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I am writing to provide public comment on the proposed rules regarding siting solar projects.

I am a resident of Pelham. We maintain beautiful trails through our forested land, which people from all over use on a regular basis. We love our forests out here. We love nature out here.

New solar projects should be built only on developed land. It is unconscionable to tear down forest habitat to make way for solar panels when the parking lots, building roofs and vacant lots of the coast are still uncovered. Take a page from Beverly - the high school's parking lot is covered in them. Why not all municipal parking lots?? Why not all municipal buildings?

There are so many options that have not been pursued that looking to the pristine land out west is both lazy and immoral.

Rules should reflect this. Developers should have to show how many solar fields they've erected over city lots, city roofs, parking lots, etc. before proposing the removal of any undeveloped land. The forests out here support diverse wildlife. That is a vanishing resource that should not be sacrificed without exhausting all other routes first.

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