

Forest Preserve District

OF WILL COUNTY

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City of Naperville
Planning and Zoning Commission
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Re:

Zoning Case #19-1-121

DuPage River Confluence Preserve

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for providing the Forest Preserve District of Will County (Forest Preserve) the opportunity to comment on the proposed solar farm located at 3712 Plainfield-Naperville Road, Naperville, Illinois. Please be advised that the solar farm location is adjacent to DuPage River Confluence Preserve.

DuPage River Confluence Preserve is a 264-acre grassland habitat supporting the State Threatened Henlow's sparrow and other grassland bird species of concern. Our goal is to protect the quality and use of our preserves. Solar projects are new in our area, and limited research has been conducted on impacts to wildlife. At a minimum, the Forest Preserve suggests monitoring wildlife mortality that may occur on the site and report your findings to us.

Additionally, to conduct a complete review, the Forest Preserve requests the following documents:

- Vegetation maintenance plan
- Full landscape plan including a species list
- Full site plan

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at 815.722.9128.

Sincerely,

Cori Crawford

Planning and GIS Coordinator