## WORCESTER COUNTY TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
Worcester County Government Center, Room 1102, One West Market Street,
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

- I. Call to Order
- II. Site Plan Review (§ ZS 1-325)
  - a. Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative Major Site Plan Review

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III. Adjourn

## TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING	: May 14, 2025	
PROJECT: Pocomoke	City Community Energy Initiative	
APPLICANT(S) IN A	TTENDANCE:	
TRC MEMBERS IN A	ATTENDANCE:	
	Tremblay, Zoning Administrator Zito, DRP Specialist III Miller, Building Plans Reviewer III Mitchell, Environmental Programs White, Environmental Programs Soper, Environmental Programs Birch, Environmental Programs Mathers, Environmental Programs Owens, Fire Marshal Korb, Deputy Fire Marshal Lynch, County Roads Berdan, County Roads Wilson, State Highway, Admin	
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND PERMITTING

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# WORCESTER COUNTY TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING May 14, 2025

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**Prepared by**: Ben Zito, DRP Specialist

Contact: bmzito@worcestermd.gov or (410) 632-1200 x1134

#### **General Requirements**:

- 1. In order to obtain a Building Permit, the applicant must submit the following to the Department:
  - a. A complete building permit application along with the initial fee of \$350 made payable to "Worcester County."
  - b. Four (4) sets of complete construction plans (footing, foundation, framing, floor plan and building elevations (front, rear and sides)). The construction plans must be sealed by an architect and prepared in accordance with the applicable International Building Code, Energy Code, and ADA Code.
  - c. Four (4) site plan sets as approved by the Technical Review Committee.
- 2. Once the permit is issued, the applicant must coordinate all necessary inspections with the respective Building/Housing/Zoning Inspector. The Department requires 24-hour notice for all inspections. The inspector may require special or additional inspections as needed.
- 3. In order to obtain a Certificate of Use and Occupancy, all of the necessary inspections must be completed and approved by the various inspections' agencies (building, zoning, plumbing, electrical, water, sewage, health, roads, etc.). Two (2) sets of As-Builts (illustrating all lighting, landscaping, parking, signs etc.) must be submitted at least one (1) week prior to the anticipated occupancy of the building, structure, or use of land. Please note that it is unlawful to occupy a structure (employees or patrons) without the benefit of a Certificate of Use and Occupancy.

<u>Project Specific Comments</u>: This project is subject to, but not limited to, the following sections of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article:

§ZS1-201	A-1 Agricultural District			
§ZS1-210	C-2 General Commercial District			
§ <b>ZS1-305</b>	Lot Requirements Generally			
<b>§ZS1-306</b>	Access to Structures			
§ <b>ZS1-319</b>	Access and Traffic Circulation Requirements			
§ <b>ZS1-320</b>	Off-Street Parking Areas			
§ <b>ZS1-321</b>	Off Street Loading Spaces			
§ <b>ZS1-322</b>	Landscaping and Buffering Requirements			
§ <b>ZS1-323</b>	Exterior Lighting			
§ZS1-324	Signs			
§ <b>ZS1-325</b>	Site Plan Review			
§ <b>ZS1-326</b>	Classification of Highways			
§ <b>ZS1-344</b>	Alternative Energy Facilities			

- 1. Please specify on the site plan where A-1 and C-2 zoning district boundary line is located.
- 2. Please specify the height of the landscaped buffer at maturity.
- 3. Each landscaped area must be readily accessible to a water supply. Unless xeriscaping plant material and technologies are employed, all landscaped areas shall provide an automatic irrigation systems with rain sensors. Drip irrigation systems are preferred. If an automatic system is not feasible, the Planning Commission at its discretion may approve an alternate watering system to maintain the plant material. §ZS1-322(b)(7). https://ecode360.com/14021089
- 4. A maintenance and replacement bond for required landscaping is mandatory for a period not to exceed two (2) years in an amount not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the installation cost. A landscape estimate for a nursery will be required to be provided at permit stage to accurately determine the bond amount. §ZS1-322(g). <a href="https://ecode360.com/14021139">https://ecode360.com/14021139</a>

#### **Other Agency Approvals:**

- 1. Written confirmation that the water and sewer requirements have been met will be required to be provided from the Department of Environmental Programs prior to the Department granting signature approval.
- 2. Written confirmation will also be required from the Department of Environmental Programs Natural Resources Division relative to Critical Area and Stormwater Management requirements prior to the Department granting signature approval.
- 3. Written confirmation of approval from the County Roads Division and/or State Highway

Administration regarding the existing, proposed, or modified commercial entrances on all parcels shall be provided to the Department prior to granting signature approval.

### \*Please provide a detailed listing of all site plan changes along with any resubmission.

<u>NEXT STEPS</u>: For a Minor Site Plan - Final approval of the site plan will not be granted until all comments provided to the applicant by the TRC have been addressed on the site plan and associated documents. Once the site plan and other documents have been adjusted, it will need to be resubmitted to the TRC for final signature approval before building/zoning permits will be issued.

The approval of the site plan or the installation of the improvements as required in this Title shall in no case serve to bind the County to accept such improvements for maintenance, repair or operation thereof. Acceptance of improvements shall be subject to applicable County or state regulations.

No public easement, right-of-way or public improvement shall be accepted for dedication unless approved by the County Commissioners. Such approval shall not be given by the County Commissioners until any such easement, right-of-way or improvement complies with all the requirements set forth by the approving body, including such other requirements that the approving body might impose for public utilities, streets, roads, drainage, etc. All improvements accepted for dedication shall be depicted on an instrument to be recorded in the land records of Worcester County.

## Department of Environmental Programs Natural Resources Division

## Memorandum

To: Worcester County Technical Review Committee

From: Joy S. Birch, Natural Resources Planner III

Subject: May 14, 2025 - Technical Review Committee Meeting

Date: April 15, 2025

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Parcels 79 & 80, Tax District 01, A-1 Agricultural District, Wayne & Flora Brittingham,
owner / Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative, applicant / Becker Morgan Group,
Inc., engineer. This is located outside of the Atlantic Coastal and Chesapeake Bay

## Memorandum

**To:** Technical Review Committee (TRC) for the May 14, 2025 Meeting

From: Environmental Programs Staff

**Subject:** Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative, LLC

Tax Map 100, Parcels 79 & 80

**Date:** April 3, 2025

Environmental Programs comments are based on the plans submitted. These comments are subject to change every time a change is made to the plans that affect water and/or sewage for this site.

1. Environmental Programs has no comments on this project as no impacts to water & sewer are required for this use.



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#### TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE COMMENTS

PROJECT: Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative TRC #: 20250161

LOCATION: 610 Ocean Highway – Pocomoke, Maryland 21851

**CONTACT: Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative** 

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2025 COMMENTS BY: Robert Korb, Jr.

**Chief Deputy Fire Marshal** 

As you requested, this office has reviewed plans for the above project. Construction shall be in accordance with applicable Worcester County and State of Maryland fire codes. This review is based upon information contained in the submitted TRC plans only, and does not cover unsatisfactory conditions resulting from errors, omissions, or failure to clearly indicate conditions. A full plan review by this office is required prior to the issuance of a building permit. The following comments are noted from a fire protection and life safety standpoint.

#### **Scope of Project:**

Proposed utility scale solar array project.

#### **Specific Comments:**

- 1. Provide a Knox Box furnished by the Pocomoke Fire Company at the entrance to the project.
- 2. Upon completion of the project, provide awareness training to the Pocomoke Fire Company on site specific safety details.



## Department of Environmental Programs Natural Resources Division

### Memorandum

**To:** Technical Review Committee

From: David Mathers, Natural Resources Planner

**Subject:** Forest Conservation & Stormwater Management Review

**Date:** April 25, 2025

Date of Meeting: May14, 2025

**Project:** Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative

**Location:** 610 Ocean Highway; Tax Map: 100; Parcel: 79 & 80

Owner/Developer: Wayne & Flora Brittingham

**Engineer:** Becker Morgan Group, Inc.

This project is exempt from the Worcester County Forest Conservation Law. In accordance with House Bill 723, as of July 1, 2024, solar photovoltaic facilities are exempt from the County's Forest Conservation Law provided there is no cutting or clearing of forest, and provided that all forested area cut or cleared is replaced at a ratio of one acre planted for each one acre removed, or, is replaced at a ratio of one half acre planted for each one acre removed in a priority funding area. Furthermore, any future approval of this land for a regulated activity shall be subject to the County's Forest Conservation Law.

The Forest Conservation statement above shall be included in the plans for this project.

This project is subject to the Worcester County Stormwater Ordinance. The project has obtained Stormwater Concept Plan approval. This project will need Stormwater Development Plan approval prior to proceeding to Planning Commission.

All projects over one acre of disturbance shall be required to file for a General Permit/Notice of Intent (NOI) for construction activity through Maryland Department of Environment. This is mandated through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge

that exceeds one acre will not be issued without NOI authorization being obtained prior to.						



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

January 1, 2024

TO:

**Applicant** 

FROM:

David M. Bradford, Deputy Director

SUBJECT:

Stormwater/Sediment Erosion Control Plan/Permit

Please note, if a Stormwater plan is approved by this office and does not include phasing, the corresponding permit can only receive Stormwater Final approval once all improvements are completed and the entire site is stabilized. This includes properties which have multiple Building or Zoning permits associated with the Stormwater plans. If a Stormwater Bond is required per the permit, the bond will only be released once a Stormwater Final approval takes place.

Additionally, if pervious pavement (i.e. asphalt, concrete) is proposed as a Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP), an engineer will be required to ensure that this BMP is installed per the approved plan and the correct sequence is detailed on approved plans. Furthermore, all site disturbance must be stabilized prior to beginning the BMP installation process to avoid any contamination or performance issues. If components of the BMP become contaminated, excavation may be required. A detail/schematic must be site specific and reflect how associated sub drains are connected to piping and also illustrate all material being used in subgrade when using this BMP.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Deputy Director, David Bradford, at (410) 632-1220, ext. 1143.

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Project: Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative LLC

Date: 5/14/2025

Tax Map: 100 Parcel: 79 & 80 Section: Lot: Block:

#### **COMMENTS**

1. Current Codes: 2021 International Building Code

2017 National Electric Code

- Wind Design (assumed):116 MPH risk category I; 122 MPH risk category II;
   Exposure Category "C"; Ground Snow Load 20 PSF
- 3. Soils report required at time of permit application.
- 4. Engineered sealed plans (Maryland) required for all systems and components. Soils evaluation for pile foundation for embedment.
- 5. Special inspector **(third party engineer)** will be required for all piles, systems and components during construction. Final certification and report of project prior to final inspection by building inspector.
- 6. Submit with the permit application the total number and size of solar panels to be in installed.
- 7. Provide total wattage amount at time of application.
- 8. Please provide your design professional with a copy of these comments.

Additional information may be requested at the time of plan review.

Permit fee is by  $ft^2$  of panels x .1131. There is also a fee for fire marshal.



#### RE: 5/14/25 TRC Transmittal - Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative

From Tony Fascelli <tfascelli@co.worcester.md.us>

Date Tue 4/15/2025 11:53 AM

To Benjamin M. Zito <br/>
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<br/>
Cc Chris Clasing <cclasing@co.worcester.md.us>

Ben,

This project is outside of our service area and is all solar panels. No comments further from us.

Thanks,

Tony Fascelli Water & Wastewater Superintendent Department of Public Works Worcester County Government 1000 Shore Lane Berlin, MD 21811

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From: Benjamin M. Zito <br/> <br/>bmzito@worcestermd.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:52 AM

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Subject: Re: 5/14/25 TRC Transmittal - Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative

Good afternoon all,

We received an additional electrical site plan from the developer of this project. See attached. Please let me know if anyone needs hard copies.

Thank you,

Ben Zito

**DRP Specialist III** 

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Thank you,

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DRP Specialist III

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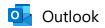
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From Jeffrey Fritts <JFritts@mdot.maryland.gov>

Date Tue 4/15/2025 10:51 AM

To Benjamin M. Zito <br/> <br/>bmzito@worcestermd.gov>

Cc Kristen Tremblay <a href="mailto:ktremblay@co.worcester.md.us">ktremblay@co.worcester.md.us</a>

Ben,

SHA will require a commercial access permit and plan review for this project.

Thanks,



roads.maryland.gov

#### Jeff Fritts

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**Maryland Department of Transportation** 

660 West Road, Salisbury, MD 21801

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