

February 11, 2025

Town of Ulster Planning Board
584 East Chester Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear TOU Planning Board Members,

I understand the proposed Lightstar Renewables Solar Farm Development for Route 9W is on the Planning Board meeting agenda later today. I recently attended a County Planning Board meeting and heard a lot of concerns about the project. As an Ulster County resident, I too have many concerns with the proposal, but let me point out just three here:

- The development is planned for a ridge which our 2007 TOU Comprehensive Plan specifically states should be protected;
- The Planning Board is operating off of an 18-year-old Comprehensive Plan which contains no position or guidance on solar farms;
- The combination of the proposed Solar Farm, 9W Multi-Family Development, 100 Room Hotel, and IPark 87 (with 800 housing units) will totally destroy what little is left of the natural beauty and character of the area; not to mention traffic problems and stress on our schools and other community services.

I ask that the Planning Board take pause, and take a long hard look at the total impact of all of these projects on our community as a whole, and refrain from what appears to be a single project-by-project approval cadence, rather than a vision.

Thank You,

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CC: Town of Ulster Town Board