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Comments on Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements

From Roger Merritt <rogthatsme@gmail.com>

Date Fri 10/31/2025 8:53 PM

To EJ.inquiries (EEA) <EJ.inquiries@mass.gov>

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Sincerely yours,

Roger Merritt
12 Jefferson way
Carver , ma
02330

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From Ziporah Hildebrandt <runthebars@gmail.com>

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Sincerely yours,

Ziporah Hildebrandts
354 Pelham Hill Rd, Shutesbury, Ma 01072

Sent from S.V. Z



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From Siviva Levana <sivivalevana@gmail.com>

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Siviva Levana

Shutesbury, MA



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If the definition of Key stakeholder remains at 1 mile, defeats the idea that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure all Communities are treated equally. We, who are less likely to be adversely affected, need to be a voice for those who are or could be affected. It is our moral responsibility.

Please redefine key stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Nancy L McHale
87 Fearing Hill Road
West Wareham, MA 02576-1438



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From Lynne Pledger <pledgerma@gmail.com>

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Dear Office of Environmental Justice and Equity,

Thank you for considering the following issues:

1. It is unclear where towns would find the funds needed for enforcement of these agreements unless funding is provided.
2. The definition of key stakeholders as being only close neighbors of the project is not appropriate for these projects, which can affect whole communities.

Regards,
Lynne Pledger
31 Green St.
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370



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From Jack <beungood@gmail.com>

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Sincerely yours,

John J Ouellette
47 Weston St Carver, MA 02330



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From David Buchanan <davidbuchanan71@yahoo.com>

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David Buchanan
541 W Pelham Rd
Shutesbury, MA 01072



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From Brittany Gravely <biosphere@public-information.org>

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Dear Office of Environmental Justice and Equity,

Please consider my comments on the draft Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements relating to solar siting. I agree with the suggestions put forth by my esteemed colleagues who have been working tirelessly on improving the solar siting situation and its equitability:

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Sincerely,

Brittany Gravely
98 Sheridan St. #2
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130



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From Janet Sinclair <jasinclair@verizon.net>

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Sincerely yours,

Janet Sinclair
Buckland



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From MARIA SELLMAN <maria4601@comcast.net>

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Maria Sellman



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From Alvin Blake <alvinblake@aol.com>

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Sincerely yours,

Anya Klepacki

160 Neilson Rd
New Salem 01355



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Ken Kipen

Ashfield MA 01330



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From Mark Barry <marbar0814@icloud.com>

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Sincerely yours,

Amy Tamagini
56 Warr Ave
Wareham, MA 02571



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Judith Williams
83 Shays St
Amherst MA01002



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Jody Shapiro
50 Cushman Rd
Amherst MA 01002



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From Christine Emord <cemord@hotmail.com>

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Christine Emord
Carver, Ma

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From Miriam <mimbck@yahoo.com>**Date** Thu 10/30/2025 10:42 AM**To** EJ.inquiries (EEA) <EJ.inquiries@mass.gov>

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Sincerely yours,

Mike and Miriam Kurland 566 East St. Williamsburg, Ma. 01096 mimbck@yahoo.com



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From Elizabeth Fernandez O'Brien <fernanob@gmail.com>

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Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Fernandez O'Brien

She/her/hers

cell: 413 374 3271

home:413 367 9340



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October 30, 2025

Subject: Comments on Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jodi Rodar

223 North Valley Road

Pelham, MA 10002



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From Rachel Atkins <rachel@communitylandandwater.org>

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Sincerely yours, Rachel Atkins

Community Land & Water Coalition

P.O. Box 1699

Plymouth MA 02362

www.communitylandandwater.org

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and water resources of Southeastern Massachusetts.
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As a resident of Carver for 37 years. Living on Cranberry bogs
I just do not know we take the slightest chance of contaminating our many acres of food sources.

Our cranberry bogs abutt water source that flow throughout many towns.

I do not know why we even take the slightest chance. There is always a what if.

What if our waters become contaminated. How do we fix that.

Sort of like why do we have a 6 acre lithium battery storage facility Abutting a pond that feeds many other cranberry bogs. Food. Our food sources.

Along with being built 60 yards from our elementary school and Abutting homes in most densely populated neighborhood in Carver.

Why are we not doing everything to protect our waters

Thank you
Karen Lapham

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67 main st
Carver ma 02330

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

Eric Lintala
15 Squirrel Island Road
West Wareham, Ma. 02576



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From Katherine Harrelson <katherine.clwc@gmail.com>

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Plymouth, MA 02360