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Woodside Lane Solar Project
0 Worcester Highway
Snow Hill, MD 21863 (Worcester County)
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Note:
This summary is based on
information provided in the
CPCN Application filed with
the PSC on **October 27,**
2025, and **Applicant**
Responses to PPRP Data
Request Numbers 1 and 2
which is subject to change
and has not yet been fully
reviewed by PPRP.

CPCN Timeline

CPCN Application filed on October 27, 2025
Applicant's Filed Direct Testimony: March 24, 2026
Intervenors' Direct Testimony Due: September 10, 2026
Public Hearing: September 17, 2026
PSC Evidentiary Hearing (if settlement is reached): November 4, 2026

Project Location:

The Woodside Solar 1, LLC 5.0 MW AC Solar Project (Project) will be located on a 54.3-acre parcel in Snow Hill, Maryland (Figure 1). [Google Map Link](#). Per the Applicant, the approximate limit of disturbance (LOD) for the Project will be 22.96 acres.

Project Overview:

Woodside Solar 1, LLC (Applicant) has applied for a CPCN to construct a 5.0 MW AC solar array in Worcester County.

Project components include:

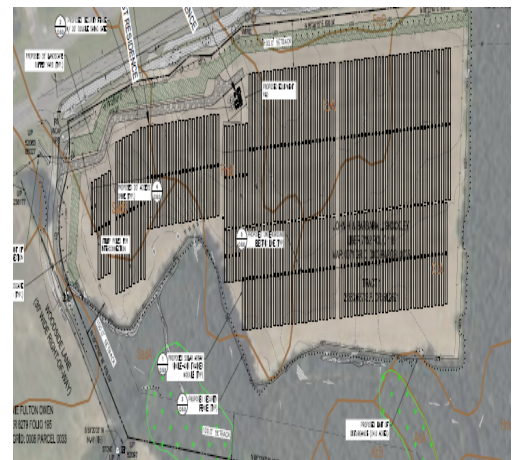
- 11,872 photovoltaic (PV) modules ground-mounted on a single axis tracker system;
- Interconnection to the electric distribution grid via an existing utility pole across from the proposed site located along the southern side of Worcester Highway west of the intersection with Woodside Lane.
- 20 string inverters;
- Two transformers; and
- One equipment pad, which will support the transformer and inverters.

Site Description

The parcel that comprises the Project site has been used for agricultural purposes, and also contains wooded and undeveloped forest land. Approximately 43 acres (or 74.9%) of the total Project Parcel is considered prime farmland. The Property contains one nontidal wetland outside the Project limits and drains in the southeast to the intermittent Hardship Branch of the Pocomoke River. The Project is not in a Tier II Catchment Area. Surrounding land uses include limited residential structures, existing vegetation, additional agricultural lands, and public rights of way. The Project is located within Worcester County's Agricultural zone (A-1) and is within a Priority Preservation Area (PPA). Worcester County permits community solar projects within the A-1 districts subject to local review processes. The Applicant is pursuing a CPCN due to the size (5.0 MW) of the Project.

The Project is a Community Solar Energy Generating System (CSEGS) and will deliver all its output to Maryland subscribers via the Delmarva Power (DPL) electric distribution grid. The Applicant has submitted the interconnection application to DPL. The Applicant has received Subscriber Organization Number 23A3057570006538 and DPL completed its engineering study on February 17, 2026.

Figure 1. Project Location



**Source: Woodside Lane Concept Site Plan
DR1-8**

Impact Assessment Highlights

Biological

- The Project property is not located within a Tier II catchment area, and is located within the Lower Pocomoke River watershed. The Project ultimately drains to the Pocomoke through the intermittent Hardship Branch located to the southeast. This stream, the one nontidal wetland located nearby, and all associated mandatory buffer areas are located outside the project LOD. Applicant is not required to obtain a Letter of Authorization from MDE.
- The Project is not located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

- The Applicant does not plan any forest clearing.
- An August 15, 2024 letter from MDE Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways states no impact to wetlands, streams, or floodplains based on the existing plan.
- The Applicant consulted with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Services (DNR-WHS), and DNR indicated in its January 9, 2024 letter that it has no official records for State or Federal listed, candidate, proposed, or rare plant or animal species within the project area.
- The Applicant will incorporate pollinator-friendly species throughout the Project.
- The ERD states that the Project will include 0.61 acres of impervious areas for access roads and equipment pads.

Noise Impacts

- The Applicant's ERD states that the closest residential dwelling is approximately 850 feet away from a proposed equipment pad. The Applicant anticipates sound levels to be significantly lower than the regulated 65 dBA.

Visual Impacts

- The Applicant proposes to enclose the Project with a 7-foot-tall screening fence.
- The Applicant is proposing a 35-foot-wide four-season landscape buffer on all sides of the Project in combination with existing forests.
- The Applicant utilized the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Notice Criteria Tool and the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) Project Locator to determine that the Project does not exceed notice criteria, it is not within an Airport Zoning District, and no further action is required.

Cultural Resource Impacts

- The Applicant has corresponded with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), which has determined that the Project will have no adverse effect on historic properties.

Public Safety and Transportation

- The Applicant states that construction traffic will access the Project site by a proposed access road off Woodside Lane on the western side of the Project.
- During construction, the Applicant anticipates that daily traffic to the site may include tractor trailers, miscellaneous construction equipment, and personnel vehicles. The Applicant further states that temporary traffic control measures will be implemented during construction to ensure flow of traffic along Woodside Lane.
- The Applicant's ERD states that during operation the Project will be monitored remotely with only occasional site visits and will not impact traffic.
- The Applicant plans to coordinate with the County Fire Department to ensure that the Project is compliant with the State Fire Prevention Code.

Economic and Fiscal

- The Applicant estimates that the Project will create approximately 30 direct jobs and 8 indirect jobs during the construction period and approximately one operation and maintenance job post-construction.
- The Applicant estimates that the Project will generate approximately \$78,000 to Worcester County annually and approximately \$2.6 million over the life of the Project.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided

- The Project will displace approximately 6,370 tons of CO₂ emissions in the Mid-Atlantic Region and 340 tons of CO₂ in Maryland annually.