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### 10.1 State Standards

Pursuant to the State's Site Law, applicants shall:

*Provide a narrative and drawing describing proposed buffer strips, including information on dimensions; clearing limits for natural buffers; planting specifications for new buffers; and identification of the person(s) (name, address and phone number) responsible for maintenance.*

### 10.2 Buffers Assessment

It is important to maintain healthy vegetative/forested buffers for water and visual quality, and to provide important wildlife habitats. Established buffers minimize the potential for soil erosion and sedimentation to wetland and waterbodies, and remove pollutants from the runoff.

Currently, the Project site is mostly wooded. The site has been periodically harvested and the landowners will continue harvesting lumber during the life of the Project. Some wooded areas will be cleared for the proposed access road, crane paths, transmission lines and turbine pads. No additional clearing, beyond the Project needs, is being proposed.

Buffers will be used for stormwater management and visual screening. The vegetative stormwater buffers will be actively maintained and protected by Deed Restrictions. See Section 12 for the draft Deed Restrictions.

See Section 30 for further discussion on buffers as it pertains to visual quality and scenic character.

See the Project plans in Exhibit 1-3 for the proposed clearing limits and the proposed stormwater treatment buffer locations.

Prior to clearing for construction, all resource and stormwater buffers will be clearly marked in the field.

No new plantings are anticipated as part of this project. No planting schedule has been provided.