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Subject: Birch Solar 1 Project

My name is John Spring and my wife and I live in Shawnee Township. My wife and I have lived at our residence for 25 years and raised our family here. The house we live in was built in 1911. The barn was built in 1908. Our property will be adjacent to the proposed solar complex. There are many concerns we have with this project.

1) Flooding: I've submitted pictures of a typical spring to the OPSB in a testimony at the hearing held at the fair grounds. The field that is across the road from us is flooded and flowing across the road into a farmers field next to us that is not participating in this project. The concern is that there are so many field tiles that will be destroyed by six I-beams per solar panel being driven 7-10 ft deep. Where will the runoff and water go? Being so close to residential, this could lead into a major flooding issue.

2) Wildlife: I've submitted to the OPSB wildlife pictures such as deer, eagle, fox ,,,,,, This project requires a wildlife fence that runs for miles. From Beeler to Sellers to 501 and beyond. What impact does this have on our wildlife and their patterns?

3) Property value: What effect will this have on our property value. Reports that I have read are anything from 7% to 10% decline.

4) Solar Panel Safety: My understanding these panels are manufactured in China with very little regulations or specifications. Thousands of these panels will be placed over our wells and next to creeks. There is a great concern they could leak toxins in our water supply.

Please consider opposing this project. Just too many unknowns to justify a project of this size next to a residential community.

Sincerely,
John and Paula Spring
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