



Rural Development
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Speedway Solar Project Public Scoping Meeting

February 2, 2022

PRESENTERS:

Peter Steinour (USDA-RUS EPS)

Kimberly Sechrist (Cardno)



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Agenda

Agency Opening Remarks and Introductions

Virtual Meeting Overview

National Environmental Policy Act Process

Speedway Solar – Project Overview

Public Comments

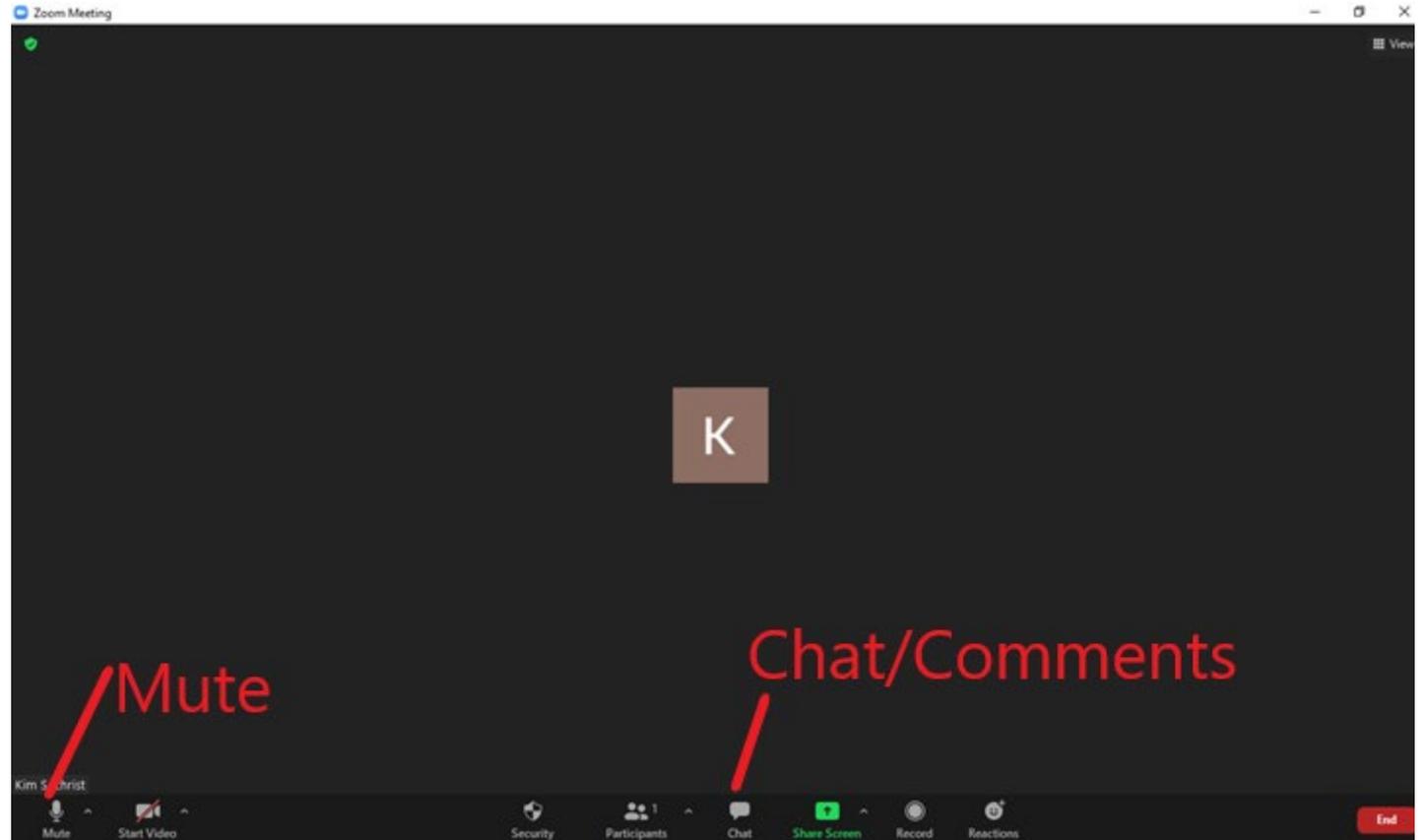
Lead Agency - Rural Utilities Service

- Speedway Solar to apply for Project loan from USDA – RUS.
 - Federal action – subject to NEPA
- RUS Environmental Protection Specialist: Peter Steinour
- RUS using third-party contractor (Cardno) to assist in EIS Development

- Project Website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/environmentalstudy/speedway-solar-llc>

Speedway Solar Project - Virtual Scoping Meeting

- Meeting will be recorded
- Court Reporter present
- All participants will be muted
- Chat Feature is available
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 - Comments and questions will be recorded, but panelists will not respond to questions.



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

- RUS will review project and assess impacts through Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Resources to be Addressed in Document:
 - Alternatives
 - Physical Resources (Air, Geo and Soils, Water)
 - Biological Resources (Vegetation, T&E, Wetlands, Wildlife)
 - Human Resources (Cultural, Land Use, Noise, Socio and EJ, Transportation, Visual)

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July 2022 – February 2023

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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

- Comments obtained from individuals, agencies, and NGOs will be reviewed and used to guide analysis
- Public Input Opportunities:
 - Public Scoping Period (including Scoping Meeting)
 - DEIS Comment Period (including
 - FEIS Comment Period
- Ways to comment:
 - 1) Provide verbal comment during public meetings (Scoping and DEIS)
 - 2) Provide written comments to email address: SpeedwaySolarEIS@usda.gov

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SPEEDWAY SOLAR

A development of



Shelby County, Indiana

Rural Utilities Service and Cardno

Public Scoping Meeting for
Environmental Impact Statement

February 2022

About Ranger Power

- ❖ Solar development company specializing in utility-scale projects
- ❖ Midwestern US portfolio of over 20 projects in 8 states, including 2 others in Indiana
- ❖ Led by an experienced team of developers with a proven track record of community-supported solar
- ❖ Proposing the 199 MW Speedway Solar facility in Shelby County

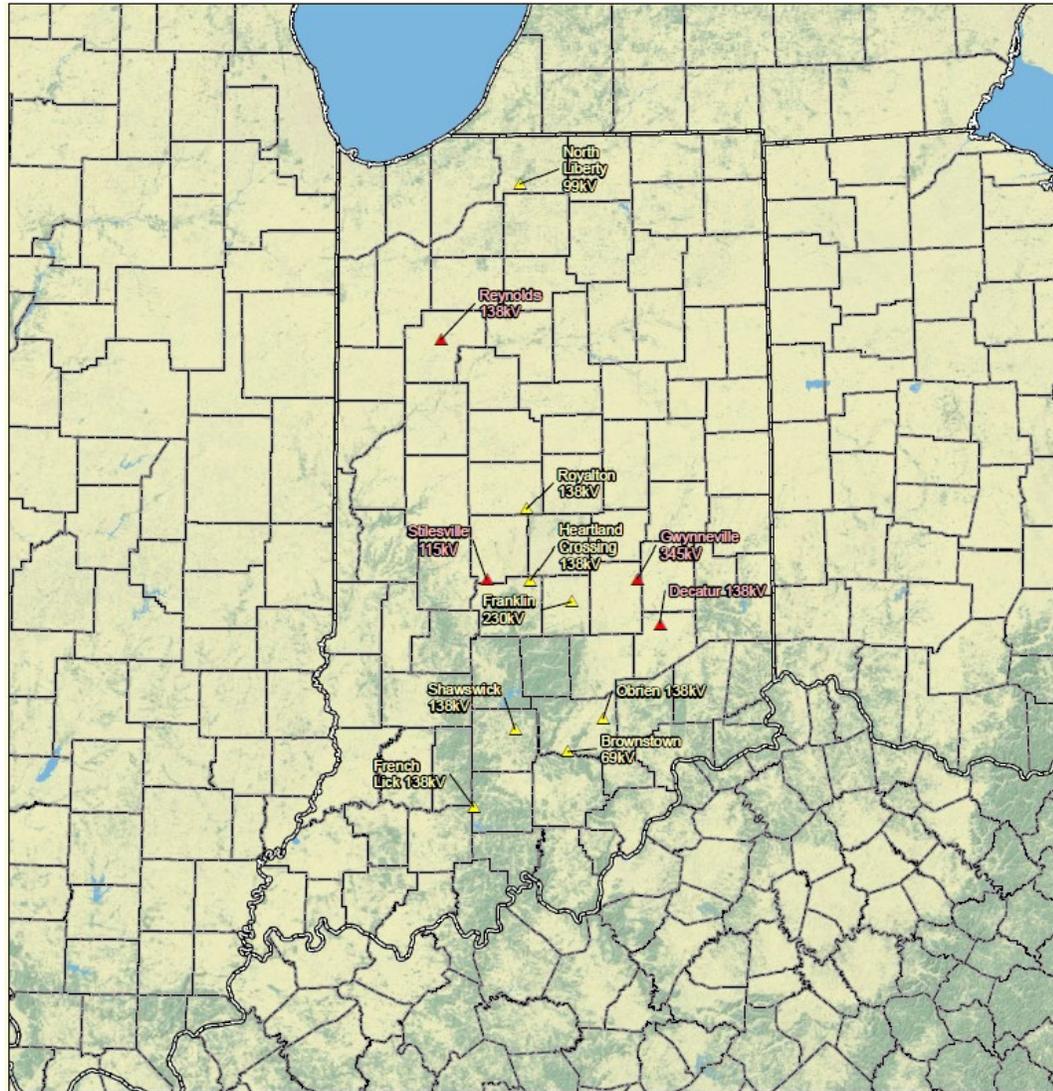
Ranger takes pride in community engagement, transparency, and responsible solar development

Why Shelby? Site Selection Process

1. Robust power market in Indiana
2. Evaluate existing electric transmission infrastructure
3. Land characteristics - open and relatively flat land
4. Environmental constraints – wetlands, waterways, floodplains, topography, trees, endangered species
5. Potential host landowners – visit prospective landowners to gauge interest in hosting project facilities

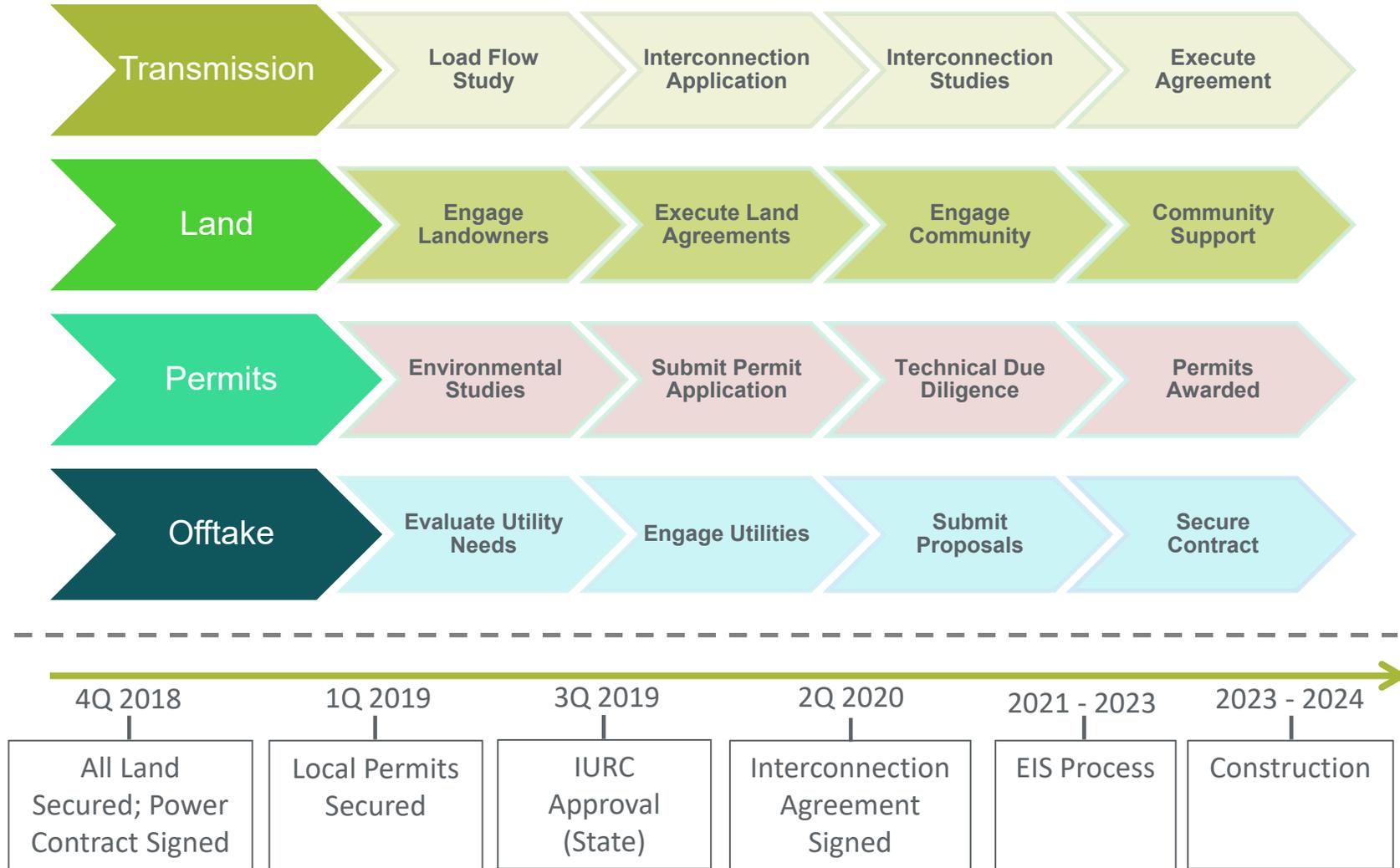


Site Selection Process – cont.



- Phase 1 – Substation Points of Interconnection identified. 12 sites evaluated: 6 eliminated due to land constraints, 2 eliminated due to interconnection constraints
- Phase 2 – Constraints analysis of feasible sites. 4 sites evaluated. 3 eliminated
- Phase 3 – Preferred Speedway Site Selection

Project Development Process



Studies

Speedway has been through a rigorous review as part of the Shelby County, IURC, and RUS processes. Studies to date include:

- Pre-Construction Sound Report
- Preliminary Geotechnical Report
- Wetland Waterbody Delineation Report
- Agency Consultation: FWS, Corps of Engineers, IDNR
- Cultural and Historical Resource Reports
- Drainage Plan (including Drainage Board approval)
- Impacts to Species Review
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Landscape Plan
- Decommissioning Plan and Agreement

Contact Information

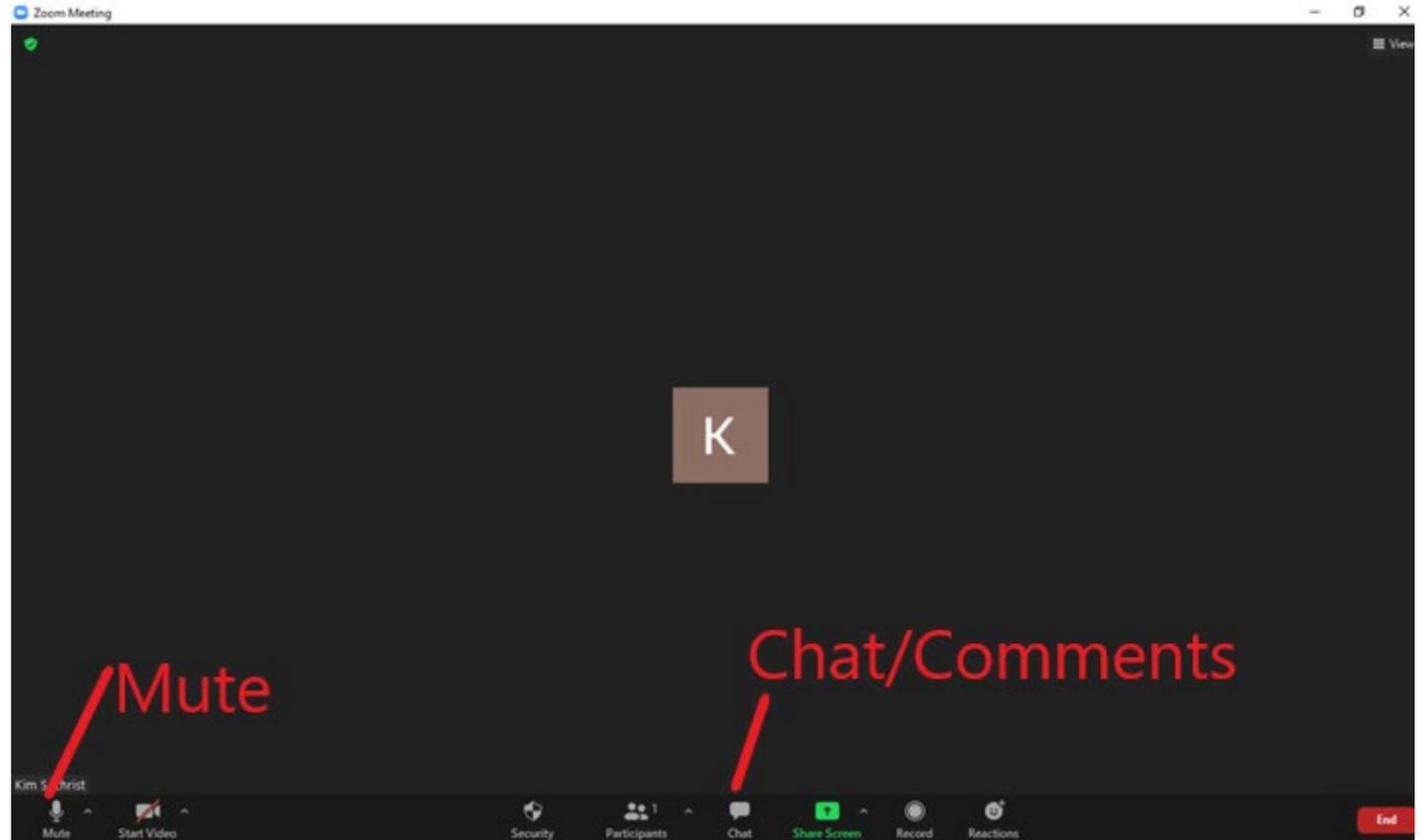
Pete Endres – Project Manager

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- During Public Comment Portion:
 - Host will call your name and unmute you
 - Each person will have 3-5 minutes for verbal comments
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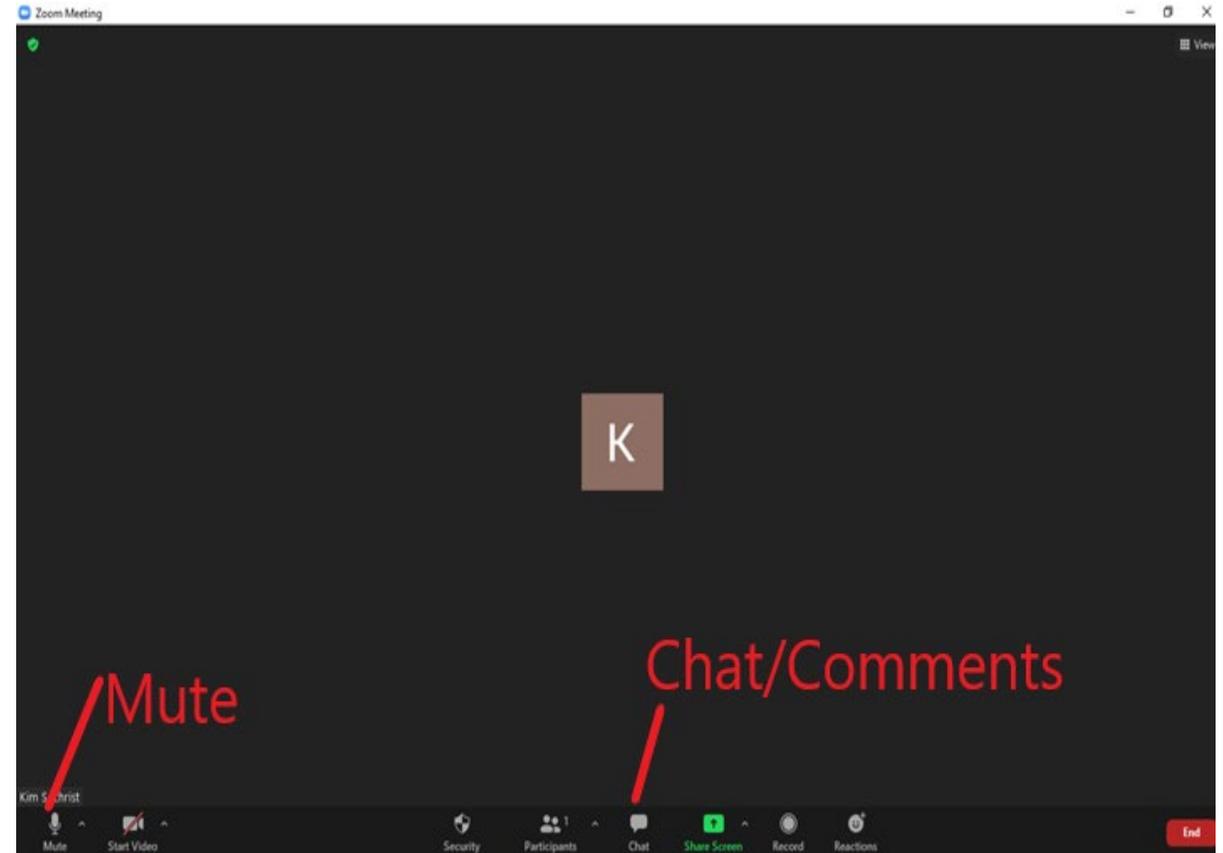
Public Comments



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Scoping Meeting is Active

- If you are just joining:
 - Meeting is still open for comments
 - If you wish to comment verbally, you can request to do so in the Chat
 - If you wish to provide a written comment, you can insert comment into the chat OR submit comment by email to: SpeedwaySolarEIS@usda.gov
 - All Chat comments will be seen by only the Host





Thank you

For more information on the Project:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/environmentalstudy/speedway-solar-llc>

Send comments to:

SpeedwaySolarEIS@usda.gov

For more information on the NEPA
Process:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/services/environmental-policies-procedures>

**Together we
will do great
things**