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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express concern about the placement of a new solar field and its impact on the forest and wetlands which need to be cleared for the project. While not an abutter, I am one of the closer houses to the project site and walk the woods regularly. I am familiar with the site.

I have read through the materials on the site, and my personal experience in walking the land regularly, conflicts with the environmental report submitted for permitting.

Specifically, while the plans and environmental report show both the largest vernal pool and the "headwaters" of a stream that begins nearby, it does not show the smaller pools and wetlands that exist between these two features - effectively bisecting the proposed site. My limited knowledge is that the site is actually the headwaters of the stream.

I do appreciate that the site is placed to minimize its impact on local views, yet the site does dramatically impact the local flora and fauna, more specifically the vernal pools (incredible frog breeding grounds) and the local deer population which can frequently be found sheltering or wintering there. It is not uncommon to see several hunters (many successful) in the area of the site.

I'd strongly encourage a closer examination of the wetlands on the site to ensure that the clearing, placement and construction of the site does not impact some of the key habitats. Additionally, it would be neighborly, if there was a relocated trail for both humans and animals to bypass the site safely.

Thanks for the consideration.

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