

9876 Fowlerville Road
Fowlerville, MI 48836
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To Whom It May Concern:

Paul and Susan Charron residents of 9876 Fowlerville Road, Conway Township are submitting this letter in strong opposition to the proposed solar farms in Conway and Cohoctah townships.

We built our dream house in 2003 with the intention of it being our forever home. My family loves being able to enjoy our yard/field, looking out of our windows to see the beautiful sunsets, the deer and turkey in the field, and the unpolluted starlight at night. The building of a solar farm next door/ across from us will take away the very things we love about living here.

In addition to our personal interests, we have concerns regarding other factors in the construction of solar farms in this area:

1. Land Use and Aesthetics:

- Aesthetic Concerns: Many find large-scale solar farms visually unappealing, especially in rural or natural landscapes, and believe they negatively alter the character of a place.
- Agricultural Conflicts: Solar farms take up valuable farmland, potentially impacting food production and the livelihoods of farmers. Industrial-scale solar should be sited on brownfields or rooftops instead of agricultural land.
- Habitat Degradation: Construction and operation of large solar farms can lead to habitat loss and fragmentation, displacing wildlife and potentially harming ecosystems.
- Property Values: Some studies suggest that utility-scale solar arrays may decrease the property values of nearby homes, particularly in rural areas, while rooftop solar installations may increase property values.

2. Environmental Concerns:

- Manufacturing and Disposal: The production of solar panels requires energy and can involve the use of potentially hazardous materials like cadmium and lead. Disposal of old panels is a growing challenge, and improper disposal could lead to environmental contamination.
- Water Contamination: Inadequate management of stormwater runoff during and after construction can lead to soil erosion and downstream sedimentation, potentially contaminating water sources.

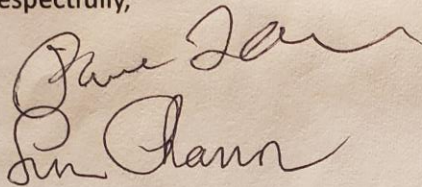
3. Grid Reliability and Energy Storage:

- Intermittency: Solar power is intermittent, only generating electricity when the sun is shining. This poses challenges for grid reliability and requires energy storage solutions to ensure a steady power supply.
- Grid Integration: Integrating large amounts of solar power into existing grids designed for centralized power sources can be challenging.

The Charron family urges the leadership of Conway and Cohoctah townships to place ordinances in place to prohibit the construction of solar farms.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding our thoughts on this significant matter. We can be reached at (517)375-1774 or charronsp@hotmail.com

Respectfully,

Handwritten signatures of Paul and Susan Charron. The signature for Paul is on top, and the signature for Susan is below it.

Paul and Susan Charron

"Now four generations farmin' the ground.

Grandson sells it to a man out of town.

And two weeks later the trees go down.

Only got concrete growin' around." - Oliver Anthony.