ATTACHMENT E

Contrast Rating Forms and Panel Information

Visual Impact Assessment Rating Panel Instructions

South Ripley Solar Project
Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York

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These instructions are intended to guide personnel conducting contrast ratings using EDR's Visual Impact Assessment Contrast Rating Process.

1.0 Rating Panel Information

Please fill in your personal information and provide an up-to-date resume, highlighting past rating panel participation if applicable.

2.0 Viewpoint Information

Please review the following information to gain familiarity with the existing viewpoint location, context, and contributing factors to potential viewpoint sensitivity. Use the Google Earth files (KMZ) provided with your rating material to "tour" the area and familiarize yourself with the Facility features. Two KMZ files are provided and include the following information:

- 1. South Ripley_Rating Panel_Project Components
 - Selected Viewpoints
 - Cone of View
 - PV Array
 - Access Road
 - Inverter
 - Substation
 - Battery Energy Storage System
 - Two-Mile Study Area
- 2. South Ripley_Rating Panel_Landscape Similarity Zone
 - Landscape Similarity Zone

2.1 Landscape Similarity Zones

The definition of landscape similarity zones (LSZs) found in a given visual study area (VSA) provides a useful framework for the analysis of available visually sensitive resources (VSRs) and viewer type circumstances. These LSZs, are defined based on the similarity of features such as landform, vegetation, water, and land use patterns. The LSZs within the South Ripley VSA include:

- Forest
- Rural Upland
- Gorge
- Transportation Corridor

LSZs within the 2-mile study area were mapped using a Geographic Information System (GIS) classification exercise. These LSZ are also available as a separate KMZ file, included in your rating package. The LSZ classifications are based on aerial imagery, mapped land cover, and proximity to various landscape or land use features. The mapping of LSZs is a generalization exercise intended for viewing at the macroscopic scale of the entire study area. Therefore, it is possible that field review at a given viewpoint would change the initial GIS-derived LSZ classification based on observed landscape characteristics that are beyond the scale of the GIS analysis. The classification analysis is subtractive, meaning that a given criterion is used to classify a portion of the VSA as a particular LSZ, and then the next criterion is applied to classify portions of the remaining land, and

so forth until the entire area is mapped. The classification and mapping of LSZs within the VSA followed the following order of criteria:

- The Rural Upland LSZ is primarily comprised of Shrub/Scrub, Grassland/Herbaceous, Pasture/Hay, or Cultivated Crops land cover, as identified in the NLCD. Small areas of the NLCD classified as Developed were also included in this LSZ due to their similarity in visual character. In addition, U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Tree Canopy Data was used to identify areas of emergent herbaceous wetlands more visually similar to low growing cropland.
- The Transportation Corridor LSZ is identified as areas within 300 feet of the Interstate 86 centerline from the New York State Streets dataset published by the New York State GIS Program Office.
- The Gorge LSZ was identified using topographic data to identify shale cliffs and areas within 150 feet of the Twentymille Creek and Bergen Creek. Aerial imagery was then used to delineate the boundaries of the Gorge LSZ based on the presence of recognizable cliffs and exposed rock.
- Finally, the Forest LSZ is comprised of all areas remaining unclassified. These areas are primarily comprised of deciduous, evergreen, mixed forest, woody wetlands, or emergent herbaceous wetlands, in the USGS NLCD.

Please see below the mapped LSZs within the VSA.



2.2 Viewer Types

The different categories of potential viewer types found in a given VSA provides a useful framework for the analysis of viewer sensitivity. Viewer types, are defined as,

- Local Residents
- Through Travelers/Commuters
- Tourist/Recreational Users

A viewer type will be noted on the rating sheet, if you feel that this designation is incorrect, please infer who the mostly likely viewer(s) is/are based on the location and context of the view. More than one viewer type may be present at a given location. Please also refer to the viewpoint context sheet for location maps and additional photographs.

2.3 Designated Aesthetic Resources

The VSA includes a variety of public resources and/or designated VSRs that are of potential national, statewide and local significance. These include:

- **Properties of historic significance** (National Historic Landmarks, Sites Listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places [S/NRHP]; Properties Eligible for Listing on the S/NRHP; National or State Historic Sites).
- Designated scenic resources (Rivers Designated as National or State Wild, Scenic, or Recreational; Adirondack Park Scenic Vistas; Sites, Areas, Lakes, Highways or Overlooks Designated or Eligible for Designation as Scenic; Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance; Other Designated Scenic Resources).
- Public lands and recreational resources (National Parks, Recreation Areas, Seashores, and/or Forests; NNLs; NWRs; Heritage Areas; State Parks; State Nature and Historic Preserve Areas; State Forest Preserve Lands; Wildlife Management Areas & Game Refuges; State Forests; Other State Lands; State Boat Launches/Waterway Access Sites; Designated Trails; Palisades Park Lands; Local Parks and Recreation Areas; Publicly Accessible Conservation Lands/Easements; Rivers and Streams with public fishing rights easements; Named Lakes, Ponds, and Reservoirs).
- **High use public areas** (State, U.S., and Interstate Highways, Cities, Villages and Hamlets; Schools).
- **Locally identified resources** (Other resources identified through the agency/public outreach process see discussion below).

Please refer to the viewpoint context sheet, viewpoint location maps and photographs from each viewpoint to determine whether the view is from a specific VSR.

3.0 Viewpoint Sensitivity

Please review the following information to gain an understanding of the specific viewpoint being rated, and the potential conditions that lead to a viewpoint sensitivity rating for the existing conditions present.

3.1 Scenic Quality

Please rate the scenic quality of the existing view without the project components in place. An undeveloped landscape containing a variety of landscape features at different distances from the viewer or a landscape containing one or more aesthetically important structures or VSRs, may be of higher scenic quality than a

landscape that appears monotonous or is already impacted by infrastructure or industrial facilities. Note that designation as a scenic or recreational resource is an indication that there is broad public consensus on the scenic value of that particular resource. The particular characteristics of the resource that contribute to its scenic or recreational value provide guidance in evaluating a project's visual impact on that resource. However, the scenic quality rating you assign should be based on your individual judgment and should incorporate the basic principles of line, form, color, and texture as well as any regulatory protections.

3.2 Viewer Exposure

Some views are seen as quick glimpses while driving along a roadway or hiking a trail, while others are seen for a more prolonged period of time. Longer duration views of a project, especially from significant aesthetic resources, have the greatest potential for visual impact. Please infer the frequency and duration of views based on the Viewer Type, LSZ, viewpoint context, and viewpoint location map. Please indicate whether there is potential for continuous or repeated exposure (such as from residences, public facilities, or principal transportation routes with an open view toward the project), brief or occasional exposure (such as openings in otherwise screened areas or secondary roads that most people will not use on a daily basis), or rare exposure (such as viewpoints that are clearly off the beaten track and/or represent small areas of narrow visibility in otherwise completely screened areas). Pay particular attention to nearby residential dwellings. Views from these locations will be regular, repeated, and of long duration.

3.3 Viewer Description

Please describe the existing conditions view in your own words, focusing on the landscape characteristics described below, if relevant.

- **Landscape Composition:** The arrangement of objects and voids in the landscape that can be categorized by their spatial arrangement. Basic landscape components include vegetation, landform, water and sky.
- Form, Line, Color, and Texture: These are the four major compositional elements that define the perceived visual character of a landscape. Form refers to the shape of an object that appears unified; often defined by edge, outline, and surrounding space. Line refers to the path the eye follows when perceiving abrupt changes in form, color, or texture; usually evident as the edges of shapes or masses in the landscape. Texture in this context refers to the visual surface characteristics of an object.
- **Focal Point:** Certain natural or man-made landscape features stand out and are particularly noticeable as a result of their physical characteristics. Focal points often contrast with their surroundings in color, form, scale or texture, and therefore tend to draw a viewer's attention. Examples include prominent trees, mountains and water features. Cultural features, such as a distinctive barn or steeple can also be focal points.
- **Order:** Natural landscapes have an underlying order determined by natural processes. Cultural landscapes exhibit order by displaying traditional or logical patterns of land use/development. Elements in the landscape that are inconsistent with this natural order may detract from scenic quality.
- **Atmospheric Conditions:** Clouds, precipitation, haze, and other ambient air related conditions affect the visibility of an object or objects and can greatly impact the design elements of form, line, color, texture, and scale.
- Lighting Direction: Backlighting refers to a viewing situation in which sunlight is coming toward the observer
 from behind a feature or elements in a scene. Front lighting refers to a situation where the light source is
 coming from behind the observer and falling directly upon the area being viewed. Side lighting refers to a
 viewing situation in which sunlight is coming from the side of the observer to a feature or elements in a scene.

Visual Clutter: Numerous unrelated built elements occurring within a view can create visual clutter, which adversely impacts scenic quality.

4.0 Contrast Rating

Please rate the level of contrast that you perceive between the existing landscape features (as they appear in each photo) and the effect that the proposed project has on the below landscape features. Where applicable, the contrast rating will be completed for simulations with and without landscape mitigation during leaf-on conditions. The mitigation simulations will be illustrated as a five to seven year growth projection. Please provide a numerical contrast rating between 0 and 4 for each landscape component, where:

- 0 = Insignificant/None
- 1 = Minimal
- 2 = Moderate
- 3 = Appreciable
- 4 = Strong
- * (please make use of .5 necessary to allow for more accurate ratings, e.g., 2.5 = Moderate to Appreciable Contrast).

Please then also describe in your own words the factors that contribute to or affect, the project's degree of contrast with each landscape feature. Please consider the following:

Landform: Please consider the effect of the project relative to the appearance of the

landform/topography, the edge of the line, the strength and range of color, the density of relief, the space as defined by the landform, and its perceived scale.

Please consider the effect of the project relative to the form(s) and variety of Vegetation:

vegetation, the edge of its lines, the range of color, the density of texture, space as

defined by the vegetation, and the vegetation's hierarchy/diversity of scale.

Land Use: Please consider the effect of the project relative to the appearance of identifiable

land use(s) in the view, and evaluate the degree to which the project is compatible

with the appearance of those land use(s).

Water: Please consider the effect of the project relative to the appearance of water features

> in terms of the shape of the water body(ies), edges of its (their) lines, clarity of color, texture (which refers here to evidence of movement) degree of enclosure around the

feature(s); and the scale or extent of water in the view.

Sky: Please consider the effect of the project relative to the appearance of the sky in

> terms of its expanse (i.e., degree of openness or enclosure, and the scale, or extent of the sky in the view), integrity of horizon line, and color (including the appearance

of clouds).

Viewer Please consider the effect of the project on likely viewer activity at the selected Activity:

viewpoint, including the viewer's perception/appreciation of scenic quality and

potential enjoyment of the view, taking into account the viewpoint location and context, viewer type, and viewer exposure.

4.1 Effectiveness of Landscape Mitigation Planting Plan

Plantings will be installed throughout the project site at designated locations to mitigate the visual effects of the proposed project components. The goal of the mitigation is to better integrate the project into the existing landscape, by softening the edges of the fence line and solar array, without creating a virtual barrier of green. Three individual planting modules were created to mitigate the installation of the proposed Project.

- Module Type 1: Roadside Softening
- Module Type 2: Intermittent Hedgerow
- Module Type 3: Hedgerow Planting Type 'A'
- Module Type 4: Hedgerow Planting Type 'B'

One or more of these modules is represented in the applicable simulations as indicated on the Viewpoint Context Page. Please provide any additional information based on seasonal conditions that may or may not impact the module type and in turn the contrast rating. Visual simulations that include leaf-off landscape mitigation are provided as part of the overall package.

4.2 Variable Factors That May Have Influenced Contrast Rating

Please note any conditions, based on what is visible in the photographs, that, if different, could influence the perceived degree of contrast between the project and the existing features of the landscape (atmospheric condition, seasonal changes, etc.).

4.3 Perceived Effect on Scenic Quality and Viewer Enjoyment

Please summarize your evaluation of the project's overall effect on the appearance of the selected view, taking into account the viewpoint location and context, sensitivity, scenic quality viewer type, and viewer exposure.

South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 5

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 167 feet

Viewpoint Location: Intersection of County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road) and Miller Road Low

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters
Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area
Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 2



Minimal

Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 6/18/21



Strong

View	noint	Sens	itivity

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

□ Low

☑ Moderate

□ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous
☐ Repeated/Regular

☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

Open agricultural field is the focus of the view. It's horizontal nature and flat terrain contrasts with the vegetation bounding the far side of it. The road in the front of the view occupies the foreground. The view is not special, but also has limited clutter or distracting features. A small windmill can be seen but does not become the focus.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	
C	Sc	ore		Danasi	-tif Ct			
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation	Description of Contrast					
Landform	3	1.5	The panels occupy the landscape, replacing the focus of the open field with the presence of the volume of panels filling the space.					
Vegetation	3	2	The panels rise tall enough to block the view of much of the background vegetation. Also, clearing in the back has reduced background vegetation.					
Land Use	3.5	1.5	The panels become the obvious land use. They are a focus and will be notable as such. The heavy black color draws one's attention.					
Water	N/A	N/A						
Sky	2	1	The heavy field of is likely to focus o			en sky in this view	. The viewe	
Viewer Activity	2.5	1.5				anels. They are qui ble from this locati		
TOTAL	14	7.5	Total all scores above	е				
AVERAGE	2.8	1.5	Average all scores a	bove				

Moderate

Viewpoint 5

Intersection of County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road) and Miller Road

Effectiveness of mitigation p	planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):	
Planting does a good	d job of breaking up the long visible lines of panels. They can still be seen	, but
do not present as a s	such a large mass. The plants help refocus the viewer along the edge, ins	tead
of focusing on the pa	anel mass in the center.	
Variable factors that may ha	ve influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):	
Seasonal conditions (lea	af out) would affect the background vegetation impact.	
Perceived effect on scenic q		
	se to the viewer and can be seen not only as a large mass occupying a fiel	
·	inels. This close up view makes the impact appreciable to the viewer. The	e panels wil
be noticed, as a they rise	e above the viewer's height and occupy the entire center of the view.	

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 15

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 170 feet

Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area, South Ripley

Cemetery

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 3



Minimal

Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 6/17/21



Strong

Viewpoint Sensitivity: Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality) □ Low
Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view) □ Continuous ☑ Repeated/Regular □ Occasional/Brief □ Rare
Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)
This view generally draws ones eye down the road and

into the distance, but a tall utility pole in the foreground, and a red roof in the mid-ground compete for the viewer's attention. The view is mostly vegetated with shrub or tree cover. The open sky plays a large factor in the view as the ground is generally descending away from the viewer.

Appreciable

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Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Score		Description of Contrast				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation		Descrip	Julion of Contras	·	
Landform	1	1		The solar panels are located in a way to be seen in the foreground, but due to the angle and amount visible, do not compete to become the focus. The perspective lines continue to dominate			
Vegetation	1.5	1	The panels are visible existing shrub masse	s. Only a small part	is noticeable as a b	lack massing.	
Land Use	2	1.5	The solar panels are from this perspective		me an obvious lan	d use. The full impa	ct is not visible
Water	N/A						
Sky	1.5	1	The open sky continu of the panels in the f	oreground is noticea	ble, but does little	to impact the sky vi	ew.
Viewer Activity	1	1	Viewers eye's will be will continue to focu			are not overwhelmi	ng and the viewe
TOTAL	7	5.5	Total all scores abov	е			
AVERAGE	1.4	1.1	Average all scores a	bove			

Moderate

Viewpoint 15 County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
The mitigation scheme is good as it adds to the already present shrub mass screening along the road.
Most of the plants in this view appear to be deciduous and will likely not be as effective during the
cold weather months. Very little of the solar panel field is visible in this view.
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
Deciduous vegetation will likely not screen as well during the winter months. The panels may be much more
dominant in the view when the leaves are off.
Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
Overall, the view from this perspective is not of high impact with the addition of the solar panels. The strong
perspective lines drawing ones attention down the road and down the hill are stronger then the visible massi
of solar panels in the foreground. The viewer will notice them, but will likely continue to look ahead.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 16

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 179 feet

Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 4



Minimal

Rating Panel Information: Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 7/15/21

Viewpoint Sensitivity:



Strong

Scenic Quality:	(Please rate existing	scenic quality)
Low	X Moderate	High

☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)
This view of an open field has a horizontal layering
effect. The road and center stripe dominate the foreground
while green vegetation dominates the mid-ground.
A layering of roadside vegetation, open field and backgound
trees make up the mid-ground vegetation. The sky

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Score		Description of Contrast				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation		Descri	ption of Contrast	1	
Landform	2.5	1.5	The view of the ope			eening. The view nov	w focuses on
Vegetation	2.5	1.5	the proposed veget	ation in to screen th	e structures becom	es the focus of the vie	ew.
Land Use	3	1.5	The panels are visi	ble and will be reco	gnized as the primar	y land use.	
Water	N/A	N/A					
Sky	2	1.0	The visible open sl	ky view has been red	duced by the added	infrastructure and ve	getative scree
Viewer Activity	2.5	1.5	Viewers will notice	the panels from this	s vantage point.		
TOTAL	13	7	Total all scores above	е			
AVERAGE	2.6	1.4	Average all scores a	bove			

Moderate

Viewpoint 16

County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of miti	gation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
The mitigation p	lantings are very effective. They both block and break up the visibility of much of the solar
panel field. Whil	e viewers can still see the panels, they are no longer a dominant piece of the view.
The variety of pl	ant forms, and the height, do an effective job of attracting one's attention to the vegetation
itself, and not th	e panels behind. The inclusion of evergreens will help during the winter months.
/ariable factors that	may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
ranable lactors that	may have initiatived rating (tamosphore continuous, seasonal, etc.).
The inclusion of a	evergreen trees will help screen during the winter months. Though a higher percentage cou
be evergreen.	weigheen trees will help screen during the winter months. Though a nigher percentage cou
De evergreen.	
	scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
	gation planting, this view is occupied by the field of panels, and their close up proximity
	g make for a dominant component of the view. They obscure background vegetation and
	hat fills the open area of the field. Viewers will focus on the solar panels. The mitigation the impact from this viewpoint by breaking up the view of the panels.
plantings reduce	the impact from this viewpoint by breaking up the view of the panels.

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Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 20

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 84 feet

Viewpoint Location: NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters Visually Sensitive Site: NYS Route 76, Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 2/Module 4



Minimal

Rating Panel Information: Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 7/15/21

Viewpoint Sensitivity:



Strong

Scenic Quality Low	: (Please rate existi Moderate	ing scenic quality) ☑ High	
Viewer Exposu ☐ Continuous ☐ Occasional/	· K	equency and duration of view) Repeated/Regular Rare	

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.) Pastoral view rises up from viewer in the distance. The open fields anchor the foreground with some rising topography anchoring the mid-gound. This area is more complex with a variety of open and treed areas. The ridge line undulates and creates in interesting contrast with the open sky.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Sc	ore		Dogoria	ation of Control	4	
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation		Descrip	otion of Contras	ι	
Landform	3	2.0	The project is plantings	largely scree	ned at this vi	ewpoint by th	ne mitigatio
Vegetation	3	1.5	The viewer fo	ocuses on the	screening ve	getation.	
Land Use	2.5	1.0	The vegetati	on creates a s	creen that m	nakes the use	less visible
Water	N/A	N/A					
Sky	2.5	2.0	The skyline be viewer.	ecomes less o	f a focus with	n plantings so	close to th
Viewer Activity	3	1.5	Viewers may the view from			but they do i	not domina
TOTAL	14	8.0	Total all scores abov				
AVERAGE	2.8	1.6	Average all scores a	bove			

Moderate

Viewpoint 20 NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):	
The proposed mitigation planting screens the majority of the view of solar panels from this vantage poin	t. A few o
be seen, including one up close, so the viewer will take notice of their presence, but the vegetation keep	s the
viewer from dwelling on the panels.	
'ariable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):	
There appears to be a good amount of evergreen vegetation included in this screening, so it will likely.	romain
effective into the winter months.	remain
enective into the winter months.	
North definition of the Comment	
Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:	
With the proposed mitigation planting in place, viewers from this vantage point will likely notice the	
presence of the solar fields, but will not have a full view of them to understand their expanse on the la	ndscape.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 24 (Please view images for this viewpoint side by side, and provide one rating for the full view)

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 654 feet

Viewpoint Location: NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: NYS Route 76, Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 4



Minimal

Rating Pane	el Information:
Your Name:	Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 7/15/21



Strong

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Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

Low Moderate High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

Open view across fields with some house and farm structures in the distance. A utility line captures one's attention in the mid-ground. The focus is on the open field areas, bordered by a mixture of taller trees & structures bordering the horizon line. The high point is to the left and the perspective lines seem to run to that point.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Cammanant	Sc	ore		Deserte	otion of Contrac	4	
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation		Descri	otion of Contras	ι	
Landform	2	2	The panel fields run in the landscape rein			stance. They create a	a dark line
Vegetation	2	2	The hard line of pane		, and the second		
Land Use	1.5	1.5	Viewers will notice the				٠ ا
Water	N/A	N/A					
Sky	2	1.5	The strong straight li skyline.	ne of the top of the	panels across the la	andscape contrasts v	with the
Viewer Activity	2	2	Viewers will notice	the solar panels but	they do not domina	ate the view.	
TOTAL	9.5	8	Total all scores abov	е			
AVERAGE	1.9	1.6	Average all scores a	bove			

Moderate

Viewpoint 24 NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road)

	ening is not particularly effective in this view. The solar panels create a hard dark line in the
•	en plantings in front of the panels are also dark, and do not extend high enough to
obscure the hard lir	ne edge of the tops of the solar panels. There is not enough vegetative planting to be effect
/ariable factors that m	ay have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
None	ay nave initidenced rating (authospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.).
None	
Perceived effect on sco	enic quality/viewer enjoyment:
The effect on this v	view is moderate, with the proposed panels being visible as a hard, dark line across
	the view. But they are also distant enough not to dominate.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 40

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 118 feet

Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1



Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt Date: 6/19/21



	View	point	Sens	itivity
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Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

☐ Low
☐ Moderate
☐ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

Open field rising nearby, separated by some low vegetation in the foreground. There are some distant trees visible at the top of the open hill that act as a focus. A tall utility structure rises from the left side

of the view and frames the view.

Contrast Rating:

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

Insignificant		Minim	al	Moderat	te	Apprecia	ble	Strong
0	.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4

C	Sc	ore	Description of Contract
Component	Project Components Project w/Mitigation		Description of Contrast
Landform	3.5	3	The solar panels occupy the open field and completely block the rising hillside.
Vegetation	3	2.5	The panels block the distant vegetation and dwarf the vegetation in the foreground.
Land Use	3.5	2.5	The close proximity to these panels makes them a dominant feature of the land.
Water	N/A		
Sky	3	2	The panels are highly visible and dominate. They are the sole focus of the view.
Viewer Activity	3.5	2.5	Viewers will pay attention to the size, scale , and closeness of the panel field.
TOTAL	16	12.5	Total all scores above
AVERAGE	3.2	2.5	Average all scores above

Viewpoint 40

County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

	mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.): ak up the massive field, but only screen a portion of it. The solar panels are still quite
	his view. More vegetation might screen more of the solar field.
	hat may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
The deciduous	s screen plantings will not be as effective when their leaves are off.
erceived effect	on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
The introduct	tion of the solar panels changes this view from an open rising hillside, to a large structure
	proximity to the viewer. The rising land in the background is completely hidden, and the
large dark ma	assing of the panels become the focus of the view.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 44

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 344 feet

Viewpoint Location: Sinden Road

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1



Minimal

Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 7/15/21



Strong

Viewpoint	Sensitivity:
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Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

Low Moderate High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous ☐ Repeated/Regular ☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

Open pastoral fields rising in the distance. The view is punctuated by a pond in the mid-ground. The land is textured with a mixture of mature trees and open fields. The ridgeline is relatively horizontal. A dark vegetative mass runs uninterrupted along the ridge line. Road/asphalt frames the foreground.

Some farm equipment occupies the mid-ground.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Sc	ore	Description of Contrast				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation	n Bescription of Contrast				
Landform	3.5	2.5	The mitigation planting screens the view and keeps one from seeing the much of the undulating hillside.				the
Vegetation	3	2	The focus is now on the vegetative screen alongside the road from which the viewer is positioned.				er is
Land Use	4	2	The viewer will see the new land use, but the screening keeps it from being an overwhelm change of use to the scenery. The viewer will likely not focus on the water body in this view, as there are many element competing for attention. The viewer is likely to focus in the foreground due to the vegetative screening. Viewers will be aware of the solar panels, but will not be overwhelmed by the magnitude the installation from this vantage point.				
Water	3.5	2.5					
Sky	3.5	2					
Viewer Activity	3.5	2.5					
TOTAL	21	13.5	Total all scores above				
AVERAGE	3.5	2.25	Average all scores above				

Moderate

Viewpoint 44 Sinden Road

	ion planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
Planting scheme is	quite effective due to its close proximity to the viewer. This creates a screen that blocks
the majority of the	view of the hillside.
Variable factors that ma	y have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
Seasonality - leaf co	onditions
Parcaivad affact on scar	nic quality/viewer enjoyment:
	ts create a screen that blocks one's view to the majority of the open fields. The screening
	educing the impact of the solar panels on the landscape. That being said, the new condition
are still a significant	change from the original open views to the rolling landscape.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 56

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 139 feet

Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 2/Module 3



Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 6/19/21



View	/point	Sens	itivit	u

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

Low ☑ Moderate ☐ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

Open field seems to descend in the near distance, but then background wooded landform rises in the distance.

This is a rather expansive view. There is a layering of

line/color/texture in the foreground, all horizontal in nature.

Contrast Rating:

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

Insignificant		Minimal		Moderate		Appreciable		Strong
0	.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4

C	Score		Description of Contract		
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation	Description of Contrast		
Landform	3	2	The panels accentuate the descending hillside by "disappearing" as they move out into the distance.		
Vegetation	3	2.5	The panels become the primary object of focus. They block the views of distance hillsides.		
Land Use	3	2	The panels are up close and dominate the view.		
Water	N/A	N/A			
Sky	2.5	1.5	The panels rise into the skyline, obscuring the distant horizon and open views.		
Viewer Activity	3	2.5	Viewers will take note and be distracted by this view of panels.		
TOTAL	14.5	10.5	Total all scores above		
AVERAGE	2.9	2.1	Average all scores above		

Viewpoint 56

County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

aclaim the blacked wie	erves to refocus the viewer back towards the road, but nothing can be done to
eciaiiii tile blocked vie	w out to the distant IIIIS.
ariable factors that may h	ave influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
The existing view simu	lation is done in leaf-down conditions. Color and textures would vary in the
warmer seasons.	idelon is done in real down conditions. Color and textures would vary in the
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hand of the same of	and the delicence of the control of
erceived effect on scenic	quality/viewer enjoyment:
	quality/viewer enjoyment: om one of expansive, long range, to one that is occupied by a large massing in the
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This view is altered from foreground, blocking to above the viewing heigh	om one of expansive, long range, to one that is occupied by a large massing in the the distant view. This solar panels read individually and as a massing. They rise
This view is altered from foreground, blocking to above the viewing heigh	om one of expansive, long range, to one that is occupied by a large massing in the the distant view. This solar panels read individually and as a massing. They rise
This view is altered from	om one of expansive, long range, to one that is occupied by a large massing in the the distant view. This solar panels read individually and as a massing. They rise

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 59

Distance to Nearest Visible Project Component: 132 feet Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 4



Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 12/21/21



Viewpoint Sensitivity: Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)				
☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High				
Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)				
☐ Continuous ☐ Repeated/Regular				
☐ Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare				
Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)				
This view is on the lower end of "moderate" as rated above.				
There is a small open field edged by mature vegetation and a				
utility line. There is some fencing in the foreground. The				
focus is on the open field.				
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Contrast Rating:

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

Insignificant	Minimal Moderate			Appreciable		Strong		
0	.5 1	1.5	2 2.5 3 3.5 4					
Component	Sc	ore	Description of Contrast					
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation	Description of Contrast					
Landform	3.5	3	The project components are complex and rise into the skyline, drawing the viewers attention upwards.				iewers	
Vegetation	4	3	The viewer sees the components rise above the screening vegetation. They are quite visible.			are quite		
Land Use	4	3.5	The viewer will focus on the infrastructure that visibly rises and occupies the land. The land use dominates.			e land.		
Water	N/A							
Sky	4	4	This structure creates a very strong contrast against the open sky.					
Viewer Activity	3.5	3	Viewers will focus on the proposed structure.					
TOTAL	19	16.5	Total all scores above					
AVERAGE	3.8	3.3	Average all scores above					

Viewpoint 59

County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
The plantings do create some distraction by blocking some of the lower portions of the structure. But the most contrast
occurs where the structure is visible against the sky, and that is not blocked by the vegetation. It draws one's attention.
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
None
Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
The viewer will notice and focus on the large complicated structure rising above the treeline and creating a high level of contr
with the open sky. The size and complexity of the structure is notable.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 63S

Distance to Nearest Visible Project Component: 217 feet Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 4



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Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt Date: 12/21/21

Viewpoint Sensitivity:



Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)							
☐ Low		☐ High					

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view) ☐ Continuous Repeated/Regular ☐ Occasional/Brief □ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

An open field is bordered in the back by a tall wooded area. The field is uncultivated, and there is evidence of a fence line in the foreground. The terrain is relatively flat, and the focus is where the filed meets the treeline.

Contrast Rating:

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

Insignificant	Minimal		Moderate		Appreciable	Strong		
0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	
Component	Sc	ore	Description of October					
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation		Desci	ription of Contrast			
Landform	2.5	1.5	The proposed com attention.	The proposed components occupy the focus of the view. The tall wall draws the most attention.				
Vegetation	3.5	2	The proposed com existing trees.	The proposed components contrast in color with the vegetation and block much of the existing trees.				
Land Use	3.5	2	This is a highly visible land use that will be noticed.					
Water	N/A							
Sky	2.5	1.5	The proposed components compete with the sky for attention.					
Viewer Activity	3	2	Viewers will take notice of the proposed infrastructure.					
TOTAL	15	9	Total all scores above					
AVERAGE	3	1.8	Average all scores a	bove				

Viewpoint 63S County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

The planting break	s up the strong line of proposed components and has a significant impact on reducing visibility. The struct
	visible as the vegetation only partially screens it. The bright color of the proposed elements makes them n
visible through the	
	tt may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
Seasonal leaf conc	litions might alter the effectiveness of the screening.
erceived effect on	scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
Viewers will notice	this new infrastructure as it occupies a large portion of the view and is not completely screened by
the vegetation.	

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 63SE

Distance to Nearest Visible Project Component: 218 feet Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 3/Module 4



Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt Date: 12/21/21



Viewpoint Sensitivity:						
Scenic Quality:	(Please rate existing scenic quality)					

☐ Moderate ☐ High Low

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous □ Repeated/Regular

☐ Occasional/Brief □ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

This is an unremarkable view up a county road in a relatively flat location, with telephone poles and a wood fenceline aiding one's focus down the road. There are trailers visible in a field and some mature treeline separating the open fields.

Contrast Rating:

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

Insignificant	Minin	nal	Moderate		Appreciable		Strong
0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Sc	ore	Description of Contrast				
	Project Components Project w/Mitigation		Description of Contrast				

0	Sc	ore	Description of Contract		
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation	Description of Contrast		
Landform	3	2.5	Significant, complex features rise from the landscape, garnering one's attention.		
Vegetation	3	2.5	Structures rise above vegetation in view.		
Land Use	3.5	3	Structures dominate the view and make the land use quite evident.		
Water	N/A				
Sky	3.5	3	structures dominate the skyline, mitigated mostly by the fact that there are some existing structures that pierce the skyline.		
Viewer Activity	3.5	3	Viewers will take notice of the structures.		
TOTAL	16.5	14	Total all scores above		
AVERAGE	3.3	2.8	Average all scores above		

Viewpoint 63SE County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

The plantings mitiga	te some of the visibility of the structures, but do not hide the complex components that rise
nto the skyline and	dominate the view.
ariable factors that	may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
Seasonal coloring o	could impact contrast and visibility in this setting.
	scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
	ons are not favorable and have some clutter and complexity. That said, this is a very noticeable proposed
	ill draw attention due to its size and complexity in the view. Viewers will be drawn to the complex
structures that rise i	nto the skyline.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 69

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 417 feet

Viewpoint Location: South Ripley Cemetery off of County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Tourists/Recreational Users

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area, South Ripley

Cemetery

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 3



Minimal

Rating	Danal	Inform	ation
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Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt

Date: 7/15/21



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Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

☐ Low
☐ Moderate
☐ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous ☐ Repeated/Regular

☐ Occasional/Brief 🗷 Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

View from within a cemetery. There are gravestones in the foreground, bordered by tall vegetation on the right, and a low field behind. There are woods behind the field and a tall tree to the left enclosing the area.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Score		Description of Contrast				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation		Descrip	ition of Contras	51	
Landform	3	2.5	The large mass of sola the surrounding conte				contrast to
Vegetation	3	2.0	The screening mitiga focus of viewers.	tes the impact, but a	a large swath rema	ains visible and will b	ecome the
Land Use	3.5	3	Viewers will focus on	the solar panels adj	acent to this ceme	etery	
Water	N/A						
Sky	2.5	2.5	The mitigation does	not alter the skyline	view.		
Viewer Activity	3	3	Viewers will take no	tice of these panels	and focus on their	presence here.	
TOTAL	15	13	Total all scores above	9			
AVERAGE	3	2.6	Average all scores at	oove			

Viewpoint 69

South Ripley Cemetery off of County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

ngmy noticeable SW	ns the lower portions of the panels and does mitigate the impact. But the upper portions are still visible and they create a large ath that is quite noticeable.
	ini macio quite nonceane.
/ariable factors t	hat may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
Seasonality could i	mpact screening and background contrast.
Perceived effect	on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
	on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment: the solar panels, as the visible area is large and spans the view. This is a contrasting use to the cemetery and will impact the mood
Viewers will notice	

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 75

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 7,450 feet (1.41 miles)

Viewpoint Location: County Route 622

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: None Identified

Mitigation Planting Scheme: None Visible.



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Your Name: Jocelyn Gavitt Date:

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View	/point	Sens	itivit	u

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality) ☐ Moderate ☒ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous Repeated/Regular

☐ Occasional/Brief □ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.) This view seems to be from a high vantage point that looks out across a complexity of gently rolling fields and wooded areas, with a few structures dotted in the distance. It has an expansive view out to distant rising land. The open sky dominates.

Contrast Rating:

AVERAGE

0.25

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

Insignificant	Minin	nal	Moderate		Appreciable		Strong
0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Commonant	Score		Decarintian of Contract				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation	Description of Contrast		i		
Landform	0.5		The panels can be s from vegetation fro		nd masses on the hil	lsides but are not	distinguishable
Vegetation	0.5		The panels are visib	le in places, but se	em like forms of vege	etation.	
Land Use	0.5		The panels can be	seen, but will likel	y not be noticed.		
Water	0		The water feature	e is barely distingui	shable, so the impac	t is also negligible	
Sky	0		The panels do no	t alter the impact o	f the open sky.		
Viewer Activity	0		Viewers are not	likely to notice the	e panel fields.		
TOTAL	1.5		Total all scores above	9			

Average all scores above

Viewpoint 75 County Route 622

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
N/A
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
Seasonality or lighting. Certain lighting might cause the panels to stand out in color or brightness in
a way that is more noticeable than this simulation.
Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
Viewers are likely not to notice the panels from this vantage point. They are easily mistaken for a hec
row or other planting masses in the distance.

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Scuth Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 5

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 167 feet

Viewpoint Location: Intersection of County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road) and Miller Road

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Bet State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 2





Viewpoint Sensitivity:					
Scenic Quality:	(Please rate existin	g scenic qualit			
Low	Moderate	☐ High			

Viewer Exposure:	(Please rate frequency and duration of view
☐ Continuous	Repeated/Regular

☐ Occasional/Brief Rare



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Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

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Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

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0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
	Score		Description of Contrast				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation					
Landform	2,5	2	THE ARA	AY/NS	TALLATIO		/
Vegetation	2	1.5	THE DAY	NATED	DUE 70	CLEAR	1116
Land Use	2	1.5	NEW ME				
Water	N/A	NA					
Sky	/	0	EFFEAR	D DUE	70 725		
Viewer Activity	2	2	PRIN F	D. SEN	GENEN	PENESS	5 CHA
TOTAL			Total all scores above	ve			
AVERAGE			Average all sccres a	above			

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Intersection of County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road) and Miller Road

ffectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
THE FORESTO. LOCATION OF THE MITIGATION
PLANTINGS ALONG THE ROAD EDGE SOFTENS
THE LINE OF SOLAR PANELS AND BLEAKS UP
THE REPORTION OF THE REAR STRUTS AND CROSS.
BALS IN THE NEW. GREATER MOUAL DEPTH
EXTURE AUD COLOR VARIATION IS ACHIEVED
THROUGH THE ADDITION OF MIT. PLANTINGS.
ariable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
N/A
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erceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
THE VIEWER'S ENGAGMENT WITH THE SEASONS AME
AG. PRODUCTION CYCLE IS EUMINATED DUE TO
THE STATIC ENVIRONMENT FOSTERED BY THE
PANEL INSTALLATION.

South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 15

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 170 feet

Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Beit State Heritage Area, South Ripley

Cemeter

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 3



Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: KAC

Date: 18 JUNE 2021 21 JUNE 2021-MIT



Strong

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Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous

Repeated/Regular

Occasional/Brief Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

EVENATED VIEW INTO WASH
LYING FARMSTEADS AND
PIEUDS. TAU VEG. AND POWER
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POAD TEXTURE. MID GLD IS
HIDDEN IN FERD. VEG. AND
HOMEON IS HIDDEN BY BREED
FOR POWERME.

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2 2.5 3 3.5 4			
	Score		Description of Contrast			
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation				
Landform	1	,5	MILD EDGING EFFECT OF ARLAY ALONG FORDEDGE			
Vegetation	1.5	,5	VEG BUT WONDUT HAR LASTING EFFE			
Land Use	/	, 5	SCHEENING BY VEG. REDVCES USUAL IMPACT			
Water	NA	N/A				
Sky	0	0	BRUKEN BY PANELS.			
Viewer Activity	/	, 5	VEGETATION.			
TOTAL			Total all scores above			
AVERAGE			Average all scores above			

Moderate

Viewpoint 15 County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
THE INTERMEDIATE SCREEN MITTERTION
PLANTING BLENDS WITH THE FORGEOUND
VEGETATION AND INCHERSES THE COLOR AND
TEXTURE IN THE HEDGERAN. THE DAKK
SOLAL PANELS ARE SOFTENED BY THE
INSTAUATION OF THE MATERIALS.
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Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
LEAF OFF SEASON WILL INCLEASE THE VIEW
INTO THE BACK OF THE PANELS FROM ROAD
VIEW.
Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:
N/A - LONG VIEW TO LOW LYING EVEVATIONS
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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 16

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 179 feet
Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)
Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland
Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters
Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Bell State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 4



Your Name: FAC Date: 18 JUNE 2021

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Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

Low Moderate High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous ☐ Repeated/Regular

Occasional/Brief Rare



Minimal

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

OPEN, FOUNE FIELD WITH
DOUSE GLEEN CAUP COVER.

STATIC VIEW FROM PESIDENCE
ALPOSS STREET. DK GLAY UNE
OF PANT AN FGAD, GLOSS DITTEN
IN MINGED BEFORE BKGD.

HEDGERON HOLD VIEW. OPEN
SKY EXCEPT FOR BISELTINE
POWERINE.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2 2.5 3 3.5 4					
	Sc	ore	Description of Contrast					
Component	Project Components	Project wMitigation						
Landform	2.5	2 .	SOLAR AFRAY FLATTENS TOPOGRAPY LESS VISUALLY DYNAMIC					
Vegetation	0	0	NOCUEARNIG					
Land Use	2.5	2	INDUSTRIAL PEPLACEMENT TO AG. TRADITION					
Water	NA	NA						
Sky	1.5	2	HORIZON; ARTICAL HORIZON LINE					
Viewer Activity	2.5	2	WY INSTAU. IN PLACE IS LOST					
TOTAL			Total all scores above					
AVERAGE			Average all sccres above					

Moderate

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Strong

Viewpoint 16
County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness	s of	mitiga	tion pl	anting	schem	e (seas	onal/va	riability.	etc.):								
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THE	S	KY	A	ルク	B	RIN	احا	5 7	LIB	- 1	EV	1	N	10	77	VE	
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THE																	
Variable fact	tors	that m	ay hav	e influ	enced	rating	(atmosp	heric co	nditio	is, seas	sonal, e	etc.):					

Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:

THE STATIC VIEW OF THE ADJACENT RESIDENT

IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED BY THE ADDITION

OF THE SOLAR PANELS — ESPECIALLY BEING THE

BACKSIDES VS. THE CLEAN LINE OF THE FRONT.

THE POWNE FARM FIELD IS ALSO CHANGED FOR

THIS COMMUNITED AND PELATIONSHIP TO THE

BEGD AND TIONIZED COST.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information: Viewpoint Number: 20

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 84 feet Viewpoint Location: NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road) Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters Visually Sensitive Site: NYS Route 76, Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 2/Module 4



Minimal

Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: KA Date: 18 /UNE 2021

21 JUNE 2021-MIT S UULY 2021 - MIT FOV Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality) ☐ Moderate ☐ High □ Low

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous □ Repeated/Regular

Occasional/Brief ☐ Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

HIGHLY DYNAMIC LANDSZAPE WITH POLLING TERRAIN, CONKEAL AND REVEAL OF SPACE WITHIN HEDGERUNS CONTRAS BETWEEN BLIGHT GRASS AND DK. GREEN HEDSERUN OTS OF MOVEMENT AND MOVAL INTREST. HOMEON UNE

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	
0	Sc	ore	Description of Contrast					
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation						
Landform	3	1.5	PEN	BILTY OF	ATTENEZ	0 /		
Vegetation	2.5	1.5	HORRE	ON LINE	OF HE	DEERON	5	
Land Use	2.5	1.5		TEAUZE		SS POAK)	
Water	NA	NA						
Sky	1	/	PANE	LEMAINS	15W TO	CEFT.		
Viewer Activity	3	1	FUNT	L TOPASHI DVSTEIAL	SITE	SCHANGE	50	
TOTAL			Total all scores	above				
AVERAGE			Average all sco	res above				

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Strong

Viewpoint 20 NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
THE NEWPOINT BENEFITS FROM ADDITIONAL
SCREENING WHEFE THE VIEW OPENS SUGHTLY
SHAMNIG THE PANELS, FENCE, AND RUAD
SYSTEM. THE POADSIDE HERBACEOUS MATERIALS
LAYER THE MITIGATION PLANTINGS AND
INCREASE THE VISUAL INTEREST OF THE SIENE
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):

LEAF OFF CONDITIONS COND INCREASE

Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment: THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE ROUNG TOPOGRAPH.

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 24 (Please view images for this viewpoint side by side, and provide

one rating for the full view)

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 654 feet Viewpoint Location: NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road) Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: NYS Route 76, Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area

Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1/Module 4



Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: A

Date: 18 JUNE 2021 21 JUNE 2021-MT

15 JULY 2021-MITREV Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

Moderate ☐ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please_rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous

Repeated/Regular

Rare Occasional/Brief

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

ROAD VIEW TO HOMESTEAD AND WORKING AG BULDING BY HEDGERON WITH SUPSES

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Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4		
0	Score					Desc	ription of Contras	ıt	
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation							
Landform	1,5	1.5	SOLAK SET F	- APRAYS	- WORK -; 1635	MPACT	080.		
Vegetation	0	0		LEE CLE,					
Land Use	1.5	1.5		STRIAL I					
Water	N/A	NIA							
Sky	0	0		NTERRUF					
Viewer Activity	1.5	1.5	DIST	PANCE Y	MTY TO	INSTAU			
TOTAL			Total all score	s above					
AVERAGE			Average all so	cores above					

Viewpoint 24 NYS Route 76 (Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):	24
THE MITIGATION SCHEEN PLANTING ISLEPPED	10
TO MINIMIZE THE COLOR, TEXTILE AND LINE O	
THE SOLAL PANELS AT THIS MENING SCALE	
HOWEVER, GIVEN THE VENCTH OF THE VIEW,	_
CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT THE MITHGATION)
PLANTINGS DO NOT BECOME TO FESTIMBLED OF	
PREDICTABLE AND A ORESTER, DENSITY WOND PREFEXABLE	85
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):	
N/A	
Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:	
THE FAR MIDGROUND AND BACKGROUND ARE	
EPFECTED BY THE DARK BAND OF SOLAR PANELS	
THE HIGHLY PATTERNED BACKS OF THE PANELS	
IS VISUALLY DISTRACTING AND BUSY, BUT THE	
NEW IS PLEETING AT SPEED IN A CAR.	

South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 40

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 118 feet Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Roac) Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland

Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1



Minimal

Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: KAC Date: 18 JUNE 2021 21 JUNE 2021-MIT



Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

☑ Moderate ☐ High □ Low

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous ☐ Occasional/Brief Repeated/Regular

Rare

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

PAISED TUPO IN PIGHTSIOE OF NEW SLUPING RAPIDLY TO BRUSH HEDGEROW AND ROADSIDE GRASS STRIP. MIDGED SURPE OBSTRUCTS THE BACKGRO VIEW; SUGHT GLIMPSE OF LEFT SIDE OF MEN; HANEVER POMERPORE AND HEDGERON DRSTRUCTS THE FORD. EXPERTING

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2 2.5 3 3.5 4						
	Sc	ore	Description of Contrast						
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation							
Landform	2	1.5	SOUAR APPRAYS SIMICAR IN SCAUE TO CANDFURN MASS						
Vegetation	2	1.5	OBSTRUCTION TO BKG. VEG IN LEFT CORNER						
Land Use	2.5	2	NOUSTRIAL INTERVENTION IN OPEN FIELD						
Water	NA	NA	7						
Sky	1.5	2	MINIMAL OBSTRUCTION TO SKY						
Viewer Activity	3	2.5	PALUNG NEW & SEASONAL INTEREST IS CHANGE WINSTAN						
TOTAL			Total all scores above						
AVERAGE			Average all scores above						

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Strong

Viewpoint 40 County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting	scheme	(seasonal/variability,	etc.)
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THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCREENING IS
LESSENED BY BEING BEHIND THE EMOTING
TAU VEGETATION. THE PLACEMENT OF MIT.
PLANTINGS WOND BE BEST SERVED THROUGH
FIELD VERIFICATION OF LOCATION BASED UPIN
EXISTING CONDITIONS.

Variable factors that may have influenced rating	(atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):

REDUCED	AND /OR	MITIG	ATED ;	By TNI	S TAL	VER
SCRUB.						

Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:

THE SLALE AND MASS OF THE SOLAR ARRAY PANELS BEING FULLY VISIBLE BEHIND THE CHANCINK FENCE

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South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information: Viewpoint Number: 44 Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 344 feet Viewpoint Location: Sinden Road Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Urland Viewer Type: Local Residents Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 1



Minimal

Rating Panel Information:

Your Name: KAC Date: 18 JUNE 2021 21 UNE 2021-MT

Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

Moderate ☐ High

Viewer Exposure: (Please rate frequency and duration of view)

☐ Continuous

Repeated/Regular

Rare ☐ Occasional/Brief

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.)

POLING TUPOGRAPNY FROM PUAD DUNN TO LOW PDINT AND FARM POND. FENUNG LIGHTLY EDGES SITE AND HEDGERUNS PRUNDE DENSE OPTHOSOWAL EDGES, FARM ELOUIP & LIVESTOKK ACTIVATE VIEW 1 PRONDE FOLAL PUNT PANEPUNES BISECT VIEW.

Appreciable

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Component	Score		Description of Contrast				
	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation					
Landform	4	3	PANTELS	DOMINI	ATE OX	EEN PE	SUP
Vegetation	4	2				PANELS LTHU. FE	
Land Use	4	2	SUPER	ハンシング	JAL V	75~	
Water	4	2	FARM PELENTER		n Sta	NOARY	
Sky	0	1.5	THEE L				
Viewer Activity	4	2				AG VIEV	
TOTAL			Total all scores abo	Ve			
AVERAGE			Average all scores	above			

Moderate

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Strong

Viewpoint 44 Sinden Road

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
THE SCREEN PLANTING IS SUCCESSFUL AT
THE POADSIDE TO MITIGATE THE INTENSE VIEW
TO THE SOLAR FARM. THE STRONG PLANTINES
AT THE ELEPATION OF THE PUAD CHANGE THE
LONG, OPEN VIEW INTO THE PROPERT TO BE A FOREG
EXPERIENCE, WITH THE FOCAL POINT BEING
THE VEGETATION,
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
N/A

Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:

THIS IS AN INTENSE INSTAUATION OF SOLAR THE DREAMZED RUNS, RUAD, AND UTILITY CONNECTIONS QUAN THE EYE TO MUVE EAISLY, WHICH IS A BENEFIT.

South Ripley Solar Project Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York EDR Project No: 19020

Viewpoint Information:

Viewpoint Number: 56

Distance to Nearest Visible Array: 139 feet Viewpoint Location: County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road) Landscape Similarity Zone: Rural Upland Viewer Type: Local Residents, Through-Travelers/Commuters

Visually Sensitive Site: Concord Grape Belt State Heritage Area Mitigation Planting Scheme: Module 2/Module 3



Your Name: KAC Date: 18 JUNE 2021 21 JUNE 2021-MIT.



Viewpoint Sensitivity:

Scenic Quality: (Please rate existing scenic quality)

☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High

Viewer Expo	sure: (Plea:	se rate frequ	iency and	duration of	viev

☐ Continuous

☐ Repeated/Regular

Occasional/Brief

□ Rare



Minimal

Viewer Description: (Please describe this view in your own words.) EXPANSIVE NEW WITH LONG VIEW TO HORIZON, FOUND TEXPAIN AND HIGHLY TEXTURED HERGERONS IN FUREGROUND EDGES HIGHLY STRATED LANDSLAPE WITH GREY PUAD RUSSET DITCH, BRIGHT GREET TIKE AND YEURN FIELD BALKED BY THE STRONG DECIDIOS TREE

BALKGROUND & OPEN SKY.

Appreciable

Contrast Rating:

Insignificant

(Please rate the level of contrast between the existing view, Project components, and Project components with mitigation)

Contrast Rating Score Chart

0	.5 1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
0	Score		Description of Contrast				
Component	Project Components	Project w/Mitigation					
Landform	3.5	4	AND WI	JE VIEW	12 to	MZON	
Vegetation	3	0	TO BKG	ES. VES.	IS EU.	MINATER	
Land Use	2.5	2	ALL AG	-D FOL	CHAKA	CTERIS	TALL
Water	N/A	NA	λ.				
Sky	2	2	THE H	WESTON.		AUF OF	
Viewer Activity	3.5	3	DANS HO	UEN TO	GONE!	4 DOS	
TOTAL			Total all scores abo				
AVERAGE			Average all scores	above			

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Viewpoint 56 County Route 6 (NE Sherman Road)

Effectiveness of mitigation planting scheme (seasonal/variability, etc.):
ALL OF THE LUNGHEN TO THE HOLIZON IS LOST
WITH THE INKUSION OF THE MITIGATION PLANTING
HOWEVER, THE FGED PLANTING IS BENDEFICAL TO
TAKE DUNN THE SCALE OF THE NEAR SOLAR APPRY
THIS YEN WOULD BENEFIT FROM A FIELD
YEMFICATION FOR FINAL PLACEMENT OF
SCHEENING.
Variable factors that may have influenced rating (atmospheric conditions, seasonal, etc.):
NA

Perceived effect on scenic quality/viewer enjoyment:

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