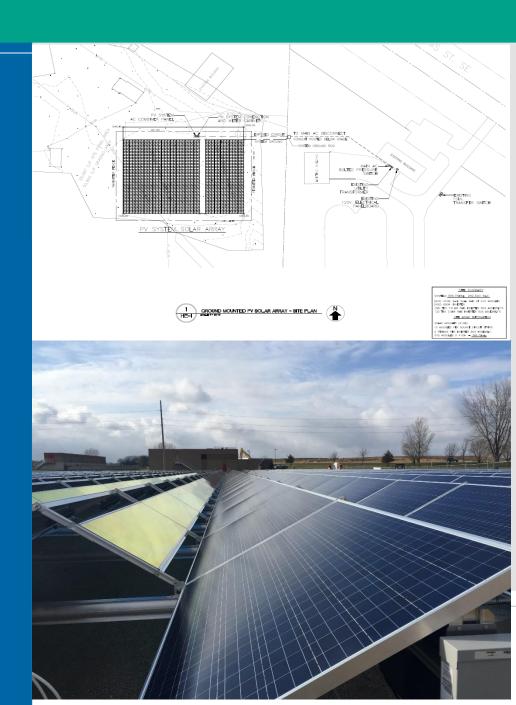
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Site Preparation Panoramic





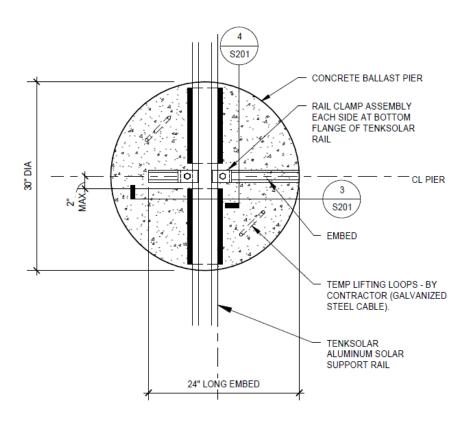
Site Preparation Aerial





Ballast Piers 18"H x 30"D - 410 total





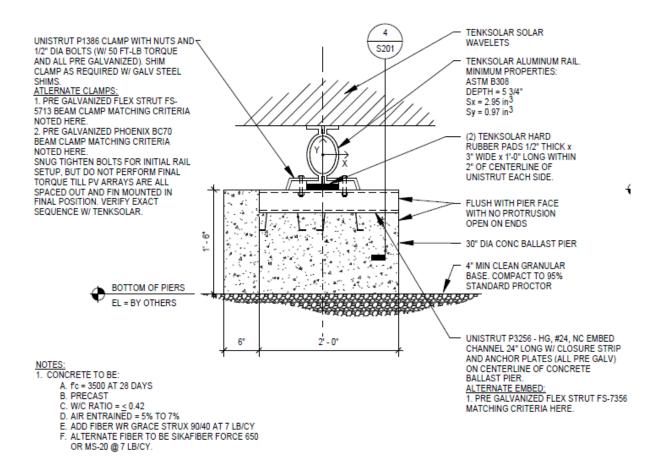
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PLAN AT TOP OF BALLAST PIER (BOTTOM FLANGE OF TENKSOLAR RAIL)



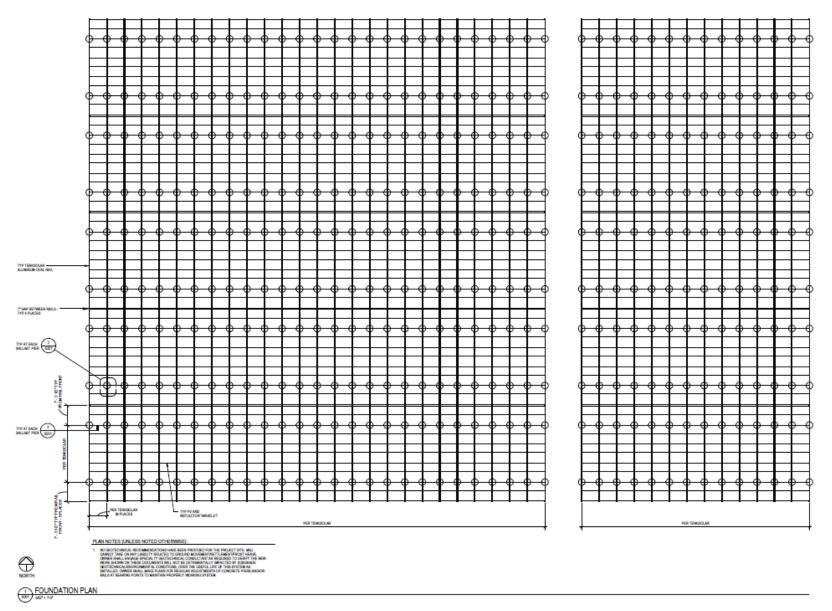
1" = 1'-0"















Pier Layout





First rows being installed





Ballasted Fence Installation



Ballasted Fence Completed





All Panels Installed





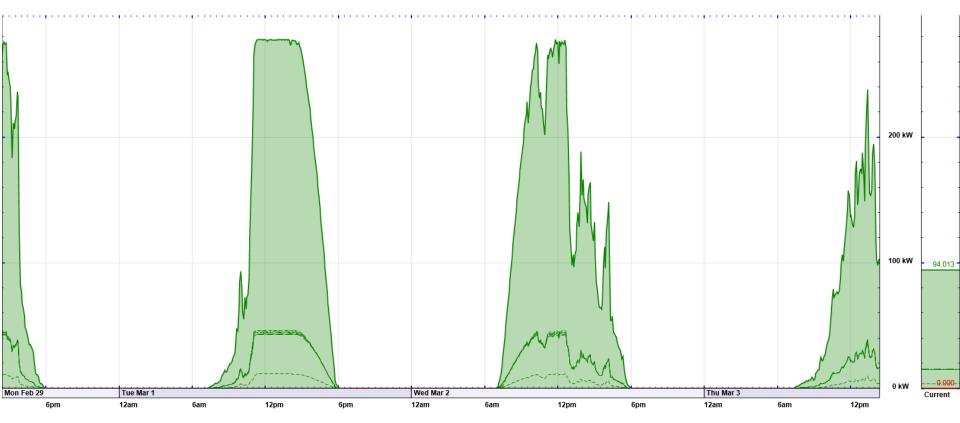
Reflective Panels





Independent Support Rails





e-Gauge Monitoring System

http://www.ci.hutchinson.mn.us/departmentsfacilities/public-works/park-garage/greenstep-cities/





Work Zone Cam w/Time Lapse Video

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City of Hutchinson Solar PV Project History

- October, 2011: Westwood: Renewable Energy Suitability Study
- June Sept, 2012: Staff and Council discussions regarding Solar PV project
- October, 2012: Signed "Agreement Letter" to Develop a Solar PV System
- March 2013: Xcel Energy RDF Proposal Submitted
- March 12, 2014: Xcel Award Letter received by the City
- April 23, 2014: Planning meeting to move forward
- May September: Updated Xcel Award requirements
 - Further developments per the Term Sheet and site requirements
- October 14, 2014: Term Sheet executed with AMERESCO
- December 23, 2014: Energy Service Agreement w/AMERESCO
- June 19, 2015: Xcel Grant Contract approved
- October November 2015: Construction of System 11/25/15 Commissioned



Solar PV Project Specifics

- Solar PV size = 400 KW = 470,070 kwh/year guaranteed (80% derated from actual) (Actual = 587,587 kwh/year) ~15% of the WWTP Annual Load
- Utility costs = 0.737/kwh and annual increases = 1.5%
- Solar System Payback = 18 years (~14 years using higher than guaranteed system output)
- At year 30, system has generated \$370,000 after paying for itself
- Pricing = \$1,467,000
 - Xcel Grant = \$958,360



Solar PV Site Land Use Challenges

- Emergency Services Training Site (Police & Fire)
- Stockpiling Public Works Materials
- State Bonding \$ used for improvements 1999
 - Office of M&B approval to proceed
- City Dump Site 1950-1980
 - Phase I Assessment 1999
 - VIC Program April 2002
 - Phase II Assessment June 2002
 - Additional Assessment September 2002
 - Restrictive Covenant July 2007
 - No disturbance without MPCA approval
 - RAP November 2007



Solar PV Site Land Use Challenges

RAP and Covenant Requirements

- Construction Contingency Plan
- Site Health and Safety Plan
- Routine inspections of site and LEL monitoring
- NO PENETRATIONS!

Design Considerations

- Compacted clay fill over existing cover
- Geotextile
- Clean granular over Geotextile
- DIFFERENTIAL SETTLEMENT
 - Undisturbed 10 years (Manufacturer White Paper)
- Density Testing

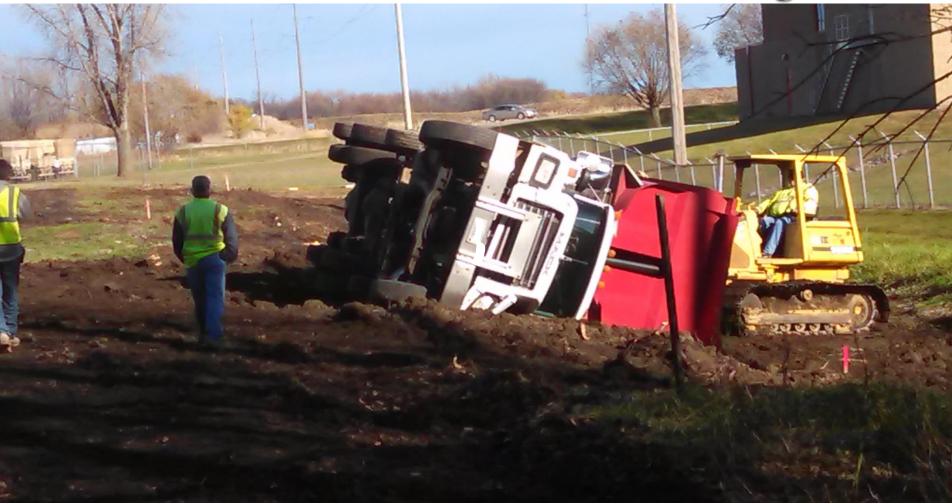


Project Outreach and Awareness

- Minnesota Brownfields Presentation
 - Wide variety of brownfields professionals coming together to discuss solar PV development on brownfields
 - Excellent feedback and inquiries
 - Lee Gabler, Xcel Energy's Senior Director of Customer Strategy and Solutions also presented
- Hutchinson Leader Newspaper Multiple articles about the project
- Clean Energy Research Teams Highlighted project in newsletter
- LinkedIn Project Post Over 100 views
- MPR Interview Interview 3/29/16, has not aired yet
- Mn Wastewater Operators Association Central Section Meeting
 - Presentation this morning 4/12/16 to 30+ Wastewater
 Professionals
- Hutchinson City Website with e-Gauge and Workzone Cam



Solar PV Construction Offsite Challenges



Different Project Adjacent to Solar PV Project



City of Hutchinson

Questions and Comments



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