

## Solar farms in Shutesbury, NO Thanks!

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Hello,

I am writing to comment on the Department's Emergency Regulations for the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program. I thank the Department for listening to the concerns of Shutesbury residents and many others and responding by adding the prohibition of solar energy development on land where at least 50 percent of the parcel's area is designated as Priority Habitat, Core Habitat, or Critical Natural Landscape, wetlands, as well as developing a web mapping tool to help identify these areas. Please do not allow developers to cut forests and build large scale solar on inappropriate sites.

Furthermore, cutting down the forests that cool the planet to put up solar farms is counter productive and does not protect and prevent climate change.

Solar farms are better suited for roofs, like at malls, and already cleared parking lots.

Please oppose the 4 new solar farms proposed for Shutesbury; 2 are on Baker Road, and the other 2 in Shutesbury .

Thanks very much!

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