

To: Ohio Power Siting Board

Re: Oak Run Solar Project, 22-0549-EL-BGN

The concept of combining solar energy and farming on the same piece of land is very interesting and exciting. Agrivoltaics, as the practice is known, has an opportunity to become standard protocol across the country once it's proven on the utility-scale. I'm proud that trials and studies to determine agrivoltaics practices are taking place in Madison County. The studies that The Ohio State University's Agricultural College is undertaking in partnership with Savion show how much momentum is behind this new and growing segment in energy and agriculture. Even the Department of Energy has awarded Madison Fields Solar Project a grant to further study this technology so it can help the future growth of agrivoltaics. I'd like to see Oak Run Solar Project be approved so agrivoltaics can move forward and spread to other projects throughout Ohio and the United States. Pretty cool that it would start right here in Madison County!

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