

SOLAR PROJECT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”) encourages clean energy projects in Niagara County that are located on capped landfills, remediated brownfield sites or sites enrolled in the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program, and the Agency may confer on those projects, financial assistance in the form of a sales and use tax exemption: and

WHEREAS, due to the potential effect solar projects have on the cities, villages and towns located in Niagara County, the Agency will not accept a solar project application without the written consent of the host municipality where the project is located: and

WHEREAS, if the Agency receives written consent from the host municipality requesting that the Agency consider financial assistance to a solar project located on or within one-half mile of a capped landfill, remediated brownfield site or a site accepted in the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program, the Agency would thereafter entertain such a project application; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the development of solar projects on sites located on or within one-half mile of a capped landfill, a remediated brownfields site or a site accepted into the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program; now, therefore

THE AGENCY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Agency will not accept an application for a solar project without express written consent from the host community where the project is to be located requesting that the Agency consider financial assistance to the project.
2. The Agency will only entertain solar projects located on or within one-half mile of capped landfills, remediated brownfield sites or sites enrolled in the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program. The Agency will verify that the project is located in an approved area.
3. The Agency will not enter into a Payment-in-lieu-of Tax agreement on solar projects. The financial assistance provided by the Agency will be limited to sales and use tax exemptions related to the construction of the solar project.