



Briarcliff Solar, LLC – 345 Scarborough Road

Village of Briarcliff Manor

SCOPING SESSION

April 1, 2025

Scoping

What is SEQR?

- ❑ Requires State and local agencies to assess environmental effects of discretionary actions (*Village Board approval of a special permit*)
- ❑ Enhances the consideration of environmental factors in planning and decision-making;
- ❑ Evaluation and notification process - not a direct decision-making process;
- ❑ Requires all agencies to evaluate the environmental consequences of proposed actions and to consider alternatives; and
- ❑ A multidisciplinary approach to considering environmental effects in decision-making.
- ❑ Scoping is **mandatory** when a lead agency requires that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared.

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What is an EIS?

- ❑ A document prepared to describe the effects of a project on the environment and how those impacts can be avoided or minimized.
- ❑ Briarcliff Solar EIS will assess the impacts of the **proposed solar project** and mitigate impacts to the maximum extent practicable.
- ❑ An EIS consists of a Draft and Final
 - A DEIS is made available to Involved and Interested agencies and the public by the lead agency (Board of Trustees) for review and comment.
 - A FEIS responds to the substantive comments or issues identified during the public review period on the DEIS.

Scoping

What is Scoping?

- ❑ Process developing a written document outlining the topics and analyses of potential environmental impacts to be studied in the DEIS.
- ❑ The primary goal of scoping is to focus the EIS on potentially significant adverse impacts and to eliminate from consideration those impacts that are irrelevant or not significant.

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Scoping is intended to:

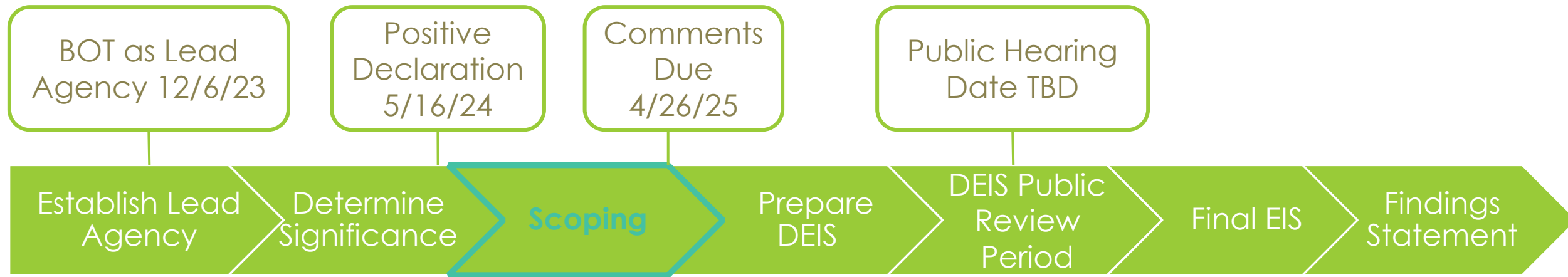
- ☐ Ensure public participation in the EIS development process.
- ☐ Allow open discussion of issues of public concern.
- ☐ All relevant issues should be raised before the issuance of a final written scope.

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A final Scope should include:

- 1) a brief description of the proposed action;
- 2) the potentially significant adverse impacts identified both in the EAF and from consultation with involved agencies and the public;
- 3) the extent and quality of information needed for the preparer to adequately address each impact;
- 4) an initial identification of mitigation measures;
- 5) the reasonable alternatives to be considered;
- 6) an identification of the information or data that should be included in an appendix; and
- 7) a brief description of the prominent issues that were considered in the review of the EAF or raised during scoping and determined to be neither relevant nor environmentally significant and the reasons why those issues were not included in the final scope.

SEQR Process



Scoping document can be found online at:

<https://www.briarcliffmanor.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2833/Notice-and-Draft-Scope-to-Interested-partiesPDF>