

October Town Board Update

1. New updates

- This month, AES is submitting a request to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) for a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) to allow for the hand felling of trees during Q1 of 2027.
- ORES' LNTP approval will grant AES permission to fell trees by hand, which represents the first step in the project's construction process.
- Unlike standard tree clearing operations, the hand-felling approach relies strictly on crews using chainsaws and manual labor rather than heavy, mechanized timber-harvesting equipment. By utilizing manual crews rather than heavy equipment, AES can minimize ground disturbance and protect local soils conditions while advancing necessary site preparation activities in accordance with applicable permit requirements and environmental commitments.
- Later in Q1 2027, once ORES gives Full Notice to Proceed (FNTP) with construction, additional site preparation activities, including mechanized, clearing, grubbing, and management of felled trees, are expected to begin.
- AES will host a local pre-construction meeting ahead of tree clearing activities, slated for Wednesday, January 13th, at the Homer Center for the Arts from 10:30am – 12:30pm. AHJ's will receive formal notices and invitations a month in advance at minimum.
- AES supported the Great Cortland Pumpkinfest this year with a \$5,000 contribution as a top-tier sponsor and is actively exploring philanthropic donations and sponsorship opportunities in Cortland County to support throughout the remainder of the year.

2. Ongoing project activities in progress

AES is currently working with an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) firm to support and execute the construction plans for the project.

- AES is working with the Town Attorney to review and finalize the Road Use and Host Community Agreements, which will both be fully executed ahead of construction.
- AES intends to execute the PILOT agreement in Q4 2026. This timeline has been discussed with the IDA at the Board Meeting held on 8/10. AES attended the meeting virtually.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Homer Solar Project, please contact us via email at homersolar@aes.com or through the AES hotline at 866-757-7697.