

# Town of Wakefield

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## **RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BLACKWATER SOLAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Wakefield Town Council has enacted a resolution to object the Conditional Use Permit application by Blackwater Solar which proposes to develop a hybrid 600MW Solar, 400MW energy storage generation facility. The project is located within the Wakefield area near the Southeast 4-H Educational Center.

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Wakefield opposes the short and long term damage and pollution to existing lands and waterways, outside of the corporate limits of the town, from the transportation and installation of the Blackwater Solar Farm through the emission of greenhouse gases, as well as the construction of the site will contain toxic and hazardous materials used during the manufacturing process photovoltaic cells of solar power which can indirectly affect the environment.

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Wakefield opposes the alternate land use of over 4000 acres which will be converted from agriculture, mixed forest, and pine plantations into a solar farm with only a 150-foot wood line boundary between the Blackwater Solar and existing homeowners. In addition, we oppose the alteration of existing roads to accommodate the required transportation network and access points to and from Blackwater Solar.

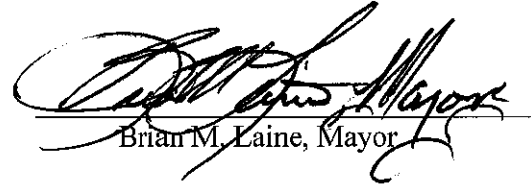
**WHEREAS**, The Town of Wakefield objects to the overall set up large-scale solar farms because they necessitate clearing and grading of vast land areas, leading to compression of soil, excessive soil erosion, and alteration of drainage channels.

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Wakefield objects to the habitat loss and strain on water resources from the development and long-term foot print of Blackwater Solar. In addition, we oppose the close proximity of Blackwater Solar to several managed lands, including the Big Woods and Airfield Pond which are located within a three-mile radius of the project

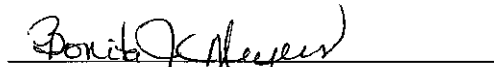
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That the Wakefield Town Council, Wakefield, Virginia requests the Sussex County Board of Supervisors reject the application due to the damage and reduction of forestry and agricultural usage, and the negative impact on the property value of any lands in proximity of acreage near the proposed installation of Blackwater Solar.

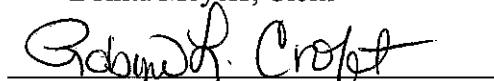
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Wakefield Town Council, Wakefield, Virginia reiterates its opposition of the request for **Conditional Use Permit Application for Blackwater Solar in Sussex County.**

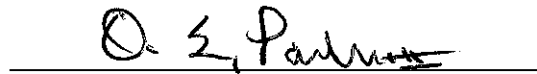
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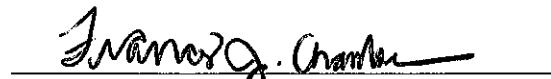
  
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Attest:


  
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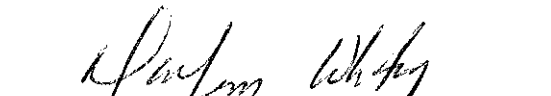
  
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