

## SMART Public Comment

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Please revise the SMART program to avoid, or at least significantly reduce, the number of forests and farmland that are being converted to large-scale ground-mounted solar arrays, and to better align this program with other state climate and land conservation programs and goals:

1 The "Greenfield Subtractor" should be increased to five times its current level and applied to the entire footprint of the project (not just the solar arrays), to further discourage development on such greenfields.

2. Greater incentives should be provided to encourage the development of solar on rooftops, parking canopies, highway cloverleaves and other distributed areas.

3. For any greenfield development, MassWildlife, the MA DEP and a Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review should be brought in early not at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

Thank you,

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"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenges and controversy."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968