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| Docketing Case Number: | 22-549-EL-BGN |
| Project Name: | Oak Run Solar Project |
| Enter your | <p>There's a big misconception out there around solar energy and agriculture. It's not a black and white issue. We certainly need both industries, and there's a way to have our cake and eat it too: agrivoltaics. We can walk and chew gum at the same time by planting hay and pasture between rows of solar panels. They're already doing it in Europe and on a smaller scale in the U.S. using sheep to graze within solar projects. Large field trials of hay production between rows of solar panels were announced by OSU right here in Madison County. We may not be able to grow corn next to solar for its height, but 40% of Ohio's corn goes to making ethanol at present. Replacing some of that with solar makes sense – the land can always go</p> |

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| Comment or Complaint: | <p>right back to traditional agriculture after the project's life. Beyond that, Oak Run Solar Project is going to be an enormous tax boost to the area without creating any strain on public infrastructure. That's key because any other type of development opportunity involving close to this level of investment will have a big impact on infrastructure like increased traffic, more students in schools, added demand on emergency response services, and additional long-term stress on our infrastructure and utility systems. This is really the ideal type of economic opportunity. It's a quiet field of energy generation pumping money into our local economy and tax base. I'm confident that Oak Run Solar will be an excellent addition to this community.</p> |
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