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TOWN OF ULSTER

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To: Supervisor Quigley

From: Eileen Murphy
114 Quail Drive
Town of Ulster

Re: Lightstar Solar Project

Among the many developments flooding our town, the Lightstar Solar Project, planned for Tuxtenbridge Rd, though environmentally progressive, negates its purpose with the plan to cut down 24 acres of trees, covering 5 wetlands, 2 streams and an eagle's nest just 660' away. Though they planned to move farther from the nest, that eagle & its young, like us, don't reside in one nest (home) only, it & we live in a community, in a block^{in a}, forest, w/ others!

I do NOT support the location of this valuable project reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, ~~nor~~ nor the 25 year term leaving the land raped of resources that contribute to healthy air & safe protected wetlands for nature. Even our outdated Comprehensive Plan addressed "preserving environmental areas... and land areas of

open space." (Master Complan, p. E-2).

I support the suggestion previously made to consider placing solar panels on the roofs of the many commercial buildings on 9W.

Also, how about negotiating w/ new developers as we race to the future that they also agree to include solar panels on their buildings.

A recent article in the Freeman, (1/20/25)

entitled "Big Tech wants to plug data centers into Power Plants" addresses their concerns for the future stating "The rapid growth of cloud computing, and AI has fueled demands for DATA Centers that need POWER to run services, storage systems, network equipment and cooling systems." If they want to build, we give space, they give concerns for our town's green concerns.

Finally, I would like to confirm my approval of Solar Panels - but not the LOCATION.

Thank you

Gilbert Murphy