

Is this community owned land the Right Place for an industrial scale Power Facility?

MURDOCK FARM

Gravel = less than 6% of this land – about 10 acres

The other 168 acres are rich in forests/timberlands, wetlands, high value agricultural soils, wildlife habitat and archaeological resources see Town of Pomfret ERT p. 1, 38 map

The yellow highlight shown in the adjacent map is gravel, the blue highlight shows the easterly property boundary on the Quinebaug. The irregular border delineates the rest of the 168 acres.

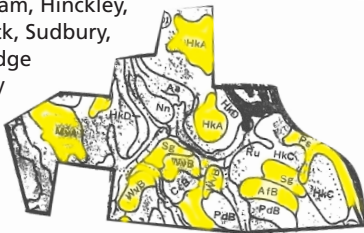


PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOILS

- Prime Farmland Soils
- Farmland Soils of Statewide Importance

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Yellow shows Agawam, Hinckley, Windsor, Pootatatuck, Sudbury, Merrimac, Woodbridge soils on the property ERT map p. 13



CRITICAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE

"...a significant but largely undeveloped ground water resource whose long term protection should be part of any development plan."

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HISTORIC & ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Evidence of prehistoric Native American occupation dating back 4000 years

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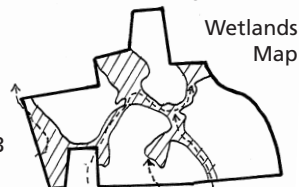
...should have an archaeological survey conducted prior to any land use activities. ... [to]provide for an effective management plan of the Murdock Property to ensure the preservation and protection of these areas.

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WETLANDS & WILDLIFE HABITAT

Wetlands make up 30% of total property. These high value wetlands contain groundwater cleansing recharge areas, wildlife habitat, and an important wildlife corridor to the Quinebaug River



ERT p. 14-16, map p. 17



POMFRET'S RIVERFRONT PROPERTY

Property boundary is the Quinebaug River Water Trail, a national recreation trail. Having frontage on this Water Trail is a high value natural asset for Pomfret Residents. Also included is a river front Eagle Scout camp improved by directed donations from Pomfret residents and business in 2012.

"It seems imprudent to sacrifice the future of Connecticut agriculture and our ability to produce food and fiber for grid-scale solar when there are sufficient alternatives." ... "There is no evidence to support the claim that decommissioned grid-scale solar developments are successfully returned to productive agriculture in Connecticut." — CT Siting Council Solar Application Testimony of Former CT Agriculture Commissioner, Steven Reviczky, October 2, 2025, Docket No. 492A, p. 1

ALTERNATIVES EXIST

Large-scale solar can be located in areas with far less to lose:



BROWNFIELD SITES



ROOFTOPS & PARKING LOTS

Renewable Energy Matters. So Do Pomfret's Natural Resources.
OUR LAND. OUR WATER. OUR FUTURE.

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Take a photo tour of Murdock Farm.
Read the ERT Source documents.