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I am writing to express my serious concerns about the erosion and stormwater runoff related to the proposed 1,100 acre solar farm project currently under consideration in our area. Large-scale land disturbance of this magnitude poses significant risks to soil stability, water quality, and surrounding ecosystems. Without proper mitigation strategies in place, such projects can lead to: Severe soil erosion, especially during heavy rainfall events, which may result in sedimentation of the nearby lake, creeks, and wetlands. Contamination of surface and groundwater due to runoff carrying sediments, nutrients, or construction-related pollutants. Flooding risks for adjacent properties, my home property included, due to changes in natural drainage patterns and reduced land permeability. Given the proximity of this project to sensitive areas, including nearby wetlands, streams, and agricultural fields, the current plan from the drawings is not sufficient, with the amount of water that comes off the field across my yard and into the lake. I urge your office to prioritize the long-term sustainability of our land, water, and wildlife in your review of this project.

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Blanding's Turtles is a state-listed threatened species in Minnesota. Has there been a specific herpetofauna survey at the Lake Charlotte solar project site that includes checks for Blanding's turtles – both adult turtles and nesting sites? If yes: What was the time of year and weather conditions? What methods were used (trapping, basking surveys, egg nest searches?) What are the findings? Does the Environmental Assessment include threatened species assessments as required by Minnesota Law or rules? Is there information or mapping about wetlands, upland sandy soils, known habitats near the project, and potential corridors that turtles might use?

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Groundwater quality assessments for local wells and aquifers. Has there been any studies completed for the groundwater quality and to get a baseline prior to construction? If so, where do I find those studies and the water chemistry that was found? Our well on Charlotte Oak Drive is very close to the proposed solar farm, to my knowledge, nobody has asked us to test that well water. I am also concerned with the many septic tanks and mounds along Charlotte Oak Drive, and their proximity to the solar farm, with the high amounts of water runoff we experience during rainfalls. I wouldn't imagine the State of Minnesota would be all that thrilled with septic contents getting into the local waterways.

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the BESS and solar facility in our area. A key issue must be addressed is the significant fire risk associated with lithium batter storage. As has been widely reported, lithium battery fires are not easily extinguished and are often allowed to burn out on their own, this is well-documented fact. In recent incidents at other lithium battery storage sites, entire communities within a two-mile radius were forced to evacuate due to the toxic smoke released during the fire. This raises critical question: why are we willing to take such severe risks with the health and safety of nearby residents, our water sources, and the surrounding environment? Our community is located near Lake Charlotte and is surrounded by wetlands – sensitive ecosystems that are home to diverse wildlife and directly connected to our water supply. It is unacceptable to gamble with the health of human lives, the purity of our wells, and the safety of our local environment. Who will be held accountable if the worst-case scenario occurs? Will it be the State of Minnesota? Local Government? The Developer?
