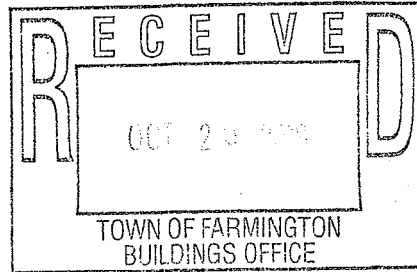


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Farmington Town Planning Board  
-and-  
Farmington Town Zoning Board  
Farmington Town Hall  
1000 County Road 8  
Farmington, NY 14425



Attn: Ronald L. Brand  
Director of Development  
Town of Farmington

Re: SEQR Delaware River Large Scale Solar Power Plant Proposal

Dear Mr. Brand,

We write to urge you to not allow the construction of the proposed large scale solar power plant on the property along Yellow Mills Road and Fox Road in Farmington. If this project is constructed, it will cover over 40 acres with 7,000 solar panels. It is way too large and not appropriate for this neighborhood. We both feel a solar array of any size would be better located in an industrial zone, such as along the I-90 corridor or along Route 332 where other businesses are located. In a way, it is hard to believe that the town would consider such a proposal, especially when none of the energy created would be used locally.

We beg you to review the Town of Farmington's Master Plan and keep this area of Farmington beautiful, agricultural and open. If this project were approved, this solar power plant would have a negative effect on the rural character of the area. We feel its presence would decrease property values, including our modest 5 acre property nearby.

Farmington is blessed in that we have two excellently preserved, beautiful cobblestone homes on Fox Road and Yellow Mills Road. These properties are owned by local business owners who put time and money in keeping them in good shape. The proposed project is close to the Latter Day Saints' Joseph Smith House and the Hill Cumorah, as well as the historic 1812 Farmington Quaker Meeting House. Please do not allow this large solar power plant to be constructed in this area. It would be an ugly blight in one of the remaining rural areas of Farmington. Please keep the farm in Farmington.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacey VanDenburgh

Arnold VanDenburgh