

INTRODUCTION

Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994 as amended, more commonly known as P.A. 116. MCL 324.36101 et al. Read the solar panel approval process document before filling out this form. Please print or type. Attach additional sheets as needed.

LIST OF ITEMS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED WITH A SOLAR FACILITY APPLICATION

1. A clear copy of the solar facility agreement.
 - a. Address, phone number, email, and name of the person designated to represent the electric provider.
 - b. The term of the commercial solar agreement with the landowner in years.
 - c. Commitment on the part of the solar developer that the solar panels and appurtenant structures will be removed from the property, unless the term of the lease is extended by the landowner, the local unit of government and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).
 - d. Commitment on the part of the solar developer to provide surety to the State of Michigan no less than 90 days prior to the commencement of construction to cover the cost of removal of the solar panels and appurtenant structures in the event the removal is not done by the solar developer.
 - e. Commitment to plant and maintain a ground cover crop or natural pollinator habitat.
 - f. Commitment to maintain existing farm drainage volume as part of the project.
 - g. The legal description of the property upon which the commercial solar facility is to be located. This information may be provided in the form of a memorandum of the commercial solar agreement rather than providing the entire document and/or in the form of an addendum if any of these items were not part of the original commercial solar agreement.
2. A clear copy of the site plan showing where the solar facility is to be located and indicate the land that is under P.A. 116. If the solar development is on a portion of the P.A. 116 land, complete split request forms and attach to this application.
3. If Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) siting certification will be required, attach a clear copy of the Public Act 233 Consultation Form and submit to:
MDARD-ConsultationsMPSC@michigan.gov.

I. Personal Information

1. Name(s) of applicant:

Last	First	Initial
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2. Mailing address:

Street	City	State	Zip Code
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3. Phone number: (____) ____-_____

4. Email address: _____

II. Legal Information

5. Farmland Development Rights Agreement #s: _____

 (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

6. Parcel # (Tax ID): _____

7. Total number of acres under the P.A. 116 agreements: _____

 (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

8. Total number of acres being applied for solar panel installation: _____

NOTE: If the acreage required for the solar facility is less than the acreage described in the P.A. 116 agreement, please complete two split request forms. One split request will include the acreage required for the solar facility, and the other split request will include the remainder of the property under the P.A. 116 agreement. Attach both split requests to this application.

9. Please check the appropriate category and complete the following information (please leave blank if the individual does not meet one of the categories).

- 2 or more persons have a joint or common interest in the land
- Corporation Limited Liability Company Partnership
- Estate Trust

If applicable, list the following: Individual Names if more than 2 Persons, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee(s), Member(s), Partner(s), or Estate Representative(s):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

(Additional names may be attached on a separate sheet)

III. Signatures

By your signature below, you agree that your Farmland Development Rights Agreement (P.A. 116 Agreement) will be amended to include the following provisions:

- a. The landowner agrees to provide notification to MDARD within 90 days of an ownership change of the property.
- b. The landowner agrees not to claim Farmland Preservation tax credits on the subject property beginning in the year of construction of the solar facility and until the first cropping year after the solar facility has been removed from the property and the land restored to agricultural use.
- c. The term (number of years) of the commercial solar agreement will be added to the existing term of the prior agreement when the amended agreement is created.
- d. A surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit is to be provided, naming the State of Michigan as beneficiary, to cover the costs of the removal of the solar facility structures and the restoration of the land to agricultural use. If MDARD learns that a surety is not in place for the land, the solar facility and appurtenant structures will be removed by MDARD and the landowner will be billed for the costs.
- e. The landowner agrees to remove the solar panels and appurtenant structures and to restore the land to agricultural use.
- f. The landowner agrees to provide notice to MDARD and the local government within 90 days of a change in ownership of the solar facility.
- g. The landowner agrees to plant a ground cover crop or natural pollinator habitat.
- h. The landowner agrees to maintain existing drainage volume of the parcel throughout the life of the project.
- i. The landowner agrees to inform any new owners about the amended agreement.
- j. The landowner agrees to obtain approval from the local governing body for any period that the property is used as a commercial solar facility.

The undersigned declare that this application, including any accompanying informational material, has been examined by them and, to the best of their knowledge and belief, is true and correct.

Printed Name of Applicant	Title
Signature of Applicant	Date
Printed Name of Co-owner, If Applicable	Title
Signature of Co-owner, If Applicable	Date

RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE: COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

IV. Local Governing Body Application Processing

Date request received: _____

Date action taken by local governing body jurisdiction: _____

County Township City Village

This request is Approved Rejected

(If rejected, please attach statement from local governing body indicating reason(s) for rejection)

Clerk's name: _____

Clerk's phone: (____) ____-____ Clerk's email: _____

Signature of Clerk

Date

V. Verification

Please verify the following:

- Upon filing an application, clerk issues receipt to the landowner indicating date received.
- If rejected, applicant is notified in writing within 10 days stating reason for rejection and the original application, attachments, etc. are returned to the applicant.
- If approved, applicant is notified and the original application and other supporting documentation are submitted to the address below.

Please complete and return with all required documentation to:

Mailing Address:

MDARD FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE
PRESERVATION PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 30449
LANSING, MI 48909

Email: MDARD-PA116@Michigan.gov

Phone: [517-284-5663](tel:517-284-5663)

Fax: 517-335-3131