

## **10.0 BUFFERS**

Buffering between the M-GN zone and the development within the D-CI zone ranges from 0-feet to 1,300 feet. However, substantial wooded buffers exist between the Project area and the parcel boundary and will shield adjacent uses from lighting. A visual impact study has been performed. Please refer to Section 6 - Visual Quality and Scenic Character of this application for specific details.

Water bodies within or adjacent to the Project will be adequately protected from sedimentation and surface runoff by maintaining a minimum 100-foot buffer between the developed area and the West Branch of the Narragugus, Colson Branch and the two unnamed streams within the Project site. Existing roads within the Project will be regraded to reduce runoff and will utilize vegetated buffers for stormwater treatment, meeting stormwater standards. (In addition, 17,400 feet (6.4 acres) of existing road not needed to support the project will be revegetated.) Please refer to Section 12 for specific stormwater buffer details and sedimentation and erosion control for the project.

As proposed, the Project includes undeveloped areas that provide adequate space for wildlife movement between habitats, including:

- A 100 foot buffer is maintained along all water bodies.
- Wetlands associated with water bodies will not be disturbed.
- A 75 foot buffer will be maintained along the boundary of areas identified as wetlands of special significance.
- A wooded area surrounding the entire project area ranges from 100 feet to 1,300 feet deep, allowing wildlife to move around the developed area without barrier.

Please refer to Section 7 of this application for detailed discussions on impacts to wildlife and habitat.

Exhibit 10-1 shows the Project site plans.



## Exhibit 10-1

Three Rivers Solar Project Site Plan



