

Sept. 17th, 2025

Dear Planning Board,

I am a concerned 40 year resident of the Town of Ancram. My husband, Terry, is a lifetime resident, volunteer firefighter for over 50 years, and has also served on the planning board for several years. We acknowledge and appreciate the time you give to our town.

We recognize and support the importance of sustainable energy and believe there must be a better solution than turning our precious farm land into a solar field. We also support farmers who need additional income. However, as we drive north and south on Route 9 and 9H along with Route 23 and see all the solar arrays we wonder; is it too much to ask to leave Ancram as the preserved, rural, beautiful farming town that we all love?

Millerhurst Farm has survived tragedies and chose to preserve their heritage farm land by placing it in Columbia Counties Land Conservancy. It would be a shame for them to see the land they now border become a constant heartache.

We still do not understand the benefits this proposed solar array will give to our town. We also do not understand how a commercial array fits into the comprehensive plan. We will ask the town assessor to re-evaluate our property's value if this application is approved.

We simply ask you all to please take your time to carefully and cautiously consider the lasting impact your difficult decisions will have on our town and its residents.

Sincerely,

Jane (&Terry) Boyles