From: Leslie Archer <ljarcher17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:58 PM
To: Supervisor
Cc: brad@perkinsfuneralhome.com; Brad Perkins; Cydney Scarano; Russell Archer; kimberly archer; jonpaul
Subject: Solar and Cell Tower Project

Dear Town Members,
I recently heard through my cousin Brad Perkins, a lifelong important and valuable resident of
Dryden, NY, that they are proposing a solar plant project next to the Willow Glen Cemetery and
it about broke my heart. Many of my deceased family members: the Archers and the Perkins are
buried in Willow Glen Cemetery. We often visit there when we are passing through because it is
one of the most peaceful places of land on this earth. There is something very special about the
trees, the landscape, the wind, the monuments and markers, and even the birds and wildlife that
pass through there. You can feel it's grace the moment you enter it's red gates. Whenever we go
there, we walk all the paths and touch the big trees. It's almost like you feel the buried walking
with you. It is a place of sacred spirits and sacred memories. It's views and surrounding areas
should not be disturbed.

So my question is: Why? Why would anyone build anywhere near that beautiful place? Are
there no other options? I understand the value of solar and integrating new systems of power but
at what cost? Once we build something, it's hard to go back. It is never the same. Progress does
not have to be at the cost of the things we love. Does it? I beg you to rethink this
project. Maybe there is a better location. There are always different choices.

Please reconsider your options. Keep our state lands and views intact and beautiful. We have so
little left. Open spaces are healing places. They should be protected.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Leslie Jo Archer (Perkins and Archer family)
Teacher and Coach
Shaker High School, Latham, NY
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March 23, 2017

To: Planning Board, Town of Dryden, NY

As a lifetime resident of the Town of Dryden, I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed Solar project which would purportedly adjoin the Willow Glen Cemetery.

After seeing a map of the area that would be used, and its closeness to the Cemetery's north border, I cannot imagine going to visit my family and friend's final resting place and seeing a wall of Solar panels across that section of property. The view from there has always been spectacular, looking north to Groton and northeast to Cortland, watching nature, ie: the deer and turkey's enjoying a wonderful area of land in which to roam.

I am asking the elected people who will make this decision to please consider keeping that area free of Solar panels.

The Cemetery is a very special place for so many people to visit and stroll the beautifully maintained piece of land. It would be a shame to take this away from all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Armstrong

Brenda J. Armstrong

From: Leroy Blodgett [mailto:leroyb@eagletworealty.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Bambi Avery; Supervisor; Daniel Lamb; Linda Lavine; Kathy Servoss; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis
Subject: Willow Glen Cemetery

Dear Dryden Board Members:

My name is Leroy Blodgett. I grew up on Irish Settlement Road. I went to kindergarten at Dryden Elementary and graduated high school at Dryden Central in 1969. In 1977, I left Dryden and eventually worked as a City Manager for 25 years. I now live in Oregon and own a development company and real estate agency, but I still call Dryden home.

I have many family members that still live in and around Dryden. I also have several friends and relatives buried at Willow Glen Cemetery, including my grandparents and my father. I come back to Dryden as often as possible to visit family, friends and enjoy the countryside of that beautiful area. Of course, one of the visits I always make is to Willow Glen Cemetery to pay my respects those family members that have passed. Even though there are usually tears shed, the beauty of the cemetery and the surrounding area allows a peaceful and memorable experience.

I understand that you, as a Board, will soon be deciding if to allow a large solar powered electrical generating facility adjacent or near the cemetery. As a land developer and city manager. I can understand the difficult decision ahead. A solar powered facility surely sounds environmentally sound and it would be beneficial to future development of the area. But, please remember that there is more to a decision of this sort. Sure it would quite and may help future growth of the area, but will it be beneficial to the surrounding area. I know I would not like it nest to my home. And, even though the people in the cemetery may not be alive to see it, those of us who come to pay our respect to our loved ones will see it and much of the peacefulness and beauty will be replaced with the sign of development.

I hope you will consider the negative impact a facility of this sort will have on the cemetery and
those of us that visit there. Our friends and family that now lie there in peace deserve better than
that, it is not the home of one person or family but home to our history. I know the area well and
I am sure you will find a suitable site for this facility that will not create impact area that many,
many people visit.

Thank you for your consideration and good luck with your decision making.

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Initial Agency Disclosure Pamphlet

From: Carol Cambridge [mailto:cfarkas@twcny.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Preserve the tranquility of Willow Glen Cemetery

Dear Town of Dryden Board Members,

I am writing to you for your help in relocating the large solar project away from Willow Glen Cemetery.

When I was a small child growing up in Dryden, we lived on the farm called Willow Glen on George Road. My older brother had passed away, and my mother found great solace in being so close to his grave site at the cemetery. I grew up knowing that my parents often took flowers and cared for the graves of the Bloom's and the Moseley's. My mother often reminded me that when she passed, it would be my job to carry on this tradition. My children and grandchildren accompany me there. When they were toddlers and young children, they played amongst the graves, wondering if the numerals were phone numbers.

Now my husband and I are retired and need to think about making burial plans ourselves at Willow Glen. Willow Glen is one of the most beautiful, rural cemeteries I have ever visited. I have never found anything but peace in going there.

I have only recently learned of this solar project. I have great difficulty in understanding how this proposed project could, in good conscience, be considered by the Dryden Town Board.

* First, it would be enough just to respect Willow Glen as a place of great historical significance and a place of family: My great grandmother Melissa Moseley, buried there, was born in 1836. Her husband Edmund, born in 1828, served in the Civil War. My parents, paternal grandmother, brothers, all buried there.

* Second, although there may be a need for such projects in a more logical place, it's gut wrenching to think that a cemetery of such beauty in a rural setting, a resting place for our loved ones, could be negatively defiled by 70 plus acres of solar panels.

* Third, how will we ever expect to find peace when visiting our loved ones? The sight of these panels will surely intrude on whatever tranquility we hope to find. This cemetery will never recover from this assault.

Thank you.

Carol Moseley Cambridge (formerly Farkas)

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From: Joe Cambridge [mailto:CambriJ@tompkinscortland.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Cc: Daniel Lamb; Linda Lavine; Kathy Servoss; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis; Supervisor
Subject: Please relocate large solar project away from Willow Glen Cemetery

I was appalled to learn recently that the Board is considering approval of a solar panel facility
which will surround the Willow Glen Cemetery. Many of my friends and relatives are buried
there, in a tranquil, almost Eden-like setting. Surely there are other locations more suitable for
such a project. Doing what is convenient or expedient is very different from doing what is right.
If approved, building such a facility at the current location will constitute nothing short of grave
desecration, and I would hope that board members would not be so hungry for revenue that
they would abandon all sense of decency and propriety in the interests of generating money. I
have no issue with encouraging more use of solar energy, but disrespecting the dead is beyond
the pale. The solution is simple: find another more appropriate location

-----Original Message-----
From: Donna Carpenter [mailto:knitnut46@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:58 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Solar Farm

We will not be able to attend the meeting but we are strongly against this project. Who will be
responsible for cleanup when the solar panels are no longer useful? I do not feel that our tax dollars
should be used to support this. Why not give property tax breaks to the businesses that have proven to
be a lasting asset to the town?

Sincerely,
Steve and Donna Carpenter.

Sent from my iPad

From: Paul Chamberlain [mailto:PE_Chamberlain@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Bambi Avery; Paul Chamberlain
Cc: Family A Ed Chamberlain; THOMAS; Family A Tom Chamberlain; Family A Lori Agoglia; Family A Sue
Kwak; mrleechamberlain; Family A John Chamberlain; Shirley; Family U Andy Seyfried; Family U Fred
Seyfried; Vera Graves; Aunt Carol; Family C Shana Karn
Subject: Proposed solar plant adjacent to Willow Glen Cemetery

Dear Planning Board Members - Town of Dryden, NY,

A family member contacted me with the plight and reference of the diligent concern made
public by Brad Perkins of Willow Glen Cemetery Association, Dryden, NY regarding the general
sanctity of said cemetery, the formidable wishes of those who are now deceased and the
expectations of surviving family who chose Willow Glen Cemetery as a final resting place for
their loved ones and / or themselves.

It is my understanding that your local planning and zoning board will soon convene to address a
large scale solar grid which is proposed to be built directly adjacent to the cemetery. When I
looked at the proposed site plan, I immediately thought of the many survivors I have seen
attending graves of family and friends in Willow Glen and I wondered how they might feel
about this plan; specifically those on the village side of the cemetery. I can only surmise the
stressful position this plan puts upon Mr. Perkins whose association has contracted for the
internment of many people, presumably under zoning laws which he might expect to abide and
protect all parties.

I presume that this has been brought to public light because the project has either been met
with public discontent, that the project needs a zoning variance to proceed...or perhaps both.

My mother, Patricia J. Chamberlain, my paternal grandparents and some other family are
interned at Willow Glen Cemetery. Who speaks for the dead ? Who speaks to protect

those
who can no longer speak up and voice the solemn wants that they had in life ? Who cares
? The rhetorical answer as to who speaks up are those who believe in protecting moral and
ethical responsibilities and obligations.

If existing zoning laws protect the cemetery and interested parties thereof from this project,
then it would seem that beyond the moral and ethical considerations there would also exist
legal matters which should not be easily dismissed by a planning board. I implore you
to appropriately respect this cemetery and those parties protected by any existing statute and
rebuke any politics or monies which contradict public decency.

Sincerely,

Paul Chamberlain
Watertown, NY

Town of Dryden Board Members, 3/21/17

It has been brought to my attention that the Town of Dryden may allow a solar panel field to be erected next to the Willow Glen Cemetery. Since we have 12 direct family members intered there, plus several more decendants we would urge you to stop any such developement because it would be an eyesore for anyone visiting the cemetery.

It also occurs to me that the cemetery may have fewer lots sold because of such a facility. (Trouble selling lots)

Thank you for considering this request.

Rachel Crispell
134 Harford Rd
Brooktondale NY 14817

-----Original Message-----
From: Mary And billy [mailto:bazmar67@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Willow Glen cemetery.

Dear Dryden town board members. I am a life long resident of Dryden and I have many family members
and friends buried at willow glen. I go there several times a year and my son goes and I can show him
his grandparents , his uncle and his fathers grave. Its a peaceful place and I always find solitude at this
beautifully maintained cemetery. It gives me a feeling of connection to my loved ones who have passed.
My Aunt and uncle died this year and had lived in Florida since the eighties but had their ashes sent here
to be buried in willow glen. they grew up in and loved this area .We have many family members who
come to visit from out of state and they like to come to the cemetery to Pay their respects and bring
flowers. I feel cemeteries are sacred places and i am asking that you relocate the large scale solar
project , its disrespectful to those who have passed and the loved ones who go to visit. So please take
this into account and look for another area to do this project that wont effect people in a negative way.
Dryden is the largest town in Tompkins, I'm sure theres alot of other places for you to consider. Thank
you . Mary Dart -Blinn

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----
From: Rachel Dickinson [mailto:geology26@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:01 AM
To: Supervisor; Daniel Lamb; Bambi Avery; Kathy Servoss; Linda Lavine; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis
Subject: Willow Glen and the Solar Field

Dear Supervisor Liefer and Dryden Town Board Members:

Please do not approve the permit to install a solar farm adjacent to Willow Glen cemetery. Of all the open space available in the Town of Dryden, this seems to be the least suited for this enterprise because of the potential impact on the cemetery.

A cemetery is a sacred spot. In many ways, how we treat our cemeteries defines who we are as a people. Walking through Willow Glen cemetery is like walking through the history of the Town of Dryden. I see names carved in stone of classmates from Dryden High School and their family members; of people who populated the village of Freeville when I was a girl; of men and women who fought in the armed services to defend the principles of democracy; and of five generations of my own family. It is the final resting place of my mother and my son.

When my family gathers on Memorial Day, we are surrounded by other families doing the same thing. This is how we connect our past with our present. How we remember and pass on stories about the people who are buried there.

The remarkable thing about Willow Glen cemetery is that once you pass through the maroon and white painted fence the view has remained unchanged for generations. The quiet of the landscape as it slopes away from the road is noticeable. The familiarity of the fields and pastures and distant tree lines makes the sometimes wrenching moments in the cemetery comforting.

Allowing the placement of a large-scale solar field next to this cemetery would be upsetting to many of the hundreds of families who look for solace in the cemetery. If this were a community project -- if the Town was pooling funds to create an alternative form of energy for its residents I

would be torn. But
because this is PRIVATE venture proposed by someone who does not even live in the area -- a venture
that will not benefit the town in any way -- I urge you to vote no.

sincerely,

Rachel Dickinson
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Freeville, NY
607.279.9772
geology26@yahoo.com

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Rachel Dickinson
Freelance Writer

Sent from my iPhone

SOLAR ENERGY FOR DRYDEN NOW

We, the undersigned, ask the Dryden Town Board to continue their support of large scale solar development.

With global warming delivering climate change to our doorstep, the need to stop fossil fuel build- out is critical. Because the siting of solar development is contingent on nearby connection to the electric grid, we need to make the available sites work.

Homeowners and others are concerned not only about the visual impact of large acreage solar, but also the impact on wildlife and recreation. Therefore we also ask that, while continuing to support this project, the Town Board members consider the concerns of residents and require the developers to mitigate the visual impacts with performance specifications for good screening of the panels along property lines adjacent to houses, roads, and the cemetery. If allowable within the constraints of fencing requirements, access by wildlife would be beneficial.

In addition, we applaud the fact that, because some of the land in the current proposals is owned by Cornell University and thus currently tax exempt, this new use will bring added revenue to the town in the form of PILOT payments or property taxes.

Name	Town	Comments (Optional)
Patricia Dubin		This project should be approved.
Charles Geisler	Dryden	Do what's necessary to approve the two large-scale solar projects in Dryden with reasonable mitigations where possible.
Marie McRae	Freeville	
INSHIK LEE	Dryden	Great use for that land!
Sara	Groton	Please help our environment - we all live in it.
Sara Catterall	Ithaca / Dryden	I live walking distance from one of the proposed sites. Even though I prefer the sight of the open fields, I believe this is an important and necessary development and that the wildlife will be fine.
Catherine Wagner	Dryden (mailing addr	If we are to have any chance of reducing the impacts of climate change we must immediately take all possible steps to eliminate the use of fossil fuels. This means that solar farms are a very important and valuable addition to our energy mix. The land to be used is not a problem - there are plenty of other places for the animals to go without any problems of fragmentation.
Mark Pedersen	Ithaca	We have a solar array on our home and strongly support this endeavor.
Chad DeVoe	Freeville	
Rebecca Mosher	Dryden	
Mitchell Lavine	Dryden	We should certainly require visual screening of the panels and chainlink fencing. With that, we should certainly permit these proposals.
Irene Weiser	Caroline	Please find ways to mitigate impacts as best as possible and allow this project to go forward. Dryden led the County and the State in banning fracking. Now let's see Dryden lead again in allowing installation of much needed large scale renewables!! Thank you.
John Suter	Dryden	

Tom Blecher	Ithaca NY	Climate change is a real and needs immediate action. We cannot afford to satisfy all nimby proponents. Please figure out a way to make this project happen by requiring developers to mitigate any visual impacts from the solar farm.
Robert Parks	Ithaca	Solar is important. If people are willing to invest, the town should accept the development.
Ann Leonard	Freeville	Our family installed solar panels last year and they have proved a godsend. We live surrounded by state lands and permit the public to pass across our property for recreational purposes. We have had NOTHING BUT POSITIVE FEEDBACK from folks who have spotted our rather large (it serves a household of seven) solar array. Most folks acknowledge and appreciate every effort to obtain energy needs from renewable sources such as solar, and many wish they could do the same but are constrained by a lack of a place to put them. I fully support any and all efforts by the Town of Dryden to shift our energy debt away from fossil fuels. Thank you. Ann Leonard
Natasha Suter	Dryden	
Jackie Jablonski	Ithaca	
Carol Clarke	Dryden	I'm a Dryden voter and I support this development.
Terezka Korinek	Dryden	
Anita Graf	Ithaca	I think solar panels are beautiful and powerful symbols of ability and willingness to avert global climate crisis.
Mary Zebell	Ithaca	Dryden is a beautiful village and town and we need to reserve and enhance the health and beauty of upstate NY for our children's sake.
deb benzer	Ithaca	
Avi Miner	Ithaca	
Jacquelyn Clinton	Ithaca	
Carmen Martinez	Ithaca	
Mary Alyce Kobler	Brooktondale	We need more solar power desperately!

Dan Apfel	Ithaca	
Elisa Evett	Caroline	
Edwin Wurtz	Ithaca	I love this project.
Cornelia Farnum	Caroline	I hope Caroline will follow suit.
Elmer & Marilyn Ewing	Ithaca	For the rental property we own (an 1840 farm house), we have installed insulation and new windows, solar hot water panels, and solar PV panels as well as a ground source heat pump. Our own house is surrounded by shade trees, so solar is not practical for it, but we want to support solar development, including large scale solar for situations such as our own. We urge you to keep foremost in mind the urgent problem of global climate disruption as you deal with the large scale solar proposal.
Barbara Harrison	Ithaca	
Lynn Hoshino	Dryden	I very much support this solar project, but visual impact is also important, as well as effect on wildlife. The project needs to be carried out with these concerns in mind.
Judith Rothenberg	Caroline	
Barbara Barry	Groton,	
Jane-Marie Law	Ithaca	I realize I am not in your town. We need to start this transition and we need to do it now.
Monica Hargraves	Ithaca	Dryden has been leading the way with smart policies and decisions that help protect our future against the threat of climate change. I hope the town will continue this important work by supporting large scale solar in Dryden. Our shared future depends on decisions like this. Thank you.
Katherine Skura	Dryden	
Sara Hess	Ithaca	I fully support approval of the large scale solar arrays and also recommend visual and wildlife mitigations to minimize any negative impacts of the siting.

Joanne Corey	Vestal NY	We are happy to own panels in a community solar array in Trumansburg. I hope that Dryden will get on board with solar as a way to help NY get away from fossil fuels.
Martha N. Wilson	Dryden	
Claudia Brenner	ithaca	support solar
Jessica Evett-Miller	Caroline	
David Kalb	Dryden	I support solar!
Theresa Kalb	Dryden	
Gay Nicholson	Lansing NY	
Stephanie Ortolano	Freeville	
Judy Pierpont	Dryden	I applaud Dryden for working so hard to bring large-scale solar to the Town. I know that those who are opposed to it just don't understand the seriousness of climate change. They don't get it that its effects will disrupt their peace and that of their children and grandchildren far more than the occasional sight of PV panels near the graves of their deceased family members. For their benefit, please require as much visual mitigation at possible.
Whitney Wiggins	Brooktondale	
Thomas Shelley	Ithaca	We need more solar and it should be done correctly.
Gretchen Herrmann	Ithaca	
Dennis B. Osika	Lansing	The welfare and survival of future human generations-- as well as that of all species, requires the wisdom, foresight, and necessary action of our elected local, state, and national leaders to preserve our increasingly challenged environment by actively converting to renewable, non fossil fuels including solar and wind power. If "advanced societies" like those in America's towns won't do it-- WHO WILL ?????!!!!!

Susan Powell	Lansing, NY 14882	Dryden has been in the forefront of other energy issue such as banning fracking and fighting the W. Dryden pipeline. Now is the time for Dryden to take a positive stand and show what the alternative is. Dryden, continue to lead Tompkins County into our energy future! For the comments section, I am copying the letter I sent this morning to the Village of Freeville listserv. Aside from some logistical parts about an upcoming town board meeting this email describes my support and concerns. Hi All, A fellow villager forwarded an email for another group about a week ago about meetings regarding an electrical power plant facility proposed in Dryden near Willow Glen Cemetery. What the email left out is that the facility is a solar farm. There is another meeting tomorrow (or today depending on when you get this email) with the Dryden Town Board, March 23, 2017 at 7 pm. I am interested in going to learn about the pros and cons of this proposal. I presume that Dryden residents will benefit from this somehow since it will be in our town. So far it seems like most of the folks that have showed up to the meetings showed up in opposition, which is puzzling for a the town that was the first to ban fracking. If we say no to fracking here, but also no to solar, where does that leave us? I understand that solar farms are not without their issues, but given our need to be ENERGY INDEPENDENT and ENERGY STABLE, a solar farm does not seem like the worst option. As a lover of nature, any major development does concern me also, but I do think that our general Not In My BackYard (nimby) attitude requires revision at this time in our history.
Lea Elleseff	Dryden	I don't know the whole story yet, but I hope its helpful for folks to learn of the omission

Lily Gershon	Freeville	I am for the solar development. I think it would bring in some tax money, but more importantly I think Dryden can be a leader in the sustainable energy movement, which benefits us all, as well as the wildlife. I understand that folks are concerned about the view, and they should be heard, but unless we come up with alternative solutions to our energy use, the view will only get worse as we pollute our environment and risk the health of our families with fossil fuel use. I feel that the loss of a view may not be a bad price to pay in order to become a more sustainable community, that supports renewable energies. Thank you very much.
Joni landau	Dryden	
Anurag Agrawal	Ithaca	Thank you!
David Ritchie	City of Ithaca	As someone who has already bought into a solar farm out on the Mecklenburg Rd (Rte 79 west of Ithaca) because my house in Ithaca is shaded by trees (and a physical location) that I don't control and cannot change, I think that this kind of opportunity should be available to everyone as both a cost-saving measure and a way to help each town and community in Tompkins County (and New York State) achieve its goals toward a low-impact energy footprint via sustainable, economical methods. Certainly the solar farm can be shielded from nearby property owners, if necessary, without using tall trees, which might reduce the solar exposure. Interestingly, I've found that people in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts who have community solar farms are proud of them, show them off, advertise them, and tout their benefits. I'm glad that New York is finally joining the 21st century and allowing these energy and cost savings opportunities for us, too!
Marina gershon	Dryden	

Chuck Bartosch	Dryden	I strongly support the solar farm in Dryden...and I'm one of the neighbors to it. I'm soooo tired of the advocacy for carbon policies as long as it's NIMBY. Completely hypocritical. This land is a great place for it.
Martha Robertson	Dryden	
Peter Bardaglio	Trumansburg	
Susan Cosentini	Ithaca	Certainly solar panels are more attractive than the alternative-- a gas or coal fired or nuclear plant
Karen Kaufmann	Ithaca	
Kimberly Anderson	Ithaca	
Rob Mackenzie, MD	Hector	
Elan Shapiro	Ithaca	Our very survival depends on bold action now to getting off of fossil fuels. Please be brave and think of our future today.
Aurora Namnum	Ithaca	
Lynn Johnson	Dryden	
Adrienne Wilson	Freeville	
Ellen and Oskar Schmidt	Dryden	
Anthony R. Ingraffea	Lansing	
Mark Walsh	Ithaca	I personally committed to solar and hope to see Dryden do it for our future.
Julie Hansen	Brooktondale	I support this solar project.
Katie Thor	Freeville	
Fred Conner	Freeville	
Glenda Powers	Ithaca	Important for the future for our children and your children.
Gretchen Herrmann	Ithaca	
Barbara Chasin	Ithaca	This is an opportunity for Dryden to make a real contribution to dealing with climate change which is having such a terrible impact. I hope Dryden officials will act in away that we, Tompkins County residents, can point to with pride. Thank you.

Nancy Miller	Dryden	According to many experts we are already behind on our effort to decrease GHG emissions. Solar power in large amounts is one fast way to add a large amounts of renewable energy that does not hurt our environment..
Frank Barry	Groton	Solar panels are a lot better than any alternative. We have them on our place.
Jerone Gagliano	Ithaca	Solar farms are sutainable, clean erengy. They create long-lasting jobs.
Mary Lee	Lansing	I fully support the installation of renewable energy sources to replace the use of fossil fuels.
kathryn russell	dryden	
Peter Rothbart	Dryden	
Janice Burton	Brooktondale	At least the spills are cleaner than a propane storage facility.
Julia Morgan	Ithaca	
Ramsey Brous	Dryden	
Karl Kolesnikoff	Dryden	
James M. Burlitch	Caroline	We all must act locally to have a positive global impact.
Melissa Kemp	Ulysses	
Melissa Burress	Dryden	
Jens Wennberg	Dryden	
Harmony Borchardt-Wier	Dryden	When making your decision, please consider the greater good and the long-term future. We need solar to become energy-independent, and it's arguably the cleanest, lowest-impact alternative out there.
Erika Harper	Ithaca	
Justin ross mascorro	Binghamton	
Andrew Miller	Freeville	I wholly support the solar farms that are planned. Neither are high-level importance habitats and it would provide a important source of renewable energy. It would also return a parcel of land back to the Dryden tax rolls.
Linda Copman	Ithaca	

Suzanne McMannis	Freeville	Thank you for your informed leadership on this issue.
Lynn McMannis	Freeville	
shirley hogg	freeville	This is how we start to make our world a better place. We start at Home - here in Dryden
Barbara Pease	Ithaca	I would not want my neighbors to pollute. =) We all need to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels.
Fred Schoeps	Ithaca	If not now, when?
Elizabeth Wijaya	Ithaca	
Garry Harned	Ithaca	Solar is a great way to go!
Erin Root	Dryden	
Katharine Burlitch	Caroline	This is a very good idea but the local concerns should be taken into consideration as much as possible.
Deborah Diehl	Ithaca, NY	This is an absolutely essential step forward towards reducing carbon emissions and literally saving the world as we know it (from utter devastation) for our children and grandchildren. Please allow the solar power project to move forward.
Brian & Colleen Richards	Dryden	Still disagree with cutting existing trees that might shade some panels; better to put one less row of panels and keep nearby trees to maintain habitat.
Carol Chock	City of Ithaca	I was a member of the County Energy Roadmap Steering Committee. As many storm events have shown, it is time to install renewable energy All throughout the county (including my own district). We can all adjust to solar, wind, micro-hydro, charging stations, etc. It will be good for our economy, our way of life and our children's futures. Thank you.
Tim Allen	Ithaca	
Daven Harper	Ithaca	
Anna Kelles	Ithaca	
Cynthia Chase	Ithaca	
Barbara Edeb	Ithaca	

Juliette Corazon	Ithaca	I live with a huge solar array facing my back yard. It's not bad to look at, especially as the carefully sited plantings grow around it. I feel good seeing it and knowing that we are directly reducing use of fossil fuels to protect our environment for my nieces and nephews, and their children. I encourage you to take this step as well - it is such a small price to pay for something that important.
Stephanie Goddard	Freeville NY	
Brett de Bary	Ithaca NY 14850	This is a difficult choice, but we are already facing devastating impacts of global warming. I recently traveled in Massachusetts and saw areas along the roadside that had been set aside for solar panel use. Understanding the benefits they would bring, I was happy to see them. I concur with the request to minimize the pact on the visual landscape and wild life. Good luck!
Philip Terrie	Ithaca	
Camille Tischler	Ithaca	I agree with everything in the above letter. I can't say it any better. Serve the people.
Carrie Szewczyk	Dryden	I would like to support the solar farm, as it will provide jobs and decrease fossil fuel imprint, as well as decreased energy costs. **Please do work on the visual screen and work on making future rail trails for Hiking still possible.** Thank you. Carrie Szewczyk
Claudia Wheatley	Dryden	
Ellen Harrison	Ithaca/caroline	
Robert Edgecomb	Dryden	
Gry Wildenstein	Dryden	A solar farm may destroy the view from the cemetery, however, it is a great environmental choice and so much better than if someone puts up a big building or worse in that spot. Tax payments will be beneficial too.
Sarah Brylinsky	Ithaca	The Dryden solar project is a strong investment in our regional renewable energy independence.

Daryl Denning	Corning	
Sarah Kelsen	Ithaca	Solar is the answer & we can act now -- choose local jobs, clean energy, cost savings, & energy independence!
Peter Hudiburg	South Plymouth	We need to transition to a renewable electric energy economy as soon as possible.
Louise Edelman	Dryden	
Jon Harrod	Ithaca, NY	
Jennifer Thaler	Ithaca	
Joe Fisher	Freeville	In almost all reasonable contexts of siting and placement, I support this installation being approved. To not take advantage of this opportunity for fear of eyesore, emotional distress or fear of localized habitat disturbance is only to doom other humans and creatures to the continual fallout resulting from coal and natgas prime mover (power source) generation facilities. I can not push this responsibility back upon them, when I am giving the opportunity to foster a much cleaner alternative.
Ann Boehm	Brooktondale, NY	
Mary Crosley	King Ferry, NY 13081	Solar energy is well worth the investment!
Cyrus Umrigar	Brooktondale	We need to support renewable energy sources in every way we can.
lisa hogarty	Ithaca	How in the world is it disrespectful to have solar near cemetery when we are trying to save the earth!?
John Booker	Ithaca/Brooktondale	Please do your best to make this work, not forgetting environmental impact.
Jonathan Comstock	Caroline	We absolutely need these developments! We must prioritize renewable energy of face dire consequences.

March 20, 2017

Attention: Town of Dryden Planning Board, Dryden Town Board, Dryden Supervisor and Cornell's Campus Sustainability Office

We write to object to the Ellis Tract Solar Project as it is currently being proposed for the following reasons:

1. ***Its large-scale clashes in character with the rural-residential neighborhood*** it will be adjacent to. What's more, the project comes into very close proximity to several homes. The possibility of noise pollution, from the incessant daytime humming of the inverters, has not been addressed.

2. ***It transforms agricultural land into an industrial zone***. Some of the fields off Dodge Road have been farmed as recently as last summer. Any field that is fallow is so because Cornell chose to leave it unworked—not because it isn't prime farmland.

3. ***The negative aesthetic impact is immeasurable***. The design of this project puts solar panels –and chain link fencing--right up to the road's edge. The viewscapes from Dodge Road, especially, are enjoyed not only by local residents but by runners, walkers, bikers, hikers and birdwatchers from all over Tompkins County. These people come to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

4. ***The Project's benefits have been misrepresented.*** The claim that it will create 200 to 250 local jobs—even temporary ones-- is unsubstantiated. The other benefits, including an increase in tax revenue from a PILOT agreement and the creation of enough energy to power all the homes in Dryden, are without guarantee.

5. ***It could cause irreparable environmental damage***. The area hosts wetlands and its groundwaters drain into Cascadilla Creek. Yet a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study, to our knowledge, has not been conducted.

6. ***Wildlife and its habitat will be harmed***. Our neighbors, the Mistry's, have documented this in detail.

7. ***Future generations will lose***. Yes, we support solar to help prevent climate change. But location is of the upmost importance. Our children need easy, close access to nature and a way to connect with native environments, agriculture and wild animals. Think of the line from the Joni Mitchell song: "*they paved paradise to put in a parking lot.*"

We urge you to weigh these considerations seriously. We hope your careful assessment results in choosing an alternate site (of which there are many; Cornell's land holdings are extensive and include many areas that would be less damaging) or in drastically downscaling the current proposed project to minimize its multitude of negative impacts.

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Nari Mistry 1159 Ellis Hollow Rd Ithaca
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Norma Goldberg 1167 Ellis Hollow Rd. Ithaca

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Neil Norcross	" "
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Greg Kadlecik	1166 Ellis Hollow Rd. Ithaca
Megan Kadlecik	1166 Ellis Hollow Rd.
Susan Habecker	15 Dodge Rd.
Jerry Habecker	15 Dodge Rd.
Katherine Dillon	21 Game Farm Rd
[illegible]	1184 Ellis Hollow Rd.
Rachel Cash	1184 Ellis Hollow Rd.
Joan E Bullock	1202 Ellis Hollow Rd,
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Lucille H. Miller	74 Dodge Rd Ithaca NY 14850
Laura Miller	74 Dodge Rd Ithaca, NY 14850

Daren Miller 74 Dodge Rd

Evan Wills 81 Game Farm Rd

Aaron Swartwood 81 Game Farm Rd

David Jackson 81 GAME FARM Rd

Matt Tufford 81 GAME FArm Rd

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Janis Graham 1150 Ellis Hollow Rd

Carter O'Gosman 81 Game Farm Road

Robert Kuehn 1150 Ellis Hollow Rd

fitzgibbons 3-15-17

From: Bambi Avery
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Ray Burger; Daniel Lamb; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis; Kathy Servoss; Linda Lavine; Supervisor
Subject: Solar Farm project

The following comment was received (via the Town Facebook page) from Patrick Fitzgibbons:

Regarding the Solar Farm proposal adjacent to Willow Glen Cemetery:
Societies/communities are partially judged by the respect that they show to their deceased. I (and I am sure many of you) have family and friends buried at Willow Glen. I personally know that many of those people, as well as living members of our community, purchased lots in Willow Glen due to its serene setting and views. There was a confidence at the time of purchase that this would not change because the surrounding properties were zoned in such a manner that there was little likelihood that anything objectionable could ruin these pleasant surroundings. As many of you know, this is now at risk as the Dryden Town board is considering a zoning change and allowing a solar farm to be built immediately adjacent to the cemetery. The company building the solar farm is an out of state concern, Sun8 PDC LLC. There will obviously be an emotional impact on those visiting lost loved ones at the cemetery as well as those who have burial plots at Willow Glen. There will also be a negative impact on the future desirability of lots at Willow Glen which will arguably have a potential impact on the sale of such lots and in turn possibly placing increased pressure on the sustainability of perpetual care.
I am sure our Town Board will do what is best for the residents and taxpayers of our town. I am confident that they will assure that the State Environmental Quality Review fully addresses the social and economic impacts of the project and takes those findings into full account. I also hope the Town considers the impact of changing zoning uses in general. Property values, real estate purchase decisions, and taxes are partially based on the way a property and surrounding properties are classified. Although, changes to zoning uses may be beneficial to one or many, they are often deleterious to many others at the same time. People pay property taxes for decades with the confidence that their property values are protected by zoning laws. To have these laws change, could partially erode the confidence we have in the system. Although the current proposal (solar farm adjacent to Willow Glen) may benefit one property owner, it will certainly have a negative impact on numerous others. When the

biggest beneficiary of such a change is
not a town resident, but rather an out of state LLC, I would contend such changes should be avoided.

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"Breath in, breath out, move on." - Jimmy Buffet

Fitzgibbons 3-15-17a

From: Bambi Avery
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Ray Burger; Daniel Lamb; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis; Kathy Servoss; Linda Lavine; Supervisor
Subject: And this from Patrick Fitzgibbons

In addition to my previous facebook post on the Town's facebook page regarding the proposed solar farm near Willow Glen cemetery and its direct impact on the cemetery, I would also urge the town's residents and town board to consider these additional concerns/points in their decision making process. 1. The land is currently in an agricultural district and I am assuming taxed as such. Will back taxes and conversion penalties be collected as provided for by law? 2. The Sun8 proposal discusses ground mounting of the majority of the system with only ground stakes to anchor the panels (although they do mention that concrete foundations may be used if the stakes prove insufficient). Does this approach keep the majority of the system from being considered as real property? 3. Do the town, county, and school district plan to adopt a local law (proposition with respect to the school district) to opt out of the 15 year tax exemption, as provided for in the RPTL Section 487? 4. With respect to "End of Life". The brief attention paid to the subject in Sun8's pursuit of a special use permit (Feb 23,2017 letter) does not instill a lot of confidence that the town will not have a major expense facing them in the future. The end life plan should be a very robust plan that is legally binding. a. Have the panels being used passed/certified the Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure (TCLP)? Such that they can be considered as only solid waste vs hazardous waste. b. EOL should be considered to be at a point that the system is no longer providing significant energy on a regular basis. c. Selling the system to the land owner as discussed in Sun8's EOL plan could easily result is a very bad scenario for the town. i. Say it is sold for a nominal amount to the landowner (even with a payment from SUN8 to the land owner to buy the system)….. 15 year tax exemption has expired, it is financially unattractive for the landowner to pay the taxes or dismantle the system……Landowner defaults on taxes and forfeits the land…..Leaving the town/county the ruins 5. Many people continue to taut PV solar as a low cost energy solution. The U.S. Energy Information Administration actually shows the levelized cost of pv solar as one of the more costly sources of energy. a. If you take the levelized avoided cost of pv electricity (lace) and subtract the levelized cost of pv electricity (lcoe) the results are negative. b. Granted

economic analysis is complex, and I don’t pretend to be an expert, but am concerned about the often uninformed
perception that solar is cheap. i. If it truly made economic sense, why would we have government subsidies? ii. Why
would nyseg be forced to buy from these suppliers?

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From: pat fitzgibbons [mailto:pbfitz1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Solar Farm Proposals

To: The members of Dryden's Town and Planning boards.
From: Pat Fitzgibbons

Subject: Proposed Solar Projects

With respect to the proposed Solar Farms and possible associated law and zoning changes, I ask that the following be strongly considered in your decision making though process.

Taxes

If either or both of the solar proposals are ultimately approved, I would once again urge the Town and School Boards to opt out of the property tax exemptions as provided for in the Real Property Tax Law (Section 4.01 –RPTL Section 487 paragraph B.

1/3 ($4.3 B) of the counties roughly $12 billion worth of property is currently under some form of tax exemption. 59% Cornell, 11% I.C., 30% other. Their payments in lieu of taxes are arguably miniscule.

Tompkins County has the 10th highest average property tax in the state. The state has the 6th highest property tax as a percentage of income and the 17th highest in terms of assessed property value in the country.

Over 220 Towns and School districts across the state have already opted out of the tax exemption.

We should not exacerbate this situation. Accepting "payment in lieu of taxes" would be short selling the value of our lands, allowing our town to be used by an out-of-state for-profit corporation, and a great insult to the residents of the town;

especially those most impacted by their proximity to the installations and to those with a vested interest in Willow Glen Cemetery.

Zoning

People make property buying decisions based location-location-location. The zoning laws give us confidence that those decisions and our property values will be protected. Again, to change those laws and grant sub-division approval to accommodate an out of state entity would be a slap in the face to current property owners.

Let's be clear, we are not really discussing the potential installation of two solar arrays/farms but rather 15 solar farms(6 Willow Glen & 9 Turkey Hill). The town appears to be, in my opinion, only considering the subdivisions to allow Sun8 to game our states overly generous tax incentives for solar power.

It is clear that the Net Metering Laws, and Community Net Metering, limit solar installations to 2 MW. The subdivisions are a clear attempt, in my opinion, to

circumvent the intent of the law; Dryden should not be a co-conspirator to such an attempt.

New Net Metering Law

The Net Metering Laws just changed on March 9th of this year. Under the new laws and the Value of Distributed Energy Resource(VEDR) tariff the utilities (NYSEG) has to report to the Public Service Commission (PSC) when the impact of the Distributed Energy Sources (DERs) reach 85% of the recommended size allocations such that the PSC can determine on how to proceed. Their intent is to limit the impact of VDER tariff on non-participants. The recommended capacity size limitation allocation is 20 MWs (85% 17 MW) for NYSEG. The two projects currently being considered are roughly 30 MW. This doesn't take into account other alternative energy installations under the NYSEG allocation. Obviously, we need NYSEG's input on this point to determine whether or not it should be of concern. With proper due diligence we should require written confirmation from NYSEG that they intended to accept the entire output of the proposed systems into their grid through the net metering program.

Misc.

Will the subdivided lots all have direct road access? It was not readily apparent in the site layout that they will. I assume new landlocked parcels cannot be created.

Sun8 representatives last week described how people far outside of our town will benefit from the installations. I question the sanity of sacrificing/scaring our lands when any benefit does not solely (or possibly not at all) benefit Dryden taxpayers and residents.

It would be nice to have a full explanation as to why Sun8 leases vs buys land for their projects and what liabilities they avoid by doing so. I have heard of situations where the sum of the lease payments dwarf what would be the outright purchase cost of the land.

There has been considerable discussion has to the benefits of so called green energy. I would ask people to consider how green it really is when;

- hundreds of acres of land are sacrificed for the marginal benefit of a relatively few,
- when wildlife is impacted,
- when nearby residents lose the scenic/natural setting of their homes,
- when the panels are made in China, a country that has little concern with polluting the earth. When the panels are probably based on or include some degree of stolen technology. Those in favor of the projects based solely on the green benefits should demand that all the materials used are made in the U.S. under our strict EPA laws that are designed to protect the environment and reduce global warming.

Thank you,

Pat Fitzgibbons, 315-405-1010

From: Patricia French <pmf45@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:19 PM
Subject: Proposed Project adjacent to Willow Glen Cemetery

Dear Sir,
To say I was shocked to learn of the proposed " Electrical Power Generating Facility"
adjacent to the Willow Glen Cemetery is an understatement. Please call it what it is - a
field of solar panels.

I have spent many difficult hours in the peaceful serenity of this property which is the
final resting place of my grandparents, my parents, a sibling, an infant nephew and

many other relatives and friends. I can't imagine attending an interment in the surroundings this project would create. I have seen first hand what these facilities look
like and how they detract from everything around them. My neighbors to the east in Vermont have witnessed it first hand and up close after being misled about the impact
of such a project. They are a "blight on the beautiful landscape" - nothing more and
nothing less!

The cell phone tower is another misleading issue. I understand that the application lists
a Irish Settlement Road location, but I see from the drawings that it's actually just off
Dryden Road (Route 13) a bit northeast of the Willow Glen property.

I respectfully and strongly urge you to do the right thing and suggest "sun8 PDC LLC"
find a different location for these projects.

Sincerely,
Patricia (Cole) French
Westport, NY

March 18, 2017

Dryden Town Board (via email)

Proposed Solar Project

Dryden Road Site

My name is Allen T. Fulkerson, a member of the Board of Directors of Willow Glen Cemetery, and I would like to thank the board for the opportunity to address the board regarding the Dryden Road Solar project and my concerns.

As I stated at the March 16th public hearing, I have many generations of family buried in the Willow Glen Cemetery as our family settled West Dryden in 1811. In fact there is now an abandoned Fulkerson Road in the West Dryden area.

I would like to make clear that I am not against solar energy, although in my opinion Sun8 PDC LLC and similar businesses would not exist if it were not for the tax incentives granted the solar industry by the state and federal governments.

Besides the immaculate care the cemetery gets, I feel its rural setting has been a major factor in the cemeteries continued existence. The placement of this project immediately adjacent to a northern and eastern border of the cemetery will have an undesirable impact on future lot sales which are a major portion of our revenue stream. The fact that there will need to be vegetation removed in close proximity to the cemetery as well as the erection of and 8 foot high chain link fence adorned with razor wire will definitely impact the rural setting. The potential loss of revenue will at some point impact the funds we currently use to sustain the cemetery, and the town tax payers would then be liable for the care of the cemetery in the event of our closing.

It is my understanding the people of certain religious beliefs, the Jewish faith being one, require burials to be oriented looking to the east. This proposed project is directly to the east of a new section to be developed in the cemetery where not only people of different faiths will be buried, but also people requesting a “green burial” will be located.

I also understand that the developers of this project are proposing a 6 lot subdivision. In reviewing the proposed site plan I see that only one of the proposed parcels has public road frontage. General Municipal Town Law 280a requires that parcels must have access in fee to a public highway for building permits to be issued without a variance. There may not be building permits required for this project but as part of the decommissioning plan I think any lots that are created that will have their own tax map parcel designation should be extinguished at the time of decommissioning and consolidated with the original tax parcel. I do not understand the need for the separate tax parcel, but it may be a NYSEG requirement. Any subdivision that contains five lots that are serviced by a right of way to reach the public highway must form a home owners association which deals with maintenance of the access roadway and other issues. If the lots are not extinguished then they could be developed at some point and possibly have a negative impact on the cemetery.

I'm sure there are other issues that may come to light regarding the impact of this project on the cemetery, but at this time these are my major concerns.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to address the board and I would be happy to address any of these issues with the board in the event there are questions.

My contact information is as follows: Allen T. Fulkerson LS, 289 Dawson Hill Road, Spencer, New York, 14883, email = atf1@frontier.com.

Sincerely,

Allen T. Fulkerson

From: Donald Gilbert [mailto:dsgilbert1121@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Elec Power Generating Facility

To: Town Supervisor and Board Members
Planning Board and Zoning Board

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed industrial solar panels on the 71.5
acres adjoining the Willow Glen Cemetery

I've read the proposal and my wish is that the Town of Dryden will keep the Willow Glen Cemetery free of
any industrial solar panels.

Who is benefiting from this proposal? Who is it helping?

Please keep the cemetery as a Protected Haven from any industrial activity.

Regards,
Susan Gilbert

March 15, 2017

Dear Town of Dryden Board members,

I am writing to object to the Ellis Tract Solar Project.

If the Town Board is serious about protecting “viewscapes” and about insisting on “careful siting and adequate buffering,” which I hope it is, then this project should not get approval.

Huge, glaring solar fields (with their gravel thruway roads and fences) will irrevocably ruin the natural beauty and rural distinction of this largely residential neighborhood.

What’s more, the project will destroy a viewscape that is valuable to a community far larger than its nearby inhabitants. As a resident whose driveway feeds onto Dodge Road, there is not a day that goes by when I don’t observe (and often chat with) walker, runners, cyclists or birdwatchers who have travelled specifically to this area to enjoy the quiet, open vistas and low traffic. A mere 3 miles from the center of Cornell’s Campus, the proposed Ellis Tract Solar Project is one of the few remaining open and easily accessible places that local residents can escape to.

The area also contains patches of wetlands as well as provides important natural habitat for an amazing diversity of wildlife. Turkeys, red-tail hawks, innumerable song birds as well deer, coyotes, fox, bobcat abound. Even an occasional porcupine has been spotted off Dodge Road. Needless to say, the Ellis Tract Solar Project will disturb these animals in the short-term, during construction, and it’s likely to have a long-term impact on their ability to thrive as well.

I urge Board members to reject this proposal. Cornell and Sun8 should be encouraged to find sites that are less visible from roads popular for recreational use and less likely to transform a quiet rural pocket into a large-scale industrial zone.

Sincerely,

Janis

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From: Janis Graham <janisgraham22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Ray Burger; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis; Supervisor; Bambi Avery; Linda Lavine; Daniel Lamb
Subject: Two questions about Solar Project

Two Questions for the Dryden Town Board and Planning Board:
1) In a Sun8 letter dated February 23, 2017 to Ray Burger, Director of Planning, Town of Dryden, is the following sentence: "If Distributed Sun LLC were to cease to exist as a company, the investors in SUN8 would step in to take over responsibility for the facility."
Is there anything legally binding to this claim? Is the company bonded? Or is it possible that, if the LLC company went out of business, the solar sites could be left to deteriorate, with no clean up or site restoration?
2) In a letter to a neighbor, SUN8 representative Bharath Srinivasan said that sheep were to be used for vegetation control. Is this a contractual, legally binding arrangement? Or is it a claim the company may not actually have to deliver on?
Thank you,
Janis Graham
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607-280-0003

From: Janis Graham [mailto:janisgraham22@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Solar Project Comments: For the Town Planning Board and Town Board

I spoke at the Dryden Town Planning Board on March 23 and member Martin Hatch asked me to put my 2 main points in a letter. I also mentioned a petition that has been signed by over 40 neighbors—apparently the Planning Board members had not received it (which may have been my mistake in the way I sent it). I will resend the petition in a separate email.
My two comments:
*I asked the Planning Board to fully investigate the Cornell/Sun8 contention that there are absolutely no alternative sites that would allow the Dodge Road project to be reconfigured, down-sized and/or setback from the road. Cornell has maintained that they have looked at absolutely every plot of land possible and there is no way to change the footprint in any way, shape or form. Sun8 maintains the project must be of this large-scale for it to be economically viable.
*I also urged to Board to deeply examine whether this project truly fulfills the purpose of the new solar law, specifically #2 and #3 of the law which state the following:

2. Decreasing the cost of energy to the owners of commercial and residential properties, including single-family houses; and

3. Increasing employment and business development in the region by furthering the installation of Solar Energy Systems.

Thank you for considering these concerns.
Sincerely,
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From: Lynn Haak [mailto:lynnhaak@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: proposed solar energy project

Dryden Town Board (by email)
Re: proposed solar project adjacent to Willow Glen Cemetery

Sirs.

I am writing to express my concerns related to the solar project proposed adjacent to Willow Glen Cemetery

First , let me say, I am not against the project itself just the location. We live in an area of the country with lots of sun and lots of solar development.

Second, I support alternative energy development wherever appropriate everywhere in the U.S..

As a 30+ year member of the Board of the Arizona Historical Society and board and leadership positions with the Gila County Historical Society and Cobre Valley Center for the Arts in Globe, AZ my concern is damage to Willow Glen. The cemetery is a repository for many area families, including mine, and a wealth of area and Dryden history going back several hundred years. It is a historic place and should be designated and protected as such ! The rural setting and peaceful feeling of connectedness must be undisturbed.

You, as members of the town board, are entrusted with safeguarding the history of your community. The saying "you cannot move forward well without knowing where you have been " has never been more appropriate or true for us all.

Please vote to leave the area around Willow Glen Cemetery rural, peaceful and undisturbed.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely.

Lynn Fulkerson Haak
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From: Sara Hess [mailto:sarahess630@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: comments for Dryden Plng Board and Town Board

Please forward my comments to members of the Planning Board and the Town Board.

Dear members of the Dryden Planning and Town Boards:

I support approval of the proposed large scale solar arrays under consideration, with modifications to address concerns as they are practical.

I have read some of the concerns by people opposing the solar farms, and I believe solar farms are being unfairly targeted regarding bird and wildlife safety for the following reasons.

First, Audubon's chief scientist Gary Langham writes that climate change is the greatest threat our birds face today, and that the best thing people can do is to limit carbon emissions that cause warming temperatures.

Second, cats pose the greatest danger to birds in the U.S. by far. They kill more than twice as many birds as cars, buildings, and fossil fuel power plants all put together. And each of these potential dangers are far greater than the solar farms of the size and location of proposed arrays in our area, where the arrays are surrounded by wooded areas. If the concern is truly for bird safety, opponents should be urging Dryden to pass an ordinance requiring bells on every cat.

As for other wildlife such as deer, skunks and raccoons, there is ample habitat suitably used by such wildlife throughout our county. I see no reason that displaced deer and other wildlife will not simply move into surrounding areas with no harmful effects, just as they have done when new roads or sub-divisions are built.

Finally, I believe that suitable visual screens are possible, and that appropriate mitigations can solve problems of viewshed.

Temperature rise is occurring far more quickly than was predicted by science models of 5 or 10 years ago. Erratic weather patterns affect our local orchards, wineries, and the agricultural economy here in central NY and elsewhere. Moving from fossil fuels to low-carbon energy sources is of utmost importance for the sake of our children and the future of our planet. That switch must happen in every community, as quickly as possible. Please support these wind farms and know that Dryden is part of the solution as we try to protect all living things.

Sincerely,
Sara Hess
124 Westfield Drive
Ithaca, NY 14850

"What gives me hope is the fact that we're in this together, this is a sacred time, it's a time of prophecy, and it's a powerful time." - Jon Eagle, Sr.

From: Greg Kadlecik <g_m_kad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:08 PM
To: Ray Burger; Supervisor; Bambi Avery; Kathy Servoss; Daniel Lamb; Linda Lavine; rrb2@cornell.edu; kab94@cornell.edu; cma18@cornell.edu; seb382@cornell.edu; sc142@cornell.edu
Subject: Dodge Rd solar project--not a form letter

To the Town of Dryden Planning Board, Dryden Town Board, Dryden Supervisor, and Cornell Campus
Sustainability Office,

I am writing to express my concern about the project that I recently heard about that would completely
alter my neighborhood on Dodge Rd. My name is Greg Kadlecik and I live on the corner of Ellis Hollow
Rd and Dodge. I was shocked to hear of such a proposal that would permanently, drastically change the
quality of life for the many residents who use this peaceful road for our daily commute and recreation.
Since moving to this neighborhood, I have always been astounded at how peaceful and natural the area
is. In fact, it was a major factor in our choosing to buy our house. Location, location, location! My kids
learned to ride their bikes at the bottom of the hill on Dodge Rd. I've always joked that I see more people
walking dogs and riding bikes than cars, which is actually true. Almost any time of day people can be
seen on their daily walk, running, and pushing strollers on Dodge Road. This enormous solar "project"
being proposed would be absolutely devastating to our landscape. It may seem like I'm being
melodramatic, but it truly would.

Please understand, I am a proponent of solar energy and admire that Cornell wants to create sustainable
fossil-free energy and create jobs. I sincerely do. In fact many of us in this neighborhood have had solar
panels installed for years. However, I cannot imagine a more valuable, cherished, scenic, peaceful place
to tear up to install an industrial-feeling complex of panels, fences, etc. when there are so many
alternative locations throughout the region that are not as residential. This would forever diminish the
quality of life for those of us who live here!

From what I understand, some of my neighbors have already stated the natural value and abundance of
wildlife on Dodge Rd. At risk of making this point redundant, I can tell you that I

personally have seen bald eagles, beaver, mink, blue birds, rarely seen warblers (which I only knew about because some bird enthusiasts from the Lab of Ornithology were at the well-known "Dodge spruce grove" and pointed them out), and more common local wildlife like coyotes, turkeys, fox, snapping turtles, countless deer, indigo buntings, rose breasted grosbeaks, orioles and countless hawks of every local species. These encounters were all within view of or on the land that this project would alter so severely.

I appreciate your taking the time to hear me out. I'll admit that I have never written a letter like this but feel compelled to let you know what's at stake for those of us living here. I want my kids to continue to live with the same peaceful scenery that we've been accustomed to. This is why we live here.

Sincerely,
Greg Kadlecik

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeannie [mailto:jmkane74@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 6:00 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Solar Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently become aware of a proposed solar project that may destroy the atmosphere of the
Willow Glen Cemetery.

In today's era, we need to remain progressive in developing energy sources, but we also need to remain
honorable and responsible to the geographical locations that are developed.

For years Willow Glen Cemetery has been a beautiful and peaceful place for our families and friends as
their final resting place. I personally and many others would be dismayed to see that disrupted.

For the above reasons and countless others, we need to make our loved ones that have gone before us,
proud that we made the the right decision locating this solar project in a better area.

Tom M Kane
Former resident 114 Westhaven Rd
Ithaca, NY

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinions and concerns.
Sent from my iPhone

From: nananddon@frontiernet.net [mailto:nananddon@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Bambi Avery; Supervisor; Daniel Lamb; Linda Lavine; Kathy Servoss; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis
Subject: solar project

Dryden Town Board Members:

I am writing in support of the large-scale solar project. If we want to preserve our world for future generations and halt global warming, we need to reduce our use of fossil fuels. Alternative energy (such as solar, geothermal and wind) is a responsible decision.

I see no reason to oppose locating the project next to Willow Glen Cemetery. It never occurred to me to oppose the location, but then I saw the ads in the Shopper and felt that I needed to comment. I have lived in the area since 1981 and have many friends and relatives whose bodies are buried in that cemetery. However, it is only their bodies that are interred there. Their spirits and memories live on in those of us who survive.

Obviously, the cemetery should be cared for and respected as a final resting place.

Many find comfort in visiting and caring for the graves of their loved ones. The solar panels should not affect any of that. We should plan for the future of those who are living and future generations by caring for the Earth on which we live.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ten Kate
235 Wood Rd.
Freeville, NY 13068

From: Jeramy Kruser <jeramy.kruser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Ray Burger; Supervisor; Bambi Avery
Subject: Next Town Board Meeting postponed until April 6th at 7 PM

I want to thank you for taking the time to consider the concerns raised by residents in the area of these proposed arrays. I would also like to add my thoughts.

I am a strong proponent of solar energy. I have a 9.2 Kw ground-mount array in my back-yard that provides roughly 102% of the annual energy my house uses. I regularly advocate for solar in the area. That is part of the reason why I am so frustrated by this project.

This project is a case of trying to win the battle, while losing the war. This is not a Community Solar Farm, it is an industrial solar power plant, and any attempt to try to sell it as anything else is disingenuous. The abuse of the Community Solar rules to benefit the company and to bypass regular process is shady. Added to that, the lack of communication with residents over the last two years that this site has been considered for this project, followed by the sudden rush to get it complete in the weeks following initial contact, ring of back-room dealings and corporate shenanigans. All of this taken together turns would-be solar supporters, into adversaries. This is damaging to the reputation of the Solar industry, Cornell, and the Town of Dryden if you approve this as is.

If this was considered, in proper time and with due diligence, as an industrial plant overtaking a rural residential community I would have less objection. Because if this were considered for what it is, there would need to be much higher standards to show that there is need to change a rural residential community into an industrial one. Cornell and Distributed Sun would need to show that there was no other location viable. They would need to prove that none of their farms or livestock, things more compatible with a rural community, could be moved to this location, making room for the industrial plant somewhere with less impact on the community.

I urge you, the Planning Committee, and the Town Board, to consider this project

for what it is:
An industrial installation that will cover more acreage when complete than the residential
housing, turning a rural residential neighborhood into an industrial one, and to give it all of the
consideration that is due. I would also ask that if we are to move in this direction, the residents
be given plenty of forewarning, and that the Town of Dryden helps to ensure that the residents'
best interests are taken into consideration by those designing the plant.

Thank you for your time and your consideration. Please feel welcome to contact me if I can be of
any service.

Jeramy Kruser
7 Dodge Rd
Ithaca NY 14840
607-727-8704

From: Evan Kurtz [mailto:emkurtz56@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: for the board members

Dear members of the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to let you know of my strong support for sun8 PDC LLC's planned solar electricity
projects in the town of Dryden.

My main reason for supporting all alternative energy projects is to help reduce the worlds carbon
footprint. Climate change is adversely effecting everyone and we need to do what we can to
mitigate it.

As for the project off Dryden Road, to which some people are loudly objecting, I drove there to
look. Based on maps showing the proposed site, and my observations, it seems planting a couple
rows of trees would resolve any concerns regarding the view from the cemetery.

I appreciate that plans like these need to address everyone's concerns but I hope the board allows
these plans to move forward with modifications addressing legitimate issues.

Regardless of location, the Town of Dryden should actively pursue alternative energy project
both to help reduce the use of carbon based fuels and to strengthen our tax base. These projects
do both so they have my support and I hope yours.

Regards,

Evan Kurtz
10 Hanford Drive
Dryden NY 13053

From: Buzz Lavine [mailto:mlavine@twcny.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Comments on Proposed Solar Projects

Comments on Proposed Solar Projects

Please share these comments with
a) the Planning Board members for tonight's meeting, and
b) the Town Board members for next Thursday's meeting

From
Mitchell Lavine
719 Ringwood Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850

Town of Dryden's Consideration of Large Scale Solar Proposals
Due to the reality of climate change and its myriad serious impacts, we need alternatives to continued increase of fossil fuel use. Large solar is now financially viable, and the Town's policy to promote sustainable energy development will benefit our children and our grandchildren. In today's market, solar is the major alternative in the Town, and there are limited locations where it is feasible to hook up to the existing electricity grid. As more development takes place in Dryden, various land uses at the proposed sites could easily occur. The appropriate solar sites might instead be developed as rental storage facilities, light industry, intensive agricultural facilities, high-density rental housing and the like. While using up the few feasible solar sites, none of those uses would promote the sustainable energy future that solar development would.
We need to make the available solar development opportunities work. Consequently, we must seek to ameliorate the visual impact of the proposed solar development, particularly from adjacent houses and from our rural roads. The proposed solar development has "vegetative screens" included in the designs, presumably for that purpose. Any Town approval of these projects should provide performance specifications for those screens and require them along several other boundaries not currently specified on the proposed site plans. They should

provide a visual barrier along:

a) property lines adjacent to (or across the street) from houses;
b) roads and
c) the cemetery.

All the visual screening should hide the chain link fence and the large arrays of nearby photovoltaic panels.

The Town should indeed approve solar projects of this sort, but only with contingencies for such visual barriers.

The Town should also require some PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) or other similar payments for this proposed for-profit use. That seems only appropriate and, in addition, will increase the revenues to the Town beyond the existing tax receipts for those parcels.

From: Miller388@aol.com [mailto:Miller388@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Electrical Power Geneating Facility

To Whom This May concern:
I received an e-mail for the land that is proposed to be used for agricultural land and to be covered
with industrial grade solar panels on 71.5 acres. This land borders the Willow Glen Cemetery. We are
very much against this proposal. That many acres would look discussing surrounding a well kept
cemetery which our family has been interred.
Who is going to benefit from this project??? Please take under consideration the appearance of solar
panels surrounding an attractive and well kept cemetery.

Sincerely,
Charles & Sharon Miller
P.O. Box 1042
Dryden NY 13053

From: Nancy Miller [mailto:ananda7733@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: To the Planning Board & Town Board about Solar farms

I support the solar proposals with some modifications which would address the concerns that
have been expressed by those who live adjacent. To the extent that it is practical I think some
changes could be navigated, especially on Dodge Road.
In general I am very in favor of solar farms, if they are sensitively sited. And if neighbors are
included/educated in the planning.
I think the current proposal should be done with modifications.
Thanks for all you do for Dryden!

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Nancy
Miller
501 Midline Road
Town of Dryden

"Laughter really is carbonated holiness" - Anne Lamott

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the
world." Desmond Tutu

To: Dryden Town Board March 15, 2017

From: Gin and Nari Mistry, 1159 Ellis Hollow Rd, Ithaca NY 14850 (Town of Dryden)

Re: Proposed Solar Farm on Dodge Rd, Town of Dryden

Dear Supervisor and Town Board Members,

We support the proposed Solar Farm on Dodge Rd in the Town of Dryden.

We have lived on Ellis Hollow Rd opposite the end of Dodge Rd for 48 years. We are very familiar with, and attached to, this area where we walk, ski and observe and record birds and other wildlife.

However, we have some reservations and these very important concerns about this project:

1. The huge scale of this project.
2. The impact of this project on the existing abundant wildlife. These fields are not barren empty lands, but support a wealth of birds, animals, plants and insects. (See attached lists.) Much of the impacted area contains wetlands.
3. The possible degradation of Cascadilla Creek, which runs through the area.

Therefore we request the following:

1. Require a thorough environmental impact study (EIS) for this project .
2. Consider a smaller scale project which would fit into the neighborhood and would be more likely to be accepted by local residents.
3. Leave open areas for wildlife to thrive.
4. Do not use herbicides/pesticides as these are known to cause great damage to wildlife and streams.
5. Avoid fences and walls which impede the passage of wildlife.
6. Do not allow construction runoff to pollute the wetlands and Cascadilla Creek.
7. Plant and maintain a "buffer zone" of trees, shrubs, and native plants along the road , and bordering Cascadilla Creek.
8. Allow continued access for local residents to walk, ski, watch birds and wildlife, and hunt.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Gin Mistry

Gin Mistry

Nari Mistry

Nari Mistry

1159 Ellis Hollow Rd

Ithaca, NY 14850 (Town of Dryden)

MAMMAL species living and nesting in the fields and Dodge Road area:

Bobcat
Porcupine
Opossum
Moles
Little brown bat
Raccoons
Long tailed weasel
Striped skunk
Red fox
Gray fox
Coyote
Mink
Woodchuck
Chipmunk
Red squirrel
Gray squirrel
White footed mouse
Deer mouse
Eastern cottontail rabbit
White tailed deer

This is not an exhaustive list of mammals but are species observed by Gin and Nari Mistry and neighbors over 48 years of walking in the Dodge Road area.

BIRD species which have been recorded by Gin and Nari Mistry in the Dodge Road area. This area includes the habitats of fields, woods, wetlands and creek .

Killdeer
Turkey vulture
Northern harrier
Kestrel
Tree swallow
Ruby-throated hummingbird
Wild turkey
Northern Shrike
Cedar Waxwing
Eastern Kingbird
Great-crested flycatcher
House wren
Carolina wren
American crow
Blue jay
Mockingbird
Common grackle
Starling
Red-winged blackbird
Eastern bluebird
Horned lark
Catbird
American goldfinch
Bobolink
White-crowned sparrow
White-throated sparrow
Tree sparrow
Chipping sparrow
Song sparrow
Fox sparrow
Savannah sparrow
House sparrow
Meadow lark
Pileated woodpecker
Northern flicker
Downy woodpecker
Hairy woodpecker
Red-bellied woodpecker
Yellow-bellied sapsucker
White-breasted nuthatch
Red-breasted nuthatch
Brown creeper
Eastern wood pewee
Eastern phoebe
Black billed cuckoo
Canada goose
Mallard duck
Common merganser
Hooded merganser
Great blue heron
Belted Kingfisher
Bald Eagle
Osprey
Barn Swallow
Great Horned Owl
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Brown headed cowbird
Baltimore oriole

Scarlet tanager
Robin
Wood thrush
Veery
Red-eyed vireo
Ovenbird
Black-capped chickadee
Golden crowned kinglet
Ruby crowned kinglet
Cardinal
Rose-breasted grosbeak
Pine siskin
Red crossbill
House finch
Purple finch
Dark-eyed junco
Ruffed grouse
Mourning dove
Black-throated green warbler
Yellow-rumped warbler
Magnolia warbler
Yellow warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Nashville warbler
Blackpoll warbler
Black and White warbler
Black-throated blue warbler
Redstart
Wilson's warbler

Besides BIRDS and MAMMALS there are many other kinds of wildlife and plants in the Dodge Road area.

Amphibians – such as frogs and salamanders.

Reptiles – such as lizards, snakes and turtles.

Insects – such as grasshoppers, butterflies, and crickets.

Plants – such as trees, shrubs , and native wildflowers (which support the important and declining numbers of pollinators.)

Submitted by Gin & Nari Mistry, 1159 Ellis Hollow Rd. 3/16/2017

From: Gin Mistry [mailto:ginmistry@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Solar farm

Dear planning board,
We are very concerned about the massive solar farm planned for Dodge Road. Our concerns are:
1. The lack of public knowledge and input on this project. When and how did agricultural land get rezoned for industrial use. .?How many meetings between Cornell, the Town, and Sun8 have happened behind closed doors?
2. How could the decision to choose sites be so arbitrary, insensitive and inappriopriate? Next to a cemetary? Along beautiful Dodge Rd..?
3. The impact on wildlife will be horrendous! Over 80 species of birds, over 20 species of animals, myriad species of reptiles, amphibians, insects and plants. A varied and thriving wildlife community exists on Dodge Rd. Has an environmental impact study been done?
4. The minimal impact on the local economy. The Solar8 company is not local, the solar panels are produced in China , and the promised construction jobs will last
only a few months.
5. There is real danger of polluting Cascadilla Creek which runs through the area. Construction runoff, herbicide residues, and cutting streamside vegetation all may cause degradation to the creek where now we see herons, ducks, osprey and even a bald eagle!
6 . The sneaky way the project is presented. (Calling each individual parcel a "small" solar farm , when in truth the parcels are connected in a massive industrial scale farm.) Will there one connection or multiple connections to the grid?
7. The loss of quality of life for local residents: the lovely view of the valley and Turkey Hill Road will be gone, property values in the area will plummet, the constant hum will be annoying, the loss of prime bird watching habitat, and the destruction of areas now enjoyed by walkers, hikers, hunters and skiiers.
Please consider these concerns. Please do not approve this project in haste.
Gin Mistry

Good evening, I'm Sarah Osmeloski. I want to state that I am all for solar energy and the establishment of solar farms as was outlined at the firehouse meeting last fall. The 2 megawatts per parcel that was suggested and what is written in the solar law of NYS seems reasonable to me. However I have to object to the proposed project at 2150 Dryden Rd. because it is too big. It circumvents our law by requesting a subdivision into 6 parcels. And to make matter worse the proposed subdivision is in violation of Dryden's subdivision laws. A little maybe good but in this case more is not better.

I also have a question…currently there is a herd of deer, 3 does that are due to fawn this spring living at 2150 along with 50+ wild turkeys, pheasants, numerous woodchucks and raccoons, at least 2 dens of red foxes, beaver, geese, multiple species of song birds and hawks, turtles and snakes in the area. Where will these creatures live if Distributed Sun is allowed to pave 75 acres of their home in glass?? To quote Joni Mitchell 'They paved paradise and put in a solar farm.'

osmeloski 3-24-17

From: Osmeloski <ttia607@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Craig Anderson; Marty Moseley; Tom Hatfield; David Alan Weinstein; John Allison Kiefer; Joseph Wilson; Martin Hatch; Erin Bieber; Deborah Cipolla-Dennis; Ray Burger; Hilary Lambert
Cc: Charles Smith
Subject: 2150 Dryden Rd.

Dear Planning Board Members,

In view of the proposed industrial projects at 2150 Dryden Rd. (the Verizon cell tower and the Distributed Sun solar plant) we are asking the Town Board require Verizon, Distributed Sun and Mr. Pinney to plant a vegetative buffer/screen along the property line between our land and Mr. Pinney's (approximately 900'). If you look at the map for this project, you will notice that the field (approximately 10 acres) directly adjacent to our property would be ideal for planting a diverse vegetative buffer that would help greatly mitigate the negative effects and impact these industrial projects will have on our property and its value.
We would also like to see a vegetative screen planted along Rt. 13 from our property up to the Willow Glen Cemetery for the purpose of shielding the commuters on Rt. 13 from the industrial development of this parcel.

Sincerely,
Sarah & Joe Osmeloski

-----Original Message-----
From: Elizabeth Palumbo [mailto:elizabethpalumbo03@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:38 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Solar Farm

Hello- I am writing to let you know that I do not support the constructive of the solar farm at the Willow
Glen Cemetery.

Town of Dryden Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dan Perkins [mailto:dperkins@fortress.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Regarding the Solar Project and Willow Glen Cemetery

ATTENTION: PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, TOWN OF DRYDEN

ATTENTION TOWN CLERK: Please distribute hard copies of this letter to all TOWN BOARD and all
PLANNING BOARD members. Thank you.

FROM: DAN PERKINS

DATE: MARCH, 21, 2017

My name is Dan Perkins. I am the eldest son of Brad Perkins, the third-generation family owner of Perkins
Funeral Home. My father Brad has been President of Willow Glen Cemetery Association for 20 years, and
my late grandfather Paul was also President for over 40 years before his death in 2008. My family has
been serving the community since my great-grandfather Ernest Perkins acquired a business in Dryden
and started Perkins Funeral Home in 1920 (nearly 100 years ago) on its West Main Street site. My
mother, Kathy Perkins, retired a handful of years ago after serving three decades as an educator in the
Dryden School District. I resided in the Village of Dryden from February 1986 through July 2008. I was
born in Ithaca, graduated from Dryden High School in 2004 and Cornell University in 2008. Dryden is my
hometown. I own property in Tompkins County and as such am a taxpayer in the County, but admittedly
not in the Town of Dryden. Despite my affiliation with the President of the Cemetery Association, the
views expressed below have been formed independently and with the interest of the public and cemetery
lot owners in mind.

It has come to my attention that the owner of a parcel of land to the north of the Willow Glen Cemetery
desires to contract with a solar development company to install many acres of solar panels on this now
current farmland. From my review of the plans available, it appears that when one would stand in the
cemetery, all they would see is solar panels to the north. I also understand that this land is currently

zoned in a way which would prevent this type of land use, and that such project is potentially also slated
to receive preferential tax treatment, which in plain language means a reduction in current tax revenue to
the Town of Dryden.

Without debating the merits of solar energy, which I happen to be a proponent of, it is with strong
conviction that I object to the idea of placing a solar farm directly next to a cemetery. Willow Glen
Cemetery is one of the, if not the, largest and best maintained cemeteries in the Town, if not the County.
Further, it is beautifully situated on the outskirts of the village and on an elevated piece of land. There are
wonderful, vibrant views of the rolling hills visible in most all directions. Many families have purchased lots
at the cemetery solely for these reasons, its natural beauty, its farmland surroundings and the hope that,
because of the way neighboring properties are zoned, that the surrounding areas would be “forever
farmland.” Isn’t this one of the fundamental purposes of zoning?

Without addressing procedural matters between the Town Board and the Planning Board, it troubles me
that Town would consider a proposal which requires modification of zoning in order to reduce tax
revenue. I may not be an economist, but that seems backwards. I am all in favor of modifying zoning
when it is the general interest of the majority of the public (which this proposal isn’t), when it doesn’t
adversely affect neighboring properties (which this proposal does), and when it would serve to increase
commerce and/or tax revenue (which this proposal doesn’t). Without (admittedly) being fully “in the loop”
to all the considerations relevant to the solar farm project, I cannot fathom how this idea makes sense, is
generally acceptable or in the best interest of any of the current and future lot owners of Willow Glen or
the community and taxpayers as a whole. At a time when Dryden and upstate New York in general need
all the tax revenue they can get, this idea seems counterintuitive to common sense. I trust that the Town
Board and the Planning Board will fully review all of the plans, studies and other analysis presented to it
and, in addition, fully listen to and consider the views of the Town residents, taxpayers and other
constituents/stakeholders.

Willow Glen is home to approximately 7,500 souls, the final resting place for approximately 7,500 people
that at one point in time most likely called Dryden home or had very strong ties to Dryden. The earth on
which Willow Glen is situated is where three generations of my family lie in their eternal resting places
and where my wife and myself would be the fourth generation to do so. Friends of ours have seven or
eight generations buried at Willow Glen. Folks, this is a cemetery. This isn't an industrial lot, this isn't a
strip mall, this isn't a parking lot. It is a cemetery. Don't ruin it with a solar farm that can be put elsewhere.
It is a cemetery.

It is my strong belief that it would be without dignity for the deceased, a reckless disregard of
public policy and in the general disinterest of the taxpayers for the Town Board and/or the
Planning Board to further consider the establishment of a solar farm in the general proximity of
Willow Glen Cemetery.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Perkins
dan.p.perkins@gmail.com

-----Original Message-----
From: Judith Pierpont [mailto:jp28@cornell.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Comment: Solar installations--Please forward to members of the Planning Board and TB
members

Dear Planning Board and Town Board members,

I support the installation of large-scale solar in Dryden, with the proviso that their scale be cut back and
the disruption to neighbors and wildlife mitigated as much as possible.
It is clear that many of the objections are not frivolous. People's lives will be unexpectedly disrupted. But
if we do nothing in this time to stem the effects of climate change, mainly by reducing CO2, the lives of
their descendants, all our descendants, will be disrupted to a far greater extent.
 Thank you for doing your part, our part, in working to reduce in emissions.
Sincerely,
Judy Pierpont

Sent from my iPhone

From: Karyn Rushlow [mailto:karyn.rushlow@autoworksithaca.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: Willow Glen Cemetary

Dear Town of Dryden Board Members,

I am writing to express my sadness and disapproval of the large solar power project Mr. Pinney
has proposed to be located next to the Willow Glen Cemetary.
Willow Glen Cemetary is one of the most beautiful cemeteries I have ever seen. It's kept in
pristine condition with its freshly painted picket fence, massive trees and lush flowering bushes. I
have walked every winding road in this cemetary with my Grandparents, my Mom and now my
children visiting graves of my Great Great Grandparents, Great Grandparents, Grandparents,
Aunts, Uncles and Cousins placing fresh lilacs and daffodils on each of their stones each spring.

I was raised to not be afraid of the Cemetary, but to find peace and tranquility in going there and
spiritually connecting with those we loved so dear. One of the most amazing and awesome
phenomenons about Willow Glen Cemetary is when you drive in and get out of your car, you no
longer hear the roar of Route 13 traffic. It's peaceful and quiet and beautiful.

How can anyone possibly think of putting up acres and acres of solar panels adjacent to Willow
Glen Cemetary. It would be a disgrace and tragedy to destroy this beautiful and unique resting
place of our loved ones.

Surely, there must be a more appropriate location for Mr. Pinney's eye sore.

Thank you,
Karyn Rushlow
Vice President
Autoworks
1278 Dryden Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
607-280-1717
www.autoworksithaca.com

From: Jacques Schickel [mailto:jacquesschickel@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:35 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: To: Dryden Town Board. Please send copies to the Planning and Conservation boards

Dear Town Board,

A few thoughts about the new solar industry you seem to be welcoming to Dryden with open arms and blind ignorance.

Allowing Big Solar into Dryden will damage our rural agricultural community visually, economically and environmentally.
You are not embarking on the greening of Dryden but the paving over of our paradise with black glass, metal, chain link fences and barbed wire…. Are you going for the dystopian urban Russian look? There is a big difference between a few solar panels on someones roof and a 71.5 acre solar power plant on ag and wetlands right next to where we bury our dead and a mile from our historic village.

Here is an excerpt and link to an important cautionary tale of one governor who like you embraced tax payer subsidized alternative energy only to later feel compelled to publicly apologize to his state for his ignorance and bad leadership. For your own good I suggest you read it.
Here is an excerpt: "I signed legislation creating the Zero Emissions Tax Credit for industrial wind energy. The tax credit was designed to give a jump-start to a wind industry in its infancy in Oklahoma at the time….. Signing this legislation was simply a mistake. What was promised to cost the state less than $2 million annually when I was in office has soared to $113 million for the 2014 tax year and is expected to cost billions in the future….That's essentially a blank check funded by taxpayers that goes to multibillion-dollar corporations based outside of Oklahoma and mostly located in foreign countries. It's the worst kind of corporate handout.
I'm shocked and dismayed that taxpayer money has been spent so recklessly and at the cost of funding Oklahoma's education system, which we know continues to be at risk."
Here is a link to the full article:
http://www.tulsaworld.com/opinion/readersforum/frank-keating-i-signed-wind-industry-tax-breaks-and-i/article_3d48e13b-a64e-53e6-a53a-b12c932dea80.html

If after all this you are still determined to pursue this bad idea I suggest you do it in your own neighborhood, District 13, and you never

refer to yourselves as environmentalists again.

Best regards,
Jacques Schickel

schickel j 3-17-17

From: Jacques Schickel [mailto:jacquesschickel@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Bambi Avery
Subject: To Town Board , planning and conservation boards

Dear Town Board,

No matter how much you wish it to be so or how virtuous it makes you feel, taxpayer subsidized solar is not the answer. Simply put it will create energy poverty in Tompkins County. I hope this short video will help you understand
the pitfalls of wind and solar

Best regards

Jacques Schickel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObvdSmPbdLg

Can We Rely on Wind and Solar Energy?
www.youtube.com
Is green energy, particularly wind and solar energy, the solution to our climate and energy problems? Or should we be relying on things like natural gas, nuclear ...

Smith 3-16-17 solar project comment

Comments on the SUN8 (Distributed Sun) Large-Scale Solar Facility
2150 Dryden Road Facility
Charles R. Smith
Public Hearing, 16 March 2017
Dryden Town Hall

My name is Charles R. Smith. I've been a resident of the Town of Dryden for more than 40 years, first in Varna, and now living near Hammond Hill State Forest. I also have served on the Town of Dryden Conservation Advisory Council and Conservation Board for the past 16 years, with two years as Chair of the Conservation Board.

Qualifications: I am a naturalist, educator, and conservationist, with more than 50 years experience studying plants and animals, especially birds. Outdoors, in the field, I am able to identify on sight more than 1000 different kinds of plants and animals, including vascular plants (ferns, wildflowers, trees and shrubs), fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, and insects (mostly damselflies, dragonflies, and butterflies). Before retiring in 2012, I held teaching, research, and administrative positions at Cornell for 40 years, including assignments as Executive Director of the Laboratory of Ornithology and Director of the Cornell Plantations Natural Areas Program. I also am a member of the Preserve Management Committee of the Finger Lakes Land Trust and have been an advisor to numerous state and federal conservation agencies. To be clear, I am NOT an "environmentalist." You may call me an SOB and other accolades if you choose, but please, please do not call me an "environmentalist." My professional opinions are based upon demonstrable scientific facts and the best objectivity I can muster. I am supportive of alternative energy sources, including solar and wind, if sited and constructed so that adverse effects on local biodiversity are demonstrably minimized.

I have reviewed the "Full Environmental Assessment Form," dated 20 February 2017, related to the proposal to construct a large-scale solar facility at 2150 Dryden Road. I participated in a site visit to the proposed site on 9 March. In particular, I feel qualified to comment on Pages 12 and 13 of that form, which I have found to be totally inadequate with respect to its assessment of the biological features of the proposed site. On Page 12, only six general categories of "wildlife" species are identified as using the site, including only one kind of bird, "turkeys," which I assume means Wild Turkey. The site is situated within two New York

State Breeding Bird Atlas survey blocks. The Second New York State Breeding Bird Atlas was conducted from 2000 through 2005 and the data collected during that project are available on the NYSDEC web site. I was a scientific advisor for both the First and Second Breeding Bird Atlas Projects. The breeding bird atlas database reports 118 different kinds of breeding birds from the two atlas survey blocks within which the proposed Large-Scale Solar Facility is located. An as yet unknown number of those 118 different kinds of breeding birds could occur on the proposed site, including one state-listed "threatened" species and four state-listed "special concern" species. The site should be surveyed for breeding birds during the Summer, by an experienced and competent field ornithologist, before an adequate assessment of its potential effects on breeding bird species can be accomplished.

Though wetlands and a constructed pond occur on the site, absolutely no mention is made in the "Full Environmental Assessment Form" of possible use of the site by amphibians, most of which require ponds and wetlands for breeding in the Spring. In order to assess the potential effects of the proposed development and its construction on breeding amphibians, the site should be surveyed during the Spring and early Summer breeding seasons for the presence of frogs, toads, and salamanders. Amphibians will be especially vulnerable to being killed or disturbed by any construction on the site during their Spring and early Summer breeding periods.

On Page 13 of the "Full Environmental Assessment Form," it is reported that the proposed project is not within five miles of "any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource." In reality, the site is approximately 2.7 miles East of the Etna Nature Preserve of the Finger Lakes Land Trust, a local land conservation organization.

Finally, there is no evidence contained in the "Full Environmental Assessment Form" of any surveys conducted for plants on the site. Field surveys should be conducted by an experienced and competent field botanist to inventory plants occurring on the site to assure that no rare, threatened, or endangered species occur there. Further, the proposed destruction of forests and shrublands ("brush") on the site will be detrimental to most forms of plant and animal life living on the site.

In summary, the "Full Environmental Assessment Form" is totally inadequate for assessing the potential negative effects of site construction on breeding birds, amphibians, and plants at this time. Further, it neglects to report the presence of a local, publicly accessible nature preserve less than five miles distant. In my best professional judgment, there is not sufficient information provided to allow the proposed development to be evaluated and to move forward. At this time, it bears testimony to the forces of greed, ignorance, and superstition that continue to threaten and destroy the natural beauty of the Town of Dryden.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Smith, Ph.D.
Naturalist

23 March 2017

To: Dryden Town Board and Dryden Planning Board

I attended the Dryden Town Board meeting on March listened to the presentation by Bharath Srinivasan of the Distributed Sun company. I support Solar Farms.

However, I am very concerned about the **size** and the **speed** of the project. A project of this complexity and magnitude should **NOT** be rushed.

I think the section designated N5 should be reduced to below the white pine tree line. It is offensive to the homeowners whose properties on Turkey Hill Road abut the N5 section.. The sections below, to the west of the properties are appropriate.

The sections along Dodge Road could also be reduced in size to meet some of the concerns of the residents in that area.

To achieve consensus on this important project, Less is More.

Sincerely,

Laurie Snyder
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Dirk Swart
1172 Ellis Hollow Rd
Dryden
NY, 14850
March 25th, 2017

Bambi Avery
Dryden Town Clerk
93 East Main Street Dryden
NY 13053

Dear Bambi,

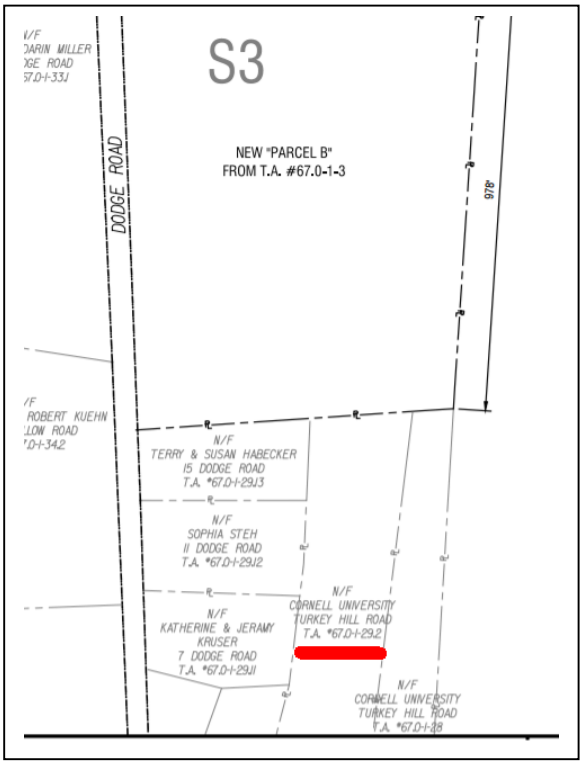
In RE: SOLAR PROJECT ON DODGE RD

My property directly adjoins the land targeted for the Dodge Rd solar project. I would like to express my vehement opposition to the solar project on Dodge Road for *inter alia* the following distinct reasons:

1. **Legal**. Dryden already has statutes on solar power, which this project does not comply with. This attempt to create a subdivision purely for the sake of trampling roughshod over the desires of those of us who live here is wrong and it goes against what Dryden stands for as a community. Any solar project should be required to comply with the EXISTING law. I mean, what's the point of the law if a big player can just bully their way through? <u>The whole point of creating regulations is to protect us from exactly this eventuality</u>.

2. **Policy**. Dryden has existing policy on the preservation of farmland and the preservation of nature. This project is 100% the opposite of these policies, and ignores both their letter and spirit.

3. **Scale**. This is not a small project; it is the installation of a power station utility right in the middle of a residential area. I don't want to live next to a power station.



I also noticed that my property is identified as Cornell land. This is incorrect, sloppy, and indicates to me that they have not performed even the smallest amount of due diligence.

This whole project smacks of a sneaky end run around the existing policy, legislation and the desires of the residents. **I request that the Dryden Town board and Dryden planning committee oppose this plan in its entirety, and fight it with every resource at their disposal.**

Thanks and regards,
Dirk Swart
cc. Jason Leifer, Deborah Cipolla-Dennis