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Community - Screening and Visual Impacts	Will you come visit people in their homes and tour the area to see the impacts of the project?	Lakeside Solar representatives are available locally and willing to meet any interested parties or community members. The Lakeside Solar Open House Invitation that was sent to adjoining property owners included an invitation to speak or meet personally with the project team.	N/A
Community - Screening and Visual Impacts	Will impacted homeowners have a say in what vegetation surrounds their home?	Two vegetative buffer options have been designed. Installation will consider landowner preference as well as topographic and logistic factors. Please refer to the Preliminary Site Plan, Vegetative Management Plan, and Sample Visual Renderings included in the project's SUP application.	Section 4.1.1 Appendix I Appendix B page 58
Community - Screening and Visual Impacts	Will non participating home owners be screened on all sides from the array and how large are the screening trees?	Screening and vegetative buffers may be designed or altered to an extent to meet the preference of adjacent property owners. Please refer to the Civil Permitting Plans & Detailed Site Plan, Vegetative Management Plan, and Sample Visual Renderings included in the project's SUP application	Section 4.1.1 Appendix I Appendix B page 58
Community - Screening and Visual Impacts	Will you increase setbacks for non-participating houses surrounded by array?	Project fenceline will be set back 300 feet (measured from nearest point on the outer wall from occupied community buildings and dwellings on non-participating properties. Please refer to the Setback Table in the Preliminary Site Plan included in the project's SUP application.	Section 3.7
Construction	How long is the construction period and what hours of the days will construction occur?	18-24 months from ground work to commercial operation. We would typically have people onsite from 6am to 6pm, with equipment active from 7am to 5pm with no construction on Saturday, Sunday or any federally recognized holiday.	Section 3.8
Construction	How do you handle debris from Construction?	Lakeside has developed a Construction Waste Management Plan. The goals of the plan are to recycle or salvage for reuse the waste generated on-site from the construction of the Project, when practical, and to identify procedures regarding disposal, handling (including site management) and transportation of various waste types.	Appendix G page 93
Decommissioning	Will you have the decommissioning fully funded when the project goes online and what happens to the panels after the project life?	The financial guarantee will be reasonably sufficient to restore the property to its previous condition prior to the initial construction and operation of the Project. Please refer to the Fees, Escrow and Bond section and the Decommissioning Plan included in the project's SUP application.	Section 5.6 Appendix G page 37
Development	Are you receiving government subsidies for this project and if so, what is the source of those subsidies?	Lakeside Solar is privately funded and once constructed, may be eligible to receive a federal Investment Tax Credit.	
Development	What is the comparison of the economic impact of the crops vs the solar on the field?	Please clarify what is meant by 'economic impact'? Is it referring to revenue, job creation, long-term value, or something else? That will help us provide a more accurate comparison between the crops and the solar use on the field.	
Development	How can you claim this project will be running by 2029 when you haven't even applied to build it yet?	Project siting approval is a critical part of determining construction schedules and timelines, which can vary depending on when siting approvals are received. However, construction is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of 2027 and be completed in second quarter of 2029.	Section 1.3
Development	Why can't set-backs be increased?	Increased setbacks can create an inefficient use of space reducing the total energy output that can be generated from the site. Essentially, when required setbacks increase, a larger portion of the total site area becomes unusable for panel installation. The overall ground area of the project remains the same, but the total area covered by panels decreases, which lowers the ground cover ratio (GCR). Low GCR due to mandated setbacks simply means the land is not being used to its full solar-generating potential.	



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<i>Environmental - Natural Resources</i>	How many days or % of the year does this latitude have with sun vs cloudy days?	Overall, this part of Michigan averages 170 sunny days, or approximately 46% of the year, however, substantial sunlight still shines through even on the cloudiest days (otherwise it would be dark as night), meaning solar panels will still generate electricity.  The data comes from the ASOS station at the Grand Rapids airport.	
<i>Environmental - Natural Resources</i>	How will you protect the habitat and migration patterns of wildlife?	The Lakeside Solar project is sited to avoid any sensitive wildlife habitat. Please refer to the Biological Resources Review included in the project's SUP application.	Section 4.4.5.4 Appendix J page 2
<i>Environmental - Natural Resources</i>	There is a protected wetland in the proposed area, how can you build through that?	Wetland delineation surveys have been completed for the Lakeside Solar site in accordance with the guidelines and regulations dictated in the U.S. Army Corps Delineation Manual. Wetlands deemed to be jurisdictional ("protected") will be avoided through site design with appropriate buffers. Lakeside Solar has consulted with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to ensure that no wetlands are impacted and that hydrology is not altered through development of the project. Please refer to the Wetland Delineation Report included in the project's SUP application.	Section 4.4.3.4 Appendix J page 204
<i>Environmental - Stormwater</i>	How will you address storm water run off and flooding?	A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be developed for the Project prior to construction that will include BMPs such as silt fencing (or other erosion control devices), revegetation plans, and management of exposed soils to prevent sediment from entering into adjacent surface waters. The Project's SWPPP will be submitted to Muskegon County Department of Public Works for review and approval prior to construction. This will be a part of the larger soil erosion and sedimentation control permit application that will be submitted to Muskegon County for approval under Part 91 of NREPA. Please refer to the Vegetative Management Plan included in the project's SUP application.	Section 3.8.2.2 Section 3.8.3.2 Section 4.2 Section 4.3.3.2 Section 4.4.1.1 Section 4.4.2.1 Section 4.4.3.5 (page 77)
<i>Environmental - Vegetation and Soils</i>	How many acres of trees will be cut down?	Minimal tree removal is proposed, all on privately owned land. Any tree removal will occur between November 1 and April 1 per USFWS recommendations. Preliminary layout estimates between ~10-20 acres of tree removal.	Section 4.1.1 Section 4.4.3.5 Section 4.4.4.1 Section 4.4.5.4



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<i>Environmental - Vegetation and Soils</i>	What happens to the topsoil and how much will the land be graded?	<p>It is important to note that We only strip areas that require grading, roads, or other civil improvements. In the array area, if no grading is required, then no top soil stripping is needed, so we go straight to pile driving.</p> <p>When/if we have a large, temporary stockpile of topsoil, we will leave that within the landowner's parcel, section the area off, and seed native species to prevent any erosion or blowing. After completing construction, we restore the land to its original condition through topsoil redistribution. Once we reestablish topsoil on the land, we will then reseed the project with native vegetation species, which anchors the topsoil with root systems for future crop cultivation. This practice helps us minimize wind erosion of the topsoil on the site, ensuring we redistribute the topsoil as good as new.</p> <p>Grading for the site is planned to be completed at 20% or less. Additional guidelines may be required depending on permit conditions. Topsoil will be managed according to the Vegetative Management Plan. Erosion prevention measures will be guided by the project's Soil, Erosion, and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan, prepared closer to the start of construction activities.</p>	Section 3.8.2.2
<i>Environmental - Vegetation and Soils</i>	What is the amount of carbon that would be sequestered by the crops over the 20-25 year period vs the solar panels being in place?	<p>U.S. government-supported research indicates that installing solar panels on farmland offers far greater carbon reduction benefits than growing corn, particularly corn for ethanol. Unlike solar energy, the carbon absorption from annual corn crops is temporary, and the overall farming process can be a net carbon emitter.</p> <p>Various studies have indicated that an acre of solar panels can produce significantly more net energy than an acre of land dedicated to growing corn for ethanol. This higher energy density per acre means that solar farms can produce significantly more clean energy while occupying less land.</p>	
<i>Environmental - Vegetation and Soils</i>	Will vegetation be harmed during construction and how do you prevent erosion once the vegetation is removed?	Please refer to the Vegetative Management Plan included in the project's SUP application. Erosion prevention measures will be guided by the project's Soil, Erosion, and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan, prepared closer to the start of construction activities.	Appendix G page 2
<i>Environmental - Vegetation and Soils</i>	Will you fence around the trees left standing?	Fencing will be installed around the facility to safeguard equipment and manage access. If there's a specific concern or example that can be shared, we'd be happy to address it. As written, the question doesn't align with the design intent, so additional context would be helpful.	
<i>Operations - Glare</i>	What is done to reduce glare?	Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. (HMMH) completed a glare analysis on behalf of Lakeside Solar to comply with local and state guidelines, resulting in no glare detected. Please refer to the Glare Analysis included in the project's SUP application.	Section 3.1 Section 4.6 Appendix G page 57
<i>Operations - Infrastructure</i>	What are the manufacturing specs on the solar panels that will be used and where are they produced?	Specifications for the PV panel model proposed to be used at the Lakeside Solar project are referenced within the project's permit application. The make and model of panels and infrastructure that will be installed at Lakeside Solar is dependent upon procurement logistics. Lakeside Solar prioritizes domestically-produced, North American-produced, or ethically-produced project components.	Section 3.1
<i>Operations - Infrastructure</i>	How many solar panels will be used and what is their maximum height?	The exact number of panels has not yet been finalized, current estimate is ~300,000 - 400,000 panels. Lakeside Solar is proposing a max height of 12' at full tilt.	



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Operations - Infrastructure	How tall are the fences and what kind of fence is it?	<p>The fencing around the Solar Facility will consist of an agricultural woven wire fence and will extend approximately six - seven feet above grade. Barbed wire will not be used around the perimeter of the Solar Facility. In place of barbed wire, one foot of three to four strands of smooth wire will be placed atop of the woven wire fence for a total height of approximately seven - eight feet above grade.</p> <p>The fencing around the Project Substation and the BESS will be a 6-foot above grade chain-link fence and include one foot of barbed wire on top to comply with the NESC. Gates will be strategically installed at corners for deer egress and contact information for the site manager will be posted at the gates.</p> <p>Access to the Project area will occur through lockable gates. An electronic security system or Knox boxes with keys will be utilized at Project entrances for emergency services, and signage will meet NEC requirements.</p> <p>Please refer to the Preliminary Site Plan, Public Health and Safety Plan, and Operations Safety Plan included in the project's SUP application.</p>	Section 3.8.2.6 Section 4.4.5.4
Operations - Noise	What is the expected noise level in decibels and what is done to limit that?	<p>The maximum value of sound at any receptor location based on the operational sources was found to be 54.7 dB(A). All receptors are below the 55 dB(A) limit at non-participating receptors set forth in the MCL 460.1226. Please refer to the Sound Effect Study included in the project's SUP application.</p> <p><i>Please note: receptor is equivalent to a home/dwelling</i></p>	Appendix K
Property Values	Will you compensate homeowners if real estate appraisal is done and their house sells for less?	The Project is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact on property values. Please refer to the Real Estate Adjacent Property Value Impact Report included in the project's SUP application.	Section 2.3 Appendix
Roads	What steps will you take to minimize road closures, traffic, and dust?	A Road Use Management Agreement will be developed in conjunction with Muskegon County Road Commission and any other entities with jurisdiction over delivery routes used during development, construction, and operation.	Section 1.4.3.3
Roads	What will you do to repair and maintain public roads that are damaged?	A Road Use Management Agreement will be developed in conjunction with Muskegon County and any other entities with jurisdiction over delivery routes used during development, construction, and operation.	Section 1.4.3.3
Safety	How will you ensure that neighboring residents are not harmed by the project and can you find someone who would rather live next to solar than farm fields?	Please refer to the Public Health and Safety Plan and Operations Safety Plan included in the project's SUP application	Section 4.10 Appendix G page 23
Safety	What is the plan if there is a fire or an emergency?	Please refer to the Public Health and Safety Plan and Operations Safety Plan included in the project's SUP application	Section 4.10 Appendix G page 23
Siting	Why won't you build inside our CREO (DuPont/Chemours brownfield), rather than in ag space that borders homes, especially when our CREO conforms to state law?	Please refer to the Alternative Site Analysis included in the project's SUP application and available on the project website.	Section 2.1.1
Siting	How is this fair to the community when the electricity is going to cities like Grand Rapids and Chicago, but we are adversely affected here?	Power generation plants are located in many places around the country, and the State of Michigan. Ground mounted Solar is one of the least impactful forms of electricity generation as it does not produce emissions, odors, and has very limited sound during operations. The benefits to the local area include but are not limited to higher than current property tax revenue and jobs.	N/A
Siting	Why do you want to build where new power lines need to be built instead of our CREO where they exist already?	Please refer to the Alternative Site Analysis included in the project's SUP application and available on the project website.	Section 2.1.1