



## HARDY HILLS SOLAR FARM

*Total Project Delivery: Compliance, Installation & Preservation*

**OWNER:** Confidential

**CLIENT:** Cupertino Electric, Inc. // AES Indiana

**LOCATION:** Kilmore, Indiana

**YEAR:** 2022 - Present



Since 2022, Williams Creek Management has partnered with Cupertino Electric, Inc. to support Clean Water Act requirements for active construction projects and implement the long-term restoration plan at Hardy Hills Solar Farm, a 195-megawatt solar field situated on approximately 1,400 acres and featuring nearly 500,000 photovoltaic panels. Williams Creek has provided services including the implementation and maintenance of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Planning (SWPPP), the Vegetation and Soil Management Plan (VSMP) for long-term restoration and stabilization of the site, and the extensive Buffer Landscape Plan for the entire solar field perimeter.



Specific daily work by our Williams Creek team members includes, but is not limited to, the installation of erosion control devices, maintenance of all previously installed SWPPP Best Management Practices (BMPs), temporary seeding and stabilization, intensive site mowing, selective herbicide treatment of invasive and exotic species, stabilization and restoration of creeks and waterways, and seeding of permanent low-stature prairie to create long-term ecological diversity throughout the solar field.

To screen the solar field, local regulations required an extensive Buffer Landscape Plan. Williams Creek team members completed the installation of landscape buffer consisting of over 7,000 pieces of native trees and shrubs as well as permanent low-stature prairie and pollinator plots, all contributing to the prioritization of environmental stewardship and long-term community approval.



To help ensure the successful flora and fauna diversity within and around the Solar Farm, Williams Creek is proud to partner with AES Indiana to provide long-term maintenance and preservation of the established low-stature native prairie and restored ecological systems within the site, as well as the extensive landscape buffer surrounding the site. The Williams Creek Team prides itself on being a good steward and neighbor to the local agricultural community, thus helping to lead the way towards a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

*Market Served: Power & Energy (Renewables)*