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On behalf of the Martin County Drainage administration, as it pertains to the proposed Lake Charlotte solar farm project, we have a few concerns that we would like considered, or to be heard. Please reference the attached photos or figures for line-item specific details.

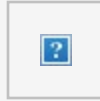
Item 1. Please Reference (Fig. 1). The setback requirements for construction are 150' or 75' each side of the tile or ditch, the area south of 170th St. we would like to confirm that the project ensures to maintain a minimum of 150' from our main tile that comes from the East. Also as shown in the figure by the green line is a proposed row of trees, per MN Drainage Statute 103E.081 it states that no trees shall knowingly be planted over a drainage tile or within the desired setback of the drainage authority. The other question pertaining to figure 1, being that of the two proposed basins shown just to the South of 170th St, are they recommended as permanent or temporary and if permanent are they requesting to utilize the county tile as an outlet? Or if temporary, will they remain setback from the tile?

Item 2. Please Reference (Fig. 1). An option to consider would be to reroute the county main tile South of 170th St, and run it parallel to 170th St. This would allow for enhanced setback and overall blueprint of construction. As per MN Statute 103E.227 The solar project powers at be could petition to reroute the tile at their cost, but would provide them with a much more feasible construction footprint.

Item 3. Please Reference (Fig. 2). Per MN Statute 103E.806 which pertains to partial abandonment of drainage system. The two lines proposed for abandonment are shown in red. This can be accommodated, with the submission of a petition for abandonment. As of today, we have not received a valid petition for abandonment so we would need legitimate access to the tile for repairs. This would include 75' to each side of the tile for potential construction easement. We would also need to be provided with any obstructions that we may encounter should the petition not be filed for abandonment.

Item 4. Please Reference (Fig. 3). North of 160th St and just West of State Hwy 15 we have a county tile that serves as an outlet for the Hog building site shown in the purple box as well as the field to the South. Similar setback requirements would be requested at the 150' for the construction of both the solar panels, fence and basins.

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