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I live in Shawnee and have been following the plans for the Birch Solar Development in recent weeks. I say weeks because much of the plans for this project have been made without public knowledge. Like many others, I have concerns with health and safety of this project in addition to the decrease of property value these large and unsightly panels will cause. I have also read that solar panels contain toxic materials (lead and cadmium) that will pollute surrounding streams and rivers. The plans for the developer to forego taxes at the expense of our school systems and public services is also unacceptable. I have yet to be provided with information on how this project will benefit our community as it is my understanding the energy generated will be sent elsewhere. It appears that the Shawnee community stands to risk our property value, health, and safety for a large corporation to profit and obtain all the benefits. There are other concerns like wildlife and flooding and other unknowns since this is the first project of this size in a population density such as ours. I ask that this project be rejected by our local government. The concerns of the residents that will be affected directly deserve to be heard.

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