

Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Washington
10 Reservoir Drive
Millbrook, New York 12545

RE: Arcadia Field's Solar Development / Public Comment

10 December 2024

Dear Board Members:

We are the property owners of 5561 Route 82, which lies within 500 feet of Arcadia Fields, and recently received a public notice of a pending matter before you regarding solar panels placed on Arcadia's property, known as parcel #727971-0000.

We wanted to express our objection to the installation of the solar panels by Arcadia, and request that the Board reject the building permit that was issued for this solar development for several important reasons.

The installation is in direct conflict with the Town's mission to protect the integrity of the natural environment of the area. The installation can easily be seen from Route 82 and the neighboring properties, resulting in long lasting negative visual impacts to the Town and to neighbors like us.

It is our understanding that the Town's solar law requires the solar panels to be completely screened. However, given the location of the solar panels, the topography of the land, and the destruction of existing vegetation along Route 82, these solar panels cannot be completely screened from the roadway or from neighbors, and there is no guarantee that screening will be completely and adequately maintained by the current owner of Arcadia or any future owner.

Since Arcadia is a large-scale commercial property, it makes sense that the solar panels should be relocated elsewhere on its property so that the impacts to all neighbors be eliminated permanently.

Thank you,



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