

Residents United to Save our Hometown

Dear Residents United member,

Below are instructions for emailing our NYS legislators asking for their support to develop and implement sensible siting strategies for large-scale solar energy generation installation facilities in our state. Please join us in making our voices heard. Instructions for sending these messages are included below.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Step 1: Here are the email addresses for the members of our legislative committees. Please copy the links and paste them into the “TO:” box in a new email message. You can do one massive mailing or one for each of the six Committees.

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Step 2: Here is suggested wording for an email message to the legislators. Please copy and paste this, or your own version of this message, in the Body portion of your email message.

Dear NYS Legislator,

While the Governor has put up billions of dollars to develop renewable energy in the State, he has not put into place a sane strategy for siting these facilities. As a result, solar developers, committed to maximizing profits, are naturally driven to the simplest solution, i.e., to use cleared farmland as their first choice in siting a facility. There are no guidelines, incentives or disincentives to guide developers toward brownfields, former landfills, and otherwise industrially zoned and/or non-productive properties.

The entire siting process needs to be revised to require prioritization, especially for large-scale, tier 3 solar installations, to first consider brownfields, former landfills, manufacturing plant rooftops, and otherwise industrially zoned and nonproductive property for these installations BEFORE turning to cleared farmland. This needs to become part of the strategy for siting such facilities.

NYS has other initiatives to preserve farmland, yet is in conflict with those initiatives when tier 3 solar projects are allowed to target agricultural land for these projects, ostensibly because it is easier to develop.

In the Governor's annual budget address, on January 21, 2020, he proposed a complete overhaul to NY's siting of renewable energy projects that would put siting responsibility in the hands of the State, rather than profit-seeking developers. This presents a clear opportunity to get it right this time around.

Please help us make sense of this effort. A longer-term view is necessary. Let's not sacrifice our farmland.

Respectfully submitted,

[Your name]

[Your address]

Step 3: Add a subject line, we suggest "Request for your help" or "A sane approach to siting large-scale solar facilities" or whatever you think is best.

Step 4: Add your name and address at the bottom.

Step 5. Hit "SEND"

Thank you!!!