## MEMORANDUM

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Date:	June 3, 2025
Subject:	Plato Township, Kane County, Illinois – Anamite Solar, LLC Level 1 Wetland Delineation Memorandum

#### INTRODUCTION

Kimley-Horn was contracted by Anamite Solar, LLC to review the Anamite Solar, LLC project study area for potential wetlands and waterways. See Figure 1 for project location and Figure 2 for the project study area boundary. The project study area is located in Plato Township, Kane County, Illinois. The study area is approximately 62 acres in size and is located in Sections 23 and 24 of Township 41N, Range 7E. Kimley-Horn reviewed available background data to assist in determining if there are any potential wetlands and waterways within the study area.

### AVAILABLE BACKGROUND DATA:

Kimley-Horn reviewed available topographic maps, the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), LiDAR, soil survey data, public waters, floodplain data, and aerial photography to identify potential wetlands or surface waters within the study area vicinity.

#### U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Topographical Map

A review of the Pingree Grove, Illinois 7.5-minute topographical quadrangle depicted agricultural land within the study area. The study area is identified as undeveloped land. The USGS topographical map is presented as Figure 3.

#### National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

Based on a review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) NWI,<sup>1</sup> portions of two wetland features are present within the study area. The NWI-mapped features include two freshwater emergent wetlands (PEM1Ad and PEM1C). The NWI-mapped features are presented on Figure 4.

#### USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)

Based on a review of the USGS NHD,<sup>2</sup> no flowline segments or waterbodies transect the study area. The NHD-mapped resources are presented on Figure 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> USFWS. 2022. National Wetlands Inventory. Vector Digital Data. Published October 6, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> USGS. 2022. National Hydrography Dataset. Vector Digital Data. Published December 27, 2023.

Two-foot contours<sup>3</sup> were reviewed to determine if any wetland areas or drainage swales may be present on the study area. The 2-foot contours are presented on Figure 5.

#### Kane County Soil Survey

A review of the Kane County soil survey via the Soil Survey Geographic (gSSURGO) database<sup>4</sup> identified 9 soil types within the study area. Approximately 47 percent of the study area is mapped with a predominantly hydric soils rating of 100 percent. These areas are generally located in the vicinity of NWI-mapped and NHD-mapped feature and depression identified with 2-ft contours. The remainder of the study area is mapped with a predominantly non-hydric soils rating at or below 10 percent, or a non-hydric soils rating of 0 percent. Hydric soils rating data are presented on Figure 6.

#### Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Public Waters Inventory

A review of the IDNR Public Waters Inventory<sup>5</sup> was completed. No IDNR Public Waters are located within the project vicinity.

#### FEMA Floodplain

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer<sup>6</sup> was reviewed to determine if any FEMA 100-year floodplain is located within the project study area. Based on Panel 17089C0144H (effective August 3, 2009), the southwestern portion of the study area is located within Zone A of the FEMA 100-year floodplain. The FEMA floodplain data are presented on Figure 7.

#### Previous Study Area Disturbance

Historic aerials from 1993 to 2021 were reviewed to determine previous land use and disturbance on the study area and are presented in Attachment A. Several potential wetlands and linear drainage features were visible on the reviewed historic aerials, see comments in Table 1. The study area has been used for agricultural purposes since at least 1993.

Year	Land Use	3-month Antecedent Precipitation Conditions	Comments
1993	Agricultural	Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area. A wet area is visible in northeastern portion of study area along with potential linear features in central portion of the study area.
1999	Agricultural	Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of

#### Table 1. Project Study Area Historic Aerial Review

<sup>5</sup> IDNR. 2023. Illinois Public Waters. Available online at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> USGS. 2021. USGS 1 Meter DEM Panels. Published December 8, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> NRCS. 2022. National Soil Survey Geographic (gSSURGO). Illinois. Vector Digital Data. Published September 7, 2022.

https://idnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b64decfb69504164a46badb2841ebb11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> USGS. FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer Viewer. Available online at https://hazards-

fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8b0adb51996444d4879338b5529aa9cd

Year	Land Use	3-month Antecedent Precipitation Conditions	Comments	
			the study area. A wet area is visible in the northern portion of study area.	
2002	Agricultural	Drier than Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area. A wet area is visible in the northeastern portion of study area along with potential linear drainage features in central portion of the study area.	
2005	Agricultural	Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area. Multiple wet areas are visible in the central portion of study area along with potential linear drainage features in central portion of the study area.	
2006	Agricultural	Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area.	
2007	Agricultural	Normal	Same comment as above.	
2008	Agricultural	Normal	Same comment as above.	
2009	Agricultural	Wetter than Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area. Multiple wet areas are visible in the central portion of study area.	
2010	Agricultural	Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area. A wet area is visible in the central portion of the study area.	
2011	Agricultural	Wetter than Normal	Same comment as above.	
2017	Agricultural	Wetter than Normal	Same comment as above.	
2018	Agricultural	Normal	Study area consists of cropped agricultural field with a non-cropped area in the southwestern portion of the study area. Multiple wet areas are visible in the central portion of study area along with potential linear drainage features in central portion of the study area.	
2020	Agricultural	Wetter than Normal	Same comment as above.	
2021	Agricultural	Drier than Normal	Same comment as above.	

Three potential linear features and four areas of continued stunted or stressed vegetation were visible on the reviewed historic aerials.

#### **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on the Level 1 Wetland Delineation, Kimley-Horn identified four potential linear drainage features and four potential agricultural wetlands in the study area (see Figure 8). A level 2 (field) wetland delineation is recommended to confirm the extents of wetlands and waterways within the project study area.

# **Figures**



0.5 1 Miles Figure 1. Project Location Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Figure 2. Study Area Boundary Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Figure 3. USGS Topographic Map Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Figure 4. NWI and NHD Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Figure 5. 2-ft Contours Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Figure 6. Hydric Soils Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC

## Hydric Rating by Map Unit

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
152A	Drummer silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	100	28.5	45.6%
210A	Lena muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes	100	0.9	1.4%
325B	Dresden silt loam, 2 to 4 percent slopes	4	9.5	15.3%
327B	Fox silt loam, 2 to 4 percent slopes	0	6.6	10.5%
327C2	Fox silt loam, 4 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	0	10.6	16.9%
348C2	Wingate silt loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes, eroded	3	2.7	4.3%
527B	Kidami silt loam, 2 to 4 percent slopes	6	1.6	2.6%
527C2	Kidami loam, 4 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	6	0.6	1.0%
527D2	Kidami loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	6	1.5	2.5%
Totals for Area of Inter	rest	62.5	100.0%	



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Figure 8. Desktop Resources Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC

## ATTACHMENT A

**Historic Aerials** 



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Historic Aerial (March 1993) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (March 1999) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (February 2002) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (March 2005) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (June 2006) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (June 2007) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (May 2008) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (June 2009) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (June 2010) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (September 2011) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (April 2017) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (March 2018) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (June 2020) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC



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Historic Aerial (May 2021) Plato Township, Kane County Anamite Solar, LLC

## ATTACHMENT B

Site Plan



# EX. CONTOURS PR. FENCE PR. SOLAR PR. PANEL LIMITS PR. STAGING AREA PR. UTILITY POLE PR. ESS PAD

# NOTES

- APPROVAL BY KANE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM.
- THIS PLAN WAS PRODUCED UTILIZING GIS RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES, INCLUDING KANE COUNTY, GOOGLE EARTH, AND USGS TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.
- . THE SUBJECT PROPERTY DOES LIE WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AS SHOWN ON THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (17089C0144H) PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA).
- 4. THE LOCATIONS OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: FENCING, SOLAR ARRAY RACKING, INVERTER/TRANSFORMER PADS, OVERHEAD POLES AND LINES, ETC., SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION DUE TO SITE CONDITIONS, ADDITIONAL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS, AND/OR OTHER CONSTRAINTS DURING FINAL ENGINEERING.
- THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND 5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED BY COUNTY AND/OR NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITTING. REQUIREMENTS TO BE DETERMINED DURING FINAL ENGINEERING.
  - 6. A SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN THAT MEETS THE NPDES STANDARDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY DURING FINAL ENGINEERING.
  - 7. SETBACKS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE BASED ON THE KANE COUNTY SOLAR ORDINANCE.
  - 8. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE SIGNS, BARRICADES, WARNING LIGHTS, GUARD RAILS, AND EMPLOY FLAGGERS AS NECESSARY WHEN CONSTRUCTION ENDANGERS EITHER VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. THESE DEVICES SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL TRAFFIC MAY PROCEED NORMALLY AGAIN.
  - 9. SOLAR PANELS SHALL NOT EXCEED 20 FEET IN HEIGHT WHEN ORIENTED AT MAXIMUM TILT ACCORDING TO THE KANE COUNTY SOLAR ORDINANCE.

