



## Glenville Environmental Conservation Commission

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Subject: Zoning code change to address "solar farms"

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Melissa –

Recapping key points and next steps coming out of last night's GECC meeting to discuss this subject:

1. To address "solar farms" by creation of an overlay district will need language added to Town Code [§ 270-24.1 Overlay zoning districts](#) and [Article XXII Solar Energy](#).
2. Rather than an overlay, it may be simpler to achieve the Town's overall goal by adding a provision to Article XXII specifying that in RRA (Rural Residential/Agricultural) and SR (Suburban Residential) districts, large scale solar arrays are only permissible on parcels that are at least 30 acres in size and within ½ mile of a substation. This and necessary related language could follow the existing [§ 270-166 Approval standards for large-scale solar systems as special uses](#).
3. In either case, in order to make an informed SEQR recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission, GECC would first hope to see a draft of the proposed law that cohesively integrates with Article XXII, especially avoiding confusion or ambiguity resulting from distinctions between "solar energy farms" as defined in potential legislation and "large-scale solar energy systems" as already defined in Article XXII. If GECC may be of any help in the drafting process, just let us know.
4. In the meantime, GECC will review Parts 1 and 2 of the draft Environmental Assessment Form and discuss any recommended changes in an online special meeting on December 10 at 7:00 PM.

Thanks,  
Daniel Hill  
GECC Chair