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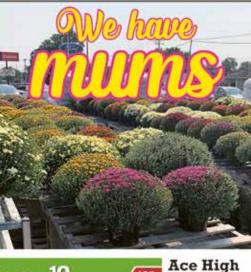


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Misleading Information from Solar Developers

Solar Developers: "There is no evidence to indicate a solar project will impact neighboring property values."

RESPONSE:

The larger the size of the industrial solar project, and the closer a residential property is to the project, the more likely a negative impact on residential property values.

"An Exploration of Property-Value Impact: Near Utility-Scale Solar Installations", University of Texas, Austin, May 2018 states:

"When averaging estimates across all respondents, the estimated impact was negative up to 1,000 feet, one half mile and one mile for 1.5 MW, 20 MW and 102 MW facilities, respectively. The averages suggest that respondents estimate that **greater** proximity to utility-scale solar installations is linked to a more negative property value impact, and that those impacts would be larger as the size of the solar installation increases."

Solar developers often refer to studies by Cohn-Reznick LLC. Cohn-Reznick's study dated March 5, 2021 was prepared for Montour Solar One, LLC located in San Francisco, CA. Montour Solar One is proposing a 100 MW solar project on 15 parcels. Some solar developers are not disclosing the number of acres in proposed projects. Instead, they disclose the number of parcels to make the projects sound smaller in size.

The nine solar plants used to support Cohn-Reznick's conclusion are very small in comparison to **Moss Creek Solar's** proposal for **200 MW comprising of 1,620 acres.** The nine solar plants range in size from 30.3 acres to 1,000 acres, producing as little as 1.3 MW to 100 MW. The only one in Indiana is the Dominion Indy Solar Farm in Indianapolis on 129 acres generating only 8.6 MW, a fraction of the size of Moss Creek Solar's proposed project.

Solar Developers: "Will this solar project impact soil and prime farmland in the future? No."

RESPONSE:

There is much written suggesting that the farmland will not be reasonably returned to the condition which is suitable for crop production. (Please visit PulaskiCountyAgainstSolar.org for the detailed information.)

There is NO evidence of any large commercial solar plant that has been successfully decommissioned to date. It is speculation by the solar developers that this ground will be reasonably returned to its original condition.

Solar developers say solar panels are safe.

QUESTIONS:

If solar panels are safe, why is it recommended they not be disposed in landfills? Why are there so many issues with recycling solar panels? Safety reasons? Economics?

Moss Creek Solar tries to minimize the scope of their project by stating they will only utilize 1,021 acres or only 0.4% of farmland in Pulaski County.

RESPONSE:

The Moss Creek Solar application is seeking approval on 1,620 acres.

However, that isn't the whole story:

Mammoth Solar Phase 1 4,511 acres

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Mammoth Solar Phase 2 4,700 acres
Moss Creek Solar 1,620 acres
Totaling 10,831 acres

There are **multiple** solar developers targeting prime farmland in Pulaski County. Pulaski County's solar ordinance does not limit the number of acres that could be lost from agriculture.

Solar developers like to quote big impact figures like "20.5 M in taxes per life of project".

RESPONSE:

The land contracts are often for a minimum of 30 years, which is only \$683k per year in taxes and FAILS to acknowledge the REDUCTION in taxes from lack of agricultural production and the loss of other ag-related revenue.

Many solar developers seek tax abatements, claiming to benefit the community through negotiated economic development payments.

Solar developers also like to talk about adding hundreds of new construction jobs.

RESPONSE

The majority of the jobs are only for the installation phase, a very short-term period compared to the life of the project.

Further, Moss Creek Solar LLC's application states that the selected contractor will have extensive experience with the installation of power facilities. Most of the temporary workers with this level of expertise will likely need to be brought into the county.

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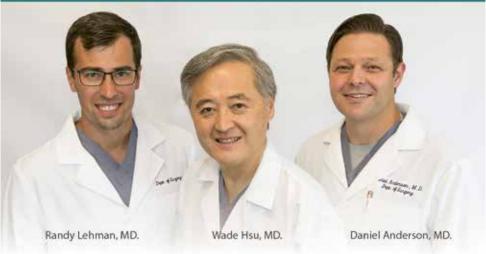
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The Moss Creek Solar Project Common Questions

Question:

Will this solar project negatively impact property values in the area?

Answer:

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Question:

Will this solar project impact soil and prime farmland in the future?

Answer:

No. Voluntarily participating in the Moss Creek Solar project provides area landowners and farmers an opportunity to diversify their income and harvest what they choose—the sun, soybeans, or both. While the farmland cannot be used for crop production during the life of the project, studies have shown that letting the soil rest during the project life can help the farmland remain productive in the future. When this solar project is decommissioned and removed, the underlying land can be returned to productive agricultural use. Solar projects do not impact non-participating landowners' ongoing farming practices.

Question:

Do solar panels pose a public health or environmental risk?

Answer:

No. People have been safely living and working around solar panels for generations. Panels are made of solid materials and do not pose a chemical hazard to the general public, underlying soil or groundwater. Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels are typically made of glass, polymer, aluminum, copper and semiconductor materials. In fact, studies have shown health-related air quality benefits from solar energy are worth even more than the electricity itself.²

Question:

How much farmland in Pulaski County will this solar project utilize?

Answer:

The Moss Creek Solar project will only utilize 0.4% of farmland in Pulaski County (1,021 acres out of 231,800 acres).

Question:

How will this solar project benefit the community?

Answer:

The Moss Creek Solar project has the potential to bring significant benefits to Pulaski County and the region, including approximately \$20.5 million in additional tax revenue over the life of the project, hundreds of new construction jobs, economic growth and clean, low-cost solar energy for years to come.

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Saturday, Sept. 18

- Trail of Courage living history festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 4 miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. Visit www. fultoncountyhistory.org for more information.
- · Bread of Life Food Pantry at Star City United Methodist Church, 10-11 a.m.
- · Rogers Auction, 11 a.m., estate of James and Tabitha Nacke, Rogers Auction House, 119 S. Chicago St., Royal Center, by auctioneer Terry Rogers.
- Enjoy Italian beef at Winamac VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35, plus the **All American raffle** at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19

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Tuesday, Sept. 21

• The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will be testing the county emergency siren system at 7 p.m.

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Friday, Sept. 24

• Enjoy frog legs, 4-7 p.m., at Winamac VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35.

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 24-26

• Annual **Kewanna Fall Festival**, opening at 4 p.m. Thursday and continuing through Sunday at 5 p.m., featuring circus, games, food, arts, craft vendors, entertainment and much more.

Saturday, Sept. 25

- Kewanna's annual Rummage Rumble communitywide garage/yard sale day, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., sponsored by Kewanna HEART.
- All American raffle, 7 p.m., Winamac VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35.

Sunday, Sept. 26

• Firearm auction, noon, Rogers Auction House, 119 S. Chicago St., Royal Center, by auctioneer Terry Rogers.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

• Online auction, www.halderman.com, of 211.3 total acres of productive farmland at the intersection of SR 16 and CR 1000 E., Monticello, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., by Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management.

Saturday, Oct. 2

• Golf cart poker run to benefit the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project, 3 p.m. registration start. Contact Greg at 574-242-1031 or email 2021msb@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

• Free estate planning workshop, 6-8 p.m., by Winamac lawyer Tim Murray. Call 574-946-7819 to RSVP.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

• The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will be testing the county **emergency siren system** at 10 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 29

• Pick up active files needed from Alan F. Hizer, attorney, before his office closes. Call 574-946-6868 for more information.

Notices

Purdue Extension Pulaski County is offering a

- variety of classes, including basic or intermediate Excel, basic or intermediate Word, Publisher and more. Call 574-946-3412 to register or for more information. The Pulaski County Farmers Market will be
- open weekly on Thursdays in Francesville, 5-7 p.m. at the downtown gazebo, and on Saturdays in Winamac, 9 a.m.noon at the courthouse square. · Starke/Pulaski Habitat for Humanity needs
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- are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday by curbside pickup. Call 574-946-6500 to schedule pickup or come to 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac, and ring the
- · Contact Pulaski County Human Services at 574-946-6500 to take part in the Energy Assistance, rent or other assistance programs. Applications are available.
- Retire your flag with honor by bringing it to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory chapels in Royal Center, Kewanna and Logansport. Your flag will honor a veteran by being draped across them at the time of cremation.
- Winamac Nazarene Church Neighbor to Neighbor Compassionate Ministries food pantry is open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Monday, at 514 E. 13th St., Winamac, west of the PMH ER entrance. Bring a box or laundry basket, wear a mask and wait in your vehicle. The phone number is 574-

See more upcoming events at www.pulaskijournal.com

KEWANNA FALL FESTIVAL • SEPT. 24-26

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23 Registration for **Baking Contest**

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Judging of Baking Contest Entries FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

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Night Shift Band -NIPSCO Stage Cornhole - Tennis

5_{РМ} Registration **Cutest Baby**

Stage 6:30_{PM} Baking Contest Auction - NIPSCO Stage

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

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ENTERTAINMENT TENT SCHEDULE

Posthumous Grand Marshall: Carla Wallenda 2:30_{PM} KEWANNA H.E.A.R.T.

BENEFIT AUCTION 2:30_{PM} 5K Race Registration

3:30_{РМ} Kewanna Fire Station FREE GREAT

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FAMILY CIRCUS Christian Strutz (Acoustic Guitar) NIPSCO Stage

8:30рм Copper Bridges Band (Country) -NIPSCO Stage Live Pro Wrestling Baseball Diamond

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26 Games, Food, Arts, 11ам

Craft Vendors & Chain Saw Carving Northern Indiana Pullers Garden Behind Fire Station 11_{AM} Weigh-In

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Note: All commercial/business entries must include \$10 entry fee with application Please select the most appropriate category (Choose only 1) Decorated Float, Classic Auto (30 or more yrs. old), Best of Theme Marching Band, Baton/Tumbling Unit, Antique Tractor (25 yrs. or older), Truck, Horse Unit, Miscellaneous

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