

**Tompkins County**  
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Ray Burger, Planning Director  
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93 East Main Street  
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**Re:** Review Pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law  
**Action:** Updated Subdivision, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for proposed Ellis Tract Solar Project including eight 2MW and two 1MW solar installations at Stevenson, Dodge and Turkey Hill Roads, Town of Dryden Tax Parcel Nos. 56.-5-31, 57.-1-6, 57.-1-7.1, 67.-1-3, 67.-1-4, 67.-1-7.2, Rural Agriculture Zoning Districts, Cornell University, Owner/Applicant; Daniel Walker, PE, Agent.

Dear Mr. Burger:

This letter acknowledges your referral of the proposal identified above for review and comment by the Tompkins County Planning Department pursuant to §239 -l and -m of the New York State General Municipal Law. The Department has reviewed the proposal, as submitted, and has determined that it has positive and beneficial inter-community, or county-wide impacts.

Because of the contribution of this project to the County's energy goals, we **recommend its approval**.

The Department offers the following comment on this proposal:

- The proposed project has been adjusted in a way that better accommodates the natural features of the site and goes a long way to supporting the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan (2015) policy to *increase the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and technologies*.

Please inform us of your decision so that we can make it a part of the record.

Sincerely,



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cc: Martha Robertson, Tompkins County Legislator, District 13