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To: [Nickolas Olson](#)
Subject: Concerns about Solar Farm on 92 and W. Highland
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Nicholas -

I wanted to send a brief email to express my concern about the proposed solar farm at County Road 92 and W. Highland Road. I live at 2500 Highland Road, and while I understand the need for alternative energy sources, the primary appeal of living in our area is that it is rural and beautiful.

There are so many farms in the area that are coming up for sale, we have appreciated the way that the new developments in the area have kept with the rural character of our community. My concern is that once we allow one of these solar farms to come into our area, they are going to be everywhere.

Thanks,
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To: Minnetrista City Council
From: Minnetrista Residents
Re: PID# 2011724220002

Minnetrista Mission Statement: The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.

We are writing to oppose the installation of a solar farm on the corner of Co Rd 92 and W Highland Rd.

The Site Plan does not comply with the Mission Statement for Minnetrista, nor does it appear to meet the Performance Standards of the Ordinance. Our concerns are regarding the "aesthetics, scenic view, character and integrity of the neighborhood" if built in this particular location. It, in no way, reflects a lack of commitment to the environment or sustainable energy.

Concerns include, but are not limited to:

- The overall appearance of the solar farm is industrial/commercial in nature, not Ag Preserve.
- There will be 3 separate tenants leasing the space. The three "gardens" will consist of 4100 solar panels, 9 feet high, each garden surrounded by a chain link fence, and a 2ftX3ft sign for safety.
- While the structure itself only covers 13.7% of the property, the total land use is approximately 73%, excluding only the wetlands and low ground.
- The proposed screening will be ineffective, due to the elevation of the property and roads, and the location of the neighboring homes.
- The ramifications on future property sales cannot be predicted.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter which effects our beautiful, rural neighborhood.

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 Date: 10/16/20