

The following shows the wording of the petition sent out on May 15th. Signatures were obtained between May 15 through May 22nd on Change.org. Unfortunately, we were not aware of this pending legislation until May 14th. Here it the [link](https://chnge.it/tZCbWx9JpL) to the petition:

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We would like to know why and how and by whom “Sensible Solar” was started. Were they aware of the pending legislation change way ahead of public knowledge? Note that while they may have more total signatures, that does not indicate that there are more residents in favor of the Draft 2 as written. Only that they had more time.

The Petition Language:

I am a concerned resident of Yorktown and urge members of the Town Board to SUPPORT the Freestone 3-megawatt ground-mounted solar installation proposed for 1805 Jacob Road and to vote AGAINST the proposed restrictive law that would eliminate virtually all future community solar projects in Yorktown with the amendments to Chapter 300-81.4: “Solar Power Generation Systems and Facilities” - [Draft 2](#).

I fully support renewable energy, as it reduces the production of climate warming gases, reduces unhealthy air pollution, is affordable and not dependent on fluctuating fuel prices.

Why should Large-Scale Ground-Mounted COMMUNITY SOLAR projects in Yorktown be Supported?

Energy Needs

The Town of Yorktown has significant new construction and growth. Solar farms produce most energy during peak usage times, keeping the grid stable. Also, as we migrate from gas and oil for transportation and heat, we will need more clean energy.

Yorktown residents, businesses, and institutions currently consume ~260 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year. Currently, Yorktown has 649 completed solar systems with about 26 megawatts of capacity. To offset 100% of Yorktown’s current electricity use, we need 800% more solar than we have now. The need is clear.

Development Options

Solar farms are good neighbors. They do not cause noise, traffic, air or water pollution, have no garbage or recycle collection, put no load on our schools, don’t emit light pollution but still pay taxes. Any other type of development will be an environmental negative, while clean, quiet solar farms are an environmental plus.

Financial Benefits

COMMUNITY SOLAR projects provide, at no cost to the town or residents, a guaranteed electricity bill savings for 25 years for the residents who sign-up, creating lower energy costs for hundreds of households, providing more affordable renewable energy to seniors, renters, fixed income consumers and homeowners that cannot add solar to their roofs.

Protect Property Values

Properly designed ground-mounted COMMUNITY SOLAR can enhance the appeal of our neighborhoods by demonstrating our community commitment to clean energy, making Yorktown more desirable and increasing property values.

What Legislation is Recommended?

I recommend the existing solar legislation be amended with improvements in visual shielding and setbacks etc. as listed in [Draft 1](#). In this case, the Town Planning Board will continue to act as in the past to review and approve any proposed projects.

The Proposed Jacob Road Project:

This Community Solar project will result in the creation of a new NATURE TRAIL from Jacob Road past the solar farm and wetlands, down to the Hunter Brook Preserve and there is also a plan to create an environmental education area along the trail, with benches for sitting and enjoying nature. Also, five (5) ACRES WILL BE DONATED to the Westchester Land Trust.

While some trees will be removed for the solar project, according to the EPA the annual carbon reduction from this 3.1 MW solar project will be equivalent to the carbon reduced by 1,654,614 ACRES OF US FORESTS.

This Community Solar project will be very well shielded by MATURE trees. And the panels will only be 10' high (vs. 15' elsewhere). Working with the Town Planning Board for 3 years, the developers have designed a project that recognizes the natural landscapes and will maintain wildlife (which would not be the case if the land were used for other types of development). There is extensive graphic modeling that shows the site will be very difficult, if not impossible to see due to the trees.

The site slopes away from the existing residents.. There is also an extensive stormwater management plan that is part of the project - draining into an existing wetland on the property that will continue to provide wildlife habitation.

Yorktown's open spaces, strong sense of community, and beautiful residential neighborhoods are what make this town special. This project helps protect them and creates a more sustainable future for all of us – especially our children and future generations.

I Urge the Town Board to Take Action Now!

I ask you to SUPPORT Freestone's ground-mounted solar and vote NO on the proposed law that will stop this project and others like it whose developers wish to work with the Planning Board.

In addition, I urge you to CREATE A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN that identifies specific areas for additional responsible solar solutions, including, for all viable locations:

- Solar canopies over parking areas
- Town of Yorktown promotion for rooftop solar on residential and commercial buildings
- Solar on all Town of Yorktown buildings

Please listen to the concerns of Yorktown residents like me and take action before it's too late!

Sincerely,
Yorktown Resident

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Signed On
Robert DeAngelis	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/13/2025
Barbars Wolff	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/14/2025
Peter Capek	Ossining	NY	10562	United States	5/14/2025
Phyenix Young-White	Poughkeepsie	NY	12533	United States	5/14/2025
Sarah Wilson	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/14/2025
Cesar Ortega	Sleepy hollow	NY	10591	United States	5/14/2025
jesse peralta	San Jose	CA	95138	United States	5/14/2025
Kim Foster	Yorktown	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025

Artie Herdman	Carmel	NY	10512	United States	5/15/2025
Ryan Hutcherson	Denver	CO	80238	United States	5/15/2025
Tiorys Aristy	Cortlandt Manor	NY	10567	United States	5/15/2025
Rosalind Weis	yorktown heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Bill Rubin	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Ronald Belanger	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
William Ferrara	New York	NY	10021	United States	5/15/2025
Mike M.	New York	NY	10956	United States	5/15/2025
Leone Dieujuste	Spring Valley	NY	10977	United States	5/15/2025
Gilbert QUINTANILLA	Brooklyn	NY	11237	United States	5/15/2025
Ricki Cherry	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Vito Sacchetti	New York	NY	10128	United States	5/15/2025
Maria Costanzo	yorktown	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Charles Lazarus	Ossining	NY	10562	United States	5/15/2025
Tim Taich	Mohegan Lake	NY	10547	United States	5/15/2025
Jennifer A Brehl	Ossining	NY	10562	United States	5/15/2025
Barbara Wolf	Bridgeport	CT	06602	United States	5/15/2025
Lisa Stamatelos	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Sara Schoenwetter	Mohegan Lake	NY	10547	United States	5/15/2025
gilda aronson	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Joyce Pear	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
MARCY KAHN	Mohegan Lake	NY	10547	United States	5/15/2025
Wendy Frank	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Richard Jennings	Shrub Oak	NY	10588	United States	5/15/2025

Barbara Lewis	New York	NY	10016	United States	5/15/2025
Henry Quintanilla	Yorktown	NY	10598	United States	5/15/2025
Mason Babagool	Bronxville	NY	10708	United States	5/15/2025
Anna Pereira	Jacksonville	FL	32211	United States	5/15/2025
Christopher Campanella	Blauvelt	NY	10962	United States	5/15/2025
Lynn Somerstein	NEW YORK	NY	10128	United States	5/15/2025
Nicholas Mariano	Mohegan Lake	NY	10547	United States	5/15/2025
David Rodriguez	Nyack	NY	10960	United States	5/15/2025
ANDREW KERNER	Annapolis	MD	21666	United States	5/16/2025
Christian Dedvukaj	Cortlandt Manor	NY	10567	United States	5/16/2025
Hesky Fisher	Mohegan Lake	NY	10547	United States	5/16/2025
Ryan Moore	Queensbury	NY	12804	United States	5/16/2025
David Balaj	Chappaqua	NY	10514	United States	5/16/2025
William Everingham	Nyack	NY	10965	United States	5/16/2025
Richard Waksman	Pleasantville	NY	10570	United States	5/16/2025
Jeffrey Marfeo	Cortlandt Manor	NY	10567	United States	5/16/2025
Nelly Balloffet	Ossining	NY	10562	United States	5/16/2025
Daryl Lindholm	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/16/2025
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Matthew Byrne	Larchmont	NY	10538	United States	5/16/2025
Cynthia Tolo	Nanuet	NY	10954	United States	5/16/2025
Mark Cicola	Brooklyn	NY	11211	United States	5/16/2025
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Jack Kouloheris	Ossining	NY	10562	United States	5/16/2025
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Suzie DeAngelis	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
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Carol Fessler	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
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Laura Greenberg	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
Raka Bose	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
Christine Kelly-Edelman	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
Jake Herchelroth	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
Whit Rawlinson	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/19/2025
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Noreen Parrell	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/20/2025
Richard Anton	Mount Kisco	NY	10549	United States	5/20/2025
Julia Luchkowec	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/20/2025
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John Colangelo Jr.	Yorktown	NY	10598	United States	5/20/2025
Christopher Dispensa	Yorktown Heights	NY	10598	United States	5/20/2025
Lisa Calicchia	Poughkeepsie	NY	10598	United States	5/21/2025
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Note: Location for Maureen Ganes was corrected from Italy to Yorktown Heights. She resides on McKeel Street in Yorktown and is currently visiting Italy.