

October 24, 2025

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

Re: USS Webb Solar LLC Project, Kane County, IL
File: R0071790.00

To Whom It May Concern:

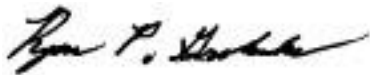
On behalf of USS Webb Solar LLC (Applicant), Westwood Professional Services is writing to request comments regarding the proposed USS Webb Solar LLC Project located in Kane County, Illinois (**Exhibit 1**). This Project is a proposed 1.250MWac solar facility located within an approximate 6.5-acre Solar Area on an approximate 8.5-acre Subject Parcel consisting of undeveloped agricultural land in Sections 25 and 36 of Township 42N, Range 6E (Hampshire Township). The Project is located 0.06 miles east of Brier Hill Rd approximately 0.50 mile south of IL Route 72, Hampshire, IL 60140 (42.080972, -88.478992).

As part of the preparation of a SWPPP in accordance with the General NPDES Permit No. ILR10, the Applicant is required to consult with the Historic Preservation Agency. This consultation is to ensure compliance with Illinois State law regarding historic preservation. This Project has no known federal nexus as this time. Only minor surface grading is planned for the Project which will comply with state required stormwater management controls. Please refer to the appended Exhibits for additional information regarding site location and layout. A photo log and preliminary information on standing structures within 1/4-mile is attached.

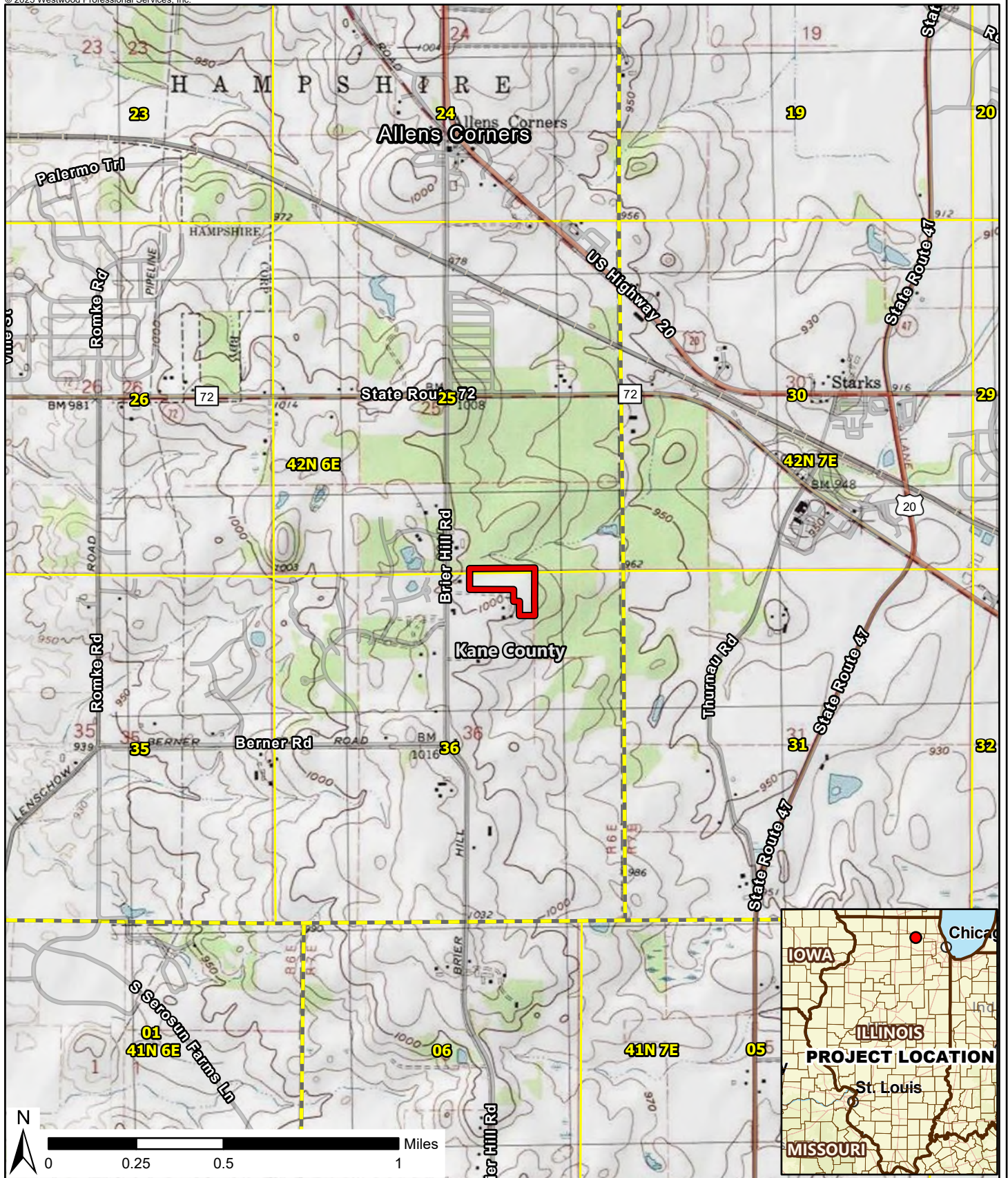
We would appreciate hearing any comments you may have regarding the solar project. If you have questions, I can be reached at (612) 209-3352 or via email at ryan.grohnke@westwoodps.com.

Sincerely,

WESTWOOD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Ryan P. Grohnke
Cultural Resources Manager



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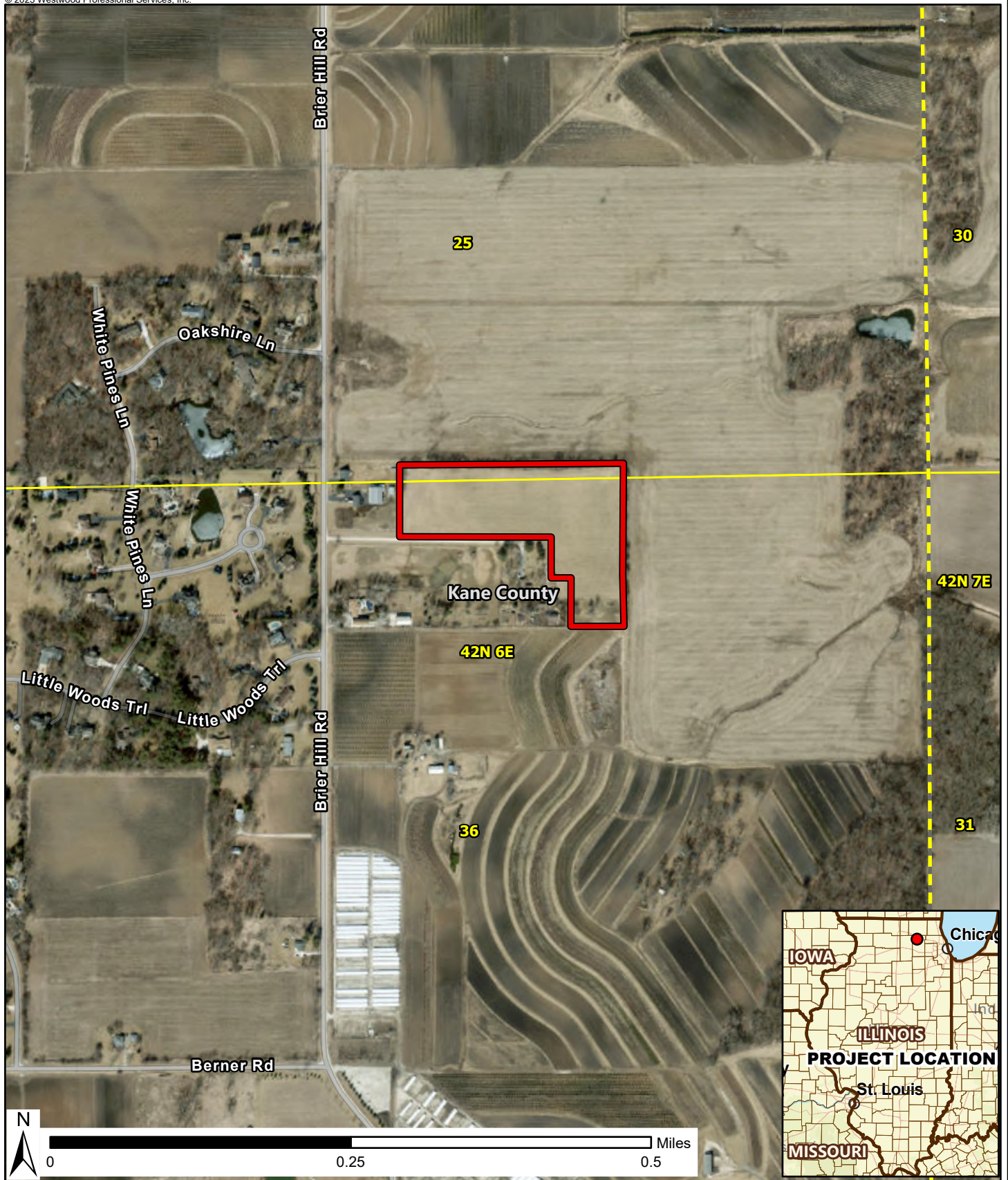
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USS Webb Solar Project

Kane County, Illinois

Project Area over Topographic Basemap

EXHIBIT 1



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Project Area over Aerial Basemap

EXHIBIT 2

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Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
Attn: Review and Compliance/Old State Capitol
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

Re: Photo Log of Historic and Architectural Resources within ¼-Mile of USS Webb Solar Project, Kane County, IL

The Westwood Professional Services (Westwood) cultural resources team has conducted a site visit and review of properties/structures located within ¼-mile of the proposed USS Webb Solar Project (Project) in Kane County, Illinois (**Exhibit 1**).

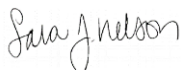
Summary of Properties in the ¼-Mile Buffer

On October 9, 2025, Westwood architectural historian Sara J. Nelson conducted a search of publicly available HARGIS and Kane County parcel data, as well as Esri Federal Data including the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and National Address Database (via Esri Living Atlas) data online. Research suggests that there are not any previously inventoried or NRHP-listed properties located within ¼-mile of the Project (Buffer). The ages of the resources in the Buffer were ascertained using historical aerial photographs with coverage from each decade since 1939 (Historical Information Gatherers).

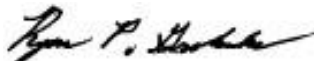
The site visit was conducted on October 14, 2025, during which buildings at 28 properties in the Buffer were photographed and reviewed from the public right of way (**Exhibit 2, Appendix A**). There are no buildings or structures within the Project Area, which is currently an agricultural crop field. Ms. Nelson viewed each property to ascertain the presence of historic-age resources, integrity, and architectural significance. The Buffer contains four historic farmsteads; three were established before 1939 and one between 1974 and 1980. One homestead was established between 1954 and 1958. There are three residential developments to the west of the Project, within which 23 single-family residences overlap the buffer: three houses predate the developments and were built between 1954 and 1980, 23 houses were built between 1993 and 1999, and two were built between 1999 and 2007. Each farmstead has lost varying degrees of integrity, primarily due to the loss of historic farm outbuildings and intrusion of large modern metal-clad pole buildings; some houses have replacement synthetic siding and windows. The properties in the Buffer are each recommended Not Eligible for the NRHP due to their lack of architectural significance and/or lack of integrity.

Please refer to the appended materials for additional information regarding the USS Webb Solar Project location and locations of the buildings and structures in the Buffer. Please let us know if you have questions, concerns, or if you need more information from us in order to fulfill the required cultural resources work for this Project.

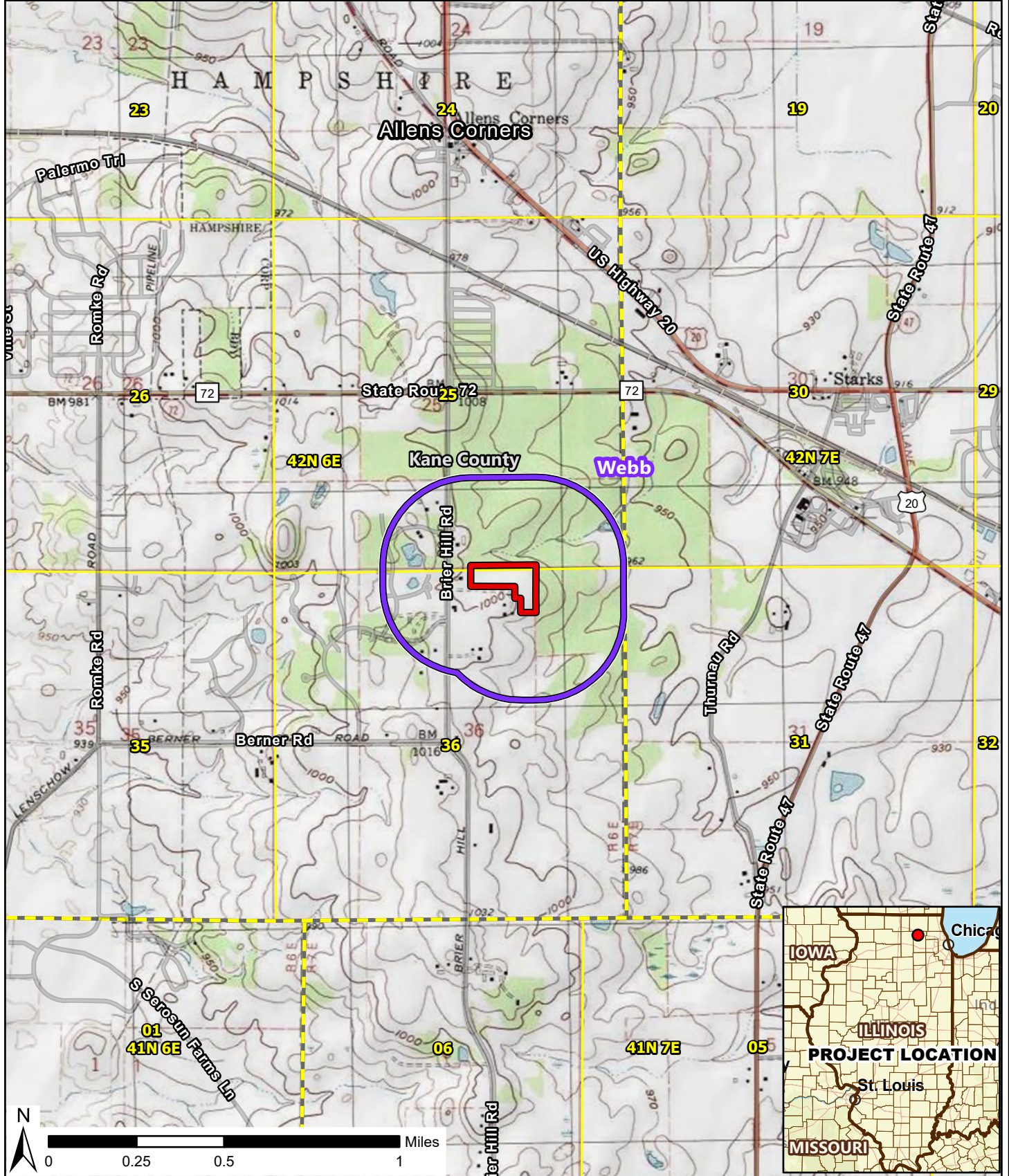
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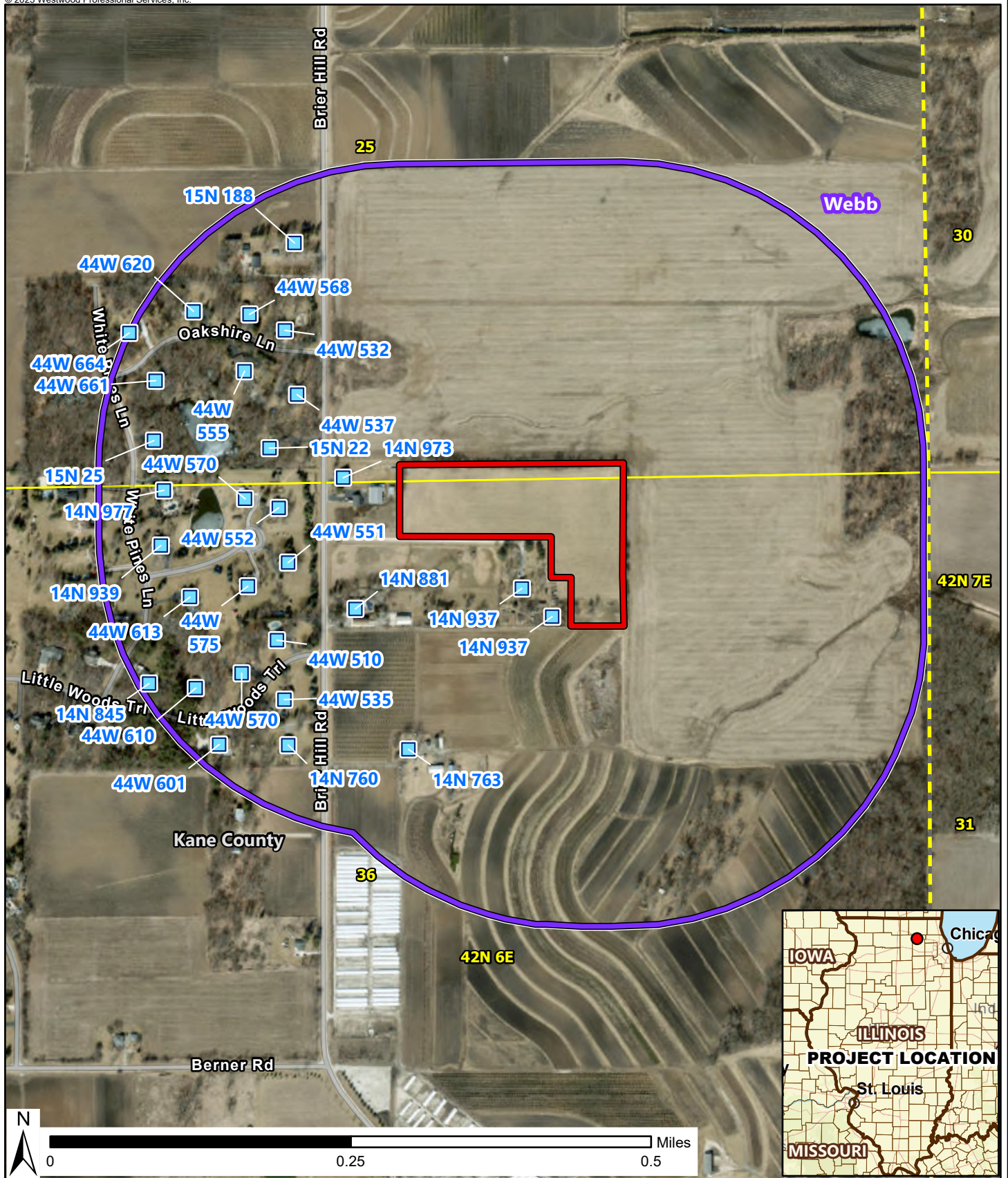
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- 1/4-Mile Buffer
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Project Area over Topographic Basemap

EXHIBIT 1



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- 1/4-Mile Buffer
- Address/Building in 1/4-Mile Buffer
- PLSS Section
- Project Premises

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Project Area over Aerial Basemap

EXHIBIT 2

#1. House at
15N 22 Brier Hill
Road.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#2. House at
15N 188 Brier
Hill Road.

Farmstead
established
before 1939.
House and at
least 2 small
outbuildings
built before
1939. Garage
built 1954-58.
Large metal pole
building added
1980-88.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#3. House at
14N 760 Brier
Hill Road.

Built between
1974 and 1980.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#4. Farmstead at
14N 763 Brier
Hill Road.

Farmstead
established
before 1939.
House and barn
built before
1939. Main barn
was razed and
replaced with
metal pole
building
between 1974
and 1980.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#5. House at
14N 881 Brier
Hill Road.

Built between
1954 and 1958.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#6. House at
14N 937 Brier
Hill Road.

Built between
1974 and 1980.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#7. Outbuilding
at 14N 937 Brier
Hill Road.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#8. House at
14N 973 Brier
Hill Road.

Farmstead
established
before 1939.
Pre-1939 house
has modern
alterations.
Historic barn
replaced with
large metal pole
building
between 1999
and 2007.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#9. House at
44W 510
Littlewoods
Trail.

Built between
1988 and 1993.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#10. House at
44W 535
Littlewoods
Trail.

Built between
1988 and 1993.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#11. House at
44W 570
Littlewoods
Trail.

Built between
1988 and 1993.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#12. House at
44W 601
Littlewoods
Trail.

Built between
1999 and 2007.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#13. House at
44W 610
Littlewoods
Trail.

Built between
1958 and 1967.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#14. House at
44W 532
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#15. House at
44W 537
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#16. House at
44W 555
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1954 and 1958.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#17. House at
44W 568
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#18. House at
44W 620
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#19. House at
44W 661
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#20. House at
44W 664
Oakshire Lane.

Built between
1988 and 1993.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#21. House at
44W 551
Volkering Circle.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#22. House at
44W 552
Volkering Circle.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#23. House at
44W 570
Volkening Circle.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#24. House at
44W 575
Volkening Circle.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#25. House at
44W 613
Volkening Circle.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#26. House at
14N 845 White
Pines Lane.

Built between
1999 and 2007.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#27. House at
14N 939 White
Pines Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#28. House at
14N 977 White
Pines Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.



#29. House at
15N 25 White
Pines Lane.

Built between
1993 and 1999.

Recommended
Not Eligible for
the NRHP.





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NPDES, Westwood-R0071790.00
New Construction of a Solar Facility, USS Webb Solar LLC

PLEASE REFER TO: SHPO LOG #018110725

December 5, 2025

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The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office is required by the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420, as amended, 17 IAC 4180) (Act) to review all state undertakings for their effect on cultural resources. Pursuant to this requirement, we have received information regarding the above referenced project for our comment.

According to the information provided there is no federal involvement in your project. Be aware the state law is less restrictive than the federal cultural resource laws concerning archaeology. If your project will use any federal loans or grants, need any federal agency permits (including non-reporting), use any federal property, or involve any assistance from a federal agency, then your project must be reviewed under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Please notify us immediately if such is the case so we can determine which entity should initiate consultation. Additional archaeological survey may be necessary.

No historic properties were identified within the area of potential visual effects. Additionally, our files do not identify any known archaeological sites within the area of potential direct effects, nor is it within a high probability area for archaeological resources as defined in the Act. Accordingly, this project is **EXEMPT** from archaeological survey requests pursuant to Section 6 of the Act. An archaeological survey is *not required* under state law as there is no public funding nor is it on public land.

Since the area has never been surveyed for archaeological resources, however, it is possible that historic properties are present but remain unidentified. Please consider assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to preserve and protect historic resources by sharing with us the results of any due diligence archaeological surveys. Early awareness of the presence of historic properties may help prevent unanticipated discoveries and potential construction delays. Our most recently updated list of archaeological consultants is available on our website.

This letter remains in effect for two (2) years from the date of issuance. This does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440). If further assistance is needed please contact Jeff Kruchten, Principal Archaeologist, at 217/785-1279 or jeff.kruchten@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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