

Smart Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner,

With the swoop of a pen and no clear cut rationale, you killed a Renewable Energy project which would have provided jobs and tax revenue in Southeastern MA. The project, a proposed Solar Farm, has been underway since 2018. With no warning or clear reason, you changed the guidelines of land available for Solar Projects, and consequently disqualified all land for this project. No projects already underway to be grandfathered, despite the countless hours and \$1.2 million in expenses already incurred. The land in question has been owned for generations by the Rounseville Family, a family with deep roots in Southeastern MA, spanning centuries. The Rounseville Family has historically been a great ally to environmental groups, having placed over 500 acres of land into conservation over generations. Your action has penalized the town of Rochester, MA, its citizens who would have been provided good jobs, and a family who has always been a great ally to environmental groups.

We ask you to please reconsider your decision!

Sincerely,

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