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Glocester grants final approval for White Oak Farm solar project

Glocester, RI – The Town of Glocester has granted final administrative approval for a 1.8 MW solar project being developed by Green Development on White Oak Farm located at 74 White Oak Lane. The farm and the land are owned by the Phillips family and they have been growing and selling peaches, apples, vegetables, sweet corn and pumpkins for generations. The farm will remain in operation, as the solar project will only use approximately 6 acres of the property, which totals over 78 acres.

“This is a win-win situation for my family. I want the farm to be a going concern for my children and my grandchildren. This project brings a predictable revenue stream to an industry that can be very unpredictable. It also allows the land to provide something more than vegetables while still harnessing the benefits of the sun. That synergy between solar power and our crops was something that was very important to us,” said Roger Phillips. “The Green Development team worked with us to integrate the panels in a manner that did not impact our crops and there will be minimal clearing of my land.”

“It has been a pleasure getting to know Roger and his family and gain an appreciation of their operations. It was that approach that brought this project to a successful permitting conclusion. A quarter of a century from now I hope Roger’s granddaughter is harvesting crops knowing the land is also producing clean renewable energy and helping to reduce carbon emissions for future generations,” said Mark DePasquale, chairman of Green Development, LLC.

The approved project preserves a historical cemetery on the site. The power generated from the project will go into the state’s net metering program. Site prep has been underway and construction will begin this summer. It is anticipated the project will be completed and online by the end of this year.

Minimal tree clearing is required to develop the project; a vast majority of the property will remain wooded. Green Development will pay Glocester a tax of \$5,000 per megawatt, or approximately \$9,000 per year.

About Green Development

Green Development LLC is the leading developer of large-scale renewable energy solutions across Rhode Island, working with communities, public entities, non-profits, landowners, and farmers to plan and construct wind turbines and solar energy systems. To learn more, please visit www.green-ri.com and follow us on Facebook [@GreenDevLLC](https://www.facebook.com/GreenDevLLC).

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