



# LANGDON MILLS SOLAR

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the impact of the Project to local roads?

- A. The Project will survey local roads prior to the start of construction and once construction has been completed. Langdon Mills Solar will maintain and/or improve local roads as required to support any increase in traffic or weight so that upon Project completion the roads will be in the same or better condition as prior to construction.

### 2. What are the Project impacts to wildlife?

- A. Solar projects generally incorporate a pollinator-friendly habitat that is welcoming to birds and pollinators like bees and butterflies. Around the perimeter of the Project footprint, a fence will be installed that still allows small animals (rabbits, squirrels, etc.) to access habitat within the Project boundaries. Large animals such as deer, foxes, and coyotes, will not be able to access the solar field. However, wildlife will adjust and adapt to changes in their habitat just as they do now as a result of agricultural practice or other human-induced impacts. Wildlife will become accustomed to the solar farm and make it part of their habitat along the perimeters of the fenced areas and corridors between fenced areas. The Project will be reviewed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for impacts on certain wildlife, and the Project will otherwise comply with all applicable state and federal wildlife rules during construction and operation.

### 3. Is there a fire risk associated with utility-scale solar power generation facilities?

- A. There is a very low risk of fire at large-scale solar facilities. The equipment at Langdon Mills Solar will be monitored 24/7 electronically, and physically throughout a standard work week. It is the Project's number one priority to ensure the safety of landowners within the Project boundary. Langdon Mills Solar has been in contact with the local fire department regarding the safe handling of fires within the facility. The Project will be designed with responsible access points throughout the Project array and with the input of the local fire department.

### 4. How is the solar plant taxed?

- A. In Wisconsin, owners of solar farms greater than 50 megawatts pay annually into a utility aid fund which is shared with the local governments where the solar farm is located. Under the revenue sharing formula currently in place, a qualifying solar farm (such as ours) will contribute approximately \$2,333 per mega watt (MW) per year to the county and approximately \$1,667 per MW to the township(s) hosting the Project, for a total of \$4,000 per MW per year.

### 5. What is the decibel level of the electrical equipment at the fence surrounding the solar plant?

- A. Noise producing equipment at a solar facility is limited to inverters, transformers, motors, and (if utilized) batteries. The Project will be designed to the extent practicable with the sound producing equipment placed at a distance from Project borders.

### 6. What is typically involved in the decommissioning process of the solar plant?

- A. As part of Langdon Mills Solar's lease agreements with landowners, and as required by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW), the Project will be responsible for the removal of all equipment at the end of the Project's useful life. The removal of equipment and restoration of the host site is referred to as "decommissioning." A Decommissioning Plan has been submitted as part of the application to the PSCW. This plan details the responsibility of the Project to remove equipment and return land to a similar state as was present before the Project was constructed. As part of the Decommissioning Plan, the Project will agree to post a bond or similar financial surety to ensure the funds necessary to decommission are consistently available throughout the life of the Project; this bond provides a financial guarantee that the Project will bear the cost to decommission and that host landowners (with whom the Project has leased ground for this temporary land-use purpose) and/or host communities will not be responsible for any costs. Decommissioning will consist of removing the vast majority of solar equipment which was not present on the land prior to construction and operation. Any remaining equipment will not impact future land uses. The decommissioning bond remains in effect for the life of the Project regardless of any ownership transfer.