

Frequently Asked Questions #2

1. WHAT IS THE TAX REVENUE IMPACT FOR THE COUNTY, TOWNS, AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS?

A. The project will work with local municipalities and Columbia County in developing a Joint Development Agreement (JDA) which will provide the community with an assurance that the impacted local units of government and school districts will have a continued source of tax revenue. It is anticipated that the total amount of payments that local government will receive as a result of Langdon Mills Solar's location in the community will be substantially higher than the tax receipts currently received from participating properties.

2. IS THERE A FIRE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITIES?

A. There is a very low risk of fire at large-scale solar facilities. The equipment at Langdon Mills Solar will be monitored 24/7 electronically, and physically throughout a standard work week. It is the project's number one priority to ensure the safety of landowners within the project boundary. As Langdon Mills Solar is being developed, the project team will have conversations with local fire departments regarding the safe handling of fires within the facility. The project will be designed with responsible access points throughout the project array and with the input of the local fire department.

3. HOW ARE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED BY THE ADDITION OF SOLAR WITHIN THIS AREA?

A. The project must adhere to all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines and will properly site the project with regard to the specific requirements of the FAA. Emergency medical helicopters will continue to adhere to their own aircraft landing protocol.

4. ARE PROPERTY VALUES IMPACTED BY THE FACILITY?

A. Industry studies show that large-scale solar power facilities economically benefit the community and generally do not decrease residential property resale values following proper design and visual/sound mitigation. The increase in tax revenue generated by the facility typically leads to stronger school funding, levelized taxes, the potential for better roads, stabilized funding for emergency services, and more. Additionally, buyers may view the solar facility as a safe, quiet neighbor.

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