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March 13, 2023

RE: Ross County Solar  
Updated Tree Clearing Plan  
Case No. 20-1380-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

Per our discussions, please find attached an updated tree clearing plan with the only change being to the legend to show the allowable period for tree clearing. I am also attaching our prior correspondence to you with the attachments. A copy of this correspondence will be placed on the case docket with the attachments.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michael J. Settineri

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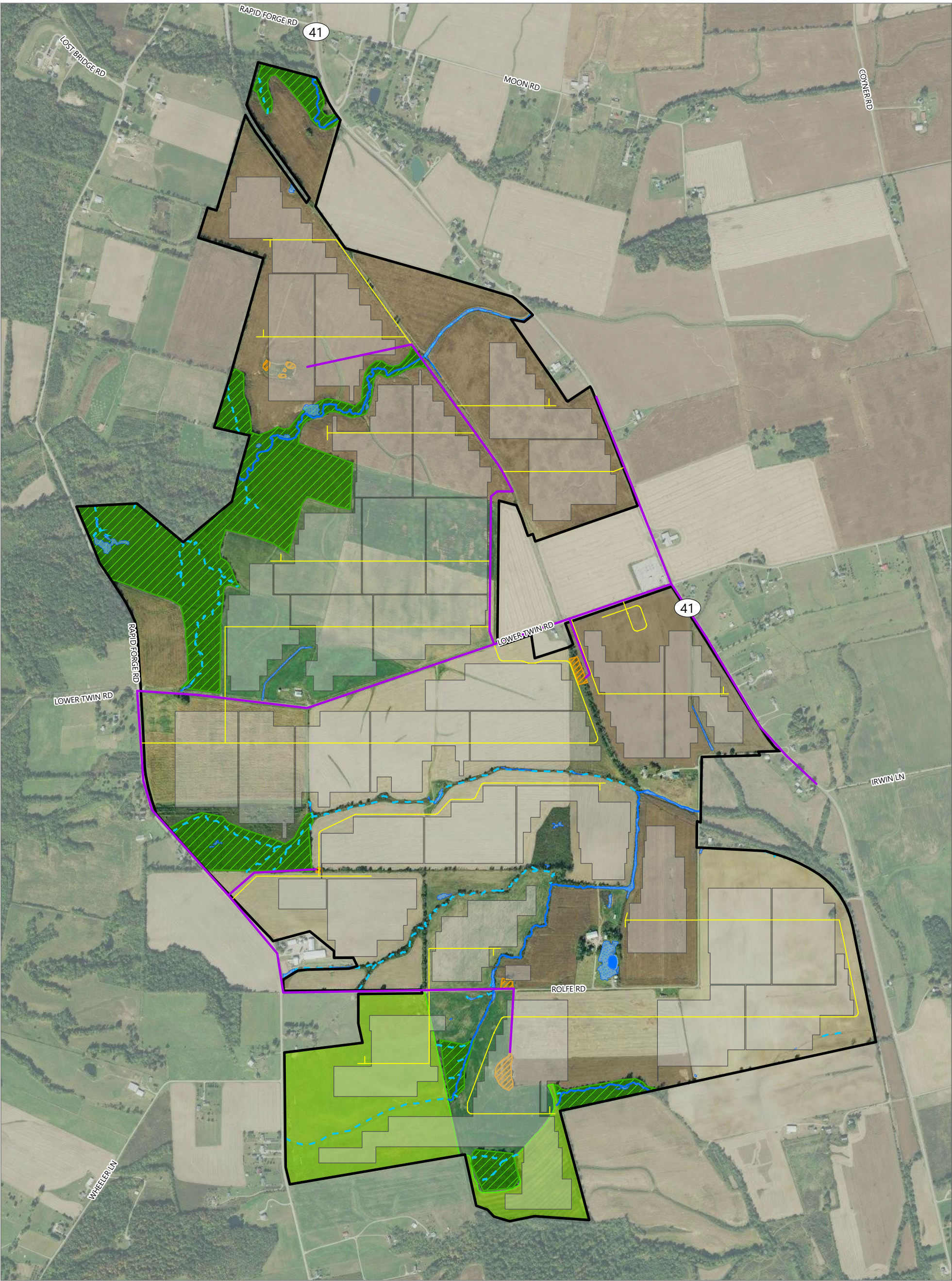
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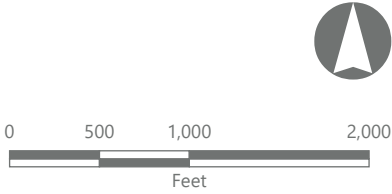


Tree Clearing Plan



**Ross County Solar**  
Buckskin and Paint Townships,  
Ross County, Ohio

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|---------------------------|---|
| Tree Clearing Access Path | Grassland (Restricted April 15 - August 1)        |
| Access Road               | Woodlot (Restricted April 1 - September 30)       |
| Perennial Stream          | Tree Clearing Area (Allowed October 1 - March 31) |
| Other Stream              | PV Panel Area                                     |
| Delineated Wetland        | Project Area                                      |
| Delineated Waterbody      |   |





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March 1, 2023

RE: Ross County Solar  
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Dear Mr. Bellamy:

In follow-up to our conference on February 24, 2023, we are writing to provide notice to Staff of a decrease to the Ross County Solar project's footprint and to inform Staff of a landowner's tree clearing of approximately five acres within the project area. The landowner cleared the trees unbeknownst to Ross County Solar. As a result of the reduced footprint and the landowner's clearing of trees, we are submitting a new tree clearing plan to Staff in advance of the tree-clearing preconstruction conference.

Ross County Solar is reducing the project footprint because a portion of one parcel and two other parcels are being released. Portions of the three parcels were included in the Tree and Shrub Clearing Plan (Exhibit H to the Application) as tree preservation areas. Through design engineering, Ross County Solar has determined that no project infrastructure will be located on the two parcels being released. Infrastructure will be placed on the third parcel, however the wooded area of that parcel will not have any infrastructure on it and, consistent with lease terms, is being released from the lease and project area. The released parcels and portion of the third parcel being released are identified on the attached map from the Tree and Shrub Clearing Plan. Please note that none of the identified tree preservation areas including the released areas will be cleared for the project.

Also identified on the attached map is a parcel that originally was included in the project area but is now outside the project area. Ross County Solar did not lease this parcel because it determined the parcel was not necessary for the project. A minor project boundary reduction was also made on the west side of the project area to remove existing buildings from the project area. While the buildings are located on a participating parcel, the area of the parcel where the buildings are located is outside the lease agreement area. Both of the project boundary reductions are shown on the attachments to this correspondence.

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The approximately five acre area independently cleared by the landowner was originally identified as a tree preservation area in the Tree and Shrub Clearing Plan. That area is identified on the attached map from the Tree and Shrub Clearing Plan. Ross County Solar did not direct the landowner to clear this area and was not informed about the landowner's decision to clear the area until after it occurred. Although the area has been cleared by the landowner and remains within the project boundary, Ross County Solar will not utilize this five-acre area for any project infrastructure.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the reduction in project footprint or the acreage that the landowner cleared. By separate transmittal, Ross County Solar will provide the electronic shapefiles denoting the released areas and the new project boundary to Staff.

Very truly yours,

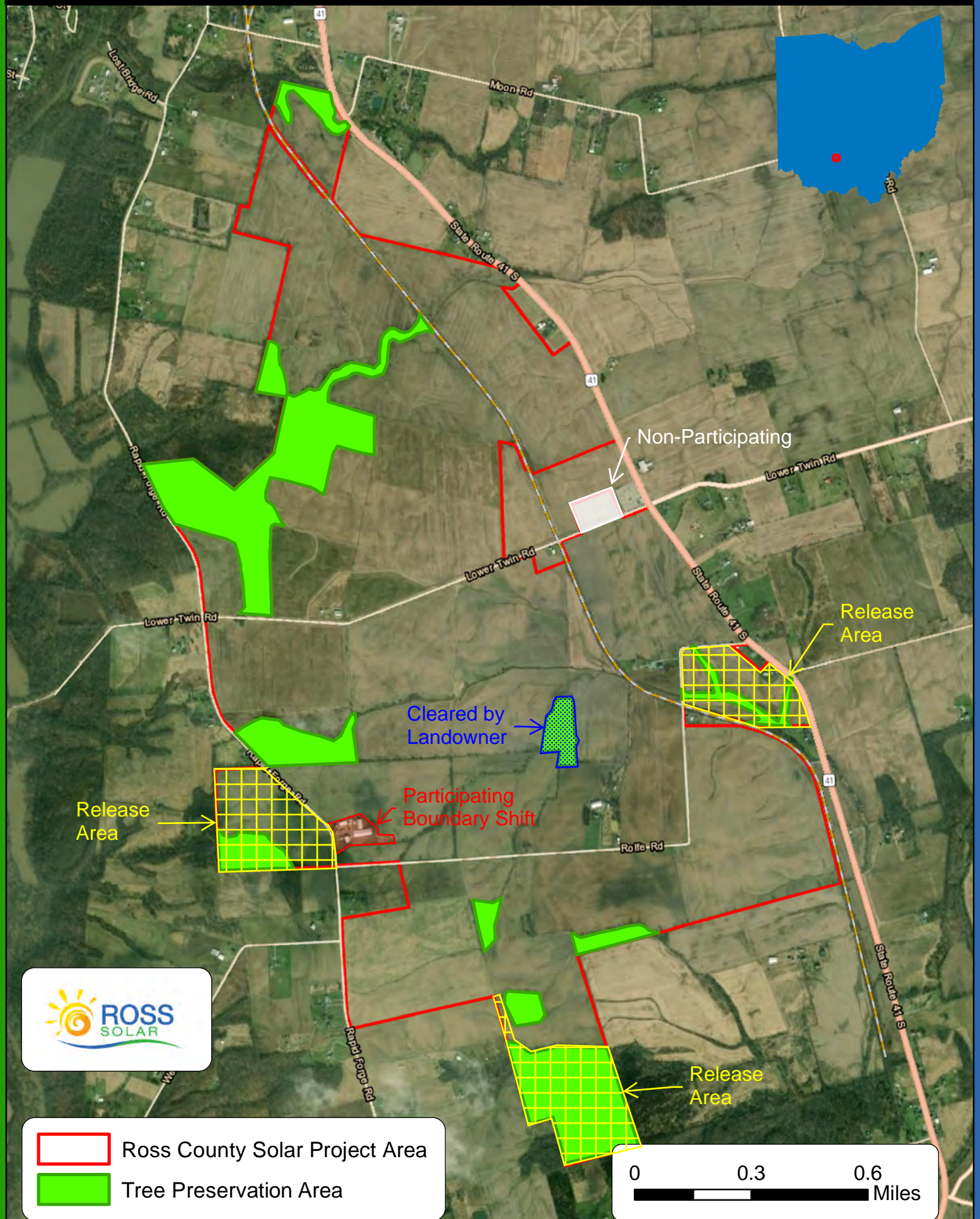




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Enclosure

# Tree Preservation Areas

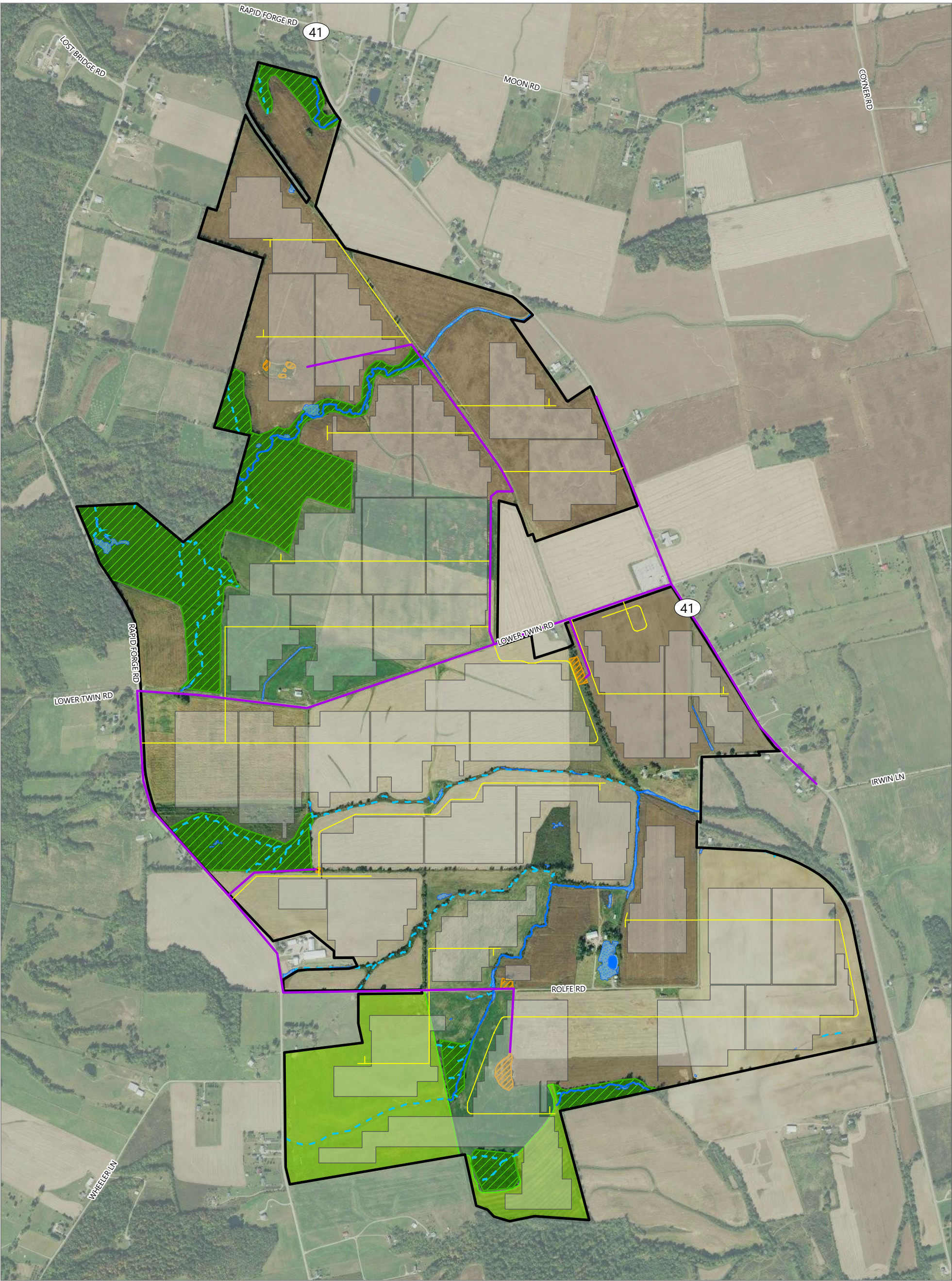


-  Ross County Solar Project Area
-  Tree Preservation Area

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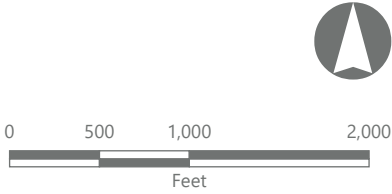


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