



Kane County
Gilberts
SEC IL-72 & Big Timber Rd
Section:22-Township:42N-Range:7E
IEPA
New Construction, Big Timber Solar Farm LLC

PLEASE REFER TO: SHPO LOG #026082024

September 25, 2024

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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) 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 federal loans or grants, need federal agency permits, use federal property, or involve 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.

No historic properties have been 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 state statute. Accordingly, this project is **EXEMPT** from archaeological survey requests pursuant to Section 6 of the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation 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.

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,

Carey L. Mayer, AIA
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer