

Hello, I am Lucy Gluck from Burlington and I work for SunCommon; a local company that helps Vermonters go solar. My job involves working directly with landowners who are interested in hosting community solar arrays on their property.

As a longtime Vermonter who loves this beautiful state, it's important to me to defend our farm landscape. I consider this an important part of my job as I help Vermonters access solar through hosting arrays on their land. Community solar arrays serve the greater community by allowing a group of residents to access clean energy. They also offer a much larger benefit to Vermont and to the health of the planet as a whole.

I hear people say these arrays are changing the viewscapes of Vermont. What I see is a powerful new kind of working landscape that provides clean, affordable power and a much needed solution to climate change.

As it stands now, there are many hurdles to getting community solar in place in Vermont. Permitting & siting a solar array is complicated and requires consideration of many factors, including utility restrictions and the protection of wetlands (among others).

I'm working closely with my fellow Vermonters and I want to make sure we are doing what is best for them *and* their neighbors. My experience has shown that landowners are sensitive to the impact of solar on their neighbors and we are working to find appropriate solutions together.

These arrays exist within a community and will change the landscape. Because of that reality we want to be sure these arrays are a good fit. Not every parcel of land is suitable for a solar array, and we understand that. Our work with landowners is guided by a **Good Neighbor Agreement** which we created to reflect our goals and values. (See attachment with full text of our Good Neighbor Agreement.)

Adding further restrictions on solar siting would be a detriment to the growth of community solar in Vermont. The community arrays not only serve Vermont landowners looking to benefit from this productive new working landscape, but they also serve the thousands of Vermonters that have raised their hands wanting solar power. As a statewide populace we all benefit. Solar energy is the answer for achieving our sustainable, clean energy future.

Thank you.

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