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Project Name:	Oak Run Solar Project
Enter your Comment or Complaint:	<p>I'm throwing my support behind this project as someone who desires local economic development and jobs growth. Our community could use a bump in business, and this project will do just that. The shot in the arm to local businesses that we're looking at here is significant: over \$83.4 million expected in new local earnings during construction! And that's on top of the tax revenue that will come into the county. We're going to see good-paying blue-collar jobs from this project, from excavators and construction workers to electricians and linemen, enabling more spending in the community on food, retail, and more. That activity keeps local folks working and earning money. We can't afford to let an opportunity like that get away from us. When you put up a sign that says closed for business and put a stop to new development, a community starts to stagnate and decline. ? All good reasons- but the best reason is big-picture. Solar power is going to contribute greatly in our transition from fossil fuels to a sustainable system, which may prove to be of great interest to our children and grandchildren. One other item: the objections I've seen so far (to solar arrays) range from mildly concerning to downright laughable, just whiny, NIMBY stuff, IMO. Thank you.</p>

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