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Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary Ohio Power Siting Board Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3797

Re: Case Nos. 19-1881-EL-BGN and 21-508-EL-BGA - In the Matter of the Application of Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Madison County, Ohio.

Certificate Compliance Condition 8 - Engineering Drawings

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC's ("Applicant") is certified to construct a solar-powered electric generation facility in Madison County, Ohio, in accordance with the orders issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") in Case Nos. 19-1881-EL-BGN and 21-508-EL-BGA on January 21, 2021, and October 21, 2021, respectively.

At this time, the Applicant is filing the attached engineering drawing and associated documents in compliance with Condition 8 of the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation approved by the OPSB's January 21, 2021 order in Case No. 19-1881-EL-BGN. These documents were provided to the Staff of the OPSB on September 30, 2022.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Attachment 1 Madison Fields Solar Project Engineering Drawings Memorandum



#### Reference: Madison Fields Solar Project - Engineering Drawings Memo

Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC (Madison Fields Solar) is certified to construct a 180-megawatt (MW) solar energy facility in Pike Township, Madison County, Ohio. Madison Fields Solar filed an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need (CECPN) on July 17, 2020, supplemented on July 23, 2020 and August 3, 2020, to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). The Project was issued a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need by the OPSB on January 21, 2021. The OPSB approved an amendment for the Project on October 21, 2021, which allowed for use of the entire 1,932-acre Project Area included in the original CECPN application.

The Project is composed of photovoltaic solar modules mounted on a racking system, inverters, an electrical collection system transferring power from the inverters to a new project substation and switchyard, and internal access roads with a perimeter fence securing the area (the Project). The Project Area includes approximately 1,932 acres of existing agriculture, scrub-shrub, oak-hickory successional forest, developed, wetlands, and old field in Madison County. At the time of the original application submittal, the footprint of the Project, which encompasses all land within the perimeter fence plus access roads/driveways off the public roadways, was estimated to encompass approximately 1,000 acres of the larger 1,932-acre permitted Project Area.

Madison Fields Solar has finalized the site design for construction and intends to use a combination of Risen RSM144 (380 and 385-watt) and RSM120 (590 and 595-watt) bifacial monocrystalline panels for the Project. The final site design has a footprint of approximately 1,305 acres. Despite the larger footprint, the nameplate capacity of the Project is still 180-MW and is within the approved Project Area. The larger footprint is a result of the final selection of Project equipment, additional site-specific data, and optimization of the site layout to maximize energy generation, specifically:

- The pitch (or row to row spacing) for the Project was increased from the design presented in the
  application in order to increase the energy production efficacy. The original design utilized a pitch
  of 19 feet whereas the optimized site design is using 22 feet spacing for the 300 series modules
  and 23.75 feet pitch for the 500 series modules.
- Identification of additional low-lying areas in the Project area that may experience ponding and the location of an agricultural drain tile main line that bisects the Project area. Avoidance of those areas resulted in a gap in the arrays that totals approximately 70 acres. Siting to avoid areas of ponding and main drain tiles will help reduce potential environmental concerns for stormwater and temporary erosion.
- The modules selected for the final design are larger than those proposed in the application. The application assumed use of the Risen 300 series modules for the entire Project with dimensions of approximately 79.4 inches long and 39.3 inches in width, whereas the Risen 500 series modules are larger with dimensions of 85.5 inches long and 51.3 inches in width.

Despite the larger footprint, Madison Fields Solar is still avoiding all wetlands delineated onsite and clearing of forested habitat will not exceed the 4.3 acres originally proposed. 4.5 acres of scrub-shrub habitat will also be cleared, as illustrated in the Tree Clearing Plan (Attachment 3). The remainder of the footprint is land used for row-crop agriculture. While the total acreage of the Project footprint has increased between the layout proposed in the application and the final site design, the disturbance to sensitive environmental resources such as wetlands, forested areas, etc. have not changed with the increased footprint.



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The updated design will not result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those determined in the application. The final site design adheres to all setbacks committed to in the original CECPN application, and in some cases, setbacks have been increased. The solar modules have been setback a minimum of 300 feet from non-participating residences, 100 feet from road right-of-way, 65 feet from the existing transmission line that bisects the Project Area, and 110 feet from the Morse Cemetery (as agreed upon with SHPO). The Project also avoids the Rosedale Bible College Source Water Protection Area. As stated previously, the final design still avoids all wetlands delineated onsite, and the 25-foot wetland setback required by the County has been exceeded.

An updated Glint and Glare Analysis and Sound Study will be provided prior to construction. The reports will demonstrate that there will be no hazardous glare as a result of the updated design and sound levels will not exceed the daytime ambient level plus five dBA at any non-participating sensitive receptor. Project representatives have been in close communication with landowners adjacent to the Project Area. Most adjacent non-participating parcels that contain a residence have either executed a Good Neighbor Agreement or Alternative Mitigation Agreement. If not, vegetative screening will be installed to mitigate the visual impact of the Project. This information will be detailed in the Landscape and Lighting Plan, which will be submitted to OPSB prior to the start of Project construction.

# Attachment 2 Madison Fields Solar Project Engineering Drawings

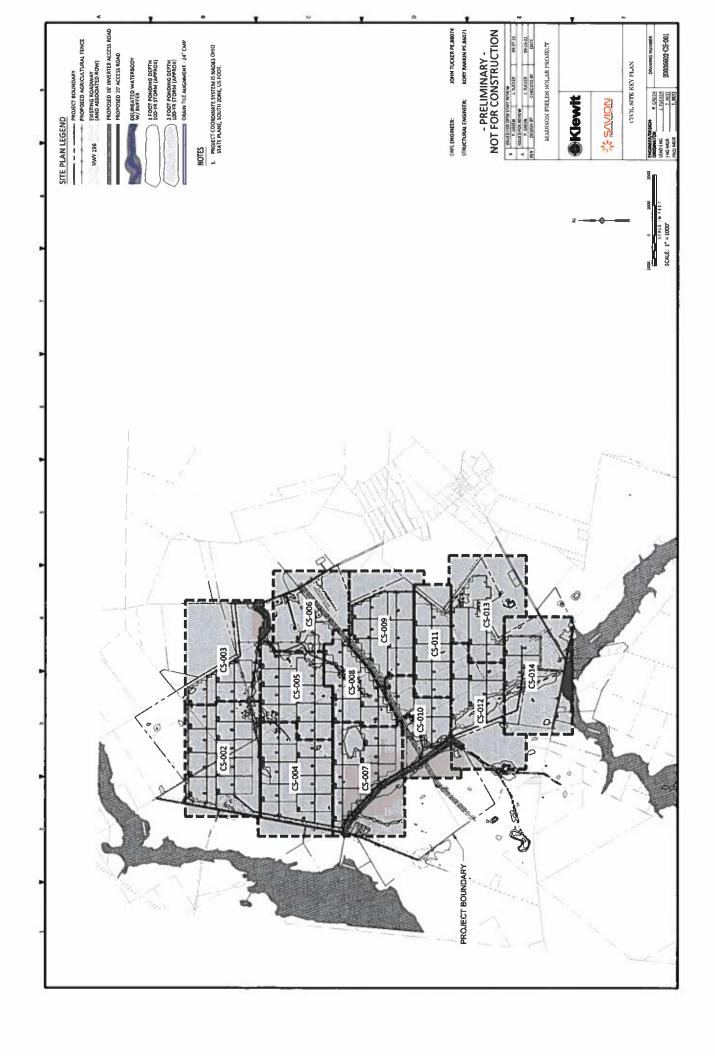
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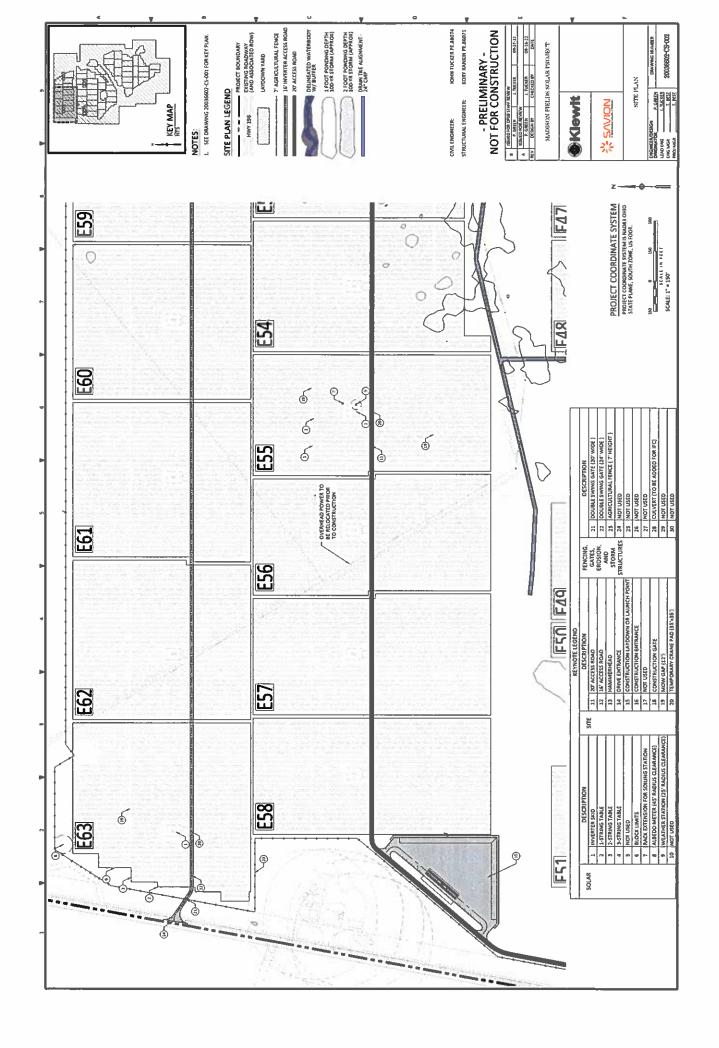


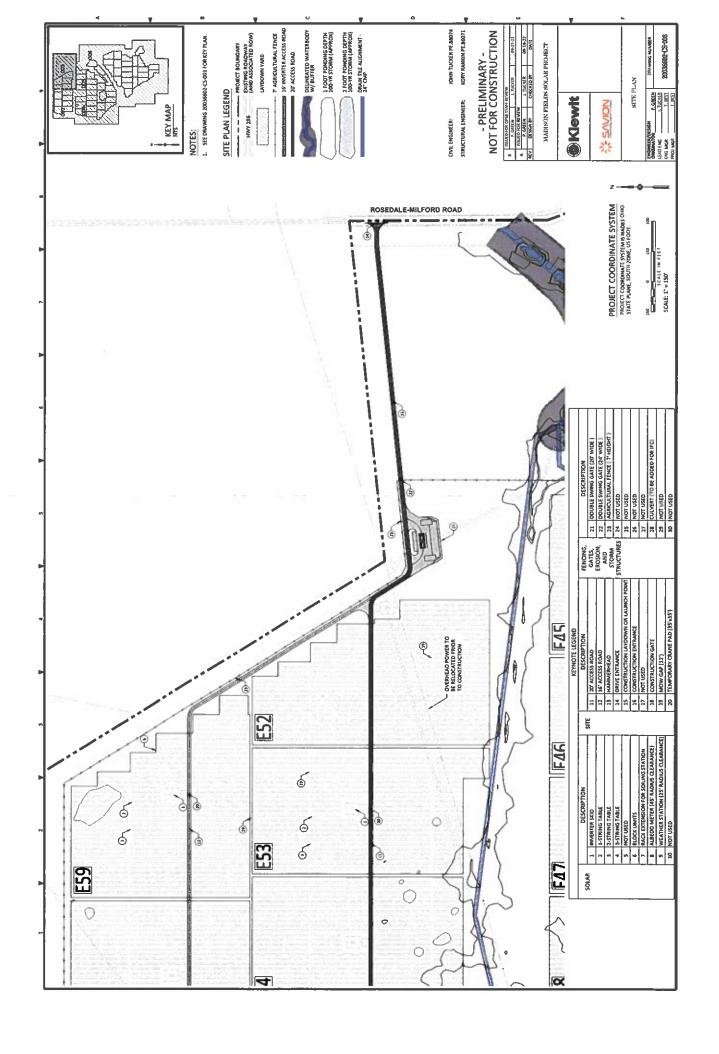
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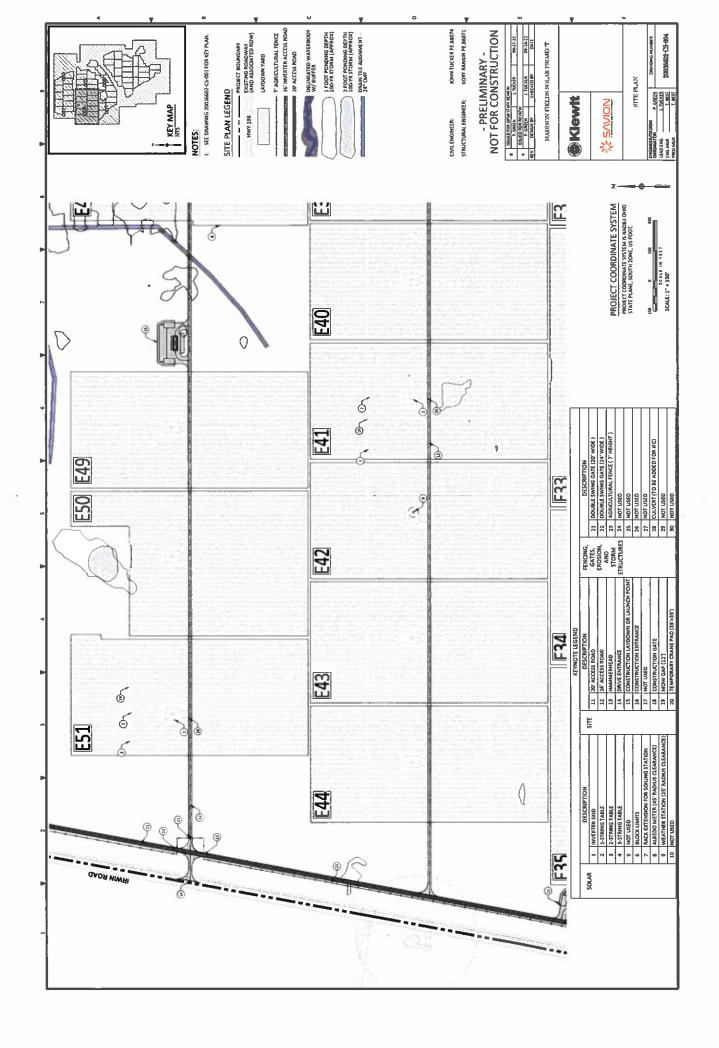
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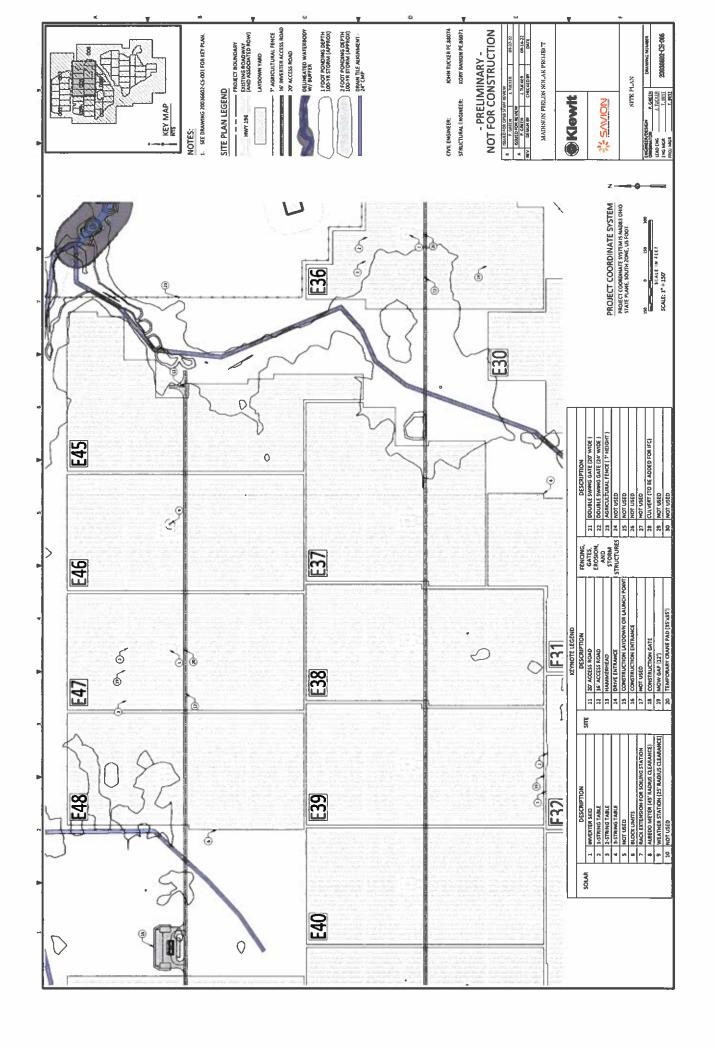


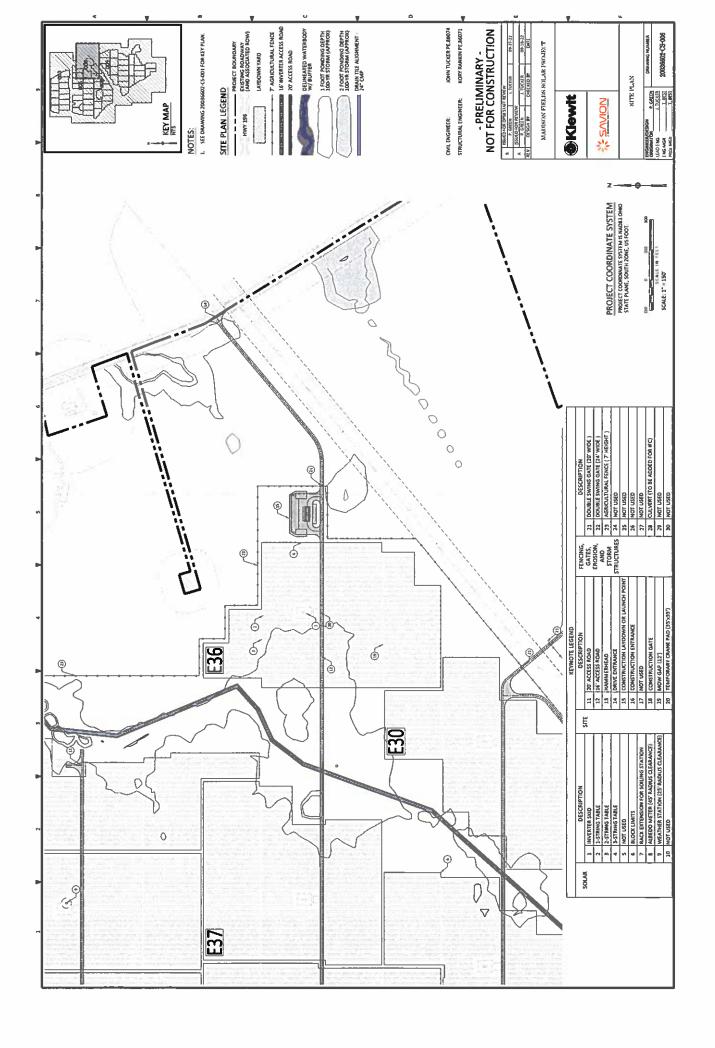


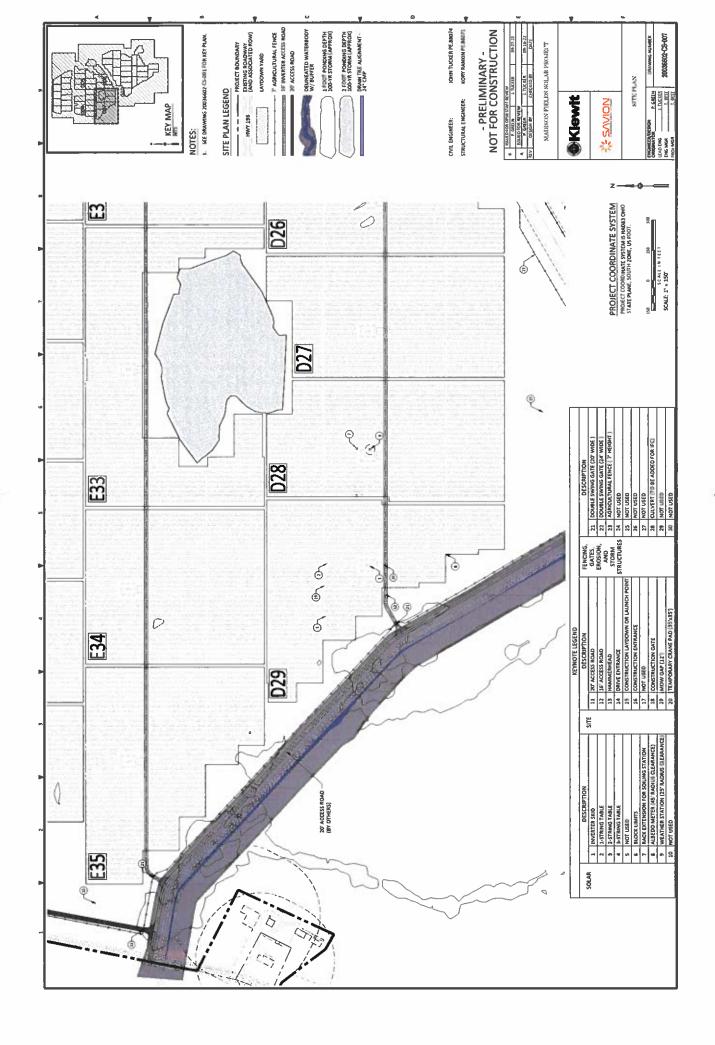


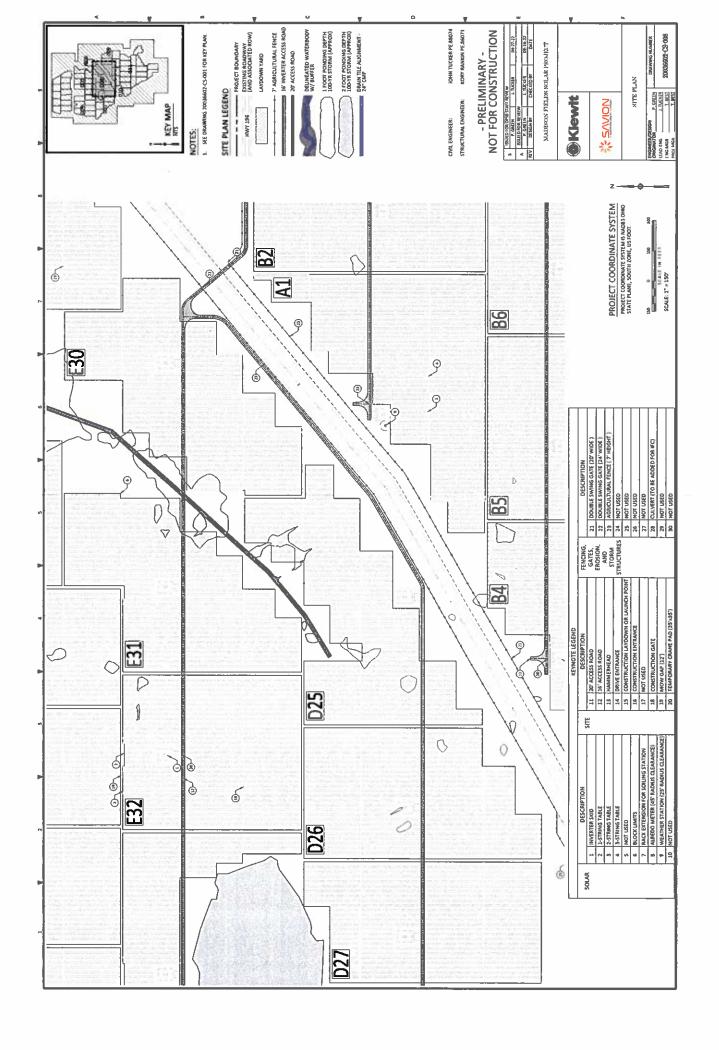


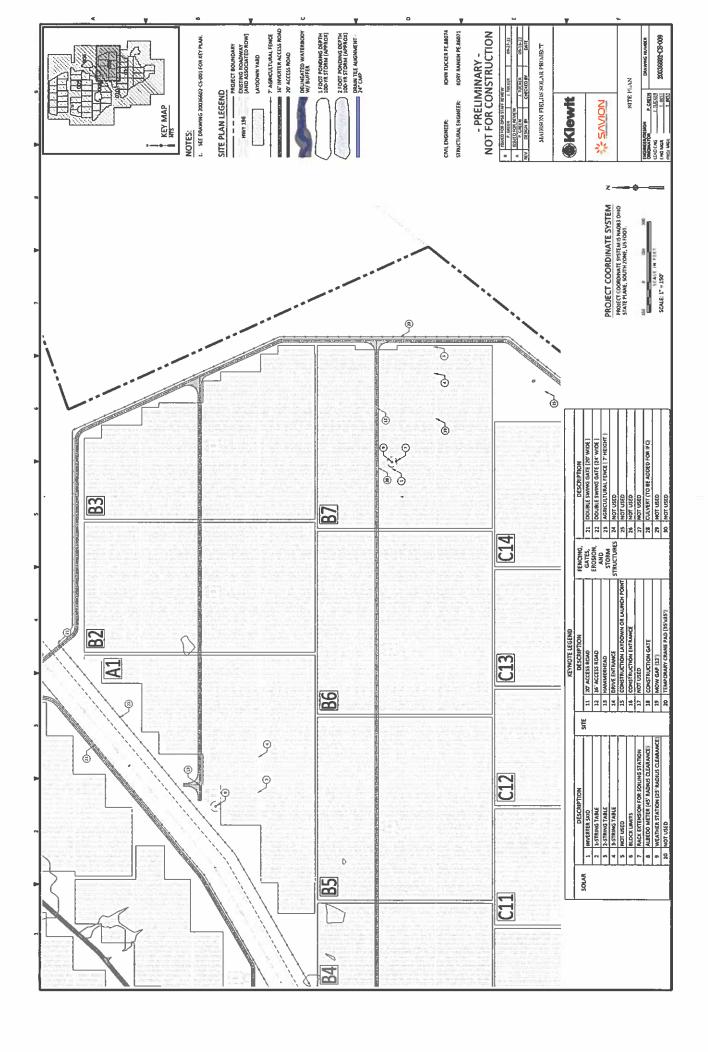


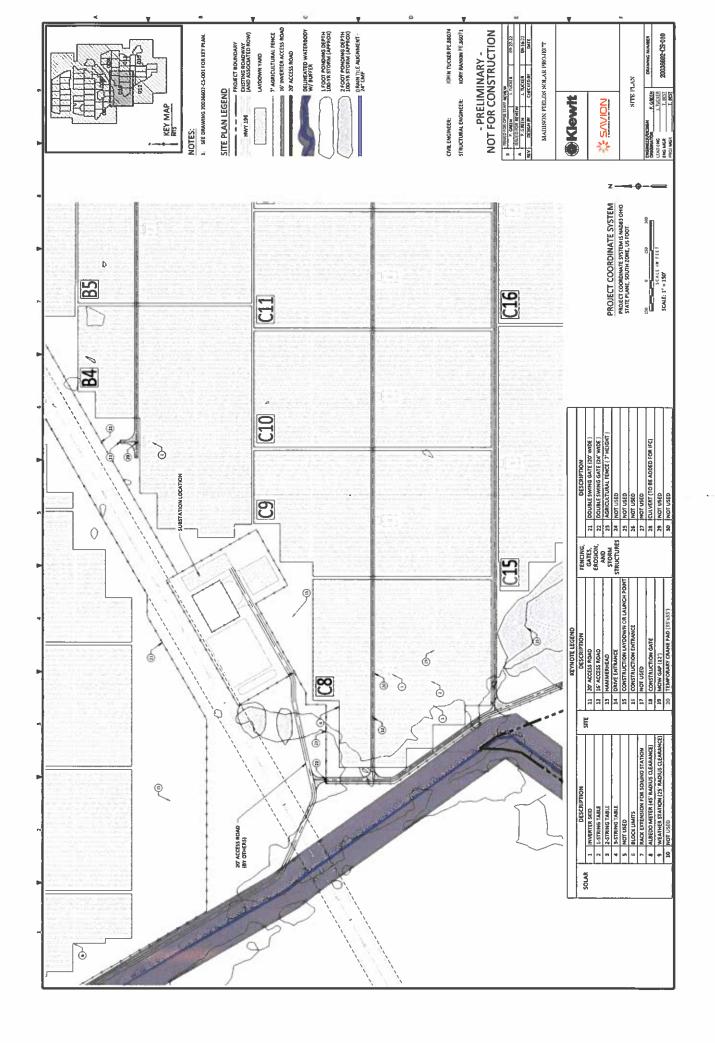


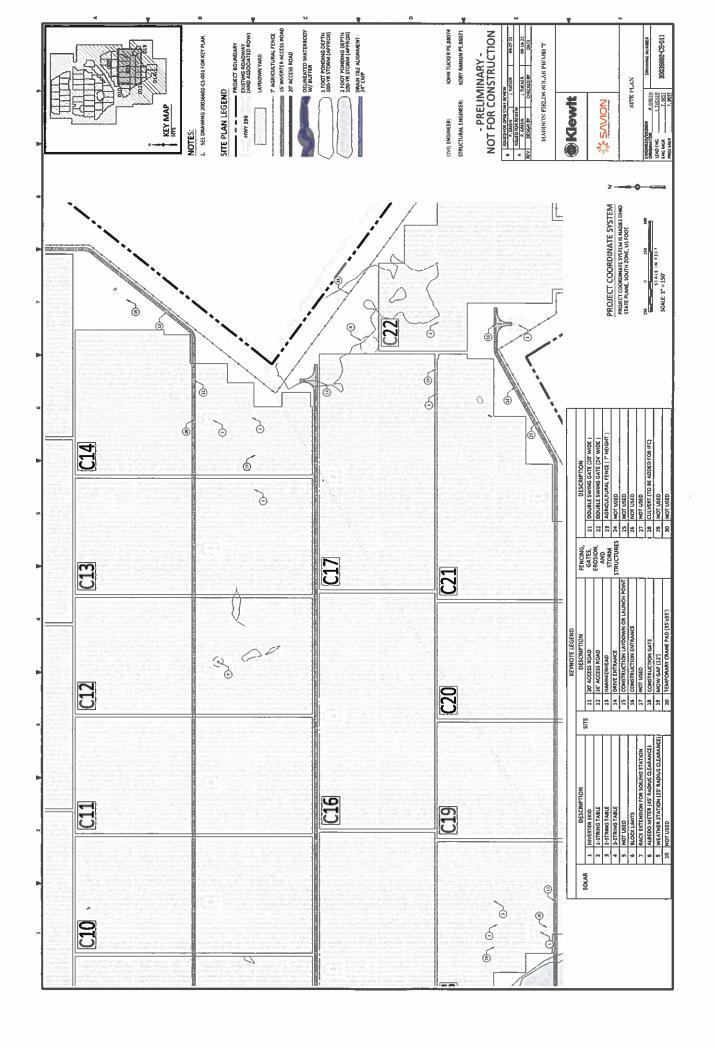


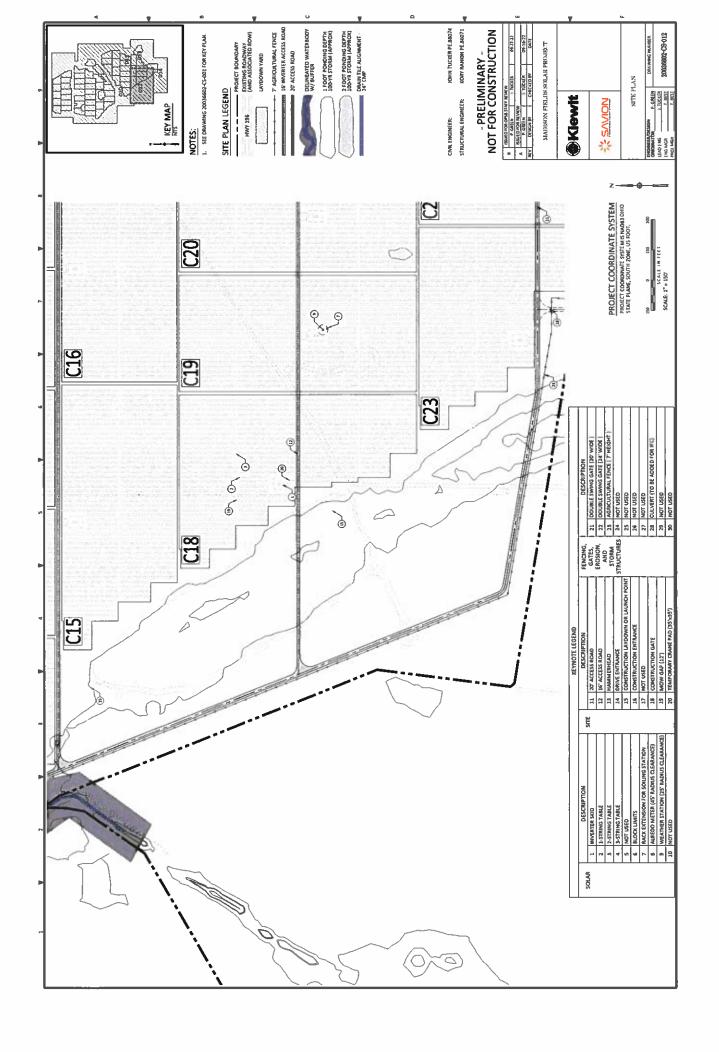


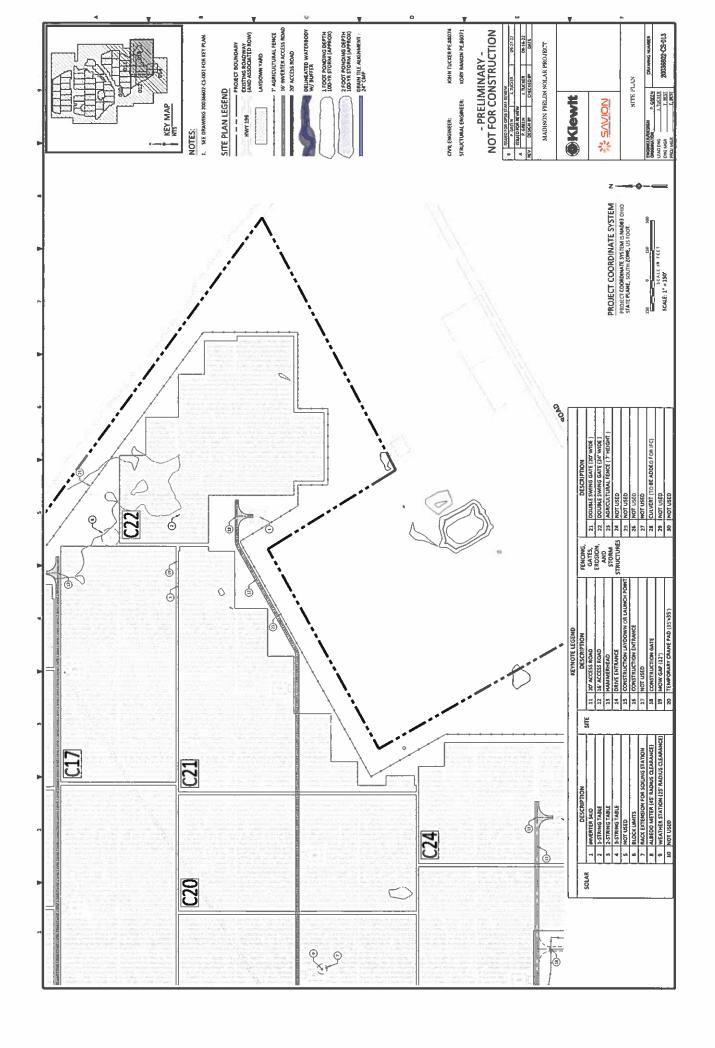


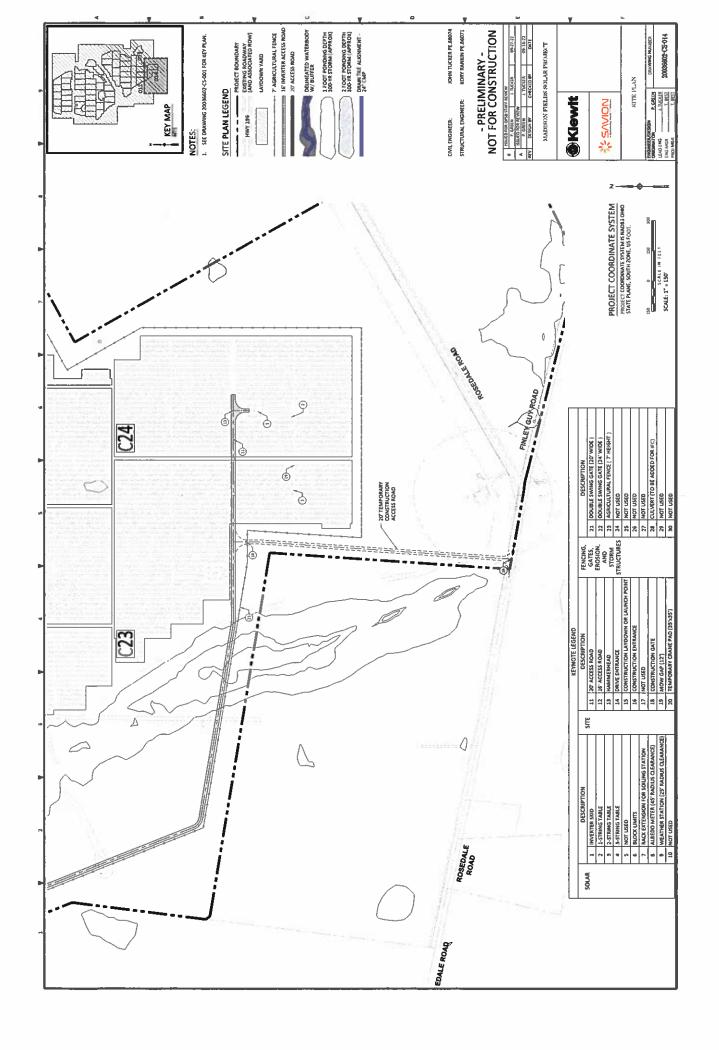








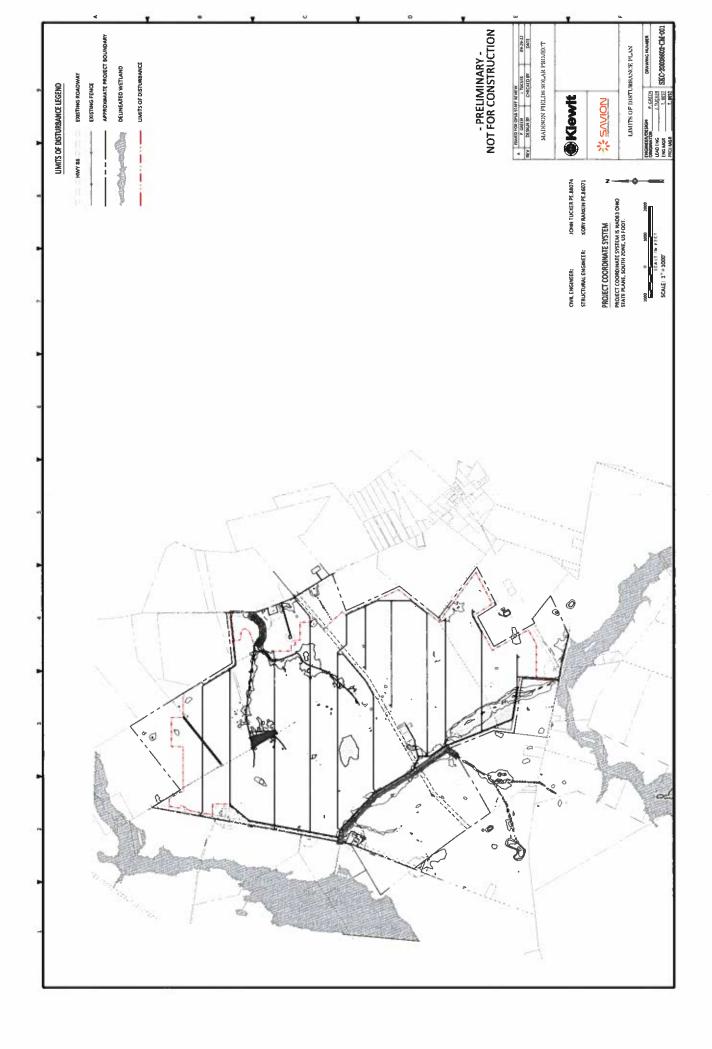




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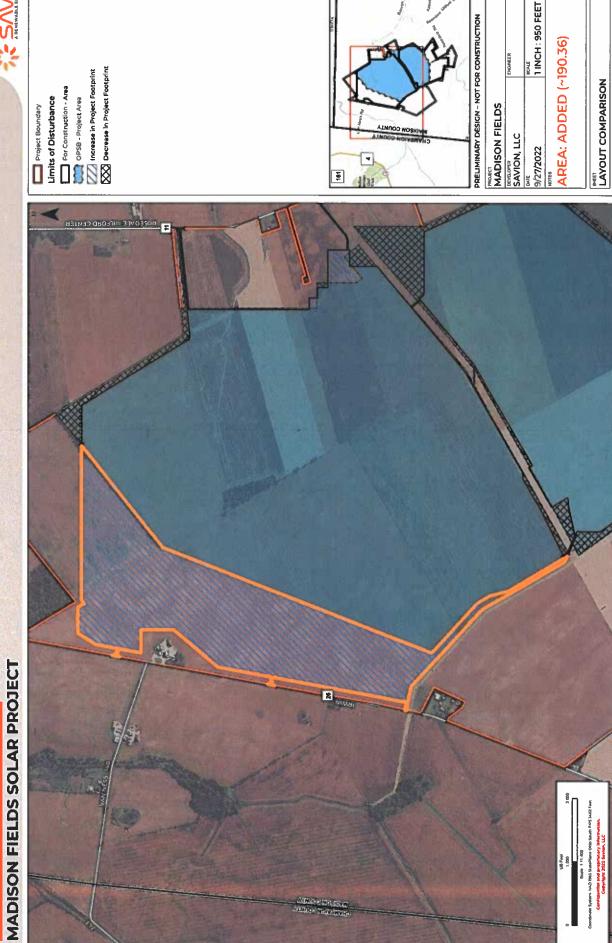


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3. Site Adjustment Maps

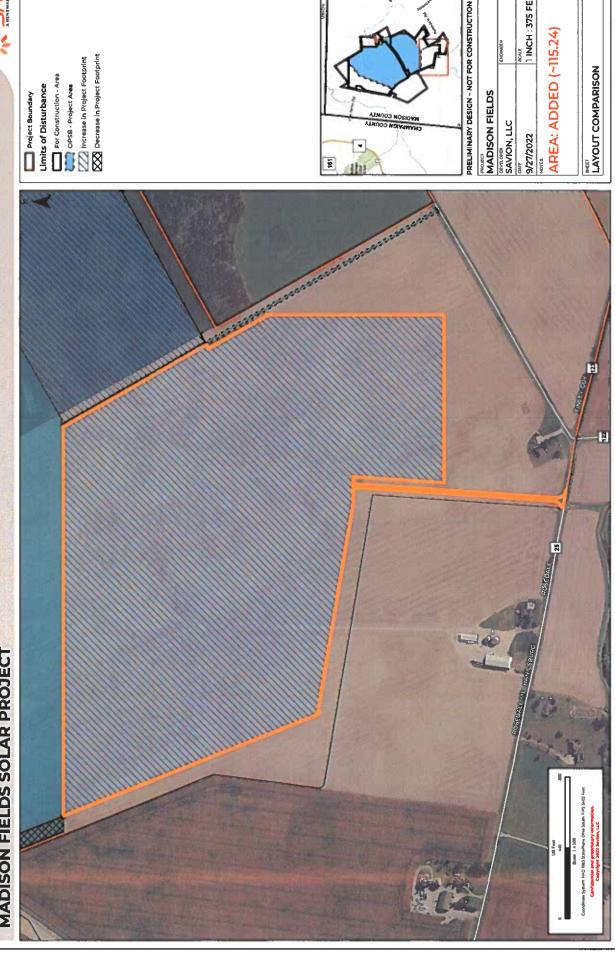




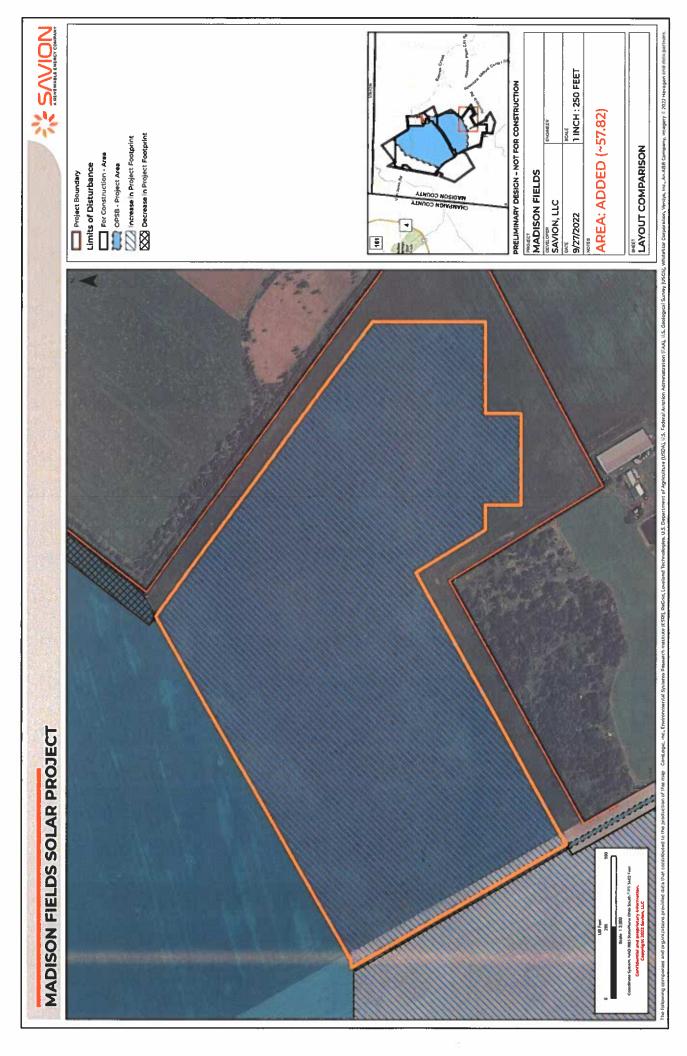




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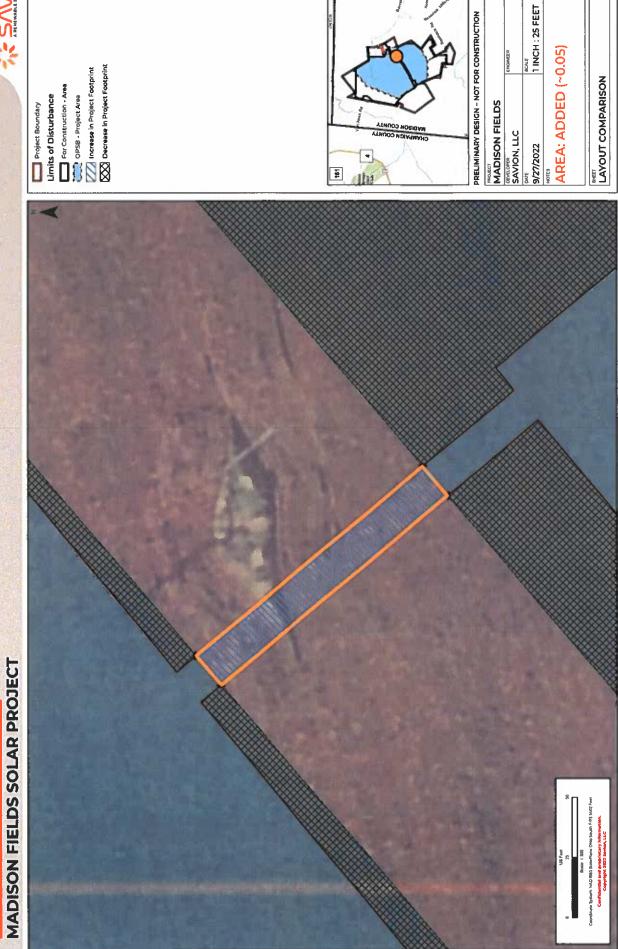
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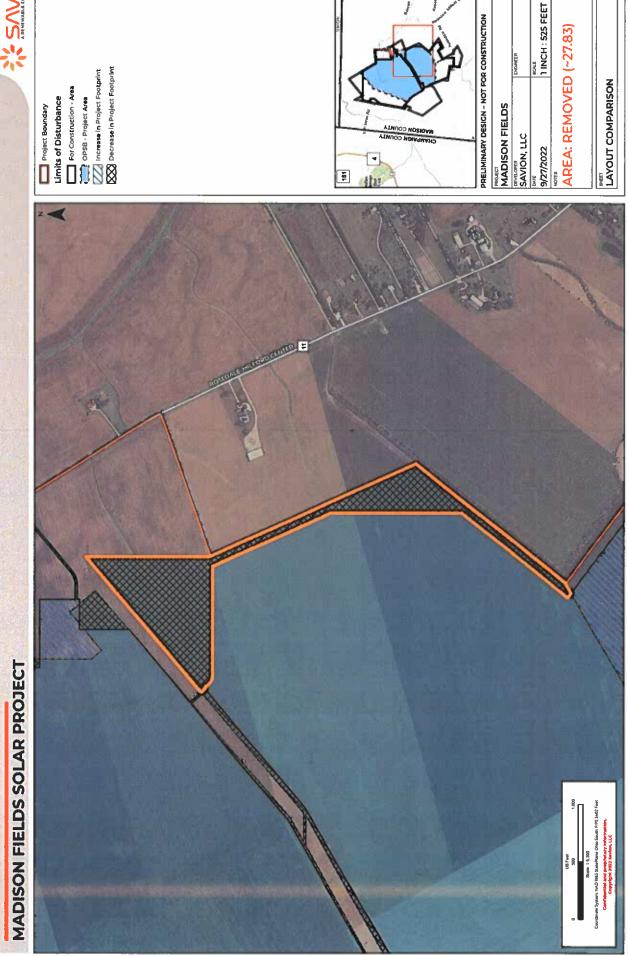




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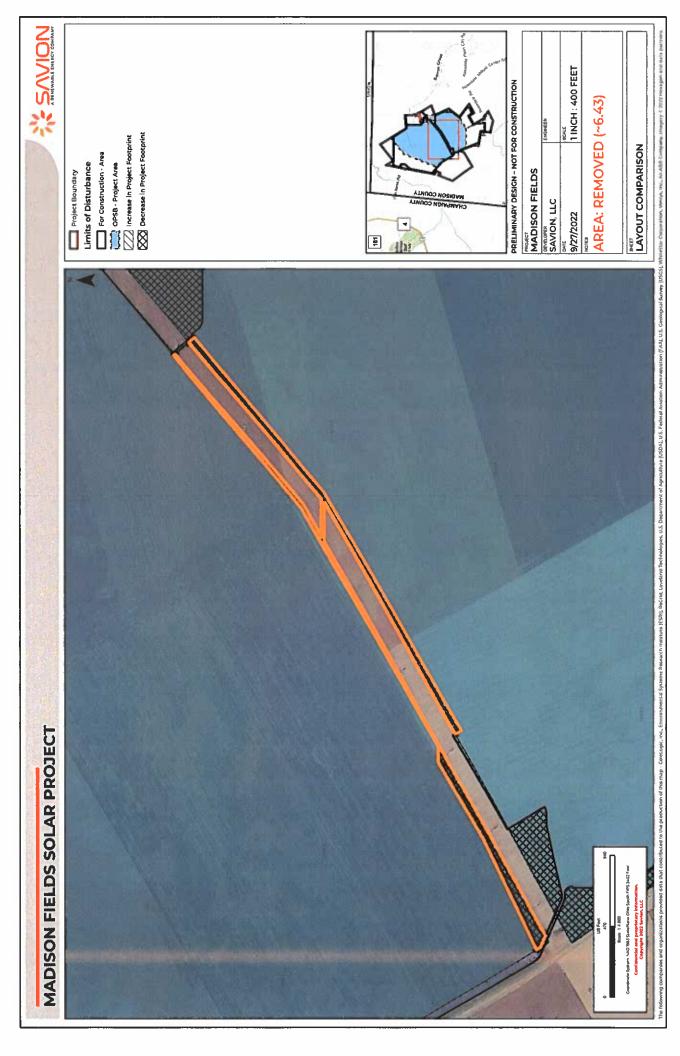










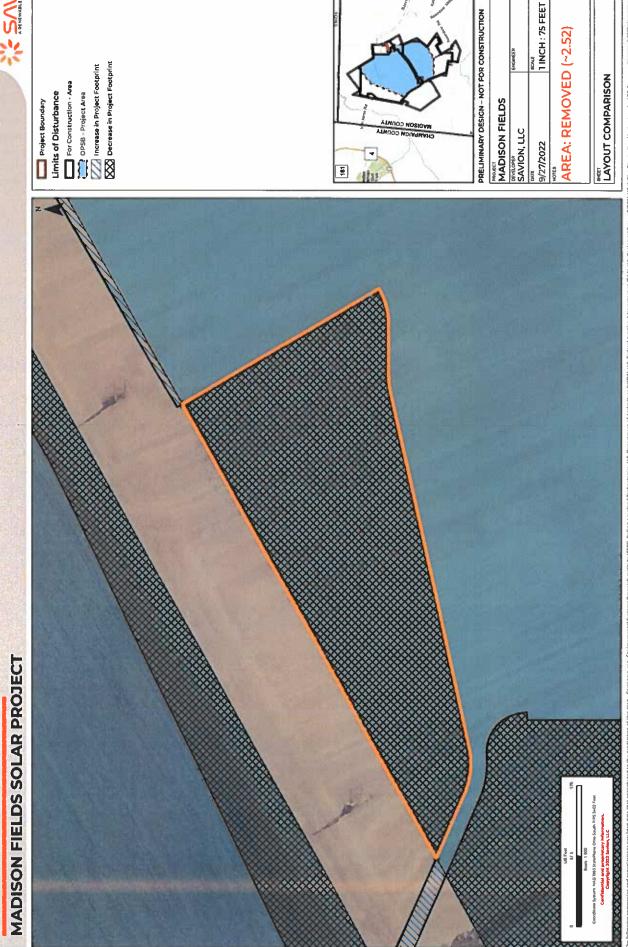


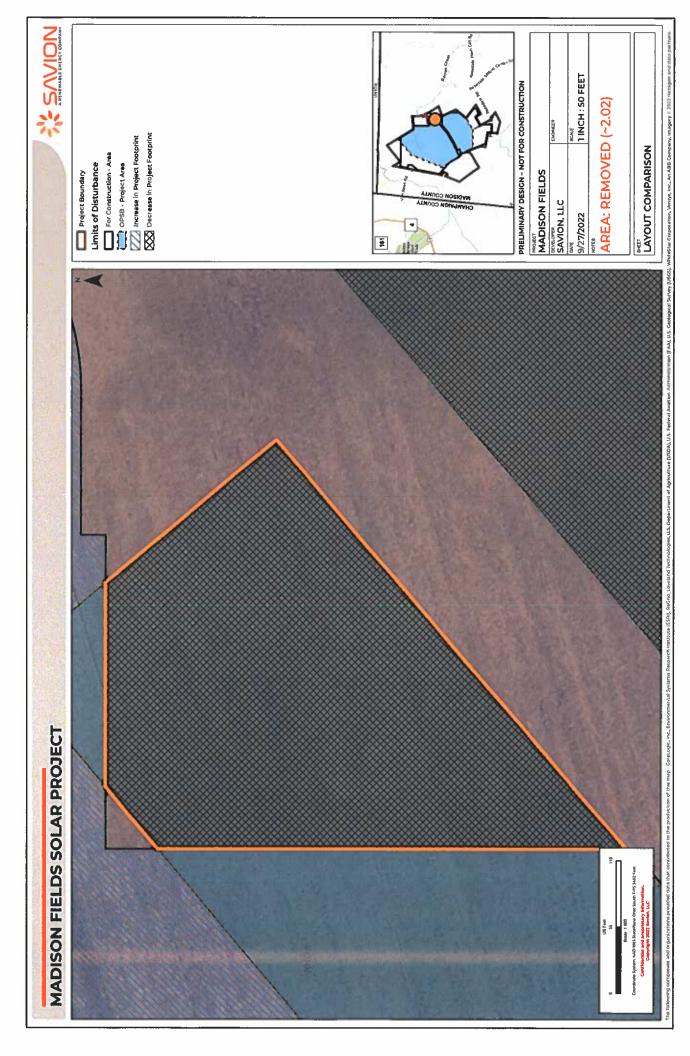


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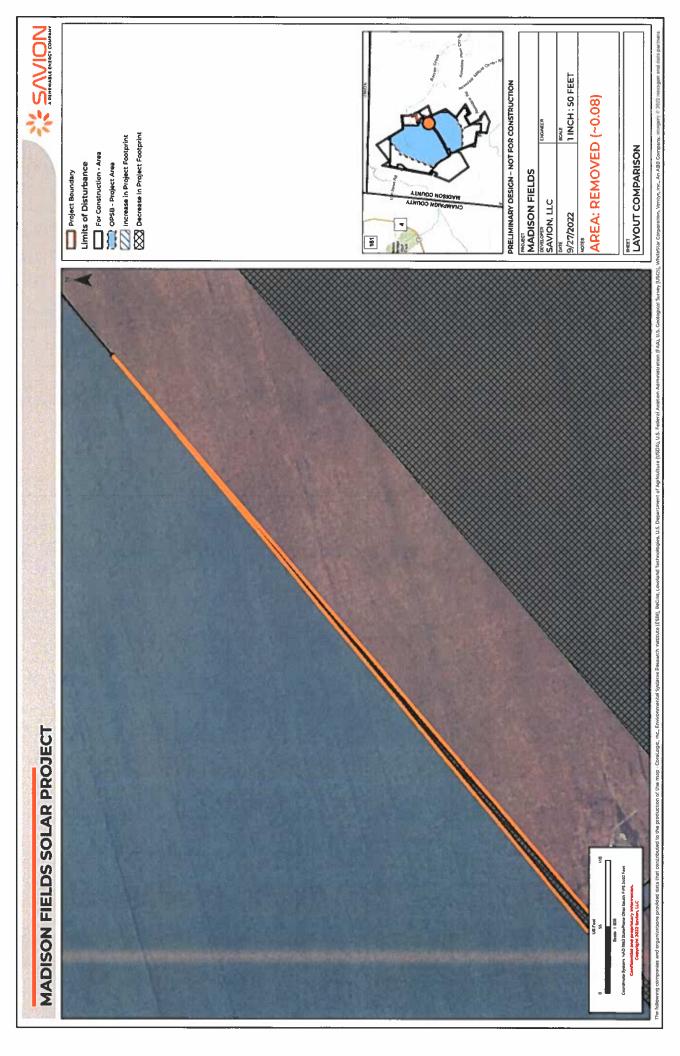


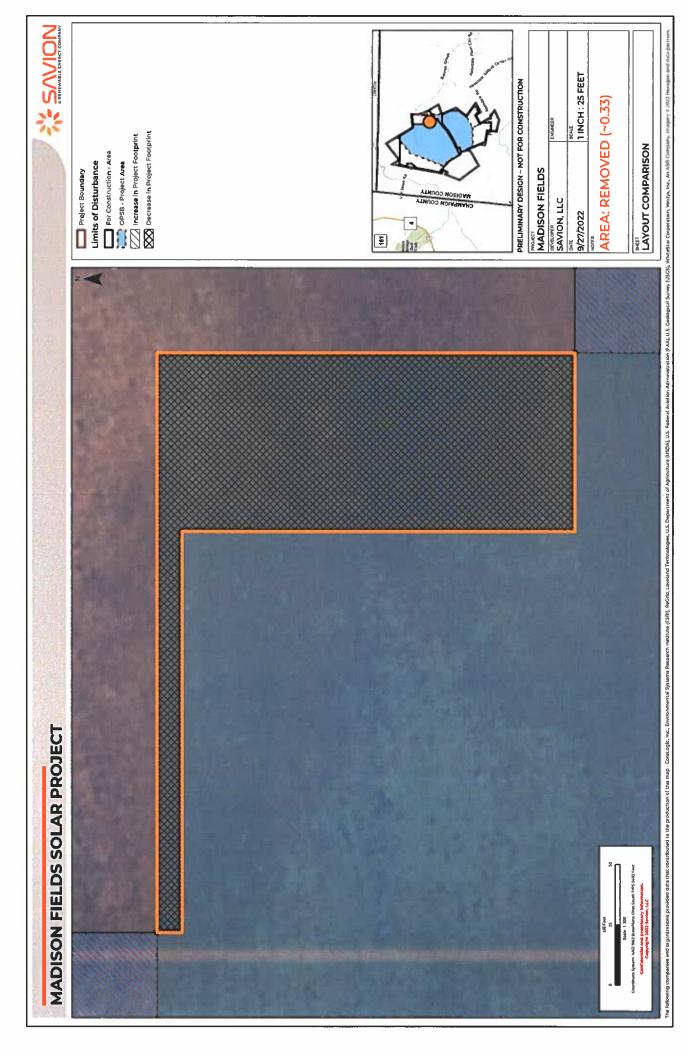






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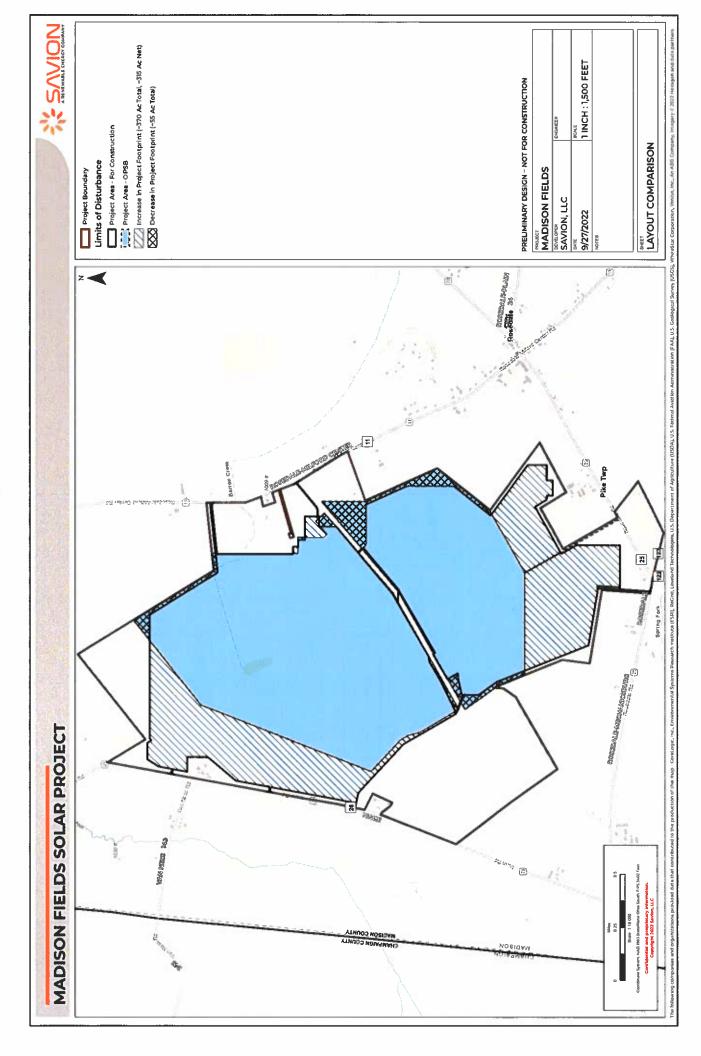
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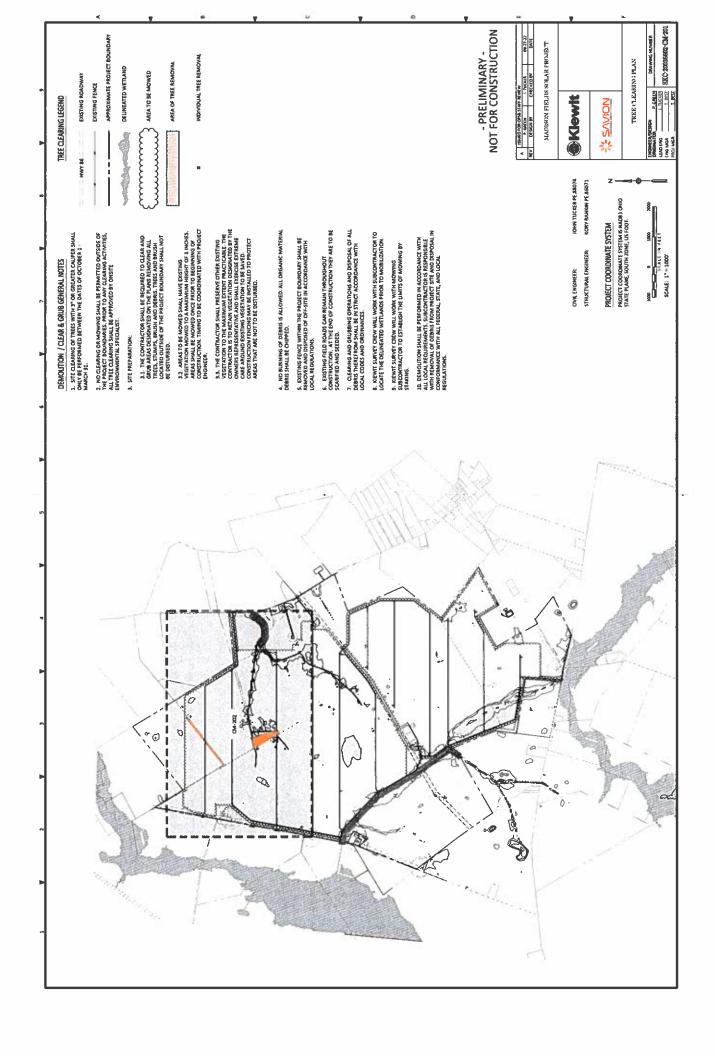
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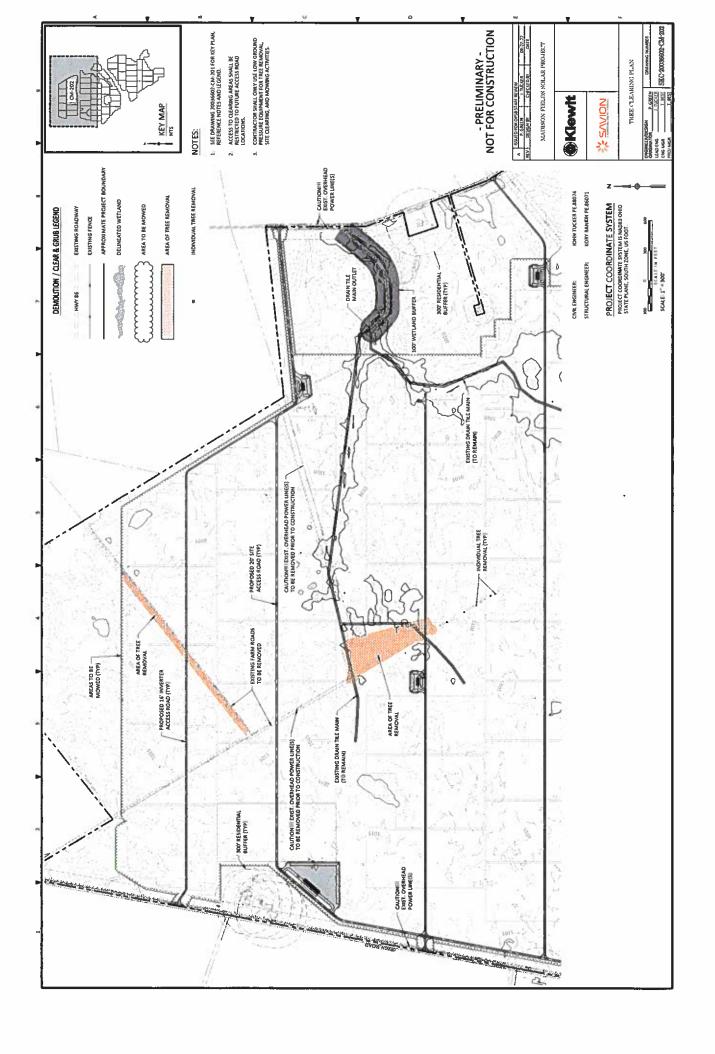


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4. Tree Clearing Plan







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