

From: Aaron Christensen christensen@nafd.org 
Subject: Re: Tanner Road Solar Project – Courtesy Coordination with Fire Department
Date: June 25, 2026 at 2:07 PM
To: Vince Catich vince@catfishrenewable.com, Michael Klemencic mklemencic@nafd.org

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Vince,

We are in receipt of your information and requests. We appreciate you including us in your preplanning phase. Please allow me a little time to review this information and generate a response to cover all your questions.

Thank you and I will be in touch soon.
Aaron

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From: Vince Catich <vince@catfishrenewable.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 5:07 PM
To: Michael Klemencic <mklemencic@nafd.org>
Cc: Aaron Christensen <christensen@nafd.org>
Subject: Re: Tanner Road Solar Project – Courtesy Coordination with Fire Department

Chief Klemencic,
I hope you are doing well.

Thank you again for your response in April and for your willingness to review the Tanner Road Solar Project during the early stages of development.

The project has advanced considerably since our last correspondence, and I wanted to provide an update and request any preliminary feedback your department may have developed regarding emergency access and fire protection considerations for utility-scale solar facilities.

Since our last discussion, I have been working with Christopher B. Burke Engineering and Kane County DOT on site access planning. As part of that process, Kane County DOT recently reviewed a conceptual access arrangement that would have utilized the existing residential driveway as a vehicle turnaround area. While they did not express concerns with the site entrance itself, they indicated that they would not recommend using the residential driveway as a turnaround because of its proximity to Tanner Road and suggested that the turnaround may need to be located farther south on the property.

Kane County DOT also recommended that I coordinate with the North Aurora Fire Protection District, as fire department requirements may ultimately influence the location of access roads and turnaround areas within the solar facility.

Attached are the current conceptual site plan and access exhibits. The access and turnaround configuration remains under development, and I would welcome any preliminary guidance your department may have regarding preferred access and apparatus circulation concepts.

At this stage, I would greatly appreciate any preliminary guidance you may be able to provide

regarding:

- Emergency access road requirements
- Turnaround requirements and preferred locations
- Internal access road expectations
- Equipment pad access considerations
- Water supply or firefighting resource considerations
- Any other solar-facility requirements or best practices the department has identified during its review

I understand the project remains conceptual and that any comments provided at this stage would be preliminary in nature. My goal is simply to identify and address potential concerns early in the design process before the Special Use Permit application is finalized.

Thank you again for your assistance and for the time your department has devoted to evaluating this project. Please let me know if there is any additional information that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Vince Catich

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On Apr 7, 2026, at 7:20 PM, Michael Klemencic <mklemencic@nafed.org> wrote:

Vince,

Thank you for reaching out and for the courtesy of involving the Fire Department early in your planning process. I appreciate the overview of the proposed Tanner Road solar project and the preliminary site layout you provided.

We will be investigating further into current codes and fire service best practices as we have limited experience with solar farms. So far, all applications within North Aurora have been residential.

At this early, conceptual stage, with our limited knowledge our initial thoughts fall on emergency access, apparatus movement, and firefighter safety considerations. From a high-level standpoint, initial thoughts are:

- **Emergency access:** All-weather access routes, gate placement, and turning radii of any access roads.
- **Secondary access:** Evaluation of secondary access points based on final fencing, site size, and equipment layout.
- **Setbacks and equipment spacing:** Adequate room for firefighter movement and hose deployment.
- **Water supply:** Identification of available water sources or confirmation of how fire protection challenges will be addressed.
- **Electrical and system safety:** Proper labeling, disconnect locations, and

compliance with applicable fire and electrical codes.
These are just some initial thoughts, but we will be diving into the code and fire service best practices to follow-up with you.

Thank you again for keeping us informed and for your proactive approach.

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From: Vince Catich <vince@catfishrenewable.com>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 10:27 AM

To: Michael Klemencic <mklemencic@nafd.org>

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Chief Klemencic,

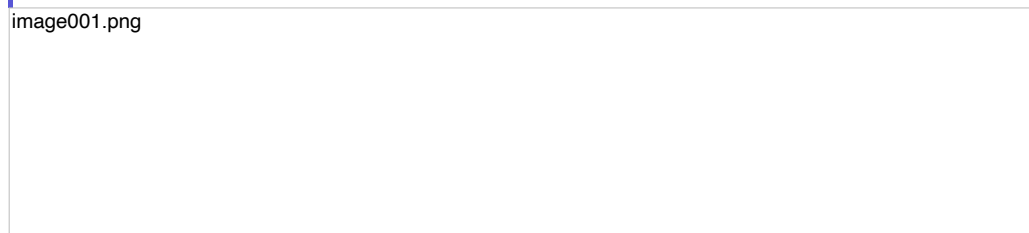
Good morning. My name is Vince Catich, and I am developing a proposed community solar project on agricultural land near 2900 Tanner Road in unincorporated Kane County (just west of Deerpath Road).

As part of the early planning process, I wanted to reach out to you directly as a professional courtesy to:

- Make you aware of the potential project, and
- Ask whether you have any initial concerns or recommendations from a fire safety and emergency access standpoint

I've included a preliminary conceptual site layout below for context (for discussion purposes only):

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Project highlights (preliminary):

- Primary access proposed from Tanner Road
- Potential secondary access from the west (Lake Run Ln area)
- Approx. 20-acre leased area with ~15-acre primary solar field
- Setbacks of ~50' from property lines and ~150' from nearest non-participating structure
- Wetland/floodplain areas avoided in the southeast portion of the site

The project is in the early stages and will be submitted for a Special Use Permit with Kane County. At this point, I am working to ensure the site design aligns with best practices for emergency access and safety.

If helpful, I would be happy to provide additional detail or adjust the layout based on any input you may have. I also want to be respectful of your time—so if there are standard guidelines or requirements you typically apply to solar installations, I would greatly appreciate being pointed in the right direction.

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Thank you for your time and for your service to the community. I appreciate any guidance you're willing to share.

Sincerely,

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