

UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR BELONGS ON INDUSTRIAL-ZONED LAND



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Rural communities are under attack from big, corporate solar developers (some foreign) who want to build large-scale, industrial solar power plants on agricultural-and forestry-zoned land to take advantage of lower development costs.

Solar belongs on rooftops, near highways, commercial, industrial-zoned land, marginal or contaminated areas, not on rural-agricultural land.

“ We really don't recognize how fragile our agriculture system is. Today it's under stress.

At some stage the system will start to break down, but the question is when the decline reaches a point of no return.

Dr. Ron Heiniger (Professor and Crop Scientist) ”



10 REASONS UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR ISN'T RIGHT FOR AGRICULTURAL-RURAL AREAS

1. Land already zoned for A-1 (agricultural) and RA (rural area) shouldn't be rezoned to industrial. Utility-scale solar plants belong on industrial zoned land. It is a power plant, not a "farm."
2. The land (forest, farmland, vegetation, soil) is forever destroyed.
3. Utility-scale solar near waterways-wetlands can lead to catastrophic water - ecological disasters.
4. Solar power plants destroy wildlife habitat.
5. Solar power plants threaten preservation and should not destroy historic sites.
6. Solar power generation is very inefficient when looking at the amount of land "consumed."
7. Negative impact on local residents' property values.
8. The bill for decommissioning projects will likely be passed on to taxpayers.
9. A decline in eco and historical tourism.
10. When the local community has clearly expressed concern and opposition.



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More than a year after construction wrapped up at Grasshopper, neighbors say nearby Butchers Creek continues to be plagued with high levels of sediment that runs off from the Grasshopper site. Dominion Energy, which now owns the Grasshopper project, has yet to install buffering that blocks the solar array from public view.



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