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I am against the Ross County Project....I am wondering why people in an adjoining county are getting letters explaining a township meeting coming up, when we have never gotten notification of a township meeting regarding solar. NEVER. Solar came to Buckskin township last summer prior to even making the application, trustees said they didn't take it seriously because every few years people come in and talk and nothing ever happens. The public sure didn't know anything until about six months after their little visit to Buckskin Township and they have never gone back as far as we know. Paint township trustees were called on a Friday night by Solar and asked if they could drop by at their Monday night meeting, which was three days later...not enough time to let anyone know about it. SO basically, we didn't know about that one either. Trustees thought they just wanted to talk and didn't realize they were bringing in all their salesman packets and maps that they were having a meeting for the public, but unfortunately...or maybe they planned it that way, most of the public did not know about it. I know someone who did go and she was shocked to get there and see that they were set up like it was a big meeting, but no one knew about it. April 6, 2021 hearing date approached and was announced in the local newspaper on Monday, April 5th. The deadline to testify prior to the hearing was noon on the 5th. Lots of people who knew read the newspaper on April 5th, didn't have a chance to testify, like us. Several more people did not even know about it. Why the big rush to change the landscape of this lovely southern Ohio area? This is being done sloppy and with NO REGARD to the people who live in the area and the thousands of people who visit this LOVELY area next to Paint Creek State Park and Paint Creek Lake and Creek. Parts of the project touch the state park and parts are across the road from the park. I have viewed the siting board assessment of the project (March 2021) and basically it looks as if the Ohio Siting Board does not really care about the neighbors or the state park at all. You are taking everything the solar says as fact, when they may be wrong about most of what they say. They hire companies to say exactly what they want them to say. Property values will be affected and that is really sad for people who work every day to make a house payment or rent. Solar

says property values won't be affected, but I know so many realtors who say different. After viewing places close to us in Highland County where these are going in, it is an industrial park and look horrible. Who would want to live by that nightmare? Prior to any members voting on any of these projects, but especially this one, they should travel to the locations. I know they are busy, but before they approve something this drastic, that will affect thousands of people for the next 30 years....they should stand on the top of the hill on Rapid Forge Road and view the valley and they will know exactly what they will be approving will be devastating to all of us in beautiful Ross County who live here, work here, and vacation here. Seriously,.....THINK THIS OVER and give it a BIG NO! If there was ever a solar projected project to say NO too...it is this one.

- **LB-concerned citizen**

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### [Tuesday hearing for Ross Solar - Times Gazette](https://www.timesgazette.com/news/55925/tuesday-hearing-for-ross-solar)

The first of two hearings on a proposed Ross County solar project has been scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m. by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). National Grid Renewables, the prime contractor on ...  
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