

To: Lyme Town Board and community

Re: September Limestone Solar and Riverside Solar Project Update

This update will be shared by a Limestone Solar representative at the Lyme Town Board meeting on Wednesday, September 9.

Limestone Solar Update

The Project team continues to work through the pre-application requirements and we intend to submit the permit application in the coming months. We will distribute the 60 day Notice of Intent to File a permit application according to the Article VIII regulations.

Regarding the request for a second Town consultation meeting and an additional community meeting before 60-day notices are distributed. While AES has met the community meeting and local agency consultation requirements, the Limestone Solar project team continues to support constructive dialogue with the Town and community stakeholders. Our attorney has been in communication with the Town's attorney to invite additional feedback and input. We are in the process of responding to the most recent request for additional information and intend to send our response in the next couple of weeks.

We would also like to request a copy of the Hudsonia Report referenced in the August 12, 2026 town board meeting minutes.

To continue constructive dialogue, we are planning to host a virtual stakeholder engagement session and will be deciding a date and time in the next couple of weeks. Once this is scheduled, we will inform the community.

The consultation process is intended to address local law requirements, procedural issues and constructive community feedback. Detailed engineering plans, environmental studies, impact assessments, and supporting technical documentation are reviewed after the application is filed and will be available on the project's DMM page.

Regarding the question raised at recent meetings about pesticide and herbicide use at solar facilities. Solar projects generally do not require routine pesticide and herbicide use. I have [a document](#) that lists several research studies on this topic and it will be posted on the project webpage along with the update.

For Limestone Solar and Riverside Solar, vegetation management will be addressed through a formal vegetation management plan filed during the compliance process. No herbicides or pesticides will be broadly applied across the project areas.

Any herbicide use would be limited, targeted, and conducted by licensed applicators consistent with applicable requirements—for example, around substations, inverter pads, road shoulders, fence lines, and invasive species infestations. Most vegetation within the fenceline is expected to be managed through sheep grazing and mowing.

Riverside Solar Project update

Project development activities for Riverside Solar are ongoing. AES is currently working to identify an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction firm to support the construction phase.

This September update will be posted on the Limestone Solar and Riverside Solar webpages by Friday, September 11.

If anyone has questions, comments, or feedback, please speak with me after the meeting or contact the project teams by email, phone, or through the project webpages.

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