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I oppose the proposed solar farm due to its significant impact on our community and environment. The planned development spans 860 acres of prime farmland, which is an invaluable resource for our local agriculture and economy. These fertile lands have been the backbone of our community, providing food, jobs, and a connection to our heritage. Transforming these acres into a solar farm would disrupt this crucial aspect of our livelihood and compromise the sustainability of our agricultural practices.

Furthermore, the construction and operation of the solar farm would result in the destruction of wetlands and the clearing of trees, both of which are essential to our local ecosystem. Wetlands play a vital role in water purification, flood control, and providing habitats for diverse wildlife. Their destruction would not only harm the environment but also potentially lead to problems such as increased flooding and loss of biodiversity. Additionally, the removal of trees would contribute to the reduction of carbon sequestration, exacerbating climate change and reducing the natural beauty of our area.

While the pursuit of renewable energy is important, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and environmental health. There are alternative locations and methods for generating solar power that do not involve sacrificing prime farmland or damaging critical ecosystems. We urge the OPSB to explore more sustainable and less intrusive options for renewable energy development.

Thank you for your time!

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