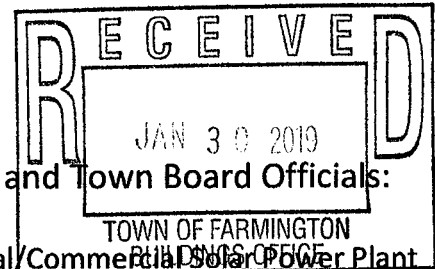


January 28, 2019



To the Town of Farmington Planning Board, Zoning Board and Town Board Officials:

As a group of concerned citizens opposing the Large-Scale Industrial/Commercial Solar Power Plant application on Yellow Mills and Fox Road, we understand the challenge in developing a land use plan for the Town of Farmington. As landowners we are not opposed to sustainable energy development in Industrial/commercial zones or small scale personal solar throughout the town. However, we urge the Board to assure that every opportunity is given to addressing this important issue, and that all resources at your disposal be studied thoroughly to develop a comprehensive approach to this issue.

To that end and based on alarming new information our group has uncovered, we are requesting the following studies be conducted by independent sources;

- 1. White noise pollution study** (Despite opinions to the contrary, there is evidence that Solar Farms' Inverter Stations emit noise. We can hear each other's conversations when we're outside. Sound carries. The hum of an Inverter Station and transmission of power are unacceptable "trade-offs" for "sustainable" energy.)
- 2. Electromagnetic field impact study** (There is concern regarding the impacts of high emissions of electrical fields on the health of humans, domestic animals and wildlife. Assurances regarding this issue are sought of our leaders.)
- 3. Energy Production Study** (In considering this and other proposals for Solar in our Township, consider that short Winter days, combined with cloudy days and "down time" experienced during both winter and summer storms, a Solar Power Plant is truly productive some 35% of the time and deliver only 22% of their collected power in the Northeast. Considering the amount of land that must be committed to such a product, is it worth the loss?)
- 4. Traffic study**, (the intersection of Fox and Yellow Mills Rd is a well-documented and a notoriously dangerous intersection with many accidents and fatalities. A large-scale Solar Power Plant with Inverter Stations would be a huge added driver distraction.)
- 5. Threatened and Endangered Species Study** (Our group has found dozens of examples of wildlife impaled on chain-linked fences surrounding solar arrays and examples of birds, migratory, or other dying as a result of attracting birds to the lake effect produced by solar panels)
- 6. E-Waste study** Often used panels end up in e-waste dumps in developing countries such as India, China and Ghana where these toxic chemicals might create devastating health effects for residents. (<https://sciencing.com/negative-effects-solar-energy-6325659.html>)

Thank You

Your Neighbors;

Jim Foley, Ann Foley, Jim Falanga, Nancy Falanga, Al Baxter, Jennifer Baxter, Jim Redmond, Lisa Reed, Caroline Heberle, Linda Heberle, Edith Chapman, Eric Chapman, Gordon Wilson, Stacy Vandenburg, Arnold Vandenburg, Jim Dennie, Dan Geer, Matt Barnes, Terry Biek, Marilyn Fair, Jon Fair, Tammy Johnson, Ed Johnson, Linda Zurich, Jim Zurich, Petrina Case, Paul Case

NO GIANT SOLAR POWER PLANT UPDATE

- 1. NEW GMAIL ACCOUNT:** nogiantsolarplant@gmail.com Please respond via email to join our public group to stay informed and receive updates & correspondence and ask others to join.
- 2. MORATORIUM PETITION:** We served our petition to the Town Board on 1/22/19. If you know of others willing to sign just respond to the Gmail and we will get a petition to you.
- 3. NEXT PLANNING BOARD MEETING - APRIL 17 @7:00 PM** Town Barns 985 Hook Road.
- 4. At the Planning Board Meeting on January 16, 2019** Delaware River Solar came with their lawyers and demanded that the Board STOP public hearings and immediately approve the solar power plant., With the advice of Director of Development, Ron Brand, the Planning Board refused to STOP and approve. Thank you, Planning Board. The Board wants to review all issues before a decision. We trust that our near unanimous rejection of the power plant and **our continued presence at meetings** expressing our concerns will be the issue that the Board gives greatest weight.
- 5. REMEMBER,** respond to nogiantsolarplant@gmail.com to stay informed.

Thank you,
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