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Projects which incorporate agrivoltaics like Oak Run Solar Project bring numerous benefits to our rural economy. This kind of management of the project area could employ local farmers, who have the needed skills and markets to sell the agricultural products they grow. Ohio has always been a leader in ingenuity – from the Wright brothers to our modern, high-tech manufacturing sector. Oak Run will continue Ohio's strength in innovation by incorporating (rather than replacing) traditional agriculture with domestic energy production to provide crops as well as abundant clean electricity for families across Ohio and beyond. I'm proud that Madison County is pioneering this innovative approach to harvesting renewable energy and farm products on the same land.

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