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RE: Opposition to Fountain Point Solar Project

It's not a secret that solar panels contain toxic substances which, if released into the air, water or soil, would damage humans and wildlife by their poisonous ingredients. Do you really want another East Palestine disaster to deal with? Solar panels also age out in approximately 25 years or less and will lose their ability to produce electricity or become obsolete by the invention of newer and more efficient panels. Natural disasters such as tornadoes and hailstorms are a very real possibility and will damage the panels. If a natural disaster does strike our area, hundreds of thousands of toxic solar panels will need to be disposed of. Who pays for their removal, transportation, deconstruction, and disposal? Which landfill will be burdened with the load? Whose soil, water, and air will suffer the toxic waste impact?

According to Attorney Chris Denton from Elmira, New York, many counties in upstate New York State have elected to use Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law to collect delinquent real property taxes by 'strict foreclosure' which allows the county to seize the land and keep it in full satisfaction of the taxes due, regardless of whether the land is worth several times the value of the taxes due and the expenses of the seizure. This process causes the counties to become the actual owners of the properties that they seize. The county thereafter sells the property at its leisure or incorporates it into its property inventory.

Due to the strict liability provisions of United States Environmental Laws, the government (aka the taxpayer) will have the unnecessary burden of cleaning up the environmental disasters associated with approving all these projects across Ohio that will inevitably be abandoned when the cash stops flowing. Who will want to buy a parcel of land that is attached to a massive cleanup effort?

The long term environmental impacts of industrial solar projects are unknown at this time, however I believe if you look closely you can see the beginning of a major disaster. Ohio EPA has the word Protection right in the name for a reason. I must ask, what exactly are you protecting by allowing these projects to be rubber stamped month after month. Let's take a step back and observe, calculate, and reach solid conclusions before approving more projects.

We aren't going anywhere, and we are not producing any more land to experiment with. We get one shot at this and we don't want to screw it up. We are not a political chess piece to be played with. We are real people, with real concerns.

Deny Fountain Point Solar, it does not satisfy the public interest, convenience and necessity as required by your decision criteria.

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