

Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 11:13 AM
Subject: 2150 Dryden Rd. Creeks and Streams

Dear Dryden Supervisor and other interested parties (with special attention to The Conservation Board),

After doing a site visit to 2150 Dryden Road, on Friday, October 16th, I am very concerned about Virgil Creek and the entire wetlands, ecosystem associated with such an important Spawning Trout stream, and a major feeder to Cayuga Lake, the source of many in Dryden and Tompkins county for their drinking water.

Before addressing Virgil Creek, I would like to go back to the Willow Glen Creek that dissects the 2150 site entering from a culvert under Rte 13, and running northerly between Solar Array field #5 to the east, and the Cell Tower and the other part of Array #5 to the west, eventually emptying into Virgil Creek. I have provided some pictures of the current condition of Willow Glen Creek.

Back in 2017, when this Site Plan was approved, we were provided a "Tree CUTTING plan" for the beautiful Willow Trees that along with many other species of trees, shrubs, brambles etc that formed the Riparian buffer for this creek. As it turns out, the term "Tree CUTTING plan" used by Distributed Sun and its representative: Bhirath Srinivasan, was, as we have come to find out later, just another falsehood. In actuality, what happened at the 2150 site, and The Willow Glen Creek was a "tree REMOVAL plan". You see, the trees, yes were first "cut", but then, the complete removal of the entire root systems of these more than 100 year old Willows was REMOVED, obviously compromising the Riparian Buffer for Willow Glen Creek. In fact, if you look at the pictures of the current condition of the creek (although what I see looks more like a road and a parking lot), its alarming to say the least.

Fast forward to an even more sensitive Creek and Ecosystem, that being Virgil Creek, and the new Site Plan adjustment being tendered by True Green Capital, LLC. The swath of "cutting", again has been depicted in their current plan as a "tree CUTTING plan" for multiple lines crossing Virgil Creek, (instead of just ONE in the original underground plan). Given that the "tree CUTTING plan" for Willow Glen Creek turned into a Tree REMOVAL plan, I shudder to think what will occur, with a tree "CUTTING" plan for Virgil Creek.

Please be advised that all this information for what has already happened to Willow Glen Creek, and is about to occur to Virgil Creek, will immediately be forwarded to the District 8 DEC office located in Cortland, and to Tompkins County and Mr. Scott Doyle, who will be involved in the county's 239A review. In speaking to Mr. Doyle, it was quite apparent that our Planning Director in the previous 239A review for this site plan adjustment was lax in sending ALL pertinent information for review such as: 1. Exactly how much of the Riparian buffer was to be disturbed, 2. How many trees of more than 12" in diameter, at breast height, are to be destroyed, 3. Any and all precautions being taken to protect the Virgil Creek Riparian buffer and ecosystem. Simply sending the schematic of the plan is completely inadequate.

Please, before another ecological disaster similar to Willow Glen Creek occurs at Virgil Creek, lets be sure that we know EXACTLY what will happen at Virgil Creek, to allow 3 sets of poles and lines to cross the creek, as indicated by the current plan.

Thank you,

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