

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2023-00263
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:02:00 AM

Case No. 2023-00263

Thank you for your comments on the application of Banjo Creek Solar LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2023-00263, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2023-00263 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Melissa Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:15 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: 2023-00263

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you concerning Banjo Creek Solar Farm that is planned for Farmington/Graves County, Ky. I know that there are many in our community that are opposed to the solar farm. My family's farm will connect to the solar farm property. I do not assert that we can prevent the solar farm from being built but do have some concerns and suggestions.

The proposed area for the solar farm is surrounded by rich, productive farmland. There is ample information regarding the potential for increased erosion related to the land cleared for the solar farm. Greengo energy does mention on their website the possible planting of evergreen trees to obscure the solar farm but does not elaborate or ensure the inclusion of trees.

Trees surrounding the solar farm is an excellent idea, but they must be native trees that are friendly to the Graves County eco-system. Non-native/invasive species of trees can cause extinctions of native animals and plants by competing with native organisms, reducing biodiversity and altering habitats.

We can further support our counties eco-system by including pollinator friendly wildflowers on the solar farm property, to be planted under, between and around the perimeter of the solar panel field. Pollinators have been on the decline for the past 20-25 years. They are essential for our number one row crop, soybeans, and for tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, 100+ other fruits and vegetables. Pollinator wildflower seed is inexpensive, easy to plant, and requires minimal maintenance. Native wildflowers are just that, native. Our habitat is where they belong. The soil,

sun, and rainfall in our area is conducive to these plants thriving. I have 2 pollinator gardens, one at my home in Graves County and one at my grandparents' home in Calloway County. There are at least 8 other states that currently have an ordinance requiring solar farms to include pollinator gardens. It is imperative that Kentucky, or at least, Graves County follows suit. I am glad to help with planting, and I am sure there would be other volunteers willing to help with such gardens. This action would further help our community thrive. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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<https://electrek.co/2024/01/23/utility-scale-solar-farms-bees/?fbclid=IwAR1mvOOA99FL1vzkYZO7PhNgQ8PgmeGX9C2yd8ffXqgWYaHUUY1tDVRuDA>