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Subject: Please vote no on the spower solar plant

Dear Spotsylvania Planning Commissioners:

I moved to Spotsylvania in May of 2017, from Boston. I moved to this area because of the natural beauty, the amazing history, and to enjoy wildlife in its natural habitat. I was looking for a slower lifestyle for my retirement, in an area that respected its natural and cultural heritage

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I care deeply about our natural world; I try to live my life in as "green" a way as I can. I conserve water, I plant flowers and vegetables as habitat for wildlife, I minimize my use of plastics as much as I can, I don't eat beef… and I support the use of alternative power.

I do NOT support spower's solar plant in my neighborhood. And, if I had known this was in the works, I would have looked for a different place to call home.

They are planning to destroy 6350 acres of wildlife habitat, dislocating an unknown number of animals. This is heartbreaking. Wild animals are a voiceless population, deserving of our protection – we should not be destroying them!
This wonton destruction of habitat is the moral equivalent of ivory poaching: All for profit, benefitting an amoral few; who cares about the animal? Well, I do – and I hope you do too.

In addition: this is a neighborhood – granted it is delightfully rural - but it is still a neighborhood! People live here – people have lived here for centuries; they have chosen to be here. It is not fair to destroy their (our) life. There must be more suitable locations for this type of power plant – deserts seem to be a viable location – no neighbors, lots of sun, no de-forestation needed… and it is where they have already been built without harm to neighborhoods.

There are so many unknowns that are frightening about this power plant.

I do not believe their hired property assessor who claims there will be no property devaluation. **I fear** that my retirement funds that are invested into my home will lost if this is allowed to be built.

I fear for my health, and the health of my neighbors who suffer with asthma and other respiratory diseases.

I fear for the bird population who may be harmed by this power plant.

I fear for our waters should some of the panels get destroyed and the cadmium poisons leach into our waters.

I fear for the frogs, and snails , and toads , and snakes, and rabbits , and groundhogs , and wild turkeys , and fox , and deer , and bears, and predator birds, and song birds who will be dislocated.

I fear for the pollinators , upon whom <u>all</u> life depends.

I fear for my neighbors whose property borders this power plant – I have seen video of the runoff that is happening on some of their properties now – the result of the deforestation that the power plant people & current owners have already done in anticipation of the project. It is terrible.

I fear for the loss of the sacred grounds that are everywhere in our county; and the loss of history and peace that exists now.

I fear for the drivers on our small country roads when the trucks are coming through. **I fear** for our first responders who will have to deal with the results of these accidents or with on-site fires or emergencies.

I am forced to rely upon you to protect me from this solar power plant. I am only one voter, with a small voice and tears in my eyes, *begging* you to protect us. All of us.

"When the last tree has been cut,
When the last river has been poisoned,
When the last fish has been caught.
Then we will find out that we cannot eat money." Anonymous proverb

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"God requires that we assist the animals, when they need our help. Each being (human or creature) has the same right of protection." St Francis of Assisi

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