


Berkhout, Keith

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From: Dan Leuer <>
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Keith,

Please enter our protest into the record which follows:

My name is Daniel T Leuer and my wife Sherry B Leuer. We own 2 parcels bordering the subject property and are separately held by Old Second Trust 6150 and the DTL Trust. We have lived on the property held by Old Second Trust 6150 for over 32 years and intend to build a home on the recently developed DTL Trust lot.

Our objections:

This proposed solar project is **not** harmonious to the area. Bordering properties are a mix of residential and farmland and this solar farm will be an eyesore to those of us who live next to it. The only benefactors will be the solar company.

Legislation:

The long eared bat is a protected class in the State of Illinois and in the US but falls short as to the protection:

On November 29, 2022 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a final rule to reclassify the northern long-eared bat as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Trees three inches or greater at breast height shall not be cleared between April 1 and September 30. If a project is within 2.5 miles of a northern long-eared bat site, the tree-clearing restrictions are lengthened to April 1 - October 30. Note, tree trimming and clearing of hazards can occur at any time.^{Dec 6, 2022}

Our property benefits greatly from the bats. We do not have to chemically spray for mosquitos. On any given day during the summer, we spot dozens of bats swooping through the yard taking care of the flying insects. **The**

underlying issue happens after the protected timeframe. When trees are allowed to be legally removed, the bats and wildlife move on to other grounds. Specifically, they've been proven to eat agricultural pests including the corn earworm. And bats also consume massive amounts of mosquitoes.^{Nov 29, 2022} **On corn, larvae eat through kernels of ears and feed on the developing tassels in the whorls of the plant. Damage is usually limited to the first 2 to 3 inches of the ear.**

I also sent an email to a Scott Osborn (affiliation/title unknown) asking this question:

I'm interested to see how you'll handle the terrain/vegetation/wildlife that currently exists as to the old wooded gravel pit. It's been a haven for many types of wildlife over the past 25 years and I would hate to see them leave.

His reply: "there is a wetland in the parcel's southwest corner that we are avoiding. This isn't very far from lower half of your driveway and probably the most-desirable location for the wildlife".

Sorry, but this falls way short for a solution and he obviously avoids admitting it. All the wildlife will not fit and/or habitat on less than an acre.

Adamantly Submitted by:

Dan and Sherry Leuer

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My yard next to the old gravel pit this morning



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