April 24, 2017

Town of Dryden Planning Board Members
Town Board Members
93 East Main Street
Dryden, NY 13053

Dear Sirs:

I am a family member of Willow Glen Cemetery and that I oppose the solar project and cell tower project. The cemetery is a sacred place and the view to the North and East should remain in the natural rural setting that has existed for the last several hundred years.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Anne Strom Baird
April 21, 2017

Town of Dryden Planning Board Members  
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93 East Main Street  
Dryden, New York 13053

Re: Industrial Sized Solar Project and Verizon Cell Tower

Dear Planning Board Members:

I am, and have been, a lot owner of Willow Glen Cemetery since 1971. Both my husband and I greatly oppose both of the above-referenced projects.

These projects would diminish the sanctity of the cemetery and eliminate valuable agricultural farm land which has been in existence for hundreds of years.

We are strongly opposed to the creation of the solar project and cell tower construction in this natural rural setting!

Very truly yours,

Priscilla A. Ball

Clayton A. Ball

98 Yellow Barn Road

Freeville, NY 13068
To Whom it may Concern:

We have a lot in Willow Glenn Cemetery. Besides there are several other folks buried there.

I think it just what in the field that you are proposing would be very detrimental to the cemetery. We bought a lot there because of the beauty of the location and I feel you would damage the beauty and the sanctification of that area.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Alice Bell
April 24, 2017

Gentlemen:

I am a lot owner at Willow Glen Cemetery and I oppose the solar project and the cell tower project.

My husband (buried at Willow Glen and also his parents) and I chose Willow Glen for its quiet and peaceful location.

I totally oppose the solar installation and the cell tower construction.

Very truly yours,

Joanne Hoxomley
4 Sheffield Dr.
Syracuse, N.Y. 13260
To whom it concerns
I would not like to see Solar Bonded
Dayden Cemetery as beautiful. We have a
lot of family & friends there. I say no

Harry & Phyllis D. Morse

Home
April 21, 2017

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To the Board:

I have just learned of the proposed industrial-sized solar project proposed to be built just north of Willow Glen Cemetery.

I moved to the village of Dryden in 1970, then my husband and I lived there for 35 years before retiring and moving away. Both of our kids were raised there. So, yes, Dryden holds a special place in my heart.

My association with the cemetery is direct and recent, having purchased a plot there for my husband, Peter Lauria, and me. Peter died in December, 2016 and I anticipate the setting of the headstone soon. When I visited the site last week, I was struck by the peacefulness of the setting as I looked over the fields and trees. It brought a sense of calm to me which I believe cemeteries are supposed to do.

I sit here now picturing how jarring it would be to visit the site and have my sense of aesthetics assaulted by giant, industrial-sized solar panels instead of calmed by the tranquility of the natural terrain.

Cemeteries are by definition sacred places, designed to comfort the spirit. This proposal seems not to take that into consideration.

I understand a cell tower is also being proposed. Again, such a huge monstrosity near the cemetery would assault the sensibility of anyone visiting Willow Glen to spend some sacred, quiet time with his or her loved one.

While I am not opposed to progress or the use of clean energy, I find the specific location very troubling. Surely there is room for compromise here. The natural setting of Willow Glen has existed for hundreds of years. I would think Cornell University owns enough land that the proposed project could be located on land that does not abut a sacred place of tranquility.

A Planning Board is responsible to do just that -- to plan for its community in order to protect the integrity of it. Dryden is such a special place and has such cherished traditions and natural beauty. I urge you to make your decisions in such a way that Willow Glen Cemetery's integrity can be maintained. You can still bring progress to Dryden. Relocate the solar panels and the cell tower. That would be effective and wise planning, which is what planning boards should do.

Sincerely,

Maggie Lauria
714 Plum Tree Lane
Hanover, PA 17331
April 28, 2017

As a child one of my happiest memories was a Sunday drive from Syracuse, NY to Dryden, NY. Our family would bring my Gramma to Willow Glen Cemetery to lay flowers on my Grandpa's grave. As children we all loved Willow Glen. We played hide and seek behind the stones. I used the hand pump to get water so that we could wash off the veterans stone which proudly adorn my greatgrandfather's grave. We would leave a plant. But before we left for home, I'd climb up the hill by the tree, and overlook the fields of wheat I can and watch them swaying in the sun. I thought to my young self, there is no other place on earth as beautiful as this, or as quiet. I love it here.

Then I would run down the hill and take my grandmas hand, we'd go to the School of Ornithology for a picnic. Years later I would receive a degree from the same school. After Gramma passed I would bring my children there and tell them the same stories of my grandmother and myself and my brothers and sisters, running and playing. As I washed my grandmother's stone and laid flowers there it was reminiscent, seeing my kids running, playing among the stones, getting me water to wash my for stone now.

There they learned the history of our family but more importantly loving the beauty of the place and the reality it played in their lives. Then as in the past, a picnic followed at "flat rock" near the school. We would talk about family, how fun great-grandma was and how important she was. Each one would say "when we go to heaven we want to be buried there. Mom, it's so beautiful!"

Now they come seldom as they live far away. But they do come, with me, in the van are their children, they wash it same stone and tell the same stories, I wait until it's time to be
drives up to the top of the hill, along the tree lining back of the cemetery where I will lay one day soon. When I can look out at the wheat or corn swaying in the wind and the magnificent view scope that is mine forever.

This is the same one I saw 60 years ago. Don't take it from me or my children or my grandchildren, give us one place on this earth to love and cherish and keep sacred in our hearts and souls forever..

Dr. Robin D. Lucas, Ph.D.
1370 Cleveland Ave.
Wyoming, Pa. 19613
owner of 6 lots in Willow Glen Cemetery
To: Dryden Planning Board Members
Re: The Industrial Sized Solar Project directly north of the Cemetery

Dear Members,

As an owner of a cemetery plot in the cemetery (Willow Glen), please let it be known that I am absolutely NOT in favor of this proposed 70+ acre solar project so near the cemetery. Please have some consideration for not ruining the beauty and serenity of this peaceful and beautiful cemetery that owners and families have put their faith in for many, many years! Tales grew up in Dryden!

Most sincerely,

Doris Scotton McLenie
April 24, 2017

I, Jack Seymour am a lot owner of the Willow Glen Cemetery and I oppose the solar project and the cell tower project.

The view to east and north should remain in the natural rural setting that has existed for several hundred years!

I clearly oppose the cell tower construction and the solar installation.

The cemetery is a very sacred place!

Jack Seymour
21 Delta Street
Stuyvesant, N.Y. 13853
Dear Board Members,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose putting a cell tower next to the cemetery. The cemetery is a sacred place and should remain that way. I am against putting my family and others' families in danger. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
To the Town of Dryden Planning Board:

As owners of Willow Glen Cemetery, we object to the Solar + Cell Towers Projects. The beauty of this cemetery is why we love the peacefulness of it and most important the look. Do not ruin the look of a sacred place where our loved ones are.

Owners of Willow Glen Cemetery