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Subject: Awareness of the Solar Farms in Hancock County is just beginning

Many of the people in these townships are just learning about the effects and areas that these solar panels will consume in rural Cass and Washington Twp. Please give the people in our communities the consideration and a chance to respond to the solar farm projects in Hancock County that are being reviewed.

This is a farming community and zoned agriculture, certainly there are other better locations for these panels where they will not surround residential properties. Why would perfectly good farmland be used for these thousands of acres of panels when other land that may not be good for farming could then benefit any need for power? Shouldn't we save our farmland that if not needed now may be needed later for future generations? These panels will be here for many years and we cannot go back easily to making this farmland usable if we need it as a food source.

Drainage and flooding issues are a known issue and likely to occur with the installation of these panels. We have had flooding problems in Hancock County that have been detrimental to so many homes and businesses. Do we want more flooding issues to the farmland surrounding these farms as well and the residential homes that would be vulnerable?

Please give us a voice in these townships and align with the recently passed SB52!! I know these projects are already in process but you have the power to re-evaluate and at least give the localities the time to reply with concerns.

Patricia True

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