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Environment / Energy / Infrastructure

August 13, 2021

Ms. Patrice Ashfield
Division of Ecological Services
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
4625 Morse Rd. Suite 104
Columbus, Ohio 43230

RE: Data Request for the proposed Dixon Run Solar Project, Bloomfield Township, Jackson County, Ohio; EVD029.0004

Dear Ms. Ashfield:

Hull and Associates, LLC (Hull) respectfully requests an Environmental Review of the proposed Dixon Run Solar Project located in Bloomfield Township, Jackson County, Ohio. The project consists of developing 1,412 acres of previously mined and strip-mined land for a utility-scale solar facility. Infrastructure associated with a solar facility includes photo-voltaic (PV) solar arrays, access roads, underground and overhead utility lines, and electric substation. Construction of the facility will result in impacts to delineated surface waters. Field surveys of the Study Area began on July 19, 2021 and are expected to continue through August 17, 2021. The Study Area consists of open pasture, scrub-shrub/old-field habitat, and forest. Evidence of the property's mining history is apparent throughout the site. Coordination is requested in compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The CenterPoint of the Study Area is located at the following latitude/longitude coordinates: 39.999678°, - 82.515058° (Wellston, Mulga, Oak Hill, and Rio Grande Ohio USGS Quadrangles)

Hull requests from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service information on all documented threatened and endangered species occurring within the Study Area and the vicinity of the Study Area, including specific information on location, if available. If such information exists, please inform us if the proposed project has the potential to impact protected species. Please also include any information you may have on Bald Eagle nest sites within a one-mile radius of the Study Area.

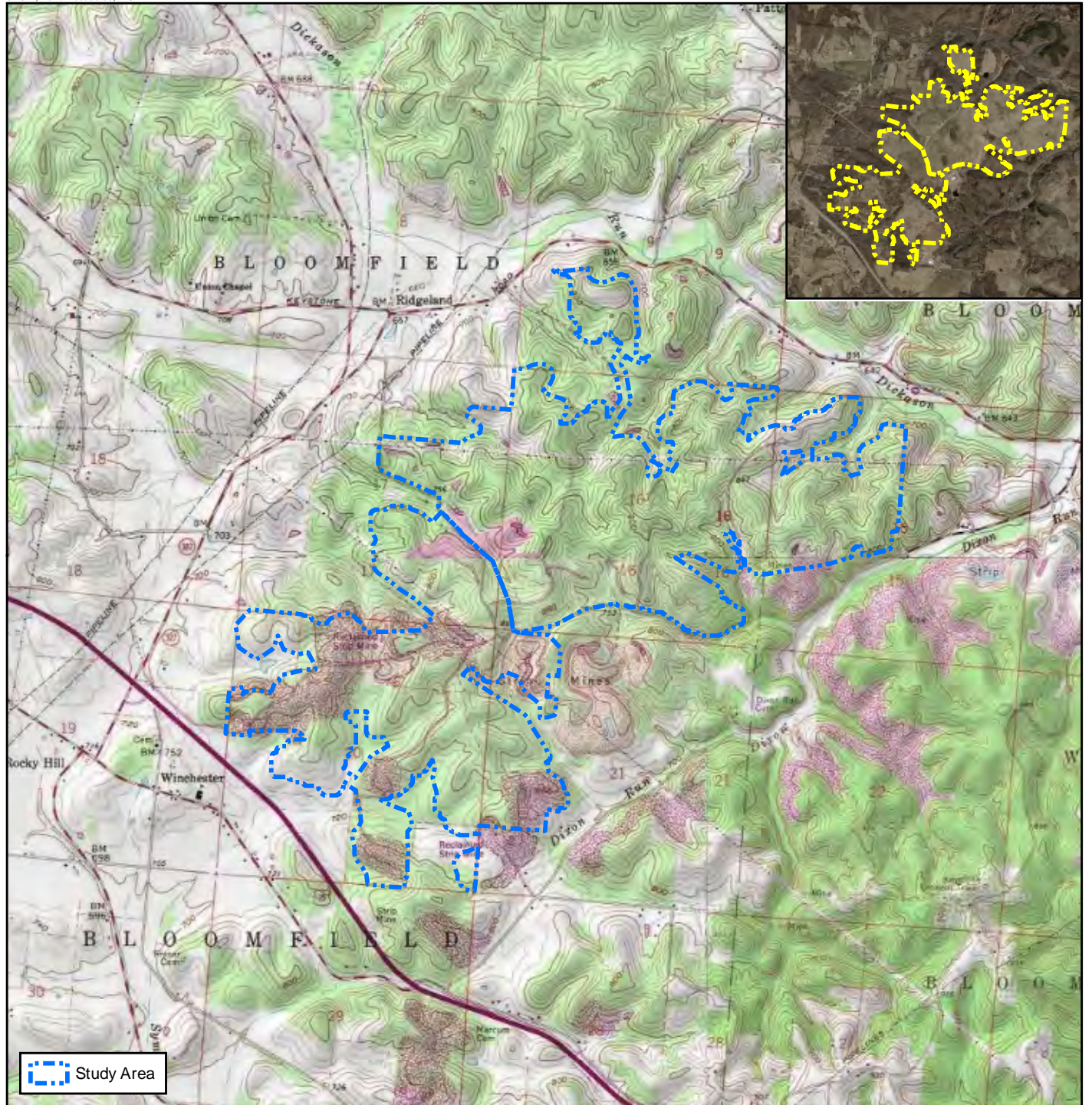
Should you require any additional information or have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact Helena Hayter at (614) 362-4809 or by email at hhayter@hullinc.com.


Sincerely,



Helena Hayter
Project Ecologist

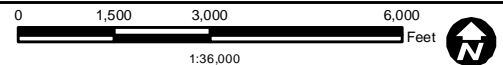
Attachments: Project Location and 7.5-Minute USGS Topographic Map (Figure 1), Project Vicinity Map on Aerial Imagery (Figure 2), and Study Area Shapefiles.



 Study Area



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Quad: Wellston, Mulga, Oak Hill, and Rio Grande

Source: The topographic map was acquired through the USGS Topographic Map web service.

The aerial photo was acquired from the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP). Aerial photography dated 2020.



Dixon Run Solar Project
 Environmental Assessment
Project Location Map

Bloomfield Township, Jackson County, Ohio

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