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To: Ron Brand, Director, Farmington Town Planning and Development
To: Town of Farmington Zoning Board

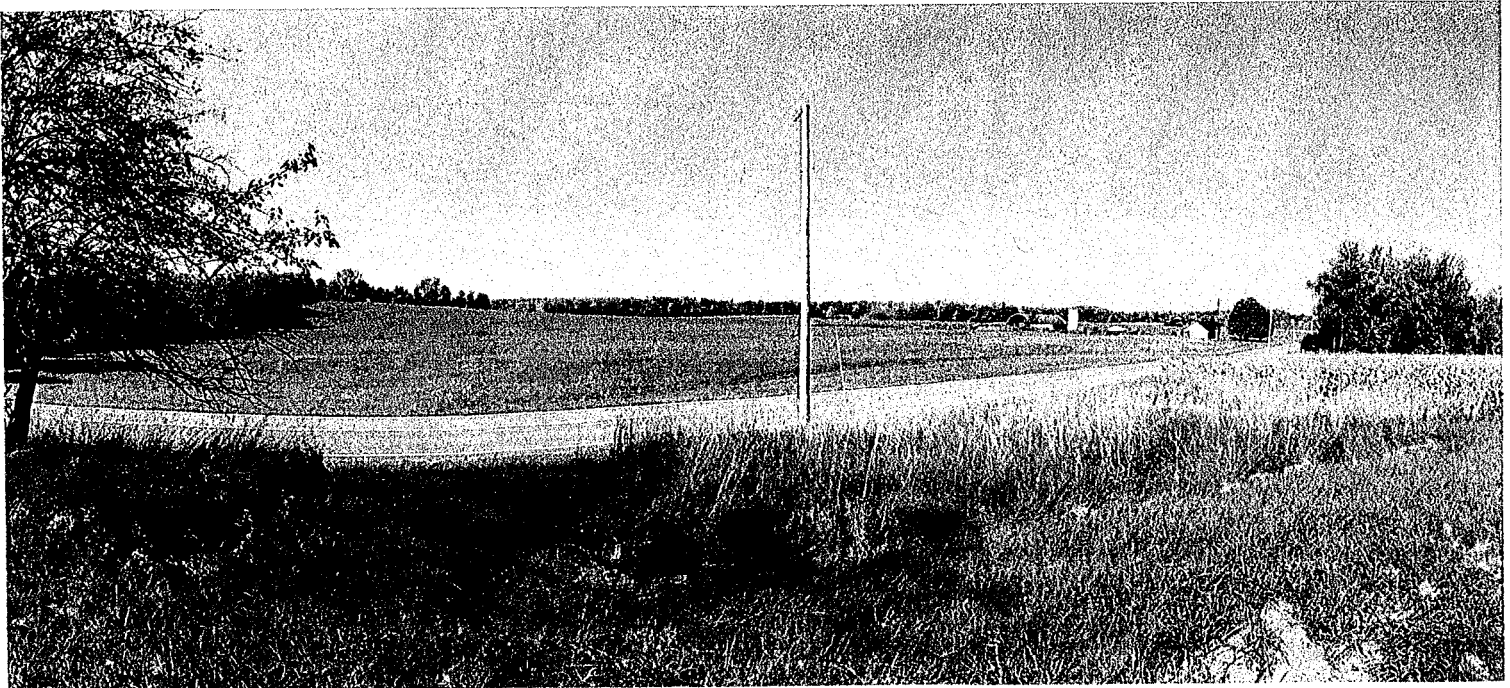
Re: SEQR for proposed solar power plants in the Town of Farmington (located on the farm property on Fox and Yellow Mills Road).

Dear Mr. Brand:

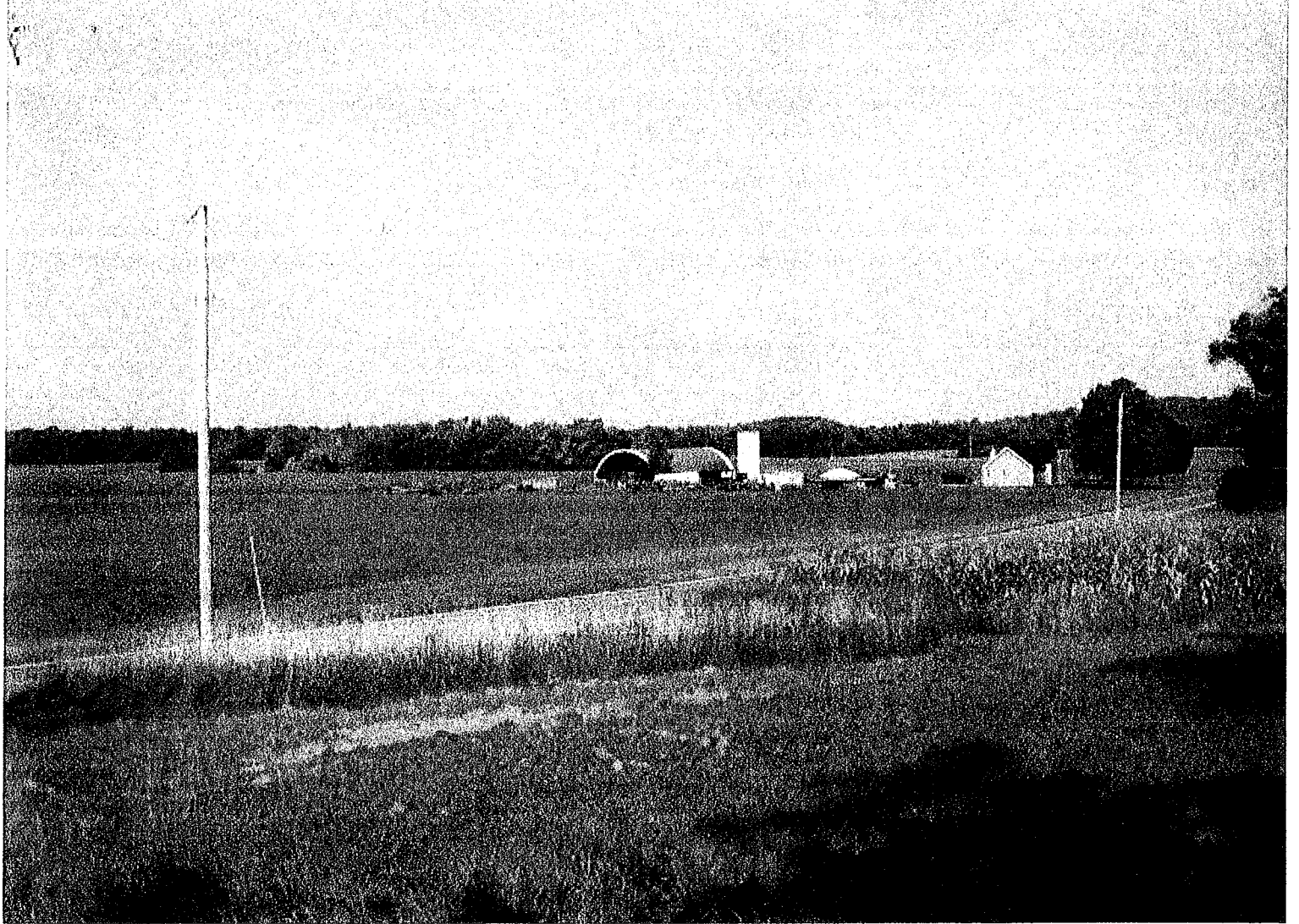
I am adamantly opposed to the three solar power plants that are being considered for development by Green River Solar on the farm property located on Fox and Yellow Mills Roads.

It appears that Green River Solar has devised a plan to circumvent the Community Solar Guideline's restriction of a maximum of 2.3 megawatts of power per property, by subdividing the property and actually proposing three solar power plants with a total of 7.9 megawatts of power (21,000 solar panels).

My family owns the 75 acre farm directly to the east of the proposed project. The adverse visual impact will be enormous. This project, as currently proposed, is an industrial-scaled power plant. Rows upon rows of glass and aluminum will replace green pastures and grazing cattle.



Please see the photos taken from our property recently that show our current view of the Green River site. No visual buffer whatsoever on Yellow Mills Road is in the plan except for a fence.



Will this have an adverse affect on our property value? I haven't heard anybody say that they are looking for land to buy that is right next to a solar power plant. These power plants belong in an industrially zoned area, not an agriculturally zoned area.

I realize that these large metropolitan companies such as Green River Solar have many more resources at their disposal than we local landowners and taxpayers do. But I am imploring you to make your decisions as if this was proposed for your front yard, as it is for us. You are representing us, not the large corporate developers that are after our precious farmland for their own gain.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and hopefully, support.

Linda Heberle
Family farm located at 531 Yellow Mills Road