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In reference to case # 20-1605-EL-BGN.

To whom it may concern:

I live at 2081 Sandy lane Lima, OH and also own the 3 attached parcels one of which is approx. 8.3 acres of woods along the little ottawa river.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed solar farm in Allen County due to its potential environmental impact to this community and specifically to the area of my property close to the little ottawa. Several years ago, a new subdivision was built to the South of my property and a culvert was installed to catch run off from that development to run through my property and into the little Ottawa. Approximately 8 years ago there was another development built to the West of same property. That storm water runs into a retention pond with all overflow also going into the little Ottawa and through my property. In both instances we were assured there would be no impact. I have seen substantial erosion and other issues as a result of this increased runoff. I have also seen this same issue with properties downstream from me.

A project of this magnitude will significantly impact the runoff into the Little Ottawa river magnifying issues that we can't handle now, not to mention the environmental impact from what could potentially be in that runoff in the future. If they are saying there will be no increase in runoff, that just isn't so. All roads, homes, driveways, etc. now have storm sewers to divert the water. In neighborhoods where storm sewers are not present there is an obvious build up of water during a hard rain. The ground cannot keep up. You are building structures that do not absorb water and reducing the amount of ground that can absorb it. It is absolutely that simple.

We as a community appreciate the opportunity to be heard. Those of us that have grown up here, live here, have our future here know this area. I've lived here for 51 years and I have seen the changes. A company coming in with a plan is just that, a plan. Everyone has a plan...until they don't. You have an area of amazing farmland, wildlife, waterways and community that knows better than any developer what the impact will be. Studies do not and will not show everything. Being concerned with the true impact down the road is rightfully ours because we are the ones that will be living here.

Thank you!

Keaton Lehman

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