

VILLAGE OF MINOOKA

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-3777

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMERCIAL SOLAR FARM MAP AND POLICY FOR
THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA, WILL, GRUNDY, AND KENDALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF MINOOKA

THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

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WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Minooka, Will, Grundy, and Kendall Counties, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Village of Minooka has experienced significant growth in both the interest in and development of commercial solar farms both within the Village's corporate boundaries and without said boundaries but within the Village's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village recognize the benefit that commercial solar farms can provide to public health and welfare by producing clean electrical energy for consumption by the Village's citizens and other residents; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village are also aware of the significant impacts that commercial solar farms can and do have on present and future residential and commercial uses in their vicinity, especially when improperly located; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that it is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the Village and its citizens to identify certain parcels of property that are currently outside the corporate boundaries of the Village, but within the Village's planning jurisdiction, that may be more appropriate and suitable for development and use as commercial solar farms because (i) these parcels of property are unlikely to be developed for any other residential, commercial, or industrial use in the next forty years and their use as a commercial solar farm is unlikely to disrupt the natural growth and development of the Village and its local economy, and (ii) the siting of a commercial solar farm on these parcels of property have a reduced chance of causing significant negative impacts on other current and future residential and commercial uses in and around the Village; and

WHEREAS, Village staff have prepared the "Potentially Suitable Parcels for Solar Farm Development Map" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A and fully incorporated herein (the "Map"), which identifies those properties that the Corporate Authorities of the Village believe may be more appropriate for commercial solar farm development, as described above; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village are also cognizant of the facts that (i) the Village is a member of the newly-formed Grand Prairie Water Commission ("GPWC"), and the Village's estimated required contributions for the construction of the GPWC water system are in excess of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000.00); (ii) the Village's estimated costs to prepare its own local water system to receive Lake Michigan water from the GPWC exceed twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00); and (iii) water tap-on fees and other water system revenues (which commercial solar farms do not pay or generate) account for a

significant portion of the Village's plan to meet those expenses in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the production of clean electrical energy within the Village without substantially diminishing the Village's capability to meet its anticipated GPWC contributions and other water system costs, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that it is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the Village to articulate a policy whereby the Village will not support the development of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the property identified on the Map (approx. 325 acres) for commercial solar farm development; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that this policy, which provides options for commercial solar farm developers while creating an effective cap on the number of new farms permitted so as to protect the Village's ability to pursue other developments that will better allow the Village to meet its obligations to the GPWC and its citizens, is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Village and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA, WILL, GRUNDY, AND KENDALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The Corporate Authorities of the Village hereby approve and adopt the "Potentially Suitable Parcels for Solar Farm Development Map" (Exhibit A) and the commercial solar farm development policy articulated in the preamble of this Resolution, above. Further, the Corporate Authorities of the Village authorize and direct Village staff to provide the land use departments of Will, Grundy, and Kendall Counties with copies of this Resolution and the Map, and to work with the same to ensure the fair and effective implementation of said policy going forward.

SECTION 3. In the event that any provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses of this Resolution shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions, portions, or clauses of this Resolution that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses.

SECTION 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, conflicting with any of the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

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PRESENTED and passed by the Board of Trustees on a roll call vote on the 22nd day of October, 2024, with 5 Trustees voting aye, 0 Trustees voting nay, 0 Trustees abstaining, and with 1 Trustees absent, President OFFERMAN voting 1: said vote being: MARTIN absent, THOMPSON aye, HOUCHENS aye, MARTINEZ aye, WHITE aye, and MASON aye.

Orsola Filus
Orsola Filus, Village Clerk

APPROVED this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Frederic Offerman
Frederic Offerman, Village President

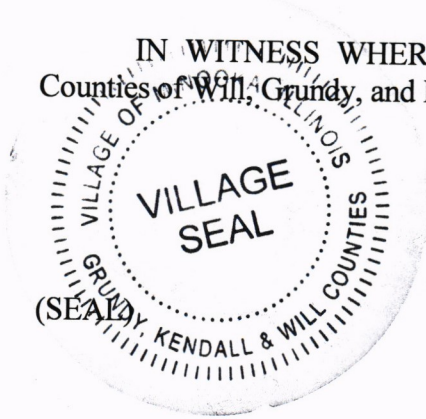
ATTEST:

Orsola Filus
Orsola Filus, Village Clerk

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COUNTIES OF WILL) §§

I, Orsola Filus, Village Clerk of the Village of Minooka, Counties of Will, Grundy, and Kendall and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true, perfect, and complete copy of Resolution number 2412-3778 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMERCIAL SOLAR FARM MAP AND POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA, WILL, GRUNDY, AND KENDALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS," which was adopted by the Village Corporate Authorities at a meeting held on the 22nd day of October 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in the Village of Minooka, Counties of Will, Grundy, and Kendall and State of Illinois, on this 22nd day of Oct, 2024.



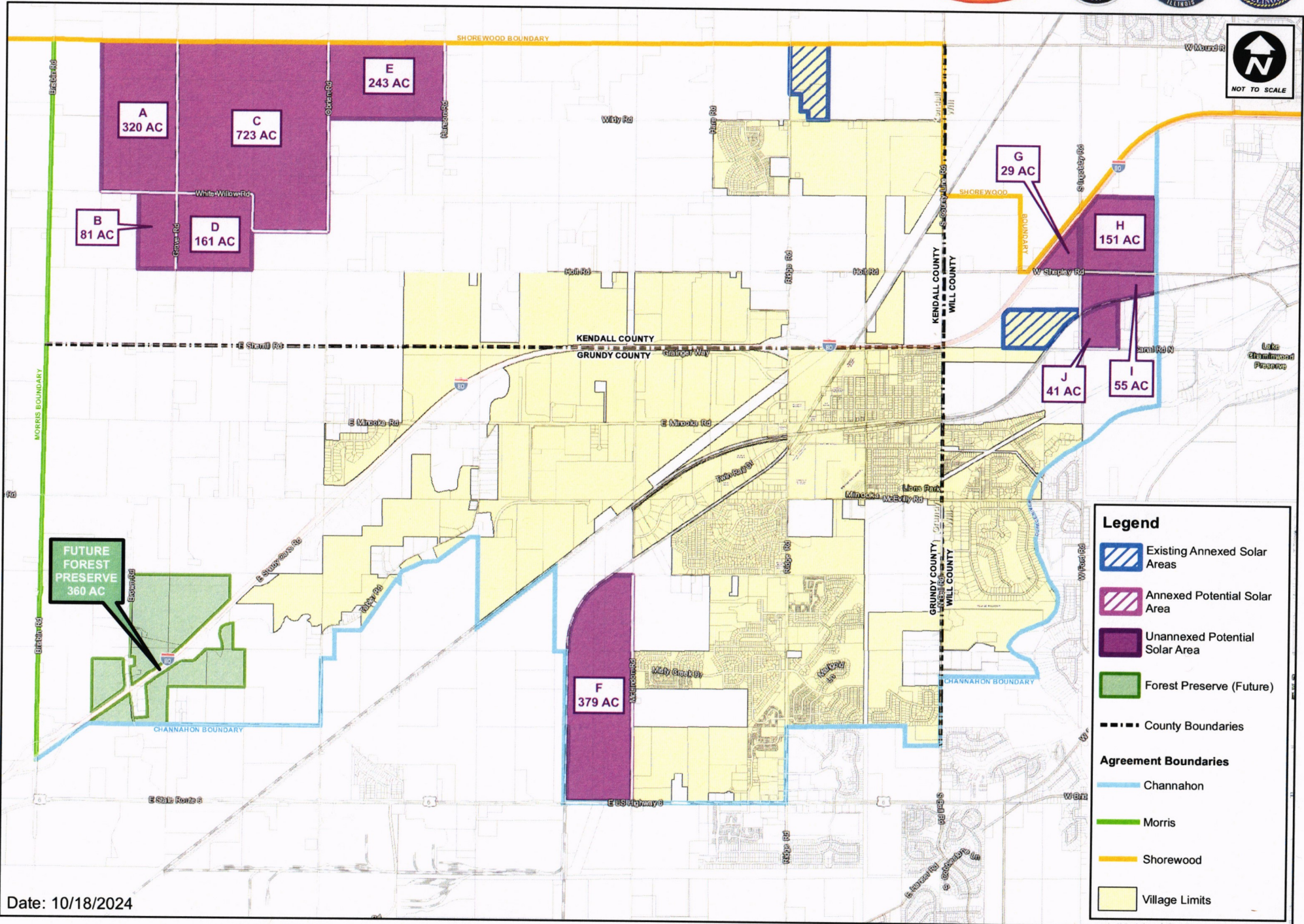
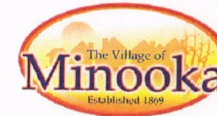
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ORSOLA FILUS, VILLAGE CLERK

Exhibit A

**Potentially Suitable Parcels for Solar Farm
Development Map**

Village of Minooka – Grundy County – Kendall County – Will County Potentially Suitable Parcels for Solar Farm Development Map



Date: 10/18/2024

Legend

- Existing Annexed Solar Areas
- Annexed Potential Solar Area
- Unannexed Potential Solar Area
- Forest Preserve (Future)
- County Boundaries

Agreement Boundaries

- Channahon
- Morris
- Shorewood
- Village Limits