

Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am the Director of Sustainability for Denison University and have led our renewable energy efforts. We built a large ground-mounted solar array in 2017 and established solar pollinator habitat as part of the project. We faced opposition from some of the neighbors of that project and I'm proud to say that after 4 years of operation, none of their fears have been realized. Property values have increased, those that have sold their homes found eager buyers, ground water was not impacted, there isn't any noise that disturbs them, the panels don't cause glare into their homes, birds are not being killed by the panels, in fact, birds frequent the array due to the pollinator plants and the insects it attracts. The neighbors have adjusted to life with the array and are no longer vocal in opposition. We've even worked with a local bee keeper to establish bee hives on the property. Projects like the Harvey Solar project, when done well, benefit the community and allow property owners to do what is best for them and their properties.

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