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IS THE SHAFTSBURY SOLAR PROJECT RIGHT FOR OUR TOWN?

What has been proposed by Freepoint Solar (see map on reverse side)?

- The largest solar power plant in Vermont (matched only by the plant in Ludlow)
- 65 football fields of solar panels, ignoring the North Bennington waterline and a deed restriction.
- A new exit off Super 7 (not yet approved) that presents its own safety issues.
- Circuitous delivery routes on local roads whether or not the new Super 7 exit is approved.
- A hilltop substation, transformers, new power lines, new on-site roads, new fencing.
- No staging area for the many kilotons of construction material to be delivered.

How will this impact the Shaftsbury community?

- The project will be visible from Rt 7 and 7a, from Holy Smoke and Trumbull Hill Roads, from all hiking trails to the north and from Mt Equinox and parts of the Green Mountain National Forest.
- Extreme disruption and likely damage to Route 7 and local roads during construction.
- Permanent degradation of the scenic, rural/residential community along Holy Smoke Rd.

Will the developer work with the Shaftsbury community?

- They have yet to publicly acknowledge the ePUC comments or incorporate any changes.
- They have submitted an Advanced Notice for another 20MW project in Fair Haven, Vermont, with another 50MW project in Panton yet to be announced.

Can we trust this company to honor the interests of the community?

- Reed Wills and Peter Ford made false and misleading comparisons of the Shaftsbury and Ludlow projects in public forums. The two solar arrays are roughly equal in size.
- The company's Advance Notice did not acknowledge known unresolved issues with the site.
- Freepoint has a record of questionable business practices.

Is the proposed Shaftsbury array the best way to mitigate climate change?

- This massive, environmentally-destructive array would feed power to the New England grid for remote distribution, incurring transmission losses and requiring always-on transformers and a step-up substation;
- Less destructive arrays close to load, that provide locally distributed energy to minimize losses, would be a more efficient and effective way to meet renewable energy needs;
- We will not save the natural world by destroying the natural world.

Isn't it likely that Shaftsbury financial "benefits" will be similar to Ludlow's?

- Reported Ludlow benefits: \$100,000 to the town when construction complete and \$75,000 to the elementary school. Going forward, the town will receive \$35,000 a year for the first 5 years and then \$25,000 a year after that.
- The Ludlow renewable energy credits go to Connecticut utility companies.

THE ANSWERS ABOVE HAVE LED US TO TAKE A FIRM STAND SAYING NO TO THIS PROJECT.

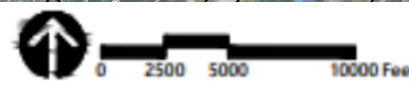
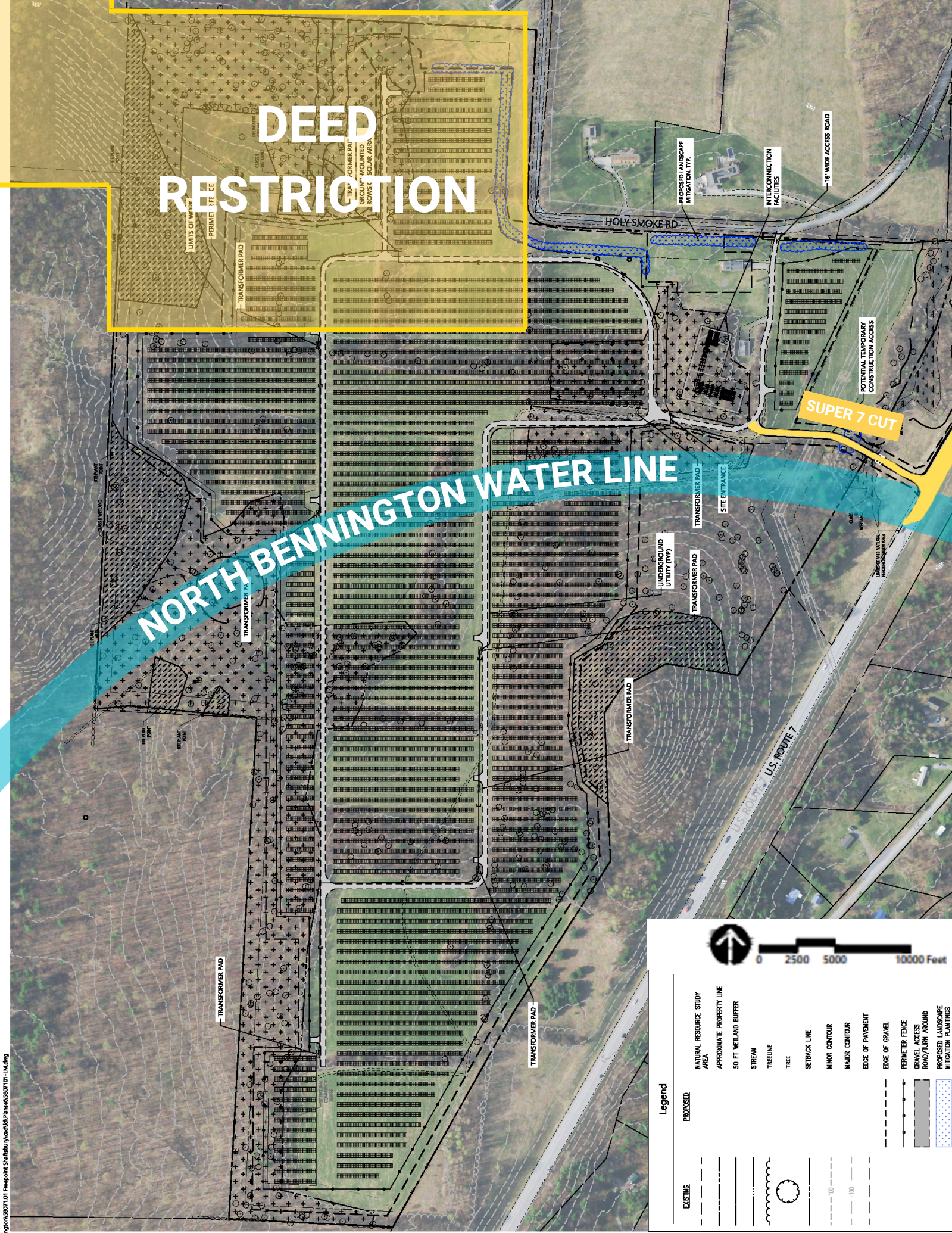
Therefore, we ask the Select Board and Planning Commission of Shaftsbury to:

- acknowledge that the State PUC wants to hear from town officials;
- assert their right to file recommendations and intervene with the PUC to protect our town;
- fulfill their public servant role and represent strongly the interests of the vast majority of Shaftsbury residents who oppose this project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.STOPSHAFTSBURYSOLAR.ORG

DEED RESTRICTION

NORTH BENNINGTON WATER LINE



Legend

	EXISTING		PROPOSED
	NATURAL RESOURCE STUDY AREA		APPROXIMATE PROPERTY LINE
	50 FT WETLAND BUFFER		STREAM
	TREELINE		TREE
	SETBACK LINE		MINOR CONTOUR
	MAJOR CONTOUR		EDGE OF PAVEMENT
	EDGE OF GRAVEL		PERIMETER FENCE
	GRAVEL ACCESS ROAD/TURN AROUND		PROPOSED LANDSCAPE MITIGATION PLANTINGS