

December 21, 2015

Ms. Zapata Courage Watershed Management Division 1 National Life Drive, Main St. Montpelier, VT 05620-3522

Re: Wetlands Individual Permit Application: 2015-342 Ascutney Meadow Solar Project West Windsor, Vermont

Dear Zapata:

Please find enclosed a Wetlands Permit application filed on behalf of MountainFund, LLC. A check for the amount of \$5,227.00 is included. Upon your notification of completeness, I will move forward with the distribution requirements as outlined in the Vermont Wetland Rules.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this submittal.

Best regards,

Dori Barton Wetland Ecologist

Attachments

Page 18 Vermont Wetland Section Wetland Application Database Form

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Applicant Name: Mounta		Representative Name: Dori E	Sarton, Arrowwood Env.
Town where project is lo		County: Windsor	<u></u>
911 Street Address or direction from	otion: Intersection of Rte	44 and Ski Tow Road, West W	/indsor, Vermont
Project Summary:500 kV	VAC Solar Generation Fa	acility	
Permit Type Requested	(check all that apply)		<i>6</i> °
Vermont General Permit C	Coverage 🗌 Wetlar	nd Determination 🛛 Vermont	Wetland Permit
	up proposed impacts from wetland ta		
Total Wetland Impact	0square feet (s.f.)	-	19948square feet (s.f.)
Total Wetland Clearing (qualified linear projects only)	0square feet (s.f.)	Total Buffer Zone Clearing (qualified linear projects only)	0square feet (s.f.)
	c payable to - State of Ve		
Wetland Impact Fee: (\$0.75/s	sf) \$0.00 Adminis	strative Fee:	\$240
Buffer Impact Fee: (\$0.25/sf)		neck Amount:	\$5,227.00
Clearing Fee: (\$0.25/sf)	\$0.00		
Existing Land Use Type: (check all that apply)	Forestry	Residential (Subdivision)	Industrial/ commercial
Agriculture Transport	ation 🗌 Parks/Rec/Trail	☐ Residential (Single	titutional 🛛 Undeveloped
Proposed Land Use Type	e: Forestry		ndustrial/ commercial
(check all that apply)	ortation	(Subdivision)	
Agriculture Transpo		Residential (Single I Family)	nstitutional 🔄 No Change
Proposed Impact Type:	🗌 Buildings 🛛 Utilit	ies Parking Septic/Well	Stormwater
(check all that apply)	Parks/Path	Agriculture Dond	🗌 Lawn
Dry Hydrant Deaver da	am alteration 🔲 Silviculture	Aesthetics Other	☐ No Impact
Wetland 1: B/C(Label using applicable, use supplemental sheets		Location: Intersection I	Rt 44/Ski Tow Rd
impacted) Wetland Type: PEM/PSS	-Emergent anWL Size Class :	1-5 acres	
	Propos	ed Alterations	
Wetland Alteration:	Buffer Zone Alteration:	Wetland Alteration Type (c	heck all that apply)
Wetland Fill: 0s.f.		Dredge	Drain
Temporary: 0s.f.	Temporary: 0 s.f	Cut Vegetation	Stormwater
Permanent: : 0s.f.	Permanent: : 19984 s.f	⊠Trench/Fill	⊠Other
	M	litigation	
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Wetland Mitigation: (s.f. (Restoration s.f.	Gained) Enhancement s.f.	Buffer Zone Mitigation (s.f Restoration s.f.	. Gained): Enhancement s.f
Creation s.f.	Conservation s.f.	Creation s.f	Conservation s.f
Reason for Mitigation:	Correction of Violation	Mitigation to offset permit impacts	☐ Voluntary

All Applications S	Should be	Mailed To:
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Vermont Wetlands Program Watershed Management Division One National Life Drive, Main 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-3522

	Staff	To Complete	
Wetland Project Number:			
Wetland Project Name:		DEC ID#:	
Date Application Received:			
Request for Information Date:		Information Received	Date:
Request for Information Date:		Information Received	Date:
Date Application Complete:		Distribution Complete	Date:
Notice Begin Date:		Notice End Date:	
Final Action Date:		Public Meeting Date:	
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Vermont Wetland Permit Application/Determination Petition

Q	JESTION	INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICANT ANSWER			
1.	Applicant	If the applicant is someone other than the landowner, the landowner information must also be included below.			
	1.1. Applicant Name	MountainFunds, LLC C/O Mary Vitullo			
	1.2. Applicant Address	5296 S. Commerce Drive, Suite 102, Salt Lake City, UT 84107			
	1.3. Applicant Phone Number	801-803-5771			
	1.4. Applicant Email	mary@rockwoodgroup.com			
	1.5. Applicant Signature (original signature required)	By signing this application you are certifying that all the contained within is true, accurate, and complete to the knowledge.			
		× May VHullo	Date: 12/16/15		
2.	Representative	Consultant, engineer, or other representative that is rethins application, if other than the applicant or landown			
	2.1. Representative Name	Dori Barton, Arrowwood Environmental, LLC			
	2.2. Representative Address	950 Bert White Road, Huntington, Vermont, 05462			
	2.3. Representative Phone Number	802-434-7276			
	2.4. Applicant Email	dori@arrowwoodvt.com			
	2.5. Representative Signature	By signing this application you are certifying that all the contained within is true, accurate, and complete to the knowledge.			
	(original signature required)	x R	Date:	学校会社会	
3.	Landowner	Landowner must sign the application. Use this space different from the applicant	if landowner is		
	3.1. Landowner Name	MFW Associates, LLC C/O Mary Vitullo			
	3.2. Landowner Address	5296 S. Commerce Drive, Suite 102, Salt Lake City, L	JT 84107		
	3.3. Landowner Phone Number	801-803-5771			
	3.4. Landowner Email	mary@rockwoodgroup.com			
	3.5. Landowner Easement	Attach copies of any easements, agreements or other permission, and agreement with the landowner stating responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of th attachment for this information in this section. Not applicable	who will be		
3.6. Landowner Signature (original signature required)		By signing this application you are certifying that all the contained within is true, accurate, and complete to the knowledge.			
			Deter		
			Date:		

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Project	available, and any other distinguishing geographic features. Intersection of Route 44 and Ski Tow Road, West Windsor, Vermont				
5. Site Visit Date and Attendees	Date of visit with District Wetlands Ecologist	List people present for site visits including Ecologist, landowner, and representatives.			
	7/14/15	Ms. Zapata Courage, Vermont Wetlands Office Ms. Hannah Wingate, Krebs & Lansing			
6. Wetland Classification	The wetland is a Class II we The wetland is mapped on	etland because (Choose one): the VSWI map			
7. Description of Entire Wetland or Wetland Complex	Answer the following quest complex. A wetland complete	ons regarding the entire wetland or wetland ex is generally defined as two or more wetland nd interrelated. Specific questions about the			
7.1. Size of Wetland Complex in Acres		nvironmental Interest Locator Map for mapped			
7.2. Natural Community Types Present		•			
7.3. Landscape Position	Where is the wetland locate basin, edge of a stream, sh Edge of stream	d on the landscape? Examples: bottom of a ore of a lake, etc.			
7.4. Wetland Hydrology	Describe the main source of any river, streams, lakes an An unnamed tributary to Mi Include answers to the follo	l Brook			
7.4.1. Direction of flow	For example: stream flows	from north to south through the wetland complex. through the wetland complex			
7.4.2. Influence of hydrology on wetland complex	For example: The river prov	ides flood water to the wetland in the spring. e floodwater to areas of the wetland in the spring			
7.4.3. Relation to the	Distance between the proje	ct area and any nearby surface waters.			
project area	approximately 50'				
7.4.4. Hydroperiod	Discuss frequency and dura seasonal ponding in emerge	ation of flooding, ponding, and/or soil saturation. ent area			
7.5. Surrounding Landuse of		al and forested; agricultural and undeveloped,			
the Wetland Complex	by Route 44 and open fields	to the west by forest and Mill Brook, to the north s, to the east by open fields and forest, and to the ski area development.			
7.6. Relation to Other Nearby Wetlands	south by Ski Tow Road and ski area development. Provide any information on wetlands or wetland complexes that are close enough to contribute to the overall function of the wetland in question. There is a Class 3 wetland located directly to the west and north of the subject wetland. This wetland is located within the former footprint of a sewer plant lagoon which was filled in 1997. This wetland is of marginal value and functionality.				
7.7. Pre-project Cumulative Impacts to the Wetland	influence the wetland. Exan encroachments off the subju- the wetland, or developmen The wetlands on the proper periodic brush cutting. The	oing impacts outside of the project that may nples include but are not limited to wetland ect property, land management in or surrounding t that influences hydrology or water quality. ty are currently managed as open field with area of proposed development was historically a with lagoons that have were filled in the 1990's.			

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8. Description of Subject Wetland	Subject Wetland is defined as the area of wetland in the project area, but not limited to the portion of the wetland to be directly impacted by the project. For the purposes of this application, the subject wetland should encompass any portion of the larger wetland or wetland complex that could be directly or indirectly impacted by the project, as defined by hydrology, vegetation and/or physical characteristics.	
8.1. Context of Subject Wetland	Describe where the subject wetland is in the context of the larger wetland or wetland complex described above. The proposed impact is within the wetland buffer zone of the western poriton of the overall wetland complex.	
8.2. Wetland Landuse	For example: mowed lawn; old field; naturally vegetated. Describe any previous and ongoing disturbance in the subject wetland. The wetland is currently managed as old field with period brush cutting.	
8.3. Wetland Vegetation	List dominant wetland community type and associated dominant plant species. Old field/wet meadow: Salix discolor, Phalaris arundinacea, Solidago gigantea, Lotus corniculatus	
8.4. Wetland Soils	Use USDA NRCS information where possible and use the ACOE Delineation Manual soil description Buckland soil series; Depleted Matrix (F3)	
8.5. Wetland Hydrology	Use descriptions from the ACOE Delineation Manual. Geomorphic position (D2); Shallow Aquitard (D3)	
8.6. Buffer Zone	Describe the buffer zone of the subject wetland including:	
8.6.1. General landuse	For example: mowed road shoulder; forested; old field; paved road and residential lawns etc. Describe any previous and ongoing disturbance in the buffer zone. Old field with periodic brush cutting	
8.6.2. Buffer vegetation	List community type and dominant plant species Old Field: Galium mullogo, Festuca ovina	
8.6.3. Buffer soils	Use USDA NRCS information where possible, and the ACOE Delineation Manual soil description Buckland soil series	

9. Wetland Determination	If the application involves a wetland determination please answer the following. If not, skip to Section 10.	
9.1. Reason for Petition	Please choose one from the dropdown menu:	
	Add a Section 4.6 presumed wetland to the VSWI map	
9.2. Previous Decisions	Please list all determinations and decisions, if any, issued by the Secretary, Panel or former Water Resources Board, pertaining to the wetland or buffer at issue: Not applicable	
9.3. Narrative	Please provide any narrative to support the petition for a wetland determination here. This section is not required for petitions to add a Section 4.6 presumed wetland to the VSWI map, but is required for all other petitions.	
	Not applicable	

If the application is only for a Wetland Determination only, skip to Section 13

10. Project Description		
10.1.Overall Project	Description of the project. For example: six-lot residential subdivision; expansion of an existing commercial building, access drive to a single family residence.	

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	500kW (AC) solar generation facility to be known as Ascutney Meadows Solar
10.2.Project Purpose	For example: To construct a residential subdivision, upgrade existing road to improve access, extend a trail system To construct a solar generation facility
10.3.Acres Owned by Applicant	Acreage of subject property. ~18.2
10.4.Acres Involved in the Project	Acreage of area involved in the project. ~3.3 acres
1.Project Details	Provide details regarding specific impacts to the wetland and buffer zone
11.1.Specific Impacts to Wetland and Buffer Zone	List portions of the project that will specifically impact the wetland or buffer zone. The proposed project will involve array construction, conduit trenching, fencing, and ongoing mowing in the wetland buffer zone. The proposed project will have no direct impacts to Class 2 wetlands. See attached site plan for details.
11.2.Dimension Details	Square footage of buildings, dimension of roads including fill footprint. Not applicable. The existing access road that is located in the wetland buffer zone will not be improved.
11.3.Bridges and Culverts	Culvert circumference, length, placement and shapes, or bridge details. Not applicable
11.4.Construction Sequence	Describe any details pertaining to the worked planned in the wetland and buffer in terms of sequence or phasing that is relevant Install appropriate erosion controls (see attached site plan for details); construct fence and install posts/racking for solar array from inside the proposed fence location.
11.5.Stormwater Design	List any stormwater permits obtained or applied for. Describe any stormwater and/or erosion controls proposed to prevent discharges to the wetland and buffer zone. The proposed project does not trigger a Construction General Permit as total disturbed area is 0.41 acres. See attached site plan for erosion control details.
11.6.Permanent Demarcation of Limits of Impact	Describe any plantings, fencing, signage, or other memorialization that provides permanent on-the-ground boundaries for the limits of disturbance for ongoing uses. The solar facility will be entirely fenced in following initial clearing of shrub vegetation.
12. Wetland and Buffer Zone Impacts	
12.1.Wetland Impacts	Summarize the square footage of impact in the appropriate category. If more than one wetland is impacted, provide that information and use the supplemental wetland sheets.
	TotalsWetland Fill0 s.f.Temporary Wetland Impacts.f.Other Permanent Wetland Impacts.f.
	Describe in detail the proposed impact. Not applicable. The proposed project will result in no direct impacts to Class 2 wetlands.

VWP Application 07/15/15 12.2.Buffer Zone Impacts	Page 5 Summarize the square footage of impact in the appropriate category. If more than one wetland is impacted, provide that information and use the supplemental wetland sheets.	
	Temporary Buffer Impact s.f.	
	Permanent Buffer Impact 19948 s.f.	
	Describe in detail the proposed impact.	
	Array Construction, Fencing and mowing: 19,872 sq.ft Conduit Trench: 76 sq.ft	
12.3.Cumulative Impacts	List any potential cumulative or ongoing, direct and indirect impacts on the functions of the wetland that could result from the proposed project. The proposed project will not result any cumulative or ongoing, direct or indirect impacts on the functions and values of the wetland.	
12.4.Avoidance and Minimization	Please refer to Section 9.5b of the rules on Mitigation Sequencing for this section.	
12.4.1. Avoidance	Can the proposed activity be practicably located outside the wetland/buffer zone, or on another site owned or controlled by the applicant or reasonably available to satisfy the basic project purpose? If not, indicate why. This answer should include any examination of alternatives that you have explored including using other properties, requesting easements, and altering the project design. The project cannot be practicably located outside of the entirety of the wetland buffer zone to satisfy the project purpose due to site constraints and the presence of wetland resources. The project has been located to completely avoid direct impacts to Class 2 wetland resources.	
12.4.2. Minimization	If the proposed activity cannot practicably be located outside the wetland/buffer zone, have all practicable measures have been taken to avoid adverse impacts on protected functions? Please include any information on on-site alternatives that have been examined; minimizing the size and scope of the project to avoid impacts; or relocating portions of the project to avoid impacts The proposed project has been located in an area of wetland buffer zone that provides marginal functionality to the overall wetland complex. The area of proposed impact is currently maintained as open field and will be maintained in the same manner upon completion of construction.	
12.4.3. Mitigation	If avoidance of adverse effects on protected functions cannot be practically achieved, has the proposed activity has been planned to minimize adverse impacts on the protected functions and a plan has been developed for the prompt restoration of any adverse impacts on protected functions? Include any information on best management practices to be used for the project both for the initial construction and ongoing use. Also include any proposed restoration of temporary impacts, previously disturbed wetland or buffer zones or proposed conservation that are being used to offset the proposed impacts. No wetland mitigation, as contemplated in the Rules, is planned for Class 2 wetland buffer impacts.	
12.4.4. Compensation	Please refer to Section 9.5c of the rules for compensation, which is appropriate when the project will result in an undue adverse impact. If compensation is proposed please include a summary here. No wetland compensation, as contemplated in the Rules, is planned for Class 2 wetland buffer impacts.	
13. Supporting materials	Where appropriate list the accompanying material by title, author, date and last revision date. Submit these documents and plans with the application.	

13.1.Location map	Provide a project location map that is 8 ½" x 11" and reproducible in black and white. An Environmental Interest Locator Map is appropriate using the USGS topography map base layer, roads, and VSWI wetlands at minimum. Attached						
13.2.Site Plans	delineation and envelopes and	List by title, author, date and last revision date. Plans should include wetland delineation and buffer zones, limits of disturbance, erosion controls, building envelopes and permanent memorialization. Proposed 500 kw AC Solar Array Site Plan, Krebs and Lansing, 12/10/15					
13.3.ACOE Delineation Forms	List by author, location, and date. Required only for Individual Permits. 8/18/15, Michael Lew-Smith, Wetland B/C (Class 2) and Wetland A (Class 3)						
13.4.Other Supporting Documents	Provide any oth photographs; e	Provide any other documentation that supports the application. List photographs; easements; agreements; may include a GIS-compatible wetland submittal for determinations; etc.					
13.5.List of Abutters (Neighbors with land adjoining wetland or buffer zone)	Attach list of na document. Attached	ames and r	nailing addr	esses or submit	as word ma	illing	
13.5.1. Newspaper Notification	If choosing the option to fulfill the notice requirement with a newspaper notice, list the newspaper to be used here. A list of names and addresses for immediately adjacent landowners (500 foot radius) of the project area is required for the List of Abutters. ***NOTE: The applicant will be billed directly by the newspaper you list here. Use of newspaper notification may extend the notice period, depending on when the notice posts in the newspaper. Not applicable.						
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	Vermont General Wetland Permit	
	☐ The proposed project will meet the conditions applicable to the proposed project in the Vermont Wetland General Permit	
	☐ The activity does not qualify as an Allowed Use under Section 6 of the Vermont Wetland Rules.	
	The activity will not result in an undue adverse impact on protected wetland functions and values, nor does it need additional conditions to protect functions and values.	
	☐ All impacts have been avoided and minimized to the greatest extent possible.	
	The wetland complex is not significant for Function 5.5 Exemplary Wetland Natural Community or 5.6 Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat.	
	The activity is not located in or adjacent to a vernal pool, fen, or bog.	
	The wetland is not at or above 2,500' in elevation (headwaters wetland).	
	The project is not located in a Class I wetland or associated buffer zone.	
	☐The activity is not an as-built project that constitutes a violation of the Vermont Wetland Rules.	
Stop here if applying for Cover	age under the Vermont General Wetland Permit	

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Complete the following Functions and Values checklist if applying for an Individual Wetland Permit and/or a Wetland Determination		
Functions and Values	For each Function and Value, first evaluate the entire wetland or wetland complex and check all that apply. Secondly, evaluate how the wetland in the project area contributes to that function. Thirdly explain how the project will not result in adverse impacts to this function. Include any information on specific avoidance and minimization measures.	
	If more than one wetland complex is involved, use the Supplemental Wetland Forms.	
16. Storage for Flood Water and Storm Runoff	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Constricted outlet or no outlet and an unconstricted inlet.	
	Physical space for floodwater expansion and dense, persistent, emergent vegetation or dense woody vegetation that slows down flood waters or stormwater runoff during peak flows and facilitates water removal by evaporation and transpiration.	
	If a stream is present, its course is sinuous and there is sufficient woody vegetation to intercept surface flows in the portion of the wetland that floods.	
	Physical evidence of seasonal flooding or ponding such as water stained leaves, water marks on trees, drift rows, debris deposits, or standing water.	
	Hydrologic or hydraulic study indicates wetland attenuates	

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	flooding.
	If any of the above boxes are checked, the wetland provides this function. Complete the following to determine if the wetland provides this function above or below a moderate level. If none of the following apply, the wetland provides this function at a moderate level.
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>lower</i> level.
	Significant flood storage capacity upstream of the wetland, and the wetland in question provides this function at a negligible level in comparison to upstream storage (unless the upstream storage is temporary such as a beaver impoundment).
	Wetland is contiguous to a major lake or pond that provides storage benefits independently of the wetland.
	Wetland's storage capacity is created primarily by recent beaver dams or other temporary structures.
	Wetland is very small in size, not contiguous to a stream, and not part of a collection of small wetlands in the landscape that provide this function cumulatively.
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>higher</i> level.
	History of downstream flood damage to public or private property.
	Any of the following conditions present downstream of the wetland, but upstream of a major lake or pond, could be impacted by a loss or reduction of the water storage function.
	1. Developed public or private property.
	2. Stream banks susceptible to scouring and erosion.
	3. Important habitat for aquatic life.
	\boxtimes The wetland is large in size and naturally vegetated.
	Any of the following conditions present upstream of the wetland may indicate a large volume of runoff may reach the wetland.
	 A large amount of impervious surface in urbanized areas.
	2. Relatively impervious soils.
	3. Steep slopes in the adjacent areas.
16.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above The subject wetland (adjacent to the proposed wetland buffer impacts) is of marginal value and limited functionality.
16.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.

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	The proposed project will havv no direct impacts to Class 2 wetland resources and will not effect the physical and vegetative characteristics of the overall wetland complex to perform the function of storage for flood water and stormwater runoff. The proposed project will have no undue adverse impact on this function.	
17. Surface and Ground Water Protection	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Constricted or no outlets.	
	Low water velocity through dense, persistent vegetation.	
	Hydroperiod permanently flooded or saturated.	
	Wetlands in depositional environments with persistent vegetation wider than 20 feet.	
	Wetlands with persistent vegetation comprising a defined delta, island, bar or peninsula.	
	Presence of seeps or springs.	
	Wetland contains a high amount of microtopography that helps slow and filter surface water.	
	Position in the landscape indicates the wetland is a headwaters area.	
	Wetland is adjacent to surface waters.	
	Wetland recharges a drinking water source.	
	Water sampling indicates removal of pollutants or nutrients.	
	Water sampling indicates retention of sediments or organic matter.	
	Fine mineral soils and alkalinity not low.	
	The wetland provides an obvious filter between surface water or ground water and land uses that may contribute point or nonpoint sources of sediments, toxic substances or nutrients to the wetland, such as: steep erodible slopes; row crops; dumps; areas of pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer application; feed lots; parking lots or heavily traveled road; and septic systems.	
	If any of the above boxes are checked, the wetland provides this function. Complete the following to determine if the wetland provides this function above or below a moderate level. If none of the following apply, the wetland provides this function at a moderate level.	
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>lower</i> level.	
	Presence of dead forest or shrub areas in sufficient amounts to result in diminished nutrient uptake.	
	Presence of ditches or channels that confine water and restrict contact of water with vegetation.	
	Wetland is very small in size, not contiguous to a stream, and not part of a collection of small wetlands in the	

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	landscape that provide this function cumulatively.	
	Current use in the wetland results in disturbance that compromises this function.	
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>higher</i> level.	
	The wetland is adjacent to a well head or source protection area, and provides ground water recharge.	
	The wetland provides flows to Class A surface waters.	
	The wetland contributes to the protection or improvement of water quality of any impaired waters.	
	The wetland is large in size and naturally vegetated.	
17.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
	The subject wetland (adjacent to the proposed wetland buffer impacts) is of marginal value and limited functionality.	
17.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function. The proposed project will have no direct impacts to the Class 2 wetland and not effect the physical and vegetative characteristics of the overall wetland complex to perform the function of surface and groundwater protection. The proposed project will have no undue adverse impact on this function.	
18.Fish Habitat	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Contains woody vegetation that overhangs the banks of a stream or river and provides any of the following: shading that controls summer water temperature; cover including refuges created by overhanging branches or undercut banks; source of terrestrial insects as fish food; or streambank stability.	
	Provides spawning, nursery, feeding or cover habitat for fish (documented or professionally judged). Common habitat includes deep marsh and shallow marsh associates with lakes and streams, and seasonally flooded wetlands associated with streams and rivers.	
	Documented or professionally judged spawning habitat for northern pike.	
	Provides cold spring discharge that lowers the temperature of receiving waters and creates summer habitat for salmonoid species.	
	The wetland is located along a tributary that does not support fish, but contributes to a larger body of water that does support fish. The tributary supports downstream fish by providing cooler water, and food sources.	
18.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	

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18.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
19. Wildlife Habitat	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Provides resting, feeding staging or roosting habitat to support waterfowl migration, and feeding habitat for wading birds. Good habitats for these species include open water wetlands.	
	Habitat to support one or more breeding pairs or broods of waterfowl including all species of ducks, geese, and swans. Good habitats for these species include open water habitats adjacent shallow marsh, deep marsh, shrub wetland, forested wetland, or naturally vegetated buffer zone.	
	Provides a nest site, a buffer for a nest site or feeding habitat for wading birds including but not limited to: great blue heron, black-crowned night heron, green-backed heron, cattle egret, or snowy egret. Good habitats for these species include open water or deep marsh adjacent to forested wetlands, or standing dead trees.	
	Supports or has the habitat to support one or more breeding pairs of any migratory bird that requires wetland habitat for breeding, nesting, rearing of young, feeding, staging roosting, or migration, including: Virginia rail, common snipe, marsh wren, American bittern, northern water thrush, northern harrier, spruce grouse, Cerulean warbler, and common loon.	
	Supports winter habitat for white-tailed deer. Good habitats for these species include softwood swamps. Evidence of use includes deer browsing, bark stripping, worn trails, or pellet piles.	
	Provides important feeding habitat for black bear, bobcat, or moose based on an assessment of use. Good habitat for these types of species includes wetlands located in a forested mosaic.	
	Has the habitat to support muskrat, otter or mink. Good habitats for these species include deep marshes, wetlands adjacent to bodies of water including lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.	
	Supports an active beaver dam, one or more lodges, or evidence of use in two or more consecutive years by an adult beaver population.	
	Provides the following habitats that support the reproduction of Uncommon Vermont amphibian species including:	
	1. Wood Frog, Jefferson Salamander, Blue-spotted Salamander, or Spotted Salamander. Breeding habitat for these species includes vernal pools and	

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	small ponds.	
	2. Northern Dusky Salamander and the Spring Salamander. Habitat for these species includes headwater seeps, springs, and streams.	
	3. The Four-toed salamander; Fowler's Toad; Western or Boreal Chorus frog, or other amphibians found in Vermont of similar significance.	
	Supports or has the habitat to support significant populations of Vermont amphibian species including, but not limited to Pickerel Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, Mink Frog, and others found in Vermont of similar significance. Good habitat for these types of species includes large marsh systems with open water components.	
	Supports or has the habitat to support populations of uncommon Vermont reptile species including: Wood Turtle, Northern Map Turtle, Eastern Musk Turtle, Spotted Turtle, Spiny Softshell, Eastern Ribbonsnake, Northern Watersnake, and others found in Vermont of similar significance.	
	Supports or has the habitat to support significant populations of Vermont reptile species, including Smooth Greensnake, DeKay's Brownsnake, or other more common wetland-associated species.	
	Meets four or more of the following conditions indicative of wildlife habitat diversity:	
	1. Three or more wetland vegetation classes (greater than 1/2 acre) present including but not limited to: open water contiguous to, but not necessarily part of, the wetland, deep marsh, shallow marsh, shrub swamp, forested swamp, fen, or bog;	
	2. The dominant vegetation class is one of the following types: deep marsh, shallow marsh, shrub swamp or, forested swamp;	
	3. Located adjacent to a lake, pond, river or stream;	
	4. Fifty percent or more of surrounding habitat type is one or more of the following: forest, agricultural land, old field or open land;	
	5. Emergent or woody vegetation occupies 26 to 75 percent of wetland, the rest is open water;	
	6. One of the following:	
	 i. hydrologically connected to other wetlands of different dominant classes or open water within 1 mile; 	
	ii. hydrologically connected to other wetlands of same dominant class within 1/2 mile;	
	iii. within 1/4 mile of other wetlands of different dominant classes or open water, but not	WW414

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	hydrologically connected;	
	Wetland or wetland complex is owned in whole or in part by state or federal government and managed for wildlife and habitat conservation; and	
	Contains evidence that it is used by wetland dependent wildlife species.	
	If any of the above boxes are checked, the wetland provides this function. Complete the following to determine if the wetland provides this function above or below a moderate level. If none of the following apply, the wetland provides this function at a moderate level.	
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>lower</i> level.	
	The wetland is small in size for its type and does not represent fugitive habitat in developed areas (vernal pools and seeps are generally small in size, so this does not apply).	
	The surrounding land use is densely developed enough to limit use by wildlife species (with the exception of wetlands with open water habitat). Can be negated by evidence of use.	
	The current use in the wetland results in frequent cutting, mowing or other disturbance.	
	The wetland hydrology and character is at a drier end of the scale and does not support wetland dependent species.	
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>higher</i> level.	
	The wetland complex is large in size and high in quality.	
	The habitat has the potential to support several species based on the assessment above.	
	Wetland is associated with an important wildlife corridor.	
	The wetland has been identified as a locally important wildlife habitat by an ANR Wildlife Biologist.	
19.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
19.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
20.Exemplary Wetland Natural Community	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Wetlands that are identified as high quality examples of Vermont's natural community types recognized by the Natural Heritage Information Project of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, including rare types such as dwarf	

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	shrub bogs, rich fens, alpine peatlands, red maple-black gum swamps and the more common types including deep bulrush marshes, cattail marshes, northern white cedar swamps, spruce-fir-tamarack swamps, and red maple-black ash seepage swamps are automatically significant for this function.	
	The wetland is also likely to be significant if any of the following conditions are met:	
	Is an example of a wetland natural community type that has been identified and mapped by, or meets the ranking and mapping standards of, the Natural Heritage Information Project of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.	
	Contains ecological features that contribute to Vermont's natural heritage, including, but not limited to:	
	Deep peat accumulation reflecting a long history of wetland formation;	
	Forested wetlands displaying very old trees and other old growth characteristics;	
	A wetland natural community that is at the edge of the normal range for that type;	
	A wetland mosaic containing examples of several to many wetland community types; or	
	A large wetland complex containing examples of several wetland community types.	
	List species or communities of concern:	
20.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
20.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
21.Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species Habitat	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Wetlands that contain one or more species on the federal or state threatened or endangered lists, as well as species that are rare in Vermont, are automatically significant for this function.	
	The wetland is also likely to be significant if any of the following apply:	
	There is creditable documentation that the wetland provides important habitat for any species on the federal or state threatened or endangered species lists;	
	There is creditable documentation that threatened or endangered species have been present in past 10 years;	

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	There is creditable documentation that the wetland provides important habitat for any species listed as rare in Vermont (S1 or S2 ranks), state historic (SH rank), or rare to uncommon globally (G1, G2, or G3 ranks) by the Natural Heritage Information Project of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department;	
	There is creditable documentation that the wetland provides habitat for multiple uncommon species of plants or animals (S3 rank).	
	List name of species and ranking:	
	AE conducted an on-site RTE plant survey for the proposed facility on August 18, 2015. No rare, threatened or endangered plant species were discovered in the Project area.	
21.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
21.2.Statement of no adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
22.Education and Research in Natural Sciences	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Owned by or leased to a public entity dedicated to education or research.	
	History of use for education or research.	
	Has one or more characteristics making it valuable for education or research.	
22.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
22.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
23. Recreational Value and Economic Benefits	Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function.	
	Used for, or contributes to, recreational activities.	
	Provides economic benefits.	
	Provides important habitat for fish or wildlife which can be fished, hunted or trapped under applicable state law.	
	Used for harvesting of wild foods.	
	Comments:	
23.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	

23.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
24. Open Space and Aesthetics	 Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function. Can be readily observed by the public; and Possesses special or unique aesthetic qualities; or Has prominence as a distinct feature in the surrounding landscape; Has been identified as important open space in a municipal, regional or state plan. Comments: 	
24.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
24.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue, adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
25. Erosion Control through Binding and Stabilizing the Soil	 Function is present and likely to be significant: Any of the following physical and vegetative characteristics indicate the wetland provides this function. Erosive forces such as wave or current energy are present and any of the following are present as well: Dense, persistent vegetation along a shoreline or stream bank that reduces an adjacent erosive force. Good interspersion of persistent emergent vegetation and water along course of water flow. Studies show that wetlands of similar size, vegetation type, and hydrology are important for erosion control. What type of erosive forces are present: Lake fetch and waves High current velocities: Water level influenced by upstream impoundment If any of the above boxes are checked, the wetland provides this function. Complete the following to determine if the wetland provides this function above or below a moderate level. If none of the following apply, the wetland provides this function at a moderate level. 	

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	The stream is artificially channelized and/or lacks vegetation that contributes to controlling the erosive force.	
	Check box if any of the following conditions apply that may indicate the wetland provides this function at a <i>higher</i> level.	
	The stream contains high sinuosity.	
	Has been identified through fluvial geomorphic assessment to be important in maintaining the natural condition of the stream or river corridor.	
25.1.Subject Wetland	Please explain how the subject wetland contributes to the function listed above	
	The subject wetland (adjacent to the proposed wetland buffer impacts) is of marginal value and limited functionality. The stream channel is ~`50' from the project development.	
25.2.Statement of no undue adverse impact	Please explain how the proposed project will not result in any undue adverse impact to this function. Include any avoidance and minimization measures relevant to this function.	
	The proposed project will not effect the physical and vegetative characteristics of the overall wetland complex to perform the function of erosion control. The proposed project will have no undue adverse impact on this function.	

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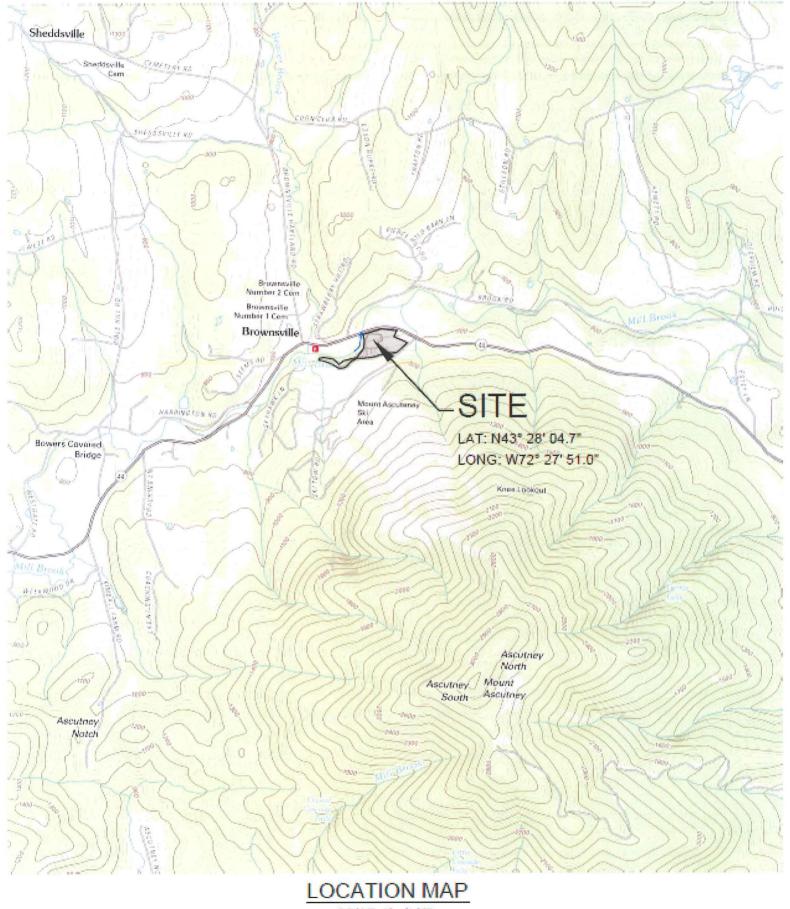
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SCALE: 1" = 1/2 Mile

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Ascutney Meadows Solar	City/County: West Windsor, Windsor Co. Sampling Date: 8/18/15
Applicant/Owner: Mountainfunds, LLC	State: VT Sampling Point: Wet A
	Section, Township, Range:
	cal relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 0
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R Lat: 43.46779	Long: -72.463817 Datum: WGS
Soil Map Unit Name: Buckland Loam	NWI classification: PEM
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year	
Are Vegetation <u>N</u> , Soil <u>Y</u> , or Hydrology <u>N</u> significantly	
Are Vegetation N, Soil N, or Hydrology N naturally pro	blematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing s	ampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No	Is the Sampled Area
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No	within a Wetland? Yes X No
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No	If yes, optional Wetland Site ID:
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.	
	Some top soil removed or disturbed. Flat old field wetland where sampled.
Connects to larger and wetter area to the north. Some areas in this are	
HYDROLOGY	
Wetland Hydrology Indicators:	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
Surface Water (A1) Water-Stained L	eaves (B9) Drainage Patterns (B10)
High Water Table (A2) Aquatic Fauna (I	B13) Moss Trim Lines (B16)
Saturation (A3)Marl Deposits (E	15) Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
Water Marks (B1) Hydrogen Sulfide	e Odor (C1) Crayfish Burrows (C8)
Sediment Deposits (B2) x Oxidized Rhizos	pheres on Living Roots (C3) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
Drift Deposits (B3) Presence of Rec	luced Iron (C4) Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Recent Iron Red	uction in Tilled Soils (C6) Geomorphic Position (D2)
Iron Deposits (B5) Thin Muck Surfa	ce (C7)Shallow Aquitard (D3)
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain in	Remarks) Microtopographic Relief (D4)
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	X FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
Field Observations:	
Surface Water Present? Yes No x Depth (inches)	
Water Table Present? Yes No x Depth (inches)	
Saturation Present? Yes No x Depth (inches)	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No
(includes capillary fringe)	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos,	previous inspections), if available:
Remarks:	
Marginal wetland hydrology	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: V	Vet A
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	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	Deminance Technologie less
<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30' radius</u>)	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. 2.				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)
3 4				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:(B)
5.				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)
7.				Prevalence Index worksheet:
		=Total Cover		Total % Cover of:Multiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:15' radius)				OBL species5 x 1 =5
1				FACW species 85 x 2 = 170
2.				FAC species 5 x 3 = 15
3.				FACU species 5 x 4 = 20
4				UPL species $0 \times 5 = 0$
5				Column Totals: 100 (A) 210 (B)
6.				Prevalence Index = $B/A = 2.10$
7			**********	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
- 101 KE 124 March		=Total Cover		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5' radius)				X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
/ 1.				X 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^{1}$
2. Agrostis capillaris	5	 No	FAC	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting
3. Juncus dudleyi	25	Yes	FACW	data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. Lotus corniculatus	5	No	FACU	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
5. Scirpus atrovirens	5	No	OBL	
6. Carex annectens	60	Yes	FACW	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
7.				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
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9.		·		Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
10 11.				Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
12.				
12.	100	=Total Cover		Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
1				height.
2				
3				Hydrophytic Vegetation
4				Present? Yes X No
		=Total Cover		
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a sepa Old field. Weedy vegetation. Not a natural communi	,			

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Sampling Point: Wet A

Profile D	Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)							
Depth	Matrix		Redo	x Feature	es			
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks
0-8	2.5Y 4/1	97	7.5YR 3/4	3	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
8-16	2.5Y 4/2	75	2.5Y 4/4	25	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Distinct redox concentrations
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 ¹ Tvpe: C=		pletion. R	M=Reduced Matrix, CS	 S=Cover	ed or Cor	ated Sand	d Grains. ² Loc	ation: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
	oil Indicators:		,					r Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :
Histo	sol (A1)		Polyvalue Below	/ Surface	(S8) (LR	RR,	2 cm Muc	ck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)
Histic	: Epipedon (A2)		 MLRA 149B)				Coast Pra	airie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)
Black	(Histic (A3)		Thin Dark Surfac	ce (S9) (I	LRR R, N	ILRA 149	∂B) 5 cm Muc	cky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R)
Hydro	ogen Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma Sa	ands (S11	1) (LRR /	(, L)	Polyvalue	e Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L)
Strati	fied Layers (A5)		Loamy Mucky Mi	ineral (F	1) (LRR I	(, L)	Thin Dark	Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)
Deple	eted Below Dark Surfa							ganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R)
	Thick Dark Surface (A12) X Depleted Matrix (F3)					Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B)		
	y Mucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark Surf		i			odic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B)
	y Gleyed Matrix (S4)		Depleted Dark S	• •				nt Material (F21)
	y Redox (S5)		Redox Depressio		')			llow Dark Surface (TF12)
	ped Matrix (S6)		Marl (F10) (LRR					plain in Remarks)
	Surface (S7)			N, L/				plait in Nemarks
³ Indicators	s of hvdrophytic veget;	ation and	wetland hydrology mus	st be pre	sent. unle	ess distur	rbed or problematic.	
	/e Layer (if observed)						T	
Type: F								
Depth (i		8"					Hydric Soil Pres	sent? Yes <u>X</u> No
			, ,	soils. Ap	pears to	have bee	n disturbed or comp	acted. Pan at 8" creates a shallow
aquitaru, t	another more dense pr	an at ro .						

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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Ascutney Meadows Solar	City/County: V	Vest Windsor, Windsor Co.	Sampling Date: 8/18/15		
Applicant/Owner: Mountainfunds, LLC		State:	VT Sampling Point: Upland		
Investigator(s): Michael Lew-Smith	Section, Town	ship, Range:			
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Terraced bench		ave, convex, none): None	Slope (%): 0		
		Long: -72.463817	Datum: WGS		
	1. 43.40779				
Soil Map Unit Name: Buckland Loam			fication: PEM		
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical	·	X No (If no, explain	in Remarks.)		
Are Vegetation N, Soil Y, or Hydrology	N significantly disturbed?	Are "Normal Circumstances" pr	esent? Yes No X		
Are Vegetation N, Soil N, or Hydrology	N naturally problematic?	(If needed, explain any answers	s in Remarks.)		
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site m	nap showing sampling po	oint locations, transects,	important features, etc.		
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes	No X Is the Sar	npled Area			
Hydric Soil Present? Yes	- No X within a V	-	No X		
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes		onal Wetland Site ID:			
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in					
Area appears to have been impacted by earth work		il removed or disturbed. Vegetat	tion mainly herbaceous in area of		
plot.					
HYDROLOGY					
Wetland Hydrology Indicators:		Secondary India	cators (minimum of two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; che	ck all that apply)		il Cracks (B6)		
Surface Water (A1)	Water-Stained Leaves (B9)				
······	_	Drainage Patterns (B10) Moss Trim Lines (B16)			
High Water Table (A2)	Aquatic Fauna (B13)				
Saturation (A3)	_ Marl Deposits (B15) Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	Dry-Season Water Table (C2)			
Water Marks (B1)	Oxidized Rhizospheres on Livi	Crayfish Burrows (C8)			
Sediment Deposits (B2)	Presence of Reduced Iron (C4				
Drift Deposits (B3)	Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled				
Iron Deposits (B5)	Thin Muck Surface (C7)				
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	Other (Explain in Remarks)	Shallow Aquitard (D3) Microtopographic Relief (D4)			
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		FAC-Neutra	,		
Field Observations:					
Surface Water Present? Yes No x					
Water Table Present? Yes No x					
Saturation Present? Yes No x	Depth (inches):	Wetland Hydrology Present	? Yes Nox		
(includes capillary fringe)					
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring	well, aerial priotos, previous insp	ections), il avallable.			
Remarks:					
No wetland hydrology					

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/EGETATION – Use scientific names of pla	ants.			Sampling Point:	Upland
Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30' radius</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:	
1 2				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u> </u>
3				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:	<u>2</u> (B)
5				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	0.0% (A/B)
7.	<u></u>	·		Prevalence Index worksheet:	
		=Total Cover			ultiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15' radius)	¥=1.=	•		OBL species 0 x 1 =	0
1				FACW species 10 x 2 =	20
2.				FAC species $0 \times 3 =$	0
3.				FACU species 7 x 4 =	28
4.				UPL species 65 x 5 =	325
5.				Column Totals: 82 (A)	373 (B)
6.				Prevalence Index = B/A =	4.55
7				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:	;
		=Total Cover		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Ve	egetation
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u>)				2 - Dominance Test is >50%	
1. Galium mollugo	25	Yes	<u>NI</u>	3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹	
2. <u>Festuca ovina</u>	65	Yes	UPL	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (F	
3. Solidago gigantea	10	No	FACW	data in Remarks or on a separ	ate sheet)
4. Lotus corniculatus	5	No	FACU	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegeta	tion ¹ (Explain)
 Plantago lanceolata 6. 	2	No	FACU	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland be present, unless disturbed or proble	
7.				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:	
8				Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) o diameter at breast height (DBH), rega	
10				Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less	than 3 in. DBH
11				and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1	
12	107	=Total Cover		Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) p of size, and woody plants less than 3	, 5
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:) 1.				Woody vines – All woody vines great height.	ter than 3.28 ft in
2.					
3.				Hydrophytic Vegetation	
4.					No <u>X</u>
		=Total Cover			

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.) Old field. Weedy vegetation. Not a natural community.

Sampling Point: Upland

Profile De	escription: (Describ	e to the d	epth needed to docu	ment the	e indicat	or or con	firm the absence	of indicators.)	
Depth Matrix Redox Features									
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks	
0-10	2.5Y 3/2	98	10YR 4/4	2	С	М	Loamy/Clayey	Distinct redox concer	ntrations
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¹ Type: C=	Concentration, D=De	epletion, R	M=Reduced Matrix, C	S=Cover	ed or Coa	ited Sand	l Grains. ² Lo	cation: PL=Pore Lining, M=	=Matrix.
Hydric So	il Indicators:						Indicators f	or Problematic Hydric Soil	ls ³ :
Histos	iol (A1)		Polyvalue Below	Surface	(S8) (LR	R R,	2 cm Mı	uck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA	149B)
Histic	Epipedon (A2)		MLRA 149B)					rairie Redox (A16) (LRR K,	L, R)
	Histic (A3)		Thin Dark Surfac				·	ucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR	
	gen Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma Sa					e Below Surface (S8) (LRR	κ, L)
	ied Layers (A5)		Loamy Mucky M			(, L)		rk Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)	
	ted Below Dark Surfa	ace (A11)	Loamy Gleyed N		2)			nganese Masses (F12) (LRI	
	Dark Surface (A12)		Depleted Matrix					nt Floodplain Soils (F19) (M l	
	Mucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark Surf					podic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 1	45, 149B)
	Gleyed Matrix (S4)		Depleted Dark S	•	=7)			ent Material (F21)	
	Redox (S5)		Redox Depressio	• •				allow Dark Surface (TF12)	
	ed Matrix (S6)		Marl (F10) (LRR	K, L)			Other (E	xplain in Remarks)	
Dark \$	Surface (S7)								
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			wetland hydrology mus	st be pre	sent, unle	ess disturi	ped or problemation		
	e Layer (if observed	l):							
Type: P									
Depth (ir	nches):	10"					Hydric Soil Pr	esent? Yes	No_X
Remarks:									
Very rocky	soil. Difficult to sam	ple. Likel	y disturbed.						

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Ascutney Meadows Solar	City/County: West Windsor, Windsor Co. Sampling Date: 8/18/15
Applicant/Owner: Mountainfunds, LLC	State: VT Sampling Point: Wet C
Investigator(s): Michael Lew-Smith	Section, Township, Range:
	cal relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 0
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R Lat: 43.46779	Long: -72.463817 Datum: WGS
Soil Map Unit Name: Buckland Loam	NWI classification: PEM
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year	
Are Vegetation <u>N</u> , Soil <u>Y</u> , or Hydrology <u>N</u> significantly	
Are Vegetation <u>N</u> , Soil <u>N</u> , or Hydrology <u>N</u> naturally pro-	oblematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing s	ampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No	is the Sampled Area
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No	within a Wetland? Yes X No
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No	If yes, optional Wetland Site ID:
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report. Low area in disturbed field. Likely disturbed soils; weedy species inclu vegetation barely key out as hydric.	.) ding Phalaris, Phragmites and Lythrum. Marginally a wetland. Both soils and
HYDROLOGY	
Wetland Hydrology Indicators:	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
Surface Water (A1)Water-Stained L	eaves (B9) Drainage Patterns (B10)
High Water Table (A2) Aquatic Fauna (B13) Moss Trim Lines (B16)
Saturation (A3)Marl Deposits (E	
Water Marks (B1) Hydrogen Sulfid	
	pheres on Living Roots (C3) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
Drift Deposits (B3) Presence of Rec	
Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Recent Iron Red Iron Deposits (B5) Thin Muck Surfa	Luction in Tilled Soils (C6) <u>x</u> Geomorphic Position (D2)
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain ir	
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
Field Observations:	
Surface Water Present? Yes No x Depth (inches)	
Water Table Present? Yes No x Depth (inches)	
Saturation Present? Yes No x Depth (inches)	
(includes capillary fringe)	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos,	, previous inspections), if available:
Remarks: Marginal wetland hydrology. No standing water present now, but evide be from disturbance. Low area in field.	nce of it in the low areas with cattails earlier in the year. Shallow aquitard may

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling	Point:	Wet	C
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Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30' radius)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
,	% Cover	Species	Status	Dominance Test worksneet:
2.				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:(A)
3				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
5				Percent of Dominant Species
6				That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)
7.				Prevalence Index worksheet:
		=Total Cover		Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15' radius)				OBL species x 1 =
1. <u>Salix discolor</u>			FACW	FACW species 68 x 2 = 136
2.				FAC species 20 x 3 = 60
3	<u></u>	<u></u>		FACU species15 x 4 =60
4				UPL species x 5 =
5			<u></u>	Column Totals: 103 (A) 256 (B)
6				Prevalence Index = B/A =2.49
7				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
		=Total Cover		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5' radius)				X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
1.				X 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
2. Phalaris arundinacea	25	Yes	FACW	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting
3. Solidago gigantea	30	Yes	FACW	data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. Lotus corniculatus	15	No	FACU	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
5. Agrostis capillaris	10	No	FAC	
6. Euthamia graminifolia	10	No	FAC	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
7. Juncus dudleyi	5	No	FACW	Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
8. Symphyotrichum lanceolatum	5	No	FACW	Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in
9. Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	3	No	FACW	diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
10. Gallium mollugo	5	No	NI	Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH
11.				and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
12.				
	108	=Total Cover		Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
1				height.
2				
3.				Hydrophytic Vegetation
4.				Present? Yes X No
		=Total Cover		
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a sepa	arate sheet.)			

Old field. Weedy vegetation. Not a natural community. Some areas with a few cattails, otherwise similar to plot.

Sampling Point: Wet C

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth Matrix			Redox Features					
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks
0-8	2.5Y 4/1	97	7.5YR 3/4	3	<u> </u>	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
8-16	2.5Y 4/2	75	2.5Y 4/4	25	<u> </u>	M	Loamy/Clayey	Distinct redox concentrations
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-		Dehwalue Balaw Surface (S9) (LDD D				Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :		
	ol (A1) Eninadan (A2)	Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR R,				2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)		
	Epipedon (A2)	MLRA 149B) This Dark Curfage (CO) (LDB D. ML BA 140B)				Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)		
party sector de la constante de	Histic (A3) gen Sulfide (A4)	Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR R, MLRA 149B) High Chroma Sands (S11) (LRR K, L) 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R) Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L)						
		High Chroma Sands (S11) (LRR K, L)				·		
Stratified Layers (A5) Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)			Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR K, L) Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)				Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)	
		X Depleted Matrix (F3)				Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R)		
Thick Dark Surface (A12) Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)			Redox Dark Surface (F6)				Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B) Mesic Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B)	
Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)			Depleted Dark Surface (F7)				Red Parent Material (F21)	
Sandy Redox (S5)			Redox Depressions (F8)				Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)	
Stripped Matrix (S6)			Marl (F10) (LRR K, L)				Other (Explain in Remarks)	
Dark Surface (S7)								
³ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.								
	E Layer (if observed)		, ,,	'·····				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Type: Pa	an							
Depth (ir	nches):	8"					Hydric Soil Pre	esent? Yes X No
	, <u> </u>							
Remarks: Oxidized rhizospheres within 3" of the soil surface. Very rocky soils. Appears to have been disturbed or compacted. Pan at 8" creates a shallow								
aquitard, another more dense pan at 16".								

