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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 9:52 AM
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Subject: RE: Solar Project

Kim-
Thank you for your thoughts.
We will add this to the file for the project.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:19 AM
To: Shawna Bonshak <sbonshak@townofcanandaigua.org>
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Greetings, Shawna-

I wanted to share some feedback about the proposed solar project at the Co Rd 30/New Michigan Rd area. I live at 6066 Co Rd 30, less than 1/2 mile from this area. Our family has lived at this address since 2001 and we own 8+ acres as well as our home.

Unlike many, I don't travel for vacations. My "summer vacation" really is spending free time in my gardens or on other outdoor projects. I see and notice much while outside. So I can say pretty clearly that in the summer, the traffic on our road has a definite increase. I see it from my yard as well as experiencing it as a motorist. It is my opinion, it is one of the routes for more savvy and most likely, local tourists. I'm sure they use Co Rd 30 and possibly New Michigan or Brace Rd, especially on the weekends, to bypass the congested summer routes like RTE 96 through Victor to RTE 332 or any part of RTE 5&20. Co Rd 30 is very popular with bicyclists and motorcyclists. And it has a fair amount of vehicles that can be seen hauling boats or other recreation items, especially to turn down Cooley Rd and head towards 5&20. As such, I believe it is one of our tourism corridors.

While the less busy 55 mph road is a boon to the various travelers, I don't doubt that the pastoral views from Bloomfield through to Canandaigua are part of the appeal. In fact, that area of Co Rd 30 up through New Michigan to Yerkes Rd are noted as scenic view points in map 13 of NRI -- points 3, 4, and 5. If you go to Co Rd 30 at the New Michigan area, it is indeed a vista. You can see quite far. In fact, I believe you can see RTE 444 from there which is definitely one of the higher spots in the area. And RTE 444 from Ganondagan/Boughton Hill (Victor) to Bloomfield is one of the prettiest drives in the area. I will travel the "long way" from Victor sometimes (down 444 and around through Bloomfield) just to see the view of rolling landscapes and farm fields. A solar array would definitely be an eye sore in that view - to us as well as to our Bloomfield and Victor neighbors.

While I am a proponent of clean energy, I do not believe that such a visible location and one that is in keeping with the agricultural character of the town that has already been recognized as a scenic vista, is the best choice for a solar array. Of note, this is all in the Strategic Farmland Protection Area and south of Co Rd 30 is in the new Ag Overlay area.

Thanks,
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