



Somerville Community Solar Update - Pioneer 1 & 2

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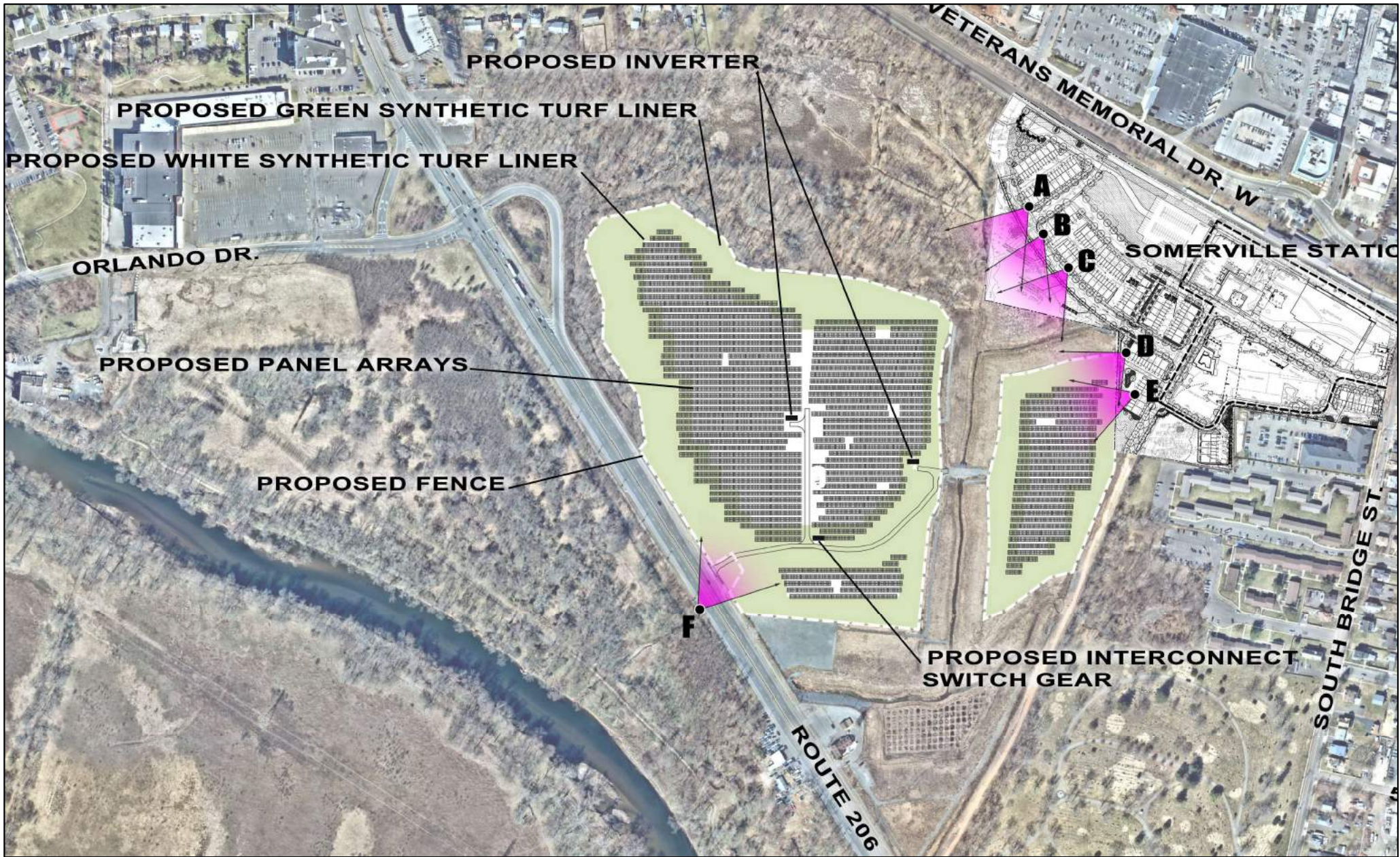
Background

- **1954 - 1984** – The Somerville Landfill discontinued operations and has remained stagnant for nearly 40 years.
- **1985 – 1994** – First attempt to redevelop landfill with Rosenshein Associates/Somerville Square, Inc.
- **1996 – 1998** – Renegotiated attempt to redevelop landfill with Rosenshein Associates.
- **2006 – 2007** – Public Visioning effort sponsored by NJT, NJ DOT, Somerset County – Redevelopment Plan amended based on Visioning.
- **2007 – 2008** – Borough issues RFP for redevelopment of the Landfill Area.
- **2008** –All bidders withdrew due to the 2008 economic collapse.
- **2020** – Somerville Borough amended Redevelopment Plan to include remediation and the installation of a Community Solar project.
- **January 11th, 2021** – Submitted application for two 5MWdc community solar projects in PY2 of the NJ BPU Community Solar Pilot Program.
- **May 26th, 2021** – The Borough entered into a Redevelopment Agreement with CS Energy/Hathaway Solar for the development of two 5 MW co-located community solar projects.
- **October 28th, 2021** – Project missed acceptance into the PY2 Pilot Program – by two points.
- **December 22nd, 2021** – Received NJDEP Landfill Closure & Post Closure Plan Approval for this portion of Somerville Landfill.
- **November 16th, 2023** – Received final permit approval.
- **November 27th, 2023** – Received interconnection conditional approval to construct from PSE&G – Project is officially ‘shovel ready’.
- **December 30th, 2023** – Received approval of final grant application covering 75% of the projected \$13.4 MM landfill closure cost. Total grants received \$10 million.

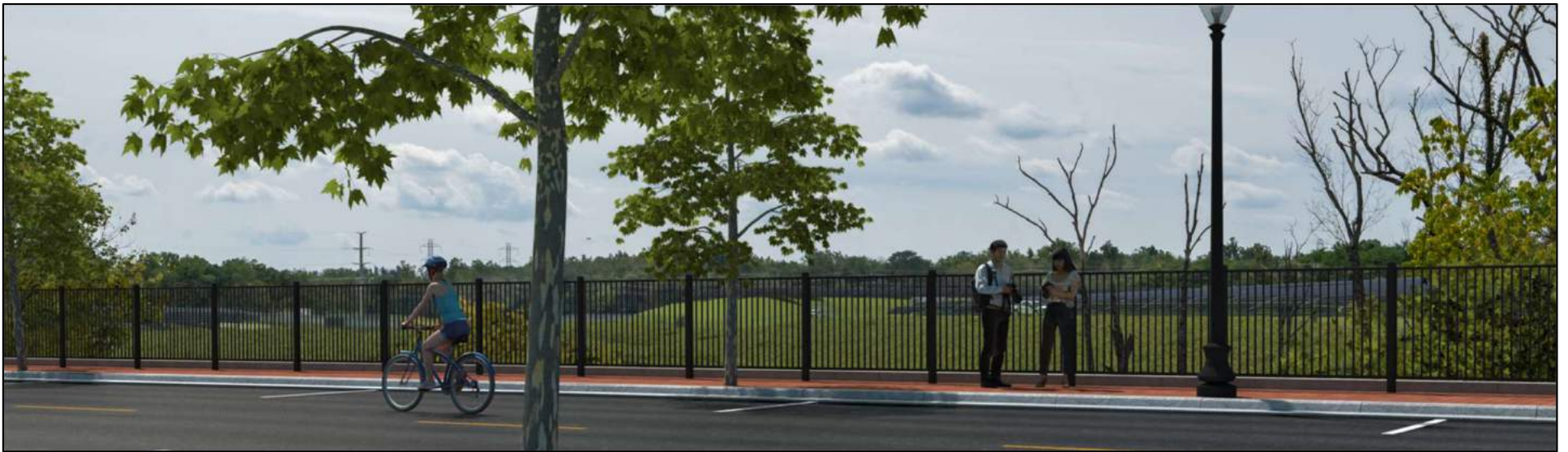
Petition Overview

- CS Energy Petitions BPU for Waiver of Rules:
 - Allow for the co-location of two 5 MWdc Community Solar facilities on the Somerville Landfill Site. This was allowed in the Pilot Program.
 - Allow project like Somerville (co-located landfill sites) to receive automatic entry into the Community Solar Energy Program (CSEP).
- Project Benefits:
 - The Somerville project generates great value to the public at no incremental cost to the public relative to other CSEP projects.
 - CSEP is the only realist option to clean up this site which has been non-productive for decades; additionally financiers will not fund the project if it is not in the CSEP.
 - Funds from the CSEP will be used to contribute to cleaning up the site (a public benefit), compared to typical CSEP projects whose value accrues primarily to a private owner.
 - The project has received ~\$10MM worth of grant funds from the NJ DEP/EDA to support the closure of the landfill.
 - Without the developers contribution (rent) capping and closing the landfill would be not viable if Petition refused.

Site Plan and View Locations



View from South Davenport Street



Future Entrance to Green Seam



Overview from Second Floor



Entrance from Rt 206



Interconnections



Thank You

