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As a homeowner that lives across the street from the Benton Solar project being led by NextEra, I am writing to request the site permit not be issued without addressing the neighborhood request for a visual barrier around the project.

This solar farm surrounds a number of homes. Many of us built in the country were drawn to the beauty of the country for various reasons - the scenery, wild life, open spaces and the serenity of the farmland. As a neighbor, we ask that a visual shield be included in the plan. In meeting with NextEra, we understand they are working on a berm but it is unclear how tall it will be. With the fence that will surround the field and knowing that the highest point of the panels while rotating will both be at 8 feet, we are requesting an 8 foot berm be built to preserve our quality of life in the country.

Sincerely,
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