

**Town of Concord
86 Franklin Street
Concord, NY 14141**

State Environmental Quality Review
Notice of Determination of Significance
POSITIVE DECLARATION - TYPE I ACTION

**CONCORD PV, LLC
12119 SPRINGVILLE BOSTON RD, CONCORD, NY; SBL#307.00-3-37**

Lead Agency: Town of Concord

Date: January 9, 2025

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of Concord, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment resulting in a Positive Declaration determination of significance, and thus, directing the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with 6NYCRR §617.12(b)(1) and to publish the Positive Declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.12(c).

Name of Action: CONCORD PV, LLC; CONCORD SOLAR

SEQR Status: Type I

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Description of Action: The proposed action involves construction of a 5,000 KW ground-mounted Large-Scale Solar Energy System on a portion of an existing parcel located on Springville-Boston Road in the Town of Concord, New York. The action includes but may not be limited to construction of an access road off of Springville-Boston Road, solar panel modules, transformers, fences, poles, and inverters. Upon completion, the proposed project will provide up to 5,000 KW of renewable power to the existing electrical grid via an interconnection point at a sub-transmission line near Boston-Springville Road. The array footprint (fenced area) will cover roughly 35.2 acres of the 100.2-acre site.

Location: Town of Concord, Erie County, see attached location map.

Reasons Supporting this Documentation:

The Concord Town Board, as lead agency, has considered the criteria for determining significance as set forth in SEQRA regulations to 6 NYCRR §617.7, and has evaluated the proposed action's potential environmental impacts as identified in the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) Parts 2 and 3. The Town Board has determined that potential significant adverse environmental impacts include:

- Impact on Agricultural Resources
 - The proposed action involves the removal of a significant acreage of important agricultural soils at the project site from production for a substantial period of time.
 - The proposed action may set an undesirable precedent which may lead to comparable developmental pressures on other valued agricultural resources in the Town of Concord.
- Impact on Aesthetic Resources
- Consistency with Community Plans
 - The proposed action is inconsistent with the priority of protecting and preserving agricultural land and farmland.
 - The proposed action is inconsistent with the goals set forth in the 2021 Town Comprehensive Plan.
 - The proposed action is inconsistent with the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.
- Consistency with Community Character
 - The proposed action is inconsistent with the surrounding community character as stated in the 2021 Town Comprehensive Plan.

- Full Environmental Assessment Part 2
- Full Environmental Assessment Part 3, with Additional Reasoning Attachment(8 pages)

For Further Information and Review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form:

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A Copy of this Notice was sent to:

- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
- NYS Energy Research & Development Agency
- Erie County Industrial Development Agency
- Erie County Environment and Planning
- Erie County Department of Public Works
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Village of Springville