NO ☐	YES ☒
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO ☐	YES ☐
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: 5. ☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban) ☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify): ☐ Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	☐	☐	☐
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☐	☐
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	☐	☐	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	☒	☐	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	☐	☐	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☐	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☐	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	☐	☐	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	☐	☐	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	☐	☐	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	☒	☐	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	☐	☐	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: ☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional ☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered? Timber Rattlesnake, Bald Eagle	NO ☐	YES ☒
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO ☒	YES ☐
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO ☐	YES ☐
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	☐	☐
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	☐	☐
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO ☐	YES ☐
49. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO ☐	YES ☐
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO ☒	YES ☐
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Town of Forestburgh - Town Supervisor Daniel S. Hogue, Jr.</u> Date: <u>September 7, 2023</u> Signature: <u>s/ Daniel S. Hogue, Jr.</u> Title: <u>Town Supervisor</u>		

EAF Mapper Summary Report



Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Timber Rattlesnake, Bald Eagle
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

Project Description

The Town of Forestburgh (“Town”) Town Board seeks to amend the Town Code by adding a chapter establishing regulations applicable to the installation of solar energy facilities (the “Action”) The local law entitled “Solar Energy Systems” (“SES”) is attached as Appendix 1.

Proposed Local Law

The SES local law provides standards to facilitate the development and operation of solar energy systems in the Town of Forestburgh, subject to a land use permitting process and other reasonable conditions that will protect the public health, safety and welfare, and the environment. The SES local law establishes regulations for SES less than 25 kilowatt (“KW”) (“Small-Scale”) and for SES greater than 25 KW (“Large Scale”).

The Small-Scale systems include roof-mounted, ground-mounted, and building integrated solar panels. Small Scale systems are allowed in all zoning districts as an accessory use but must comply with the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (“Building Code”), NYSEDA, the NYS Energy Conservation Code (“Energy Code”). Roof-mounted and building integrated solar panels require building permits. Ground-mounted Small-Scale Systems require site plan approval and are subject to the requirements in § 134-14, which are intended to avoid or mitigation and environmental impact.

Large-Scale systems are only allowed in the Recreational Residential and Rural Conservation zoning districts requiring site plan approval, special use permit, and are subject to the requirements and strict land-use controls set forth in § 134-15, including treatment as a SEQRA Type I action (§ 134-15 [B] [12]).

Impact Assessment

Environmental impacts, if any, will be analyzed in the Parts 2 and 3 Environmental Assessments forms.