

Draft amendments to Town of Dryden Comprehensive Plan to address solar energy systems (amended language underlined)

Plan Synthesis chapter, Land Use section on page 39

After paragraph reading: “In the new comprehensive plan accommodations must be made to allow commercial and industrial development within the town, but in a manner that minimizes the impacts on existing and future residential neighborhoods, and the overall character of the community.”

Add: “While small scale solar energy generation exists on some small private lots, there is a desire to provide more options for solar energy generation. Large solar installations will allow this but the impacts should be mitigated through careful siting and adequate buffering.”

Plan Recommendations chapter, Future Land Use section, Industrial/Office/Research subsection on page 60

After paragraph reading: “Although it occupies a small proportion of the town’s land area, industry continues to be an important economic sector. Currently there are approximately 275 acres of land dedicated to industrial uses in the town and another 412 acres dedicated to utilities. These utilities include the electrical distribution system of New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, and the gas pipeline compressor station in Ellis Hollow.”

Add: “To diversify our electrical supply grid large scale solar installations should be allowed in the town with careful siting and adequate buffering provided to mitigate adverse impacts.”