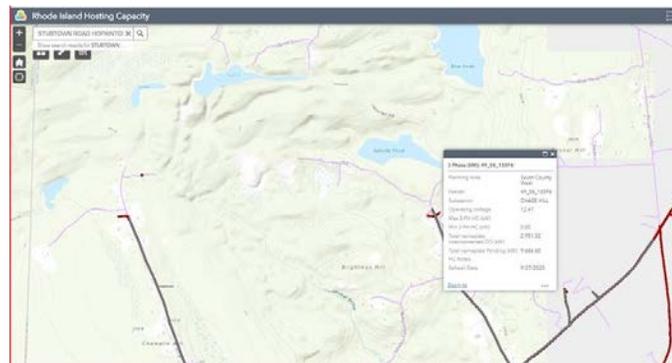


# Hopkinton Landfill Solar Project

## Addendum #10: October 15, 2020

**Question:** Based on the utility Hosting Capacity map, National Grid does not appear to have capacity for the proposed array at this location. Does this site already have an interconnection request in queue? Please see the image below for clarification of the apparent lack of capacity. The substation feeding the projection location appears to be approximately 7 feeder miles from the site. Assuming the substation transformer can accept the PV, the cost to the project for an express feeder may be cost prohibitive. Can Hopkinton suggest and provide an assumed cost for interconnection to allow for uniform pricing assumptions? In our experience, the cost for an express feeder of this length can be in excess of \$3,000,000.



**Answer:** Please see response to a similar question posted on the Town website as Addendum 8.

**Question:** The Minimum Bid Specifications delineate the respondent's responsibility to complete all landfill cap preparation as well as environmental requirements mandated by RIDEM. It appears that repairs and maintenance of the landfill cap due to erosion are included in these responsibilities. What is the current condition of the cap? How much and what kind of maintenance is expected?

**Answer:** The erosion areas shown on the C1 Site Improvement Plan are the worst but the successful respondent is going to need to improve the cover material over the vast majority if not all of the landfill. Recent mowing has caused more areas of potential erosion since there is moss on the majority of the landfill. Once repair of the cap is completed, the successful respondent will be required to perform ongoing maintenance in accordance with the requirements of the RIDEM.

**Question:** Since stormwater management is necessary for this site, and repairs to stormwater control structures look like they are required by the respondent. Based on the report provided, is there a need for contamination management at the site? What is the extent of the damage to the

existing stormwater control structures and groundwater monitoring wells, and has this damage impacted the environmental quality of the site in the time since the landfill was capped?

**Answer:** To our knowledge there is no active landfill produced contamination in the stormwater. The respondent is responsible for reviewing the provided reports.

**Question:** Please confirm that the successful respondent is not responsible for any actions or liability associated with the Phase I portion of the landfill.

**Answer:** At the present time, the Phase I landfill area is not a part of the advertised Request for Proposals and no remediation of this area is required nor liability incurred.

**Question:** Will the Site Improvement Plan AutoCAD files be provided to the successful respondent for use in design, permitting, and construction?

**Answer:** The successful respondent will have access to the Survey AutoCAD files.

**Question:** Is a Class 1 property line survey available in PDF and AutoCAD format?

**Answer:** A Class 1 property line survey has not been conducted as of yet.

**Question:** Has the RIDEM accepted the “Post Closure Environmental Status Report” (Crossman, Dec. 2019) as satisfying item 1 of the “Actions Necessary to Proceed with Placement of a Solar Array” listed in the RIDEM letter to Mr. Lamphere, dated March 19, 2019?

**Answer:** The “Post Closure Environmental Status Report” (Crossman, Dec. 2019) has not been approved by RIDEM as of yet.

**Question:** Can the 1994 Closure Plan be provided to prospective bidders?

**Answer:** Yes

**Question:** Are any of the existing groundwater monitoring wells known to be damaged? To what extent?

**Answer:** During the site surveys in 2019, no significant damage was evident. The existing conditions must be reviewed by the bidders.

**Question:** Please confirm that the ELUR and SMP that “are in the process of being prepared” will be accepted by the RIDEM and will not be the responsibility of the successful respondent.

**Answer:** The Town cannot confirm that the ELUR and SMP that “are in the process of being prepared” will be accepted by the RIDEM, but their preparation will not be the responsibility of the successful applicant.

**Question:** The RFP states, “The successful respondent shall reimburse the Town of Hopkinton for all costs associated with any groundwater and gas monitoring that may be required” and that “the successful respondent will agree to assume responsibility for undertaking all actions necessary, at no cost to the Town, to keep the site in compliance with all Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) requirements.” Please clarify if the Town or the successful respondent is responsible for groundwater and gas monitoring.

**Answer:** The Town will be responsible for the ongoing groundwater and gas monitoring during the life of the project, with the successful respondent reimbursing the town for said monitoring. At present, RIDEM requires the Town to conduct this testing quarterly. RIDEM may reduce this testing to twice annually upon request and with a track record of satisfactory results.

**Question:** What is the dollar amount of the costs associated with groundwater and gas monitoring that the town shall be reimbursed?

**Answer:** The most recent cost for one quarter of testing paid by the Town was \$3,058.85. One year at such cost would amount to \$12,235.40.