

# TOWN-WIDE SOLAR ASSESSMENT REPORT

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# GLOSSARY

**Canopy solar:**

Solar panels mounted on an elevated structure, typically over a parking lot

**Energy capacity:**

The maximum electricity that can be produced by a solar array at a specific point in time. This is measured in watts or a multiplier thereof (i.e., kilowatts (kW), megawatts (MW)).

**Energy generation:**

The amount of electricity produced over time. This is measured in watts per hour, or a multiplier thereof (i.e., kilowatts/hour (kWh), megawatts/hour (MWh)).

**Dual use / agrivoltaics:**

Solar panels mounted in agricultural fields where agricultural work can continue. Massachusetts has specific height, spacing, and shading requirements to meet “Dual use” for incentives.

**Greenhouse gas (GHG):**

Gases such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), that trap heat and cause the average global air temperature to rise, in turn changing global weather patterns.

**Ground-mounted solar:**

Solar panels with a base in or on the ground. These can range from small panel arrays in a residential yard to large arrays spanning many acres.

**Net zero / net neutral / carbon neutrality:**

Balancing the greenhouse gas emissions produced with those removed from the atmosphere so that there are no new total emissions.

**Rooftop solar:**

Solar panels mounted on the top of buildings. These can range from smaller arrays on residential rooftops to large arrays on commercial or industrial buildings.

**SMART Program:**

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program is an incentive program from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to support solar development.



# Chapter 1: BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

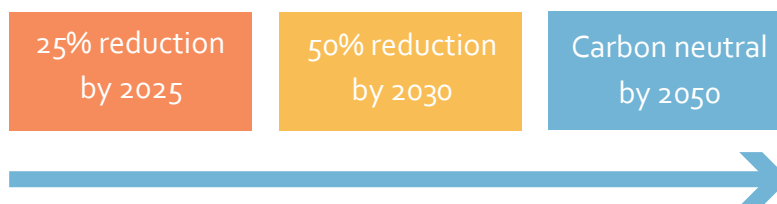
## 1.1 BACKGROUND

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The Town of Amherst (the “Town”) has proactively pursued sustainability and climate mitigation for over two decades. Previous efforts have included a 2001 greenhouse gas emissions inventory, adopting the Massachusetts Building Energy Stretch Code in 2011, and becoming a Green Community in 2012. Beginning in 2017, the Town sought to update the 2001 greenhouse gas emissions inventory with 2016 as its new baseline.

In 2019, the Energy and Climate Action Committee (ECAC) was formed to develop climate goals and plans for the Town. The Town Council voted to approve the proposed emission reduction targets established by the ECAC in 2019. The Town aims to achieve the emission reduction goals while supporting equity, environmental justice, economic prosperity, and community resilience.

The Town carbon reduction goals are progressive over time and are benchmarked against 2016 emissions.



Achieving these goals will take a concerted effort across many sectors of the Town economy and community. In 2022, the Town partnered with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) to better understand existing land use in Town and possible solar development feasibility. This effort was conducted in coordination with the ECAC and the Solar Zoning Bylaw Working Group (SBWG).

Other emission reduction goals and strategies have been and will continue to be pursued by the Town and its associated community boards, commissions, and councils.

## 1.2 PURPOSE

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Achieving a goal takes a plan, and developing a plan requires information. This Town-Wide Solar Assessment (the "Assessment") was designed to provide baseline information on the solar siting potential and existing community sentiment regarding solar development. The information gathered and synthesized throughout this process is available to the Town, residents, and associated entities to provide a basis for understanding current conditions and possible outcomes of various solar implementation strategies.

This Assessment has two related but distinct efforts.

- 1. Map-Based Assessment:** The purpose of the map-based assessment is to understand the existing land use and its relative feasibility to support solar development. The assessment may be used for a variety of purposes including:
  - ECAC can use the area estimates as they develop solar installation goals and timelines to support the carbon neutral goal
  - SBWG can use the map to understand where solar development is most likely feasible across Town and better visualize the potential outcomes of various proposed regulations.
  - Town of Amherst in conjunction with ECAC and SBWG can use the map as a basis to prioritize development of some solar types or land uses.
  - Town of Amherst can use the tool as a baseline evaluation of municipal properties to pair solar development with community sentiment as it works to procure renewable energy for municipal needs.
  - Residents can review their property to understand if or where solar may be a viable option.
  - Solar Developers can use the tool to assess a property and understand potential limitations or benefits of development.

The map-based assessment can be accessed and used as an interactive map layer on the Town website. It was designed to characterize existing land use restrictions, utility grid infrastructure, and development limitations across both the built and unbuilt environment. The map-based assessment did not include criteria associated with land-use preferences or future land conservation priorities.

- 2. Community Preference Assessment:** The purpose of the community preference assessment was to understand current opinions and sentiment regarding solar development from all sectors of the community. The assessment spanned many topics, including questions about solar development on various land uses, preferences for how the Town could encourage equitable solar development, and questions on the possible outcomes or implications of the solar zoning bylaw that was under development at the time of the assessment.

This assessment was conducted as a data-gathering exercise and opinions and preferences were non-binding. The Town, SBWG, and ECAC can use the data to prioritize solar development types or locations that received broad support. The survey results may also be used by the Town or other entities to increase education on solar development, or create processes or programs to streamline solar uptake.

# Chapter 2: MAP-BASED ASSESSMENT

## 2.1 ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

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The assessment was designed with a technical team consisting of Town and Academic experts to provide a holistic understanding of solar development potential in Amherst based on existing conditions and applicable regulations. Though any proposed project will require additional site-specific analysis, this tool can be used to develop an initial understanding of a site and to catalyze complex conversations.

Because incentive and regulatory programs may evolve, the map represents today's conditions and long-standing regulatory concerns. Throughout the assessment process, the team balanced the need to pursue decarbonization with the reality that many factors may influence solar development.

This map-based assessment specifically identifies where in Amherst solar development could legally be sited, given current land-use data, and then scored and ranked areas by relative solar development feasibility. For this project, we defined feasibility as the possibility to do something easily or conveniently. More details on each stage of the iterative process are provided in the following sections.

**The assessment process had three steps:**



Map where in Amherst solar could be sited



Rate the feasibility of potential solar development areas



Characterize potential solar siting areas by land use

The map relied on publicly-available data, that was current at the time of the assessment and is considered accurate to the data available. The map strictly adheres to a set of feasibility characteristics for scoring and makes no statement on the relative importance or quality of land.

## 2.2 ASSESSMENT PROCESS



### Step 1: Map Where in Amherst Solar Could be Sited

Before any areas could be assessed, the smallest unit of review had to be established. The technical team considered two primary units of review:

1. Parcel-based; and
2. Grid-based.

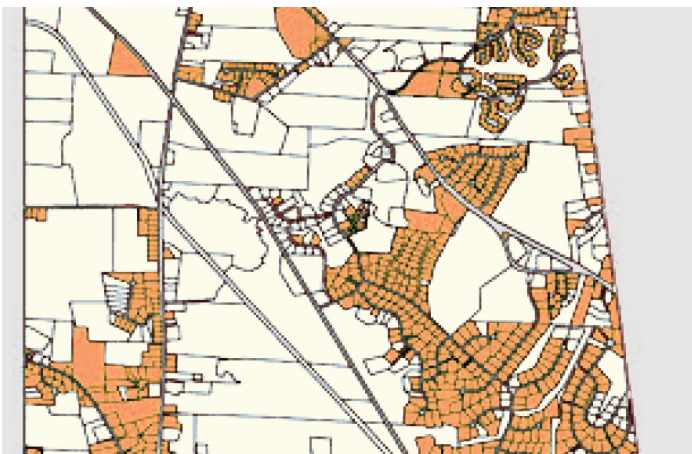
Under the parcel-based review, the smallest assessment unit would be a single tax parcel. Conversely, the grid-based review would divide the town into a standard-sized squares for review, regardless of property boundaries. Before deciding on a strategy, a sample area was assessed with both review strategies and a sample set of exclusionary criteria.

Using the same exclusionary criteria, the grid-based assessment identified nearly three times the possible area for solar development. This difference stems from the exclusion of an entire property if it contained any amount of an excluded resource.

Because the purpose of the assessment was to understand the existing land use where solar could potentially be developed in Amherst and not to identify a specific development site, the grid-based assessment process was selected. Additionally, the grid-based assessment increases the longevity of the map, as it won't change from property subdivisions.

All of Amherst was then assessed to identify where solar could or could not be sited. This filtering step of the process removed large areas of Town where solar development could not occur due to existing regulation or could not be incentivized by the Town. The areas removed, along with the data used and rationale are provided in the figures on the following two pages.

Residential and private properties were included in the assessment as the Town could work to support property owners in installing solar; however, the assessment does not provide any additional rights to these properties to the Town.

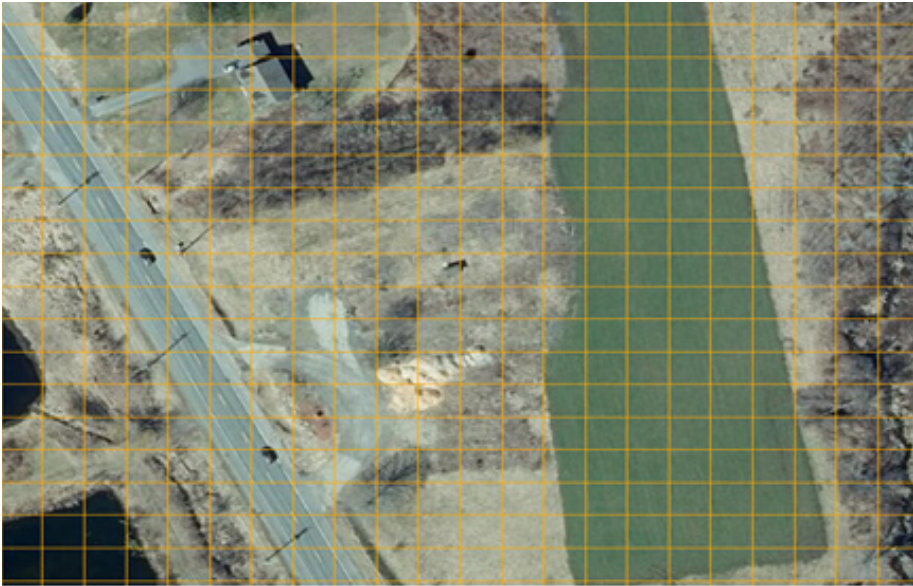


*Parcel-based assessment: 982 acres of feasible land*



*Grid-based assessment: 2,682 acres of feasible land*





30-foot by 30-foot grid squares - Amherst has a total of 862,235 grid squares that were assessed for this project.

### Removed squares within property owned by University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, and Hampshire College

**Data Source:** Conservation\_Map\_Institutional\_Lands provided by Amherst GIS Office

**Rationale:** These institutions have existing solar and renewable energy generation plans that are being implemented separately from Town initiatives.

### Removed square within wetlands and streams

**Data Source:** Amherst wetland/stream data provided by Amherst GIS Office; National Wetland Inventory (2020), MassDEP Wetlands (2005), MassDEP Hydrography (1:25,000)(2019) from MassGIS Data

**Rationale:** The Wetland Protection Act and the Amherst Wetland Protection Bylaw limit or prohibit solar development in wetlands and streams.

### Removed squares within properties with Conservation Restrictions (conservation land, state forest, agricultural preservation areas)

**Data Source:** Conservation\_Map\_APR\_Land, Conservation\_Map\_Conservation\_Restrictions data provided by Amherst GIS Office; Protected and Recreational OpenSpace (2022) from MassGIS

**Rationale:** These properties have a deed restriction prohibiting development or subdivision in perpetuity.

### Removed squares within logistically challenging areas (railroad lines, roadways, and utility rights-of-way)

**Data Source:** Right of way provided by Amherst GIS Office

**Rationale:** These areas have diverse ownership, easement, and access concerns. Current technology does not support solar development over linear roadways and railroad rights-of-way.









## Step 2: Rate the Feasibility of Potential Solar Development Areas

The remaining (unexcluded) grid squares from Step 1 were then each separately evaluated and assigned a rating from 0 (least feasible) to 10 (most feasible) for the following characteristics:

- Distance to nearest 3-phase transmission line (How far does the electricity need to go to get on the grid?)
- Capacity of nearest 3-phase transmission line (Can the utility grid accept the electricity?)
- Slope (How steep is the land?)
- Aspect (Which direction does the land face?)

The rating thresholds were selected based on a combination of solar development standards, physical constraints on development, and elements that would add significant economic or logistical constraints to any proposed development.

All data was processed and rated in ArcGIS 10.8.1.

Feasibility / Characteristic	Nearest 3-Phase Line	Capacity of Nearest 3-Phase Line	Slope	Aspect
Highly (10)	≤0.5 miles	5 – 10 MW	<10%	South Southwest <2% slope
Moderately High (8)	0.6-1.0 miles	2 – 5 MW	10.1-15%	Southeast
Moderate (5)	1.1-1.5 miles	1 – 2 MW	15.1-20%	East West
Moderately Low (3)	1.6-2.0 miles	>0.05 – 1 MW	20.1-30%	Northeast Northwest
Low (0)	≥2.1 miles	NA	>30.1%	North

Distance to nearest 3-phase transmission line (How far does the electricity need to go to get on the grid?)

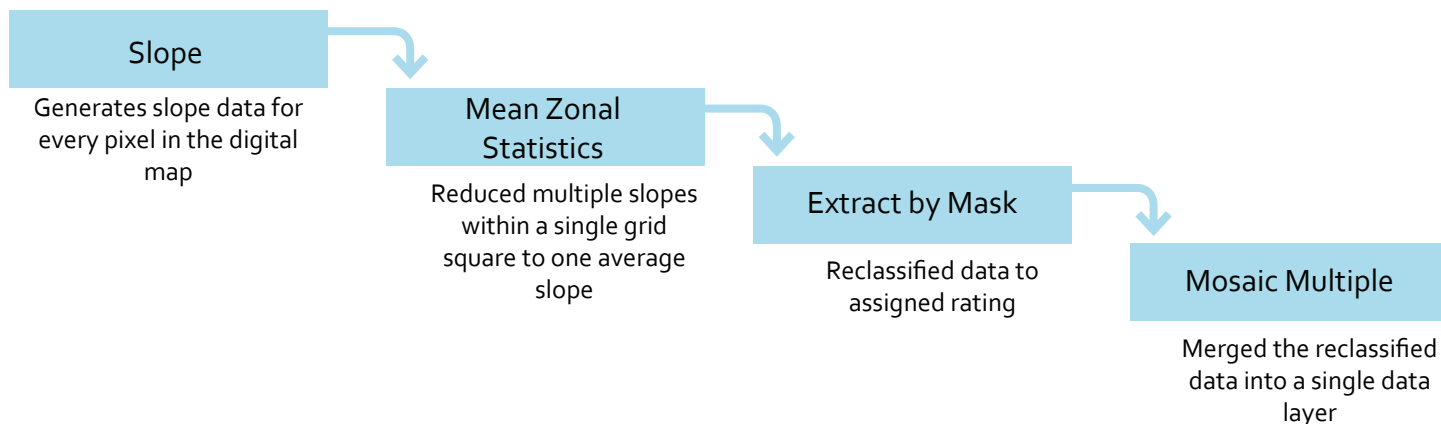
Capacity of nearest 3-phase transmission line (Can the utility grid accept the electricity?)

Within Massachusetts, the utility companies publish maps of three-phase distribution lines and the available capacity on those lines. These maps were used with raster analysis tools **Euclidean Distance** and **Near** to assign a distance and available capacity to each grid square. These values were then reclassified to the ranking system.

## Slope (How steep is the land?)

Slope was calculated from the Amherst Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data which uses high-quality light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data. This type of elevation data does not include buildings and interpolates the slope and elevation of the ground from nearby areas.

The data was processed using GIS tools as follows:



## Aspect (Which direction does the land face?)

Aspect was calculated using the same data (Amherst DEM) and a similar process as slope. Instead of the Slope tool, the Aspect tool was used. This generates an aspect as a degree (direction) for each pixel. Then the Majority Zonal Statistics tool was used to consolidate multiple aspects into the most common aspect within each grid square. The reclassification and data management process were the same as slope.

The aspect rating was overridden and assigned a High score when the slope was less than 2%. These are lands that are relatively flat, and their given aspect could be overcome by solar array mounting.

## Final Scoring

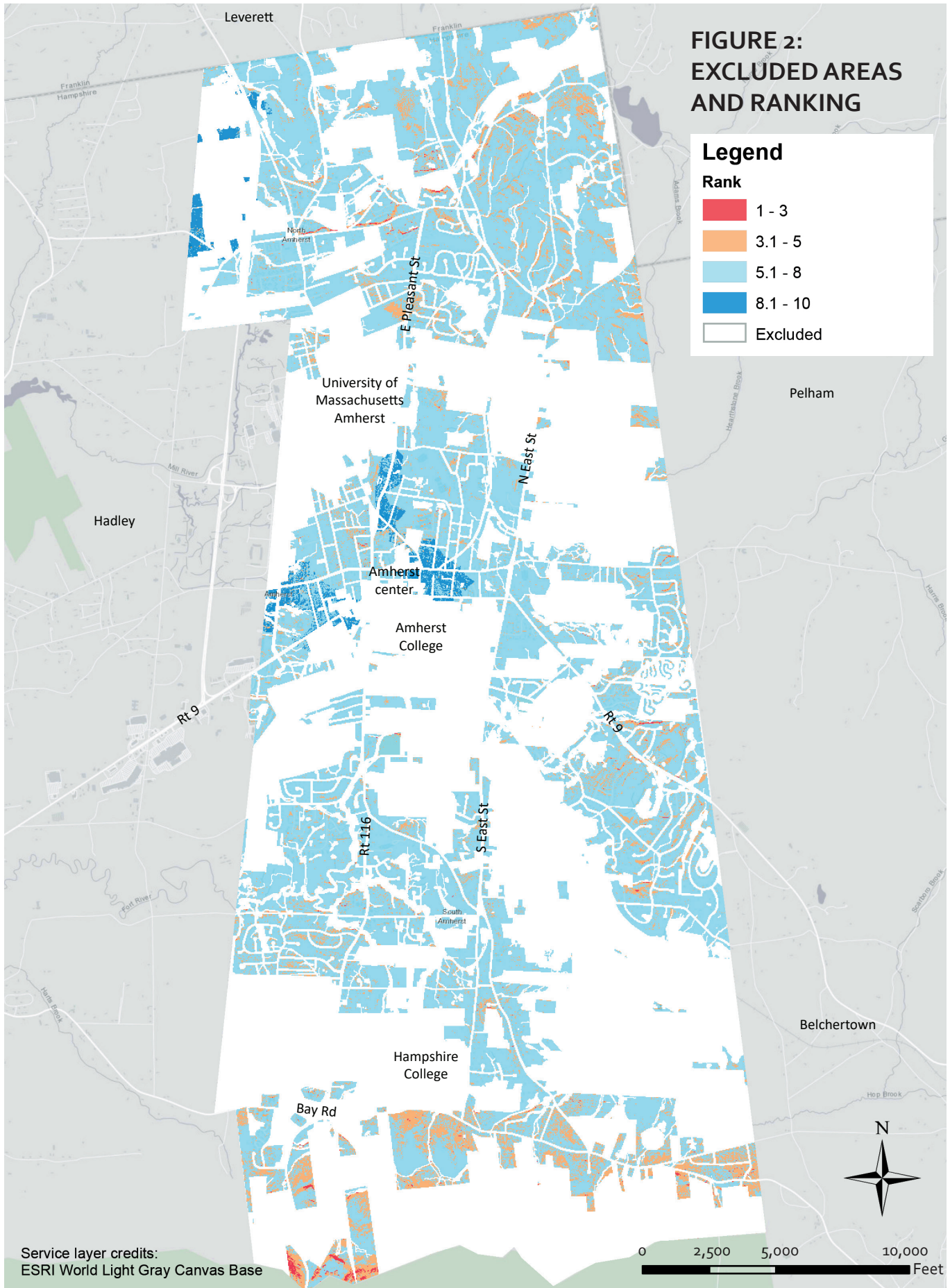
The four individual ratings were then combined into one score which also ranges from 0 (least feasible) to 10 (most feasible). The feasibility score equation used a least squares approach. Compared to a simpler equation, such as the average score, this equation over-emphasizes lower scores. Ultimately, this penalizes grid squares with any one low score and was intended to avoid overestimation of how readily solar could be developed in Amherst.

Leading 10 reverses the scoring so that 10 is the highest and 0 is the lowest score

Feasibility Score =  $10 - \sqrt{\sum (10 - rank_i)^2 / 4}$

Dividing by 4 standardizes the values so that the possible range is limited to 0-10

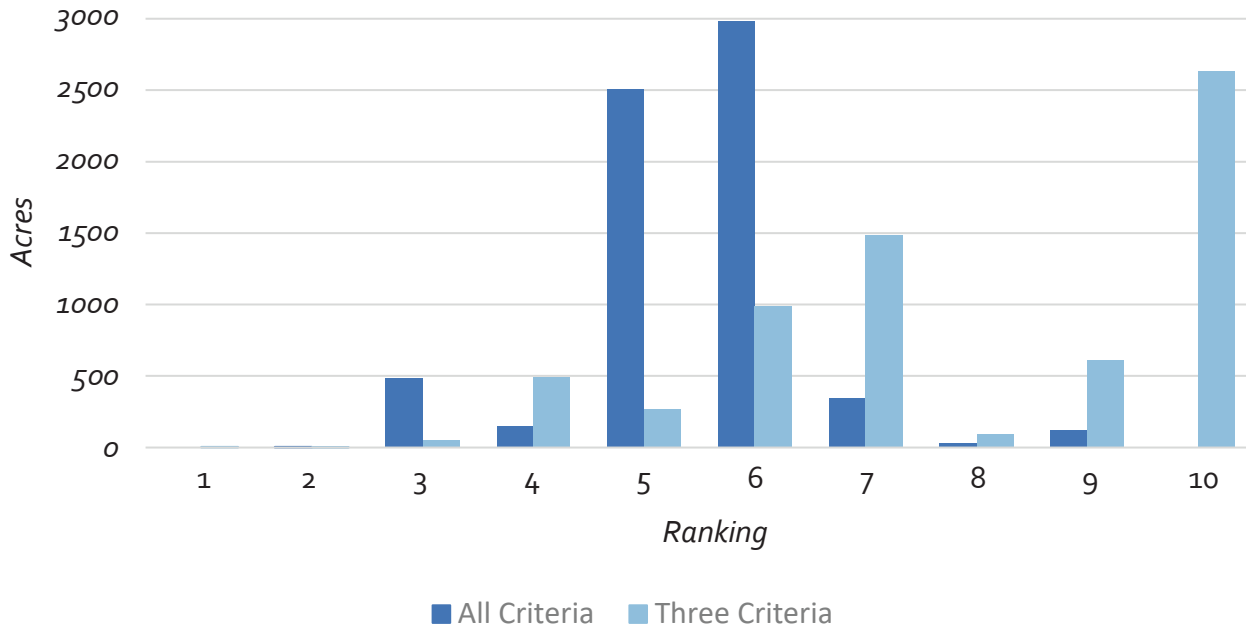
Formula based on least-squares concept from statistics which penalizes values that are more different than 10 (usually the mean)



## Alternate Final Rankings: 3 Criteria

Once the ranking process was complete, the ranking was re-performed on the same unexcluded areas with three of the four ranking factors used. The capacity of the nearest three-phase distribution line was excluded from this alternate ranking for two reasons:

- It was the most restrictive scoring factor; and
- It is the most likely of the used factors to change.



The other three ranking characteristics are unlikely to be altered without significant earthwork or other construction and development effort. The technical team developing this report have no information on when, if, or where energy grid capacity upgrades are planned; however, comparing the final rankings with these alternate rankings demonstrate that increased energy grid capacity would allow for more economical and feasible solar development in Amherst.

The final scores based on all four criteria are used for the remainder of the report to understand land use and potential capacity. This three-criteria score is a potential future state of the energy grid.



### Step 3: Characterize Potential Solar Siting Areas by Land Use

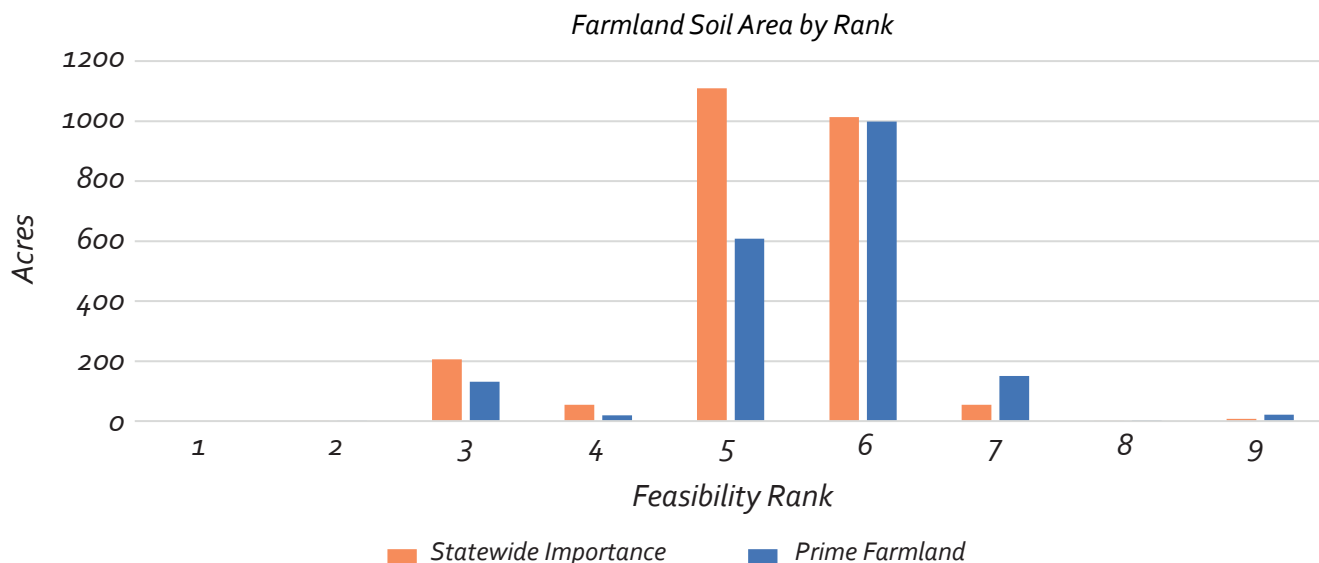
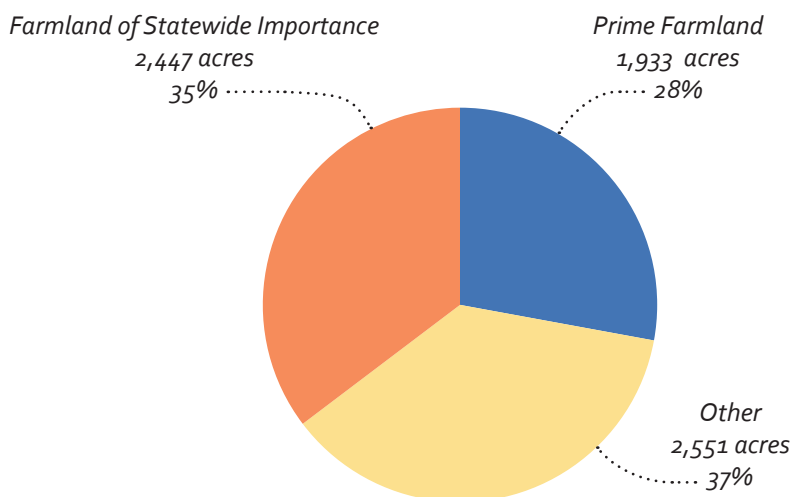
Within unexcluded areas, the existing land use conditions were characterized using three data sources.

#### Soil Data: Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO)

This data is provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and classifies soil types based on information collected during the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

This data layer was used to identify if potential solar siting areas contained either Prime Farmland Soils or Farmland of Statewide Importance Soils. These are classifications made by the NRCS, not the Town, and they represent soil characteristics. These soils may or may not be currently used for agriculture.

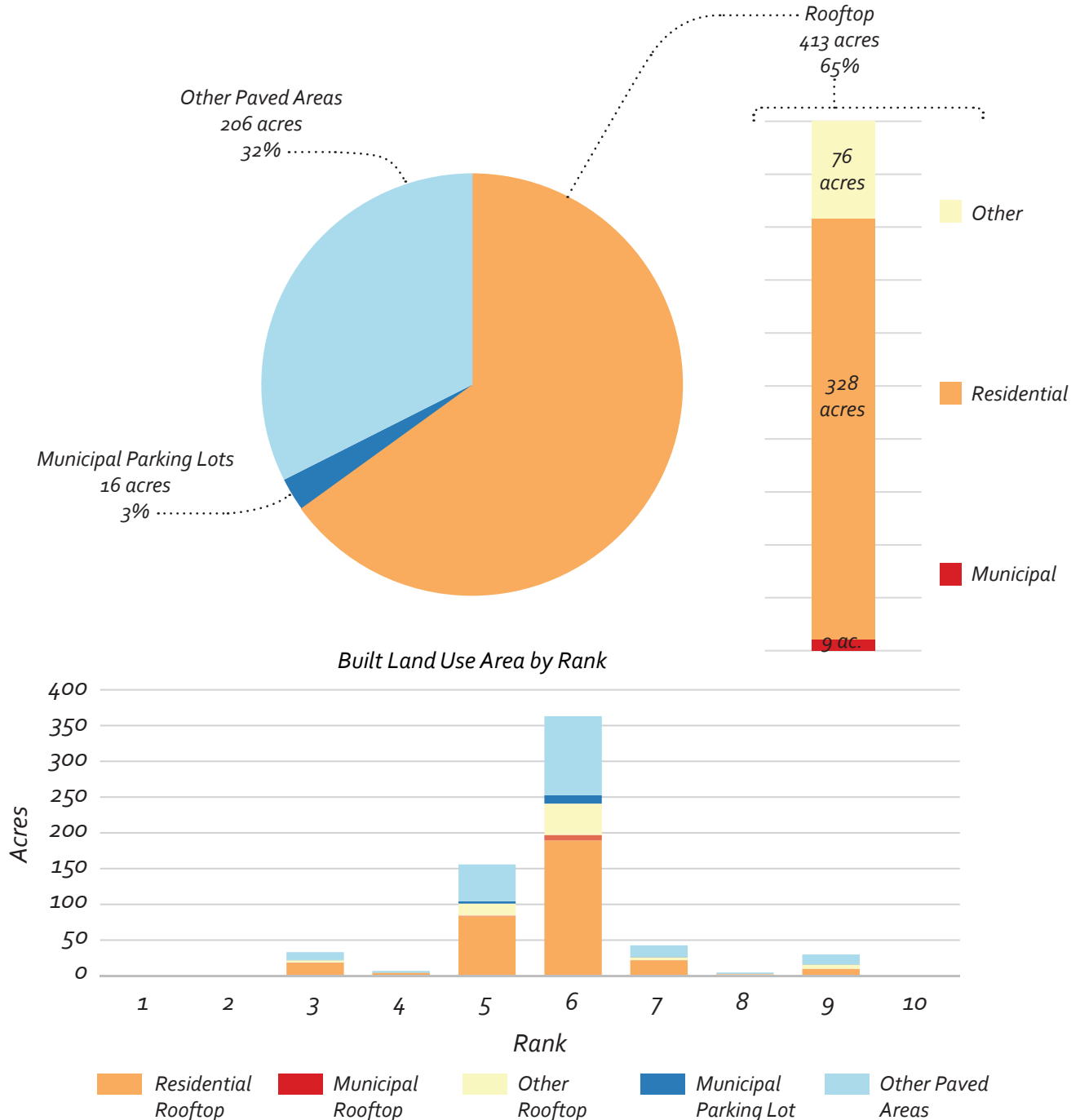
*The solar siting areas were characterized by soil type because some incentive programs consider the presence or absence of farmland soils.*



## Built Environment: Amherst Impervious Cover

This data was provided by the Town of Amherst and identifies existing impervious cover. This data was used to identify the total area of municipal parking lots; rooftops, which were further classified as residential, municipal, or other; and other paved areas. The other paved areas include driveways, privately owned parking lots, and other ancillary structures or amenities such as walkways, tennis courts, and sidewalks. To avoid overestimation of the total area of other paved areas in Amherst, identified areas that were less than 10 normal parking spaces (approximately 1,500 square feet) were removed from the analysis.

*The built environment was characterized because there has been interest in developing solar on the already built environment before considering solar developments on currently undeveloped areas.*





## Unbuilt Environment: 2016 Land Use Data

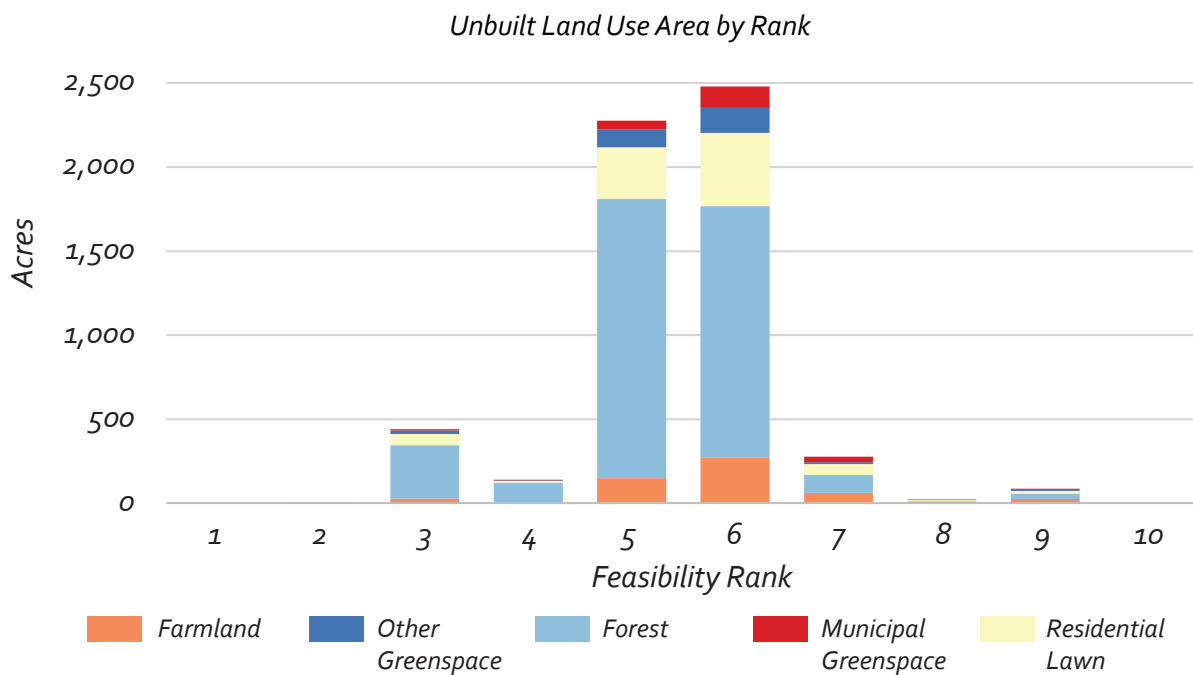
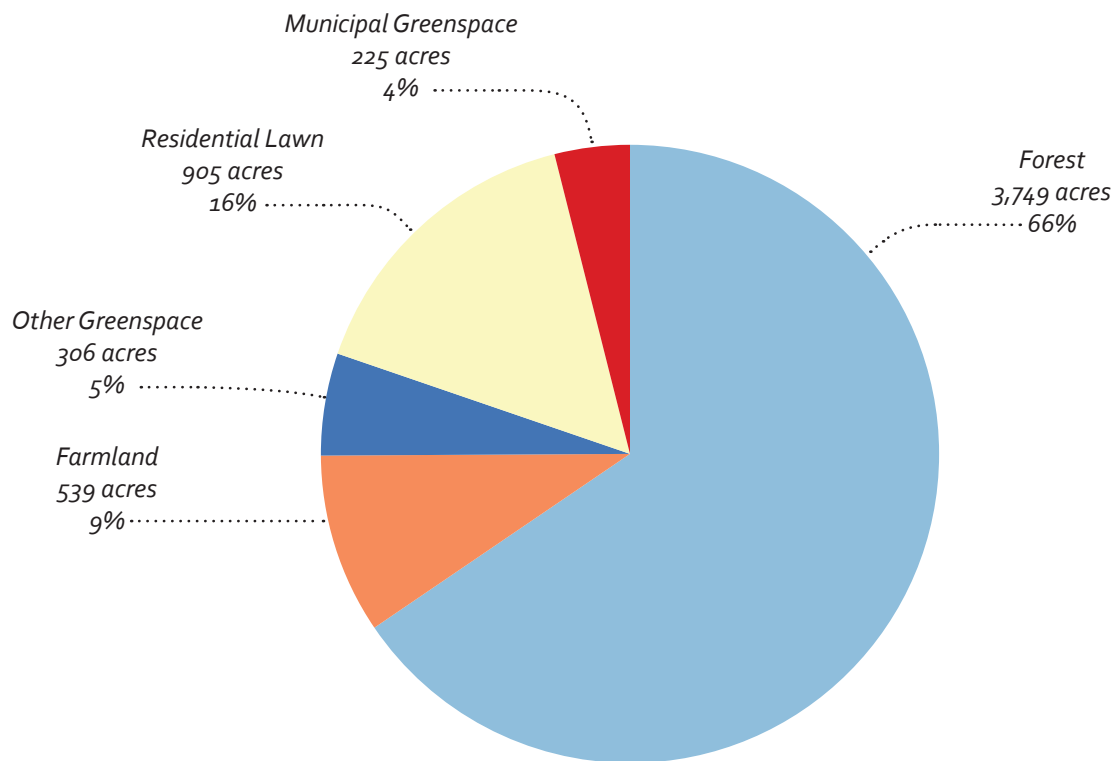
The 2016 Land Use Data provides relatively detailed land use data. Though it provides data on the built environment, the data is not as detailed as the Amherst Impervious Cover, so this data layer was only used to characterize the unbuilt landscape in detail.

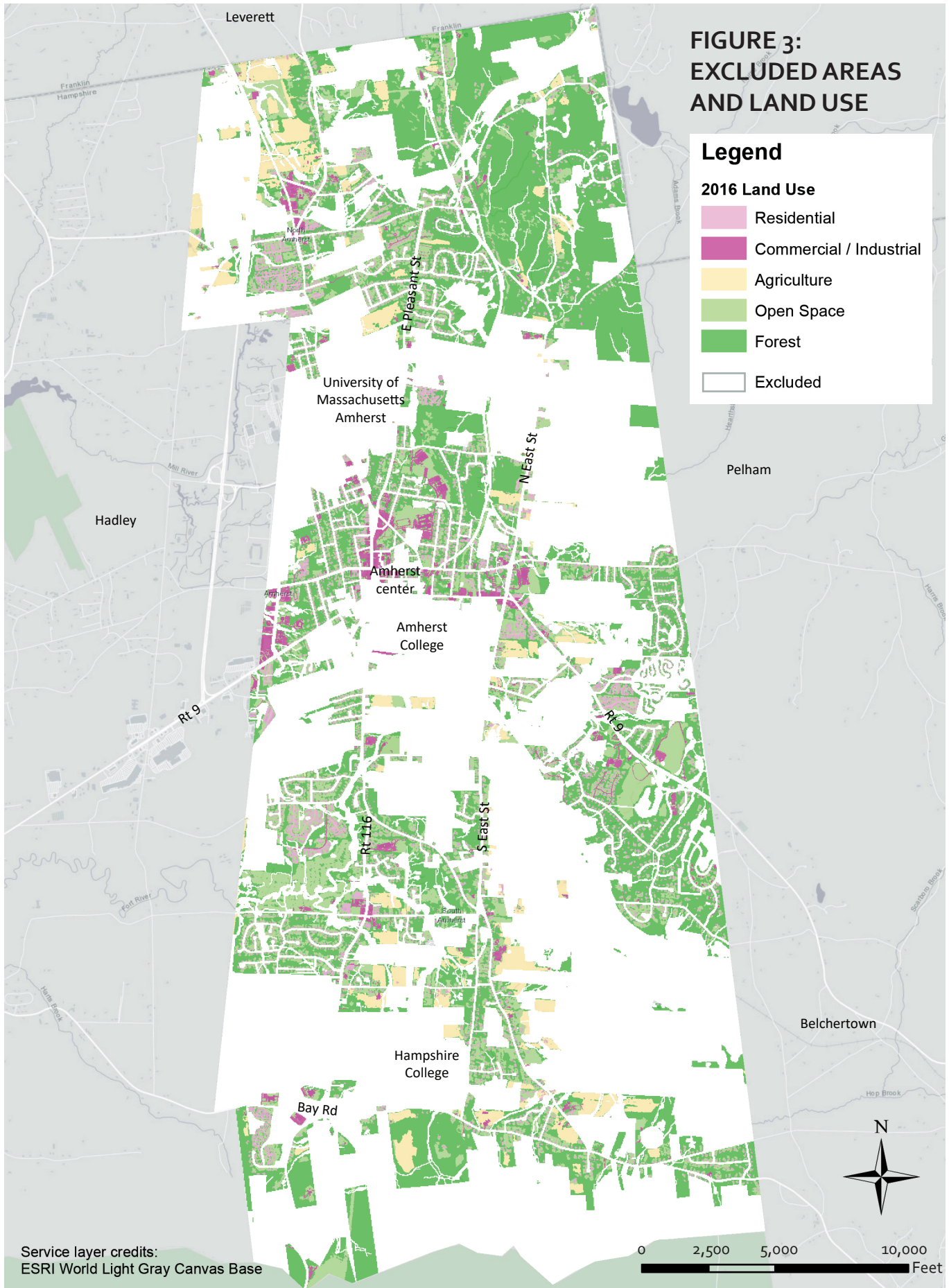
The 2016 Land Use Data characterizes land use into several characteristics based on aerial imagery review. These categories were combined into three (3) primary categories – Forest, Farmland, and Other Greenspace. The Other Greenspace category was then assessed against property records, resulting in three (3) subcategories – Municipal Greenspace, Residential Greenspace, and Other Greenspace.

The 2016 Land Use Data was re-categorized for this assessment as shown on the following table.

*The unbuilt environment was characterized because it consist of a large proportion of the land in Amherst. Providing these areas and classifications allows decision makers to understand existing conditions and possible implications of decisions to prioritize or prohibit solar development in specific areas.*

Unbuilt Environment Category	Land Use Data Categories
Forest	Deciduous Forest Evergreen Forest
Farmland	Cultivated Pasture/Hay
Other Greenspace	Developed Open Space Grassland Bare Land
Residential Greenspace	Above Greenspace -mapped land uses on Residential-owned land
Municipal Greenspace	Above Greenspace -mapped land uses on Town-owned land





# Chapter 3: COMMUNITY PREFERENCE ASSESSMENT

The Community Preference Assessment worked to engage Town Department Heads and the general public. The public outreach and engagement followed a four-step process to move from informing the community about the project purpose to involving and collaborating with the public.



The following subsections include the questions posed and summaries of the responses received throughout the community preference assessment phase of this project. Complete listing of all responses received are available in the appendices.

Responses included in the appendices were not edited or altered with the occasional exception of interpreting handwriting from the public workshops. In these instances, an effort was made to understand the writing by multiple readers, and then fill in the un-interpretable words consistent with the content and intent of the readable portion of the comment. Unless specifically attributed with permission, the opinions gathered are anonymous.

These opinions and feedback may be used by the Town, SBWG, and/or ECAC to guide decision-making to align with community preferences. The Town does not endorse or dismiss any opinions or preferences stated within this report and its appendices.



## 3.1 DEPARTMENT HEAD COORDINATION

As a first data-gathering step in the community preference process, the Town surveyed and met with the Department Heads to understand existing familiarity and preferences regarding solar development and geo-spatial (map-based) tools. The questions posed to the Department Heads were reviewed by the SBWG and ECAC prior to preparing the survey.

The gathered information was used to develop future community survey and workshop questions, and to establish a team understanding of the ongoing conversation(s) about solar in town.

Sixteen (16) Department Heads answered the following questions. The five rating questions were required and the related open-response questions were optional. The summarized responses are provided in the following pages.



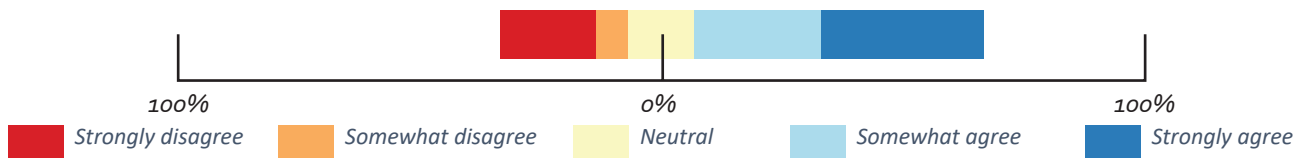
Please rate the following statements from 1 - Strongly disagree to 5 - Strongly Agree

- In my work capacity, I have been involved in implementing solar projects in Amherst.
- Solar installations are a critical tool to meet Town carbon reduction targets.
- Solar development in town will significantly change my work load or responsibilities.
- I use geospatial (mapping) tools as part of my regular work.
- I have experience implementing solar either at my private residence and/or in another town/previous job.

Please provide free form responses to the following questions, as applicable:

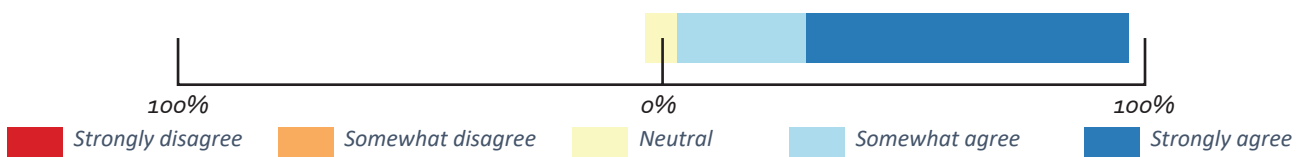
- What are my top (1-3) concerns relative to increasing solar development in Amherst?
- What possibilities (1-3) am I most excited about relative to increasing solar development in Amherst?
- What previous experiences have you had implementing solar in Amherst?
- What lessons did you learn from that experience that you want us to know?
- How may solar development in town change your resources or work responsibilities (human or physical)?
- Is there anything else you think we should know as we start this assessment effort?

*In my work capacity, I have been involved in implementing solar projects in Amherst*



- Management process can be confusing
- Better to own the project to ensure it gets developed
- Lots of paperwork beyond the PPA

*Solar installations are a critical tool to meet Town carbon reduction targets*



The issues I'm the most concerned about, or have heard concerns about from my staff and/or residents are:

### Feasibility & Management

- Lack of available sites
- Lack of funding / opportunities
- Management / ownership
- Long-term impacts / decommissioning
- Storm drainage / maintenance
- Gathering and honoring public input
- Cost
- Proprietary concerns - where does the energy go?
- Are buildings structurally sound?

### Reliability

- Relationship to grid and electric vehicle/ overall demand
- Support demand - cold in the winter and hot in the summer

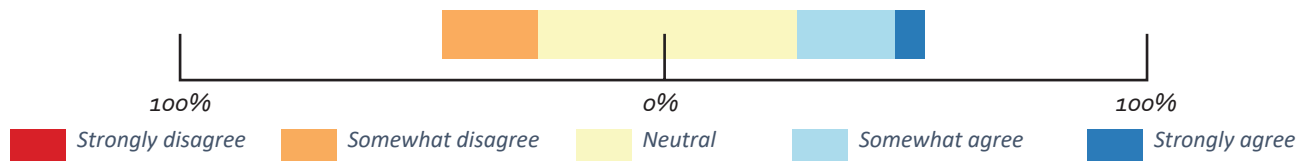
### Equity

- Support for use of public land
- Information campaigns
- Cost
- Distribution of benefits
- Distribution of development
- Impact on renters
- Impacts on adjacent property values
- Electric cost increases for those without solar
- Can residents and businesses benefit?

### Resource Protection

- Habitat loss
- Construction impacts - especially erosion
- Drinking water quality, especially wells
- Loss of open space, forests, agricultural land
- Disturbing pristine views

Solar development will significantly change my workload and/or responsibilities



### Changes to Responsibilities

- Financial changes
- Procuring less electricity
- Assessing AOBC (alternative on-bill credit)
- Capital costs
- Grid hookups / managing installations that power more than the building/parcel
- Planning Dept. supporting Planning/Zoning Boards in reviewing permit applications
- Educating others

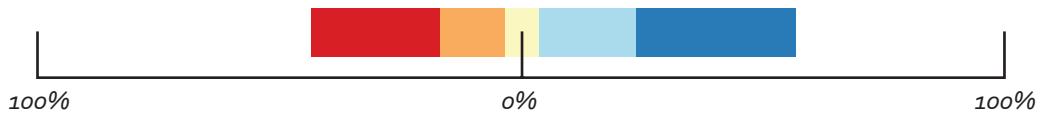
### Resources Currently Available

- Legislative support
- Climate goals
- Staff
- Development of inter-municipal CCA
- Annual capital funding
- Experience permitting other successful projects
- Development of a Solar Bylaw

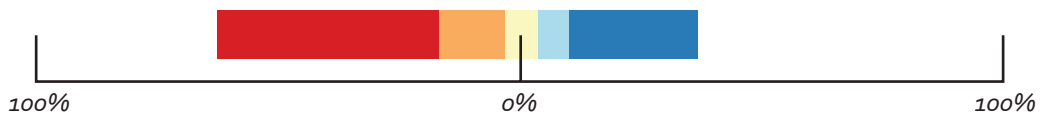




*I use geospatial (mapping) tools as part of my regular work*



*I have experience implementing solar at my residence and/or in another capacity*



■ Strongly disagree   
 ■ Somewhat disagree   
 ■ Neutral   
 ■ Somewhat agree   
 ■ Strongly agree

*The possibilities I'm most excited about related to increasing solar development in Amherst are:*

- Advancing climate action goals
- Focus on rooftop and canopy solar
- Grants and reputational benefits of being a green community
- Energy independence and equity
- Balance renewables with preserving beautiful landscapes
- Protect environment
- Move away from fossil fuels
- Solar business as a revenue generator for reparations
- Increase desirability of Amherst to work and live

*Anything else we should know as we progress through this effort?*

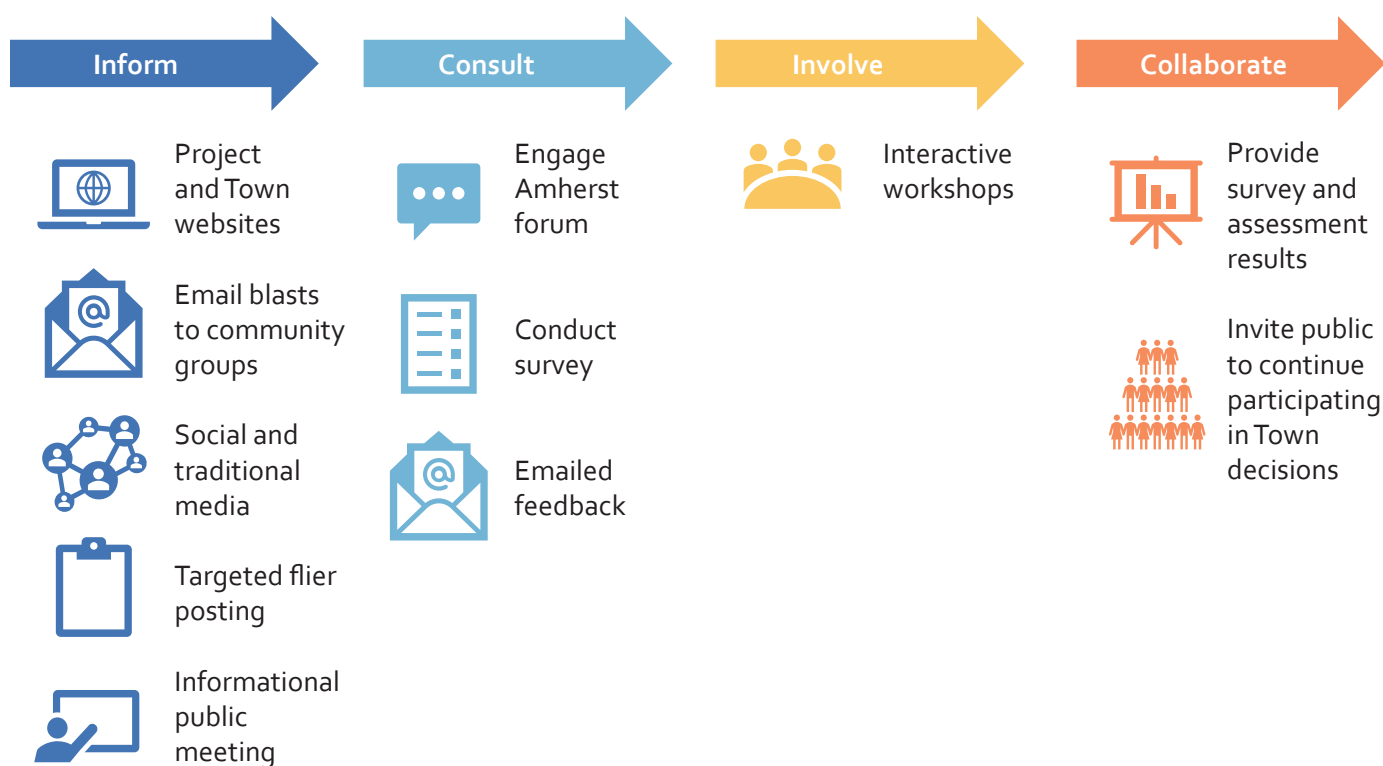
- Strong oppositional camps to use of forests and agricultural lands for solar
- Water quality and quantity issues are a concern by some residents
- Examples of impact of having solar in Amherst
- Environmental justice issues
- Residents of Amherst are highly engaged and will be watching the process and the outcomes of this effort



## 3.2 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

The four-step process to move from informing the public to collaborating with the public included several outreach and engagement efforts spanning digital, print, and in-person assets. Language translation and interpretation services were available for online and in-person interactive experiences.

The next subsections summarize the outreach efforts and the associated feedback gathered in March 2023 from these efforts. These results have been summarized; however, the complete results are available in the appendices.



### 3.2.1 INFORM

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The first phase of public engagement was informing the public. This focused on informing the public about the project purpose and how to get involved. Additional resources were provided for interested parties to learn more about solar development considerations.



**Project and Town Websites:** The Town posted information about the project on the community calendar and the webpage. GZA also hosted a project-specific website.



**Targeted Flier Posting:** The Town delivered fliers about the project to several service organizations, the library, and the Amherst Community Responders for Equity, Safety & Service for distribution.



**Email Blasts and Post Cards:** The Town emailed community groups and Town-affiliated boards and committees about the project. Post-cards were sent to residents based on Town tax-assessors information.



**Informational Public Meeting:** A virtual informational public meeting was held on March 13. This meeting was recorded and was made available on the Amherst YouTube channel.



**Social and Traditional Media:** The Town released a press-release to social media as well as traditional print and digital media.

The informational public meeting was held virtually with options for real-time interpretation in American Sign-Language, Mandarin or Cantonese, and Spanish. Over 20 people watched the broadcast live, with additional views after on the [Town YouTube channel](#). During the presentation, a subset of attendees responded to questions through an interactive online software. The responses are included in the appendices.

## 3.2.2 CONSULT

The next phase of public engagement was consulting with the public to learn about their preferences and attitudes about solar development. This phase used two online resources: the Engage Amherst Forum to provide information and solicit open-response feedback, and a survey. The survey was available in four languages throughout March 2023.



### Consult



**Engage Amherst Forum:** Engage Amherst is an online forum for residents to learn and provide feedback on various Town efforts.



**Conduct Survey:** An anonymous survey was available to assess the current attitude and preferences of residents about different types of solar development. The survey also gathered input on preferences about what could be included in a pending solar zoning bylaw.



**Emailed Feedback:** Additional feedback was provided via email by some residents and is included in this report.

## Engage Amherst and Emailed Feedback

Eighteen individuals provided feedback via the Engage Amherst platform or emailed it directly to the Town. These comments are summarized below and generally were statements about excitement, wishing to see more of something, or concerns about solar. The complete responses are available in the appendices.

The Engage Amherst prompt was:

*What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?*

### I am excited...

- ...Because I love solar and look forward to seeing more of it in Amherst!
- ...About making use of already existing opportunities such as panels on roofs and above already existing parking lots, and about putting locally sourced solar energy to use in Amherst.
- ...About the level of interest in renewable energy and move away from fossil fuels for heating and driving.
- ...To see us get to net zero as soon as possible. There's just no time left.
- ...To see that Hickory Ridge will have a big solar array!
- ...About cleaner energy.
- ...To meet more of the energy needs in Amherst through a renewable energy source and about having more solar energy panels co-located on developed sites, such as roofs and over parking areas.
- ...About catching up with other towns across the country.
- ...To see more homeowners and businesses install solar. Let's build a smart grid and reduce our carbon footprint ASAP. We can be a model for what a town can do.



The Engage Amherst prompt was:

*What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?*

#### I want to see...

- ...Consultation by the Town with farmers and/or foresters on their perspective about limiting solar development on farmland and/or forests.
- ...More options to sign up with a utility or solar producer to purchase solar credits to offset my utility bills.
- ...Solar over multiple-vehicle parking lots. Rooftops are also ideal, especially the large flat business kind, modeled by the Amherst Cinema building, and apartment buildings and residences with proper exposure. Beyond that, open land is better than cutting down trees or forests and land without scenic value is better than land with aesthetic properties. Dual use agricultural and solar land makes sense.
- ...Education on the most recent solar developments in Amherst. I have seen some solar panels used in the agricultural areas on the border of Amherst and Hadley as well as the solar panels that act as car ports in the parking areas at UMass Amherst. I want to learn more.
- ...Severe fees for any open land destruction to level the short-term profit motive.
- ...De-centralized solar installations over larger-scale centralized ones on farms and forests, if it is viable to do so!
- ...Properly located solar.
- ...Solar development proceed as quickly as possible to contribute to net zero goals.
- ...A plan for how broken and outdated solar equipment is disposed. It isn't acceptable to state that the issue is too many years down the road. Stating that it is someone else's problem is not acceptable.
- ...Solar only on rooftops and parking areas. The Town needs to be more in tune with the aesthetics of the neighborhoods, even if there are open fields nearby.
- ...More realistic discussion of solar siting. Development on farms or in forests may be undesirable to many, but when faced with solar development versus climate change, residential developments, or a reduction in power supply, opinions may change.

#### I am concerned...

- ...About selling solar and then buying it from elsewhere and about intentional and unintentional short- and long-term effects of destroying forests; and the same goes for destroying agricultural lands that could be used for food security purposes.
- ...That we are converting too much agricultural, forest, and other natural areas to solar fields while we have not maximized the use of brownfields, rooftops and parking lots for this purpose.
- ...That we are not utilizing tools that could promote buy-in to using renewable energy in households by a greater proportion of our community, for example, community aggregation with 100% renewable options.
- ...That Amherst residents may be obligated to do something and that it will cost extra in property taxes and/or fees to have solar projects.
- ...About pricing and logistics.
- ...That we will cut down a single tree or cover a single blade of grass as long as there is one visible parking space or open square foot of rooftop left. It's cheaper for a renter/investor to cover our forests and fields with their panels but why would we want to accept that profit priority over the loss of green space.
- ...About the impact of larger-scale solar placed in farmland and forests that adversely impact the productivity and environmental quality of those locations.
- ...About destroying forests that store carbon and impacting private wells.

## Survey Results

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The community engagement survey was available online throughout March 2023 and 508 participants completed the survey. No questions were required, and not all participants answered all questions. As such, the shown percentages of responses are scaled to the total answers provided on each question. At least 480 participants answered each question.

The next pages include the information provided to participants in the survey in italic text with the questions and results summarized visually.

*Massachusetts has established legally binding greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets to achieve a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The Commonwealth defines net zero emissions as providing equivalent annual removal and storage of GHG from the atmosphere to the volume of GHG produced. The Town of Amherst has independently adopted climate action goals to reduce GHG emissions from gas and oil and to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Reaching net-zero emissions will require multiple strategies including replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy from offshore wind, solar, and hydroelectricity while reducing energy use in homes, businesses, and transportation through increasing our energy efficiency. Land preservation is also necessary so that land and plants can continue to absorb and store GHG. Amherst and the Commonwealth expect electricity use to significantly increase as the transportation and building heating sectors are electrified.*

*To reach its goals, the Town of Amherst is working to understand how much solar energy could be produced in Town, and then set goals and benchmarks to increase solar energy production. Specifically, the Town is currently undertaking a town-wide solar assessment to understand:*

- 1. Where in town solar development could be legally, physically, and logistically feasible given existing conditions (land slope and aspect, legal restrictions, and electrical grid infrastructure);*
- 2. Approximately how much total electricity could be generated in town; and*
- 3. The electrical generation capacity of each land use type.*

*As the climate action goals are community-wide and solar energy will play an important role in reaching them, the Town seeks your input on potential solar development throughout Town. The Town seeks to encourage equitable solar development that residents support to develop a robust solar energy landscape. The Town is not currently proposing a specific solar project; however, your input will guide future decision making. Your responses are anonymous and will be compiled and shared publicly.*

*For more information, visit the Resources section of the project website.*



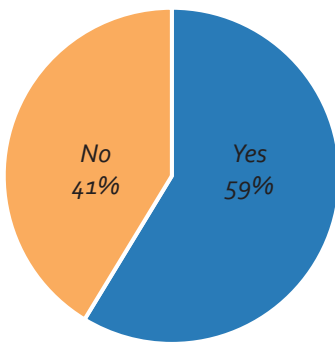


## General Solar Attitudes

The following questions are general and could apply to any type of solar development.

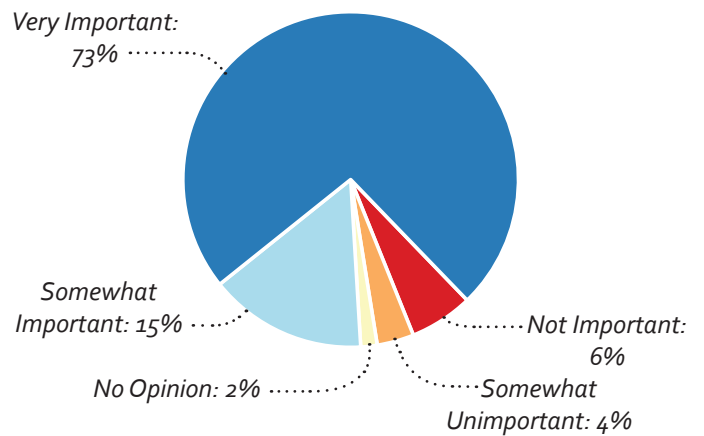
The Town of Amherst and the state of Massachusetts set goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by the year 2030 and reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Reaching these goals will require significant transformations across the Commonwealth.

Where you aware of the Town and Commonwealth GHG emission reduction targets?



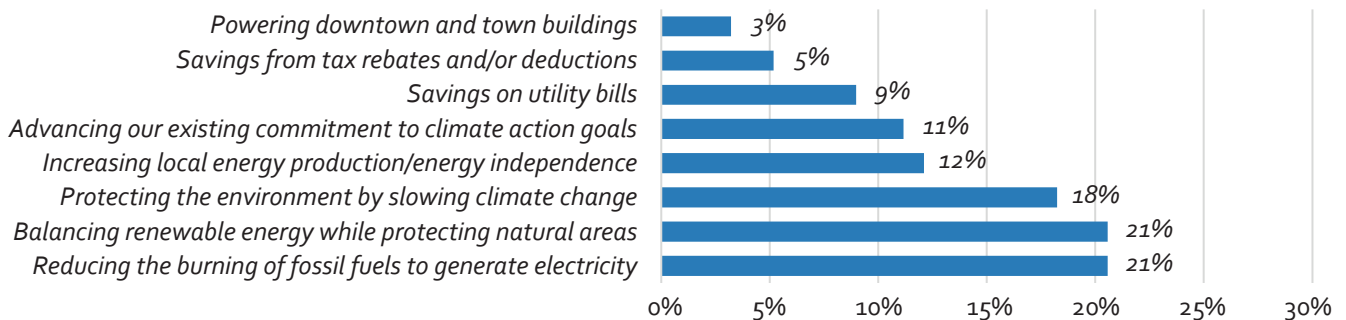
41% of respondents did not know about the Town of Commonwealth GHG targets prior to completing the survey while 59% did.

How important do you feel these goals are?



Most respondents (88%) think the GHG reduction targets are very or somewhat important while 10% think the goals are somewhat unimportant or are not important.

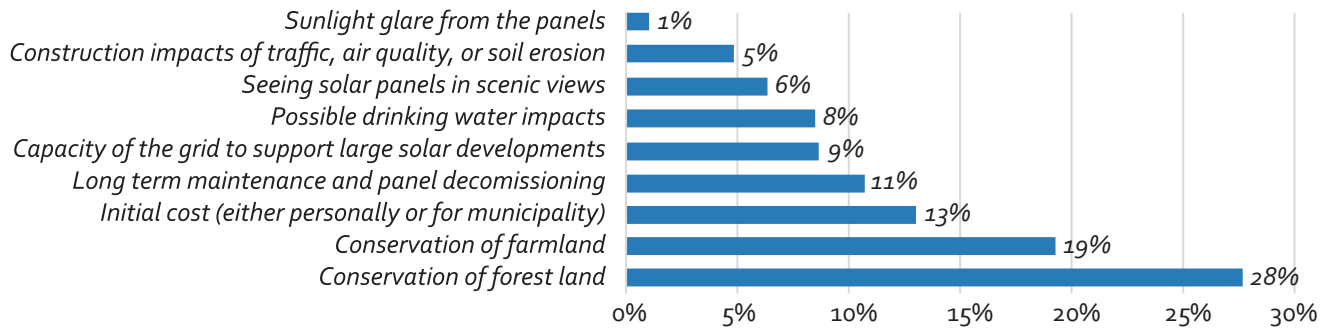
What are you most (top 1-3) excited about related to increasing solar development?



Respondents could select up to three things they're excited about. The most common selections were reducing the burning of fossil fuels and balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas followed by protecting the environment by slowing climate change.

**...General Solar Attitudes, continued**

What are your top 1-3 concerns related to increasing solar development?

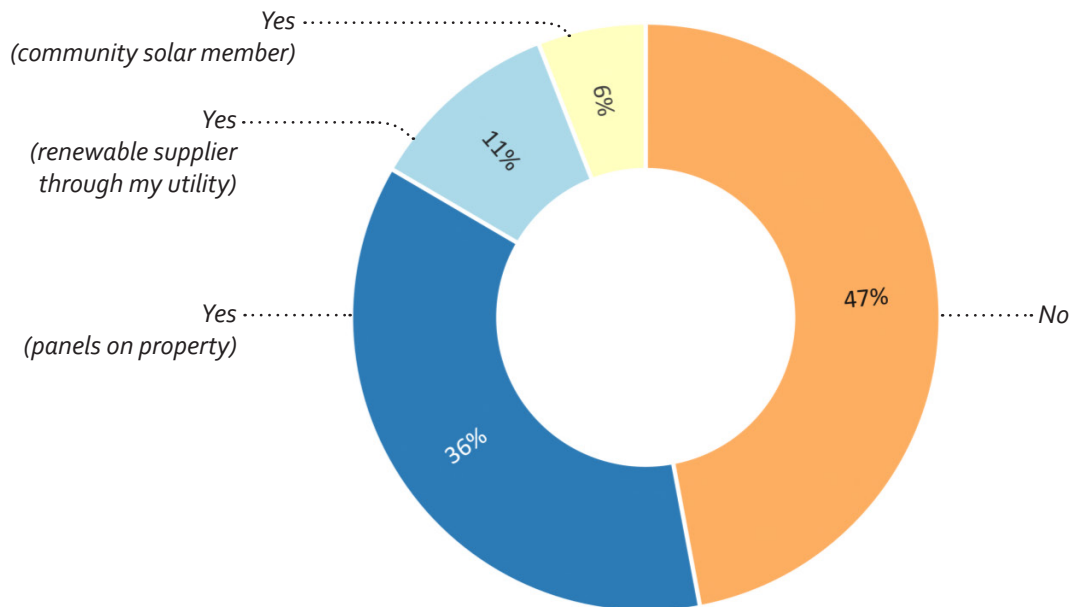


Respondents could select up to three concerns. The most common selections were concerns related to conservation of forestland (28%) and farmland (19%) and the initial cost which was selected by 13% of respondents.

**Residential / Small Scale Development**

The following questions pertain to solar installations that power one or a couple homes or other buildings, such as a small business. They can include rooftop or ground-mounted solar panels.

Do you use solar energy at your residence?

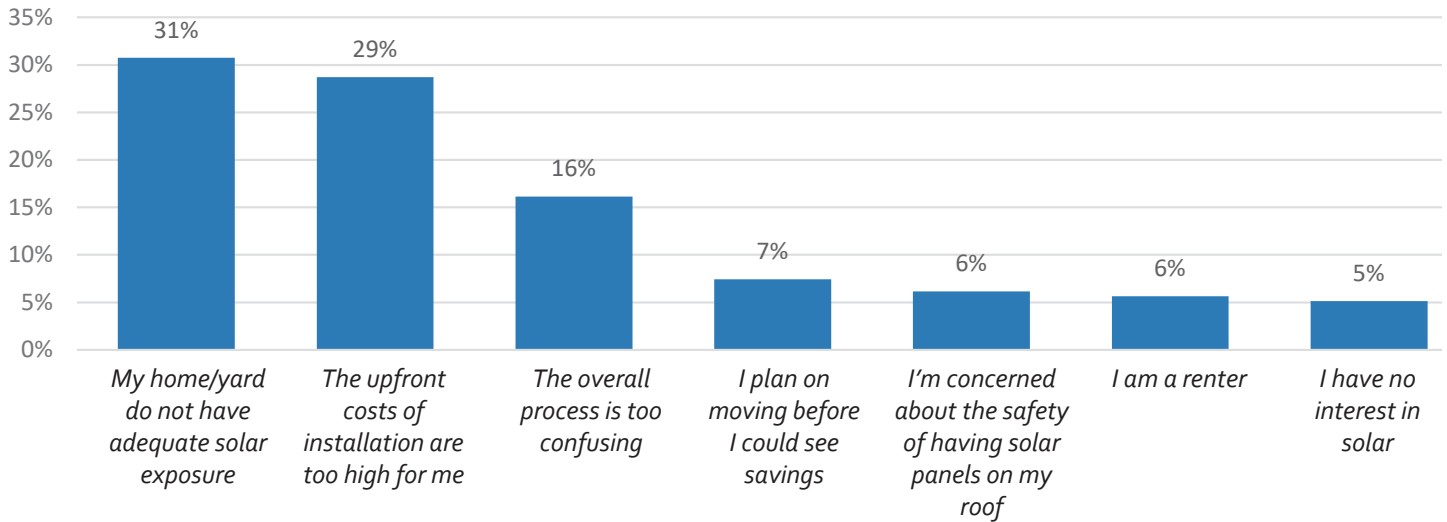


Of those who answered the survey, more than half (53%) use solar at home. Most (36%) of these homes have solar panels but 11% have selected renewable energy through their utility and 6% are community solar members. The remaining 47% of respondents do not use solar at home.



**...Residential / Small Scale Development, continued**

*If you don't, why?*



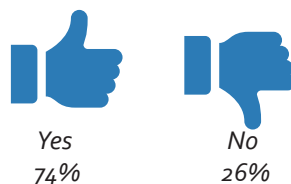
Below: For respondents who do not use solar at home, most report that they do not because their home does not have enough sun (31%) or the upfront installation costs are too high (29%).

*Would you be interested in purchasing shares of a community solar project?*



Almost half of respondents (48%) indicated that they would likely be interested in participating in a community solar project while another 28% indicated that they would need more information before deciding. Only 24% of respondents indicated that they would not be interested in community solar.

*Should the Town assist lower-income individuals in developing solar on their property?*

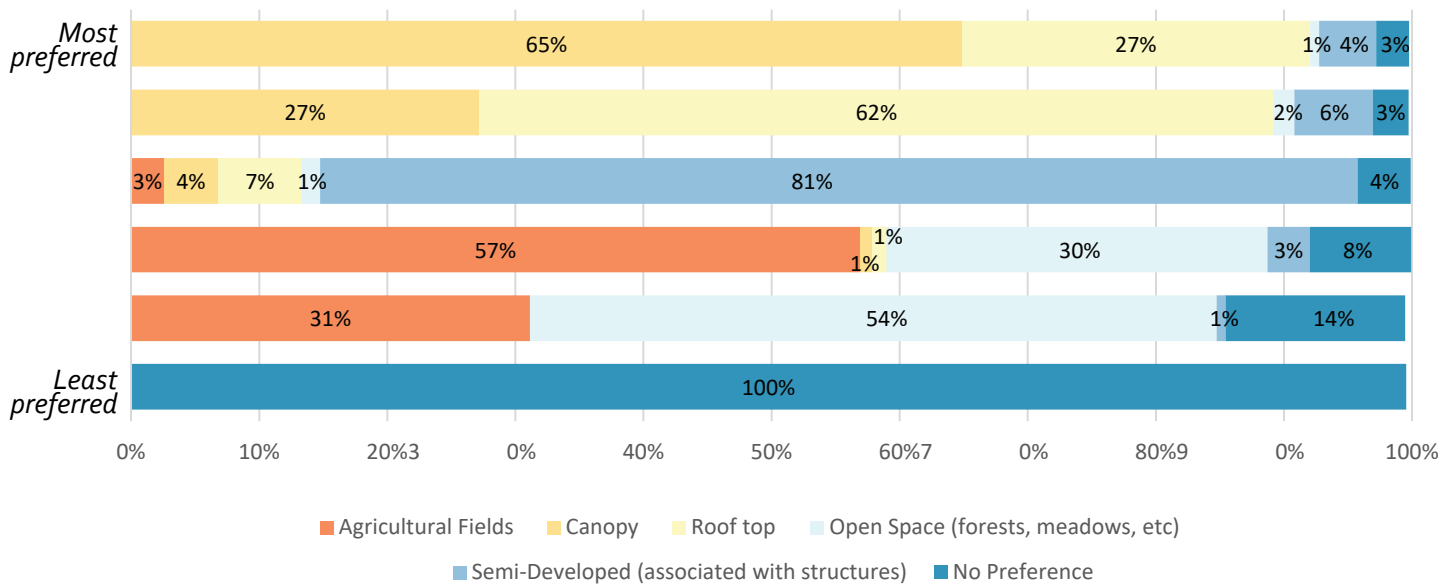


Most respondents (74%) think the Town should assist lower-income individuals in developing solar.

## Commercial / Large Scale Development

These projects are generally at least four to five acres and generate one Megawatt (MW) of electricity or more. For reference, a football field, including end zones, is approximately 1.3 acres. These developments can include ground-mounted solar arrays, rooftop arrays, or solar canopies.

Rank where you most prefer to see large solar developments, with the first being the most preferred.

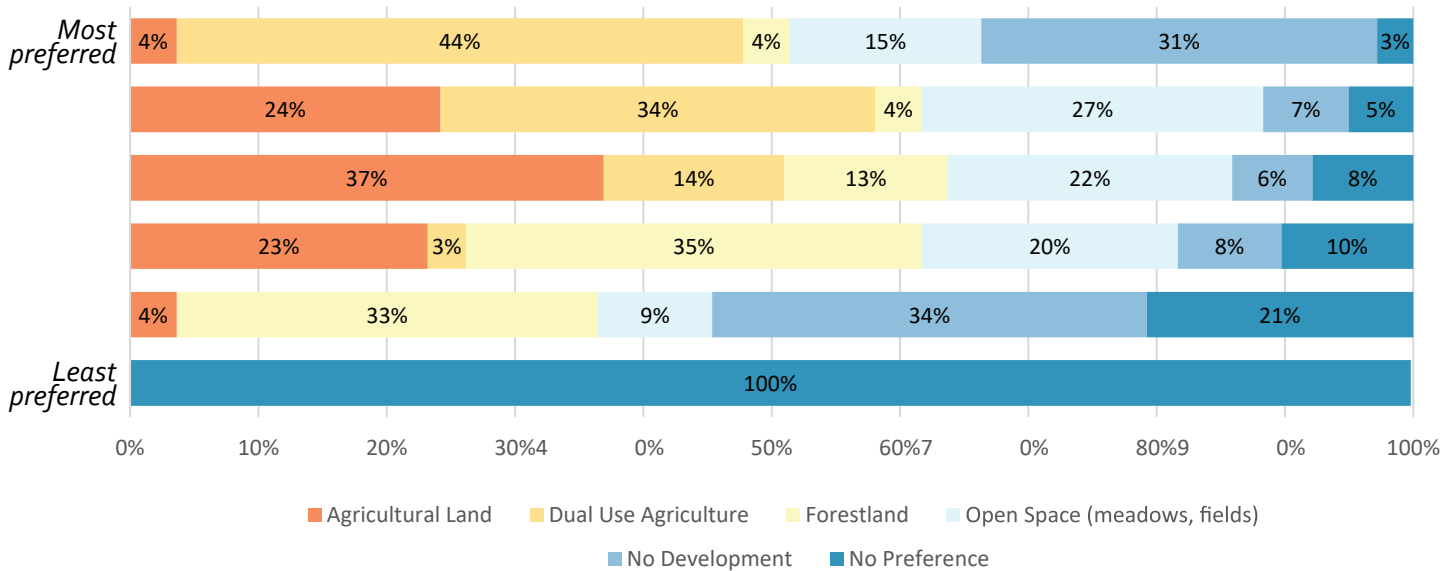


Each row represents how respondents ranked different land uses from most preferred to least preferred. Generally, about 90% of respondents preferred canopy and/or rooftop as their first and second choices. Once those options were exhausted, respondents then preferred to see solar on semi-developed landscapes such as roadsides or fields associated with structures. Using open space and/or agricultural lands for solar were most respondent's 4th and fifth (last) choices. Some respondents expressed no opinion throughout the rankings, but most had an opinion.



...Commercial / Large Scale Development, continued

Rank where you most prefer to see large solar developments on the unbuilt environment, with first being most preferred.

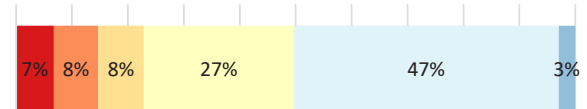


When only the unbuilt environment was considered, respondents were more split about where they would prefer to see solar. About half of respondents most prefer to see solar on agricultural land if farming can continue (dual use agriculture) while 31% of respondents indicate that they think there should be no solar development on open space at all. Generally, this graph indicates that more people prefer to see solar on agricultural fields (either as dual use or single use) and other open space before putting solar in forests.

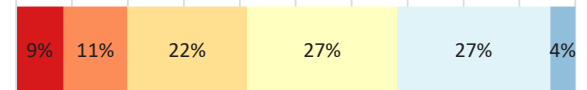
**...Commercial / Large Scale Development, continued**

Amherst is writing a new Solar Zoning Bylaw to complement the existing zoning bylaws. At this time, the Solar Zoning Bylaw has not been drafted, so each question is hypothetical. Please provide your input on the following topics.

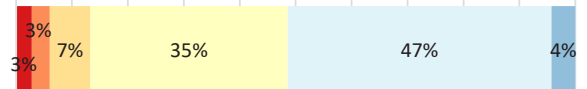
*This zoning bylaw should create strict regulations on where solar can be constructed in addition to existing laws and regulations.*



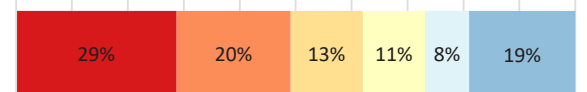
*This zoning bylaw should create set-backs and/or visual screening requirements on solar installations.*



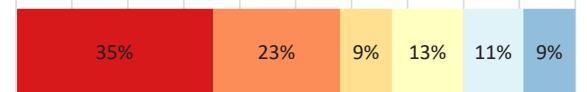
*This zoning bylaw should require a decommissioning plan for when the solar panels are removed.*



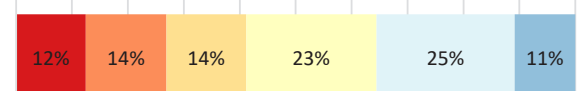
*Existing laws and regulations are sufficient to regulate new solar developments and the solar zoning bylaw should not further prescribe solar development.*



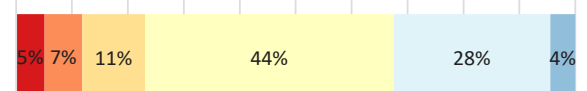
*There should be no limits on the maximum size of solar arrays permissible on a property.*



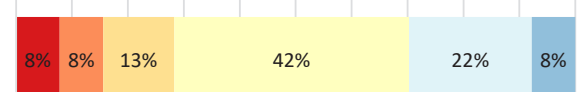
*The Solar Zoning Bylaw should create a new layer of review for solar projects in addition to the most intense zoning process that the Town currently uses.*



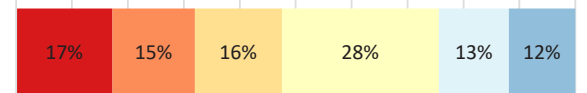
*The Solar Zoning Bylaw should set a progressive level of review process and public engagement so that larger projects receive more review than smaller projects.*



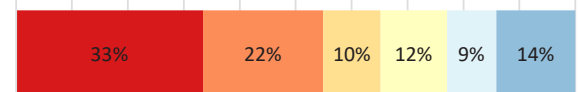
*The Solar Zoning Bylaw should have a minimum size project that it regulates. Projects below this threshold should not be subject to the Solar Zoning Bylaw. Current regulations would still apply.*



*Solar projects should be reviewed the same as other land developments of similar size.*



*There should be no additional zoning requirements for solar projects than currently exist.*



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

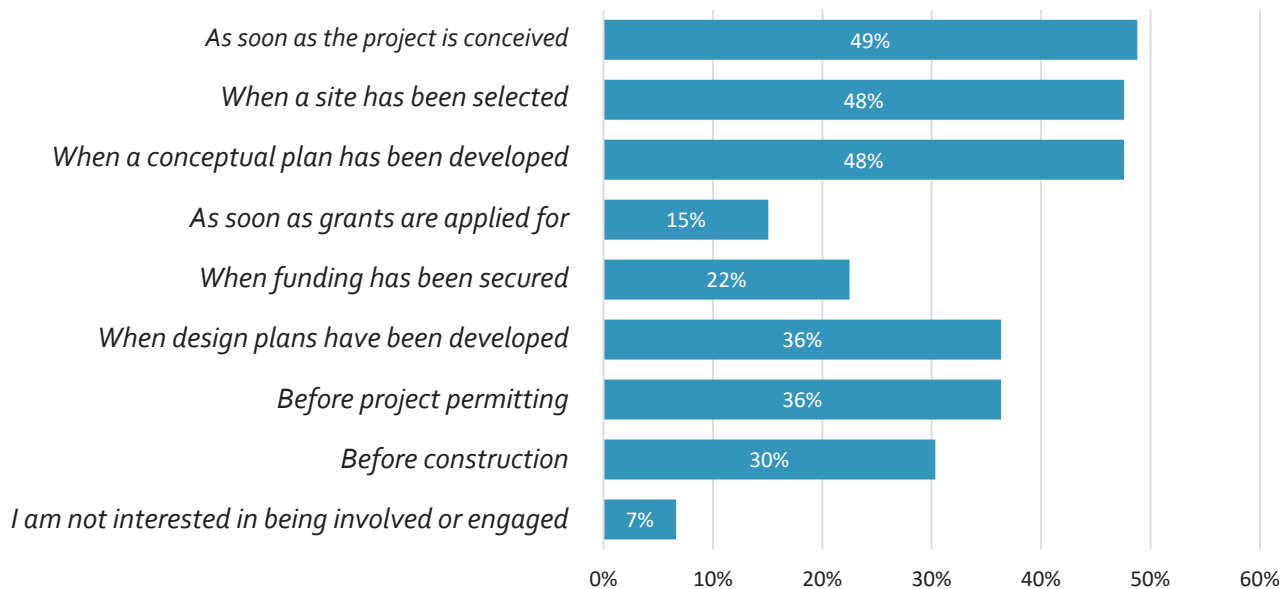
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree No comment

These preferences indicate that more respondents think the existing laws are not enough to regulate solar and that new regulations are needed. Generally, there is more agreement that the bylaw should restrict where solar should go than the process for reviewing a solar project. At least 75% of respondents agreed that the bylaw should require a decommissioning plan for when panels are removed, that there should be a minimum size project that the bylaw applies to (i.e., projects smaller than this size would not be subject to the bylaw), and that the bylaw should have a progressive level of review where the larger the project, the more review it receives.

## Municipal Solar Development

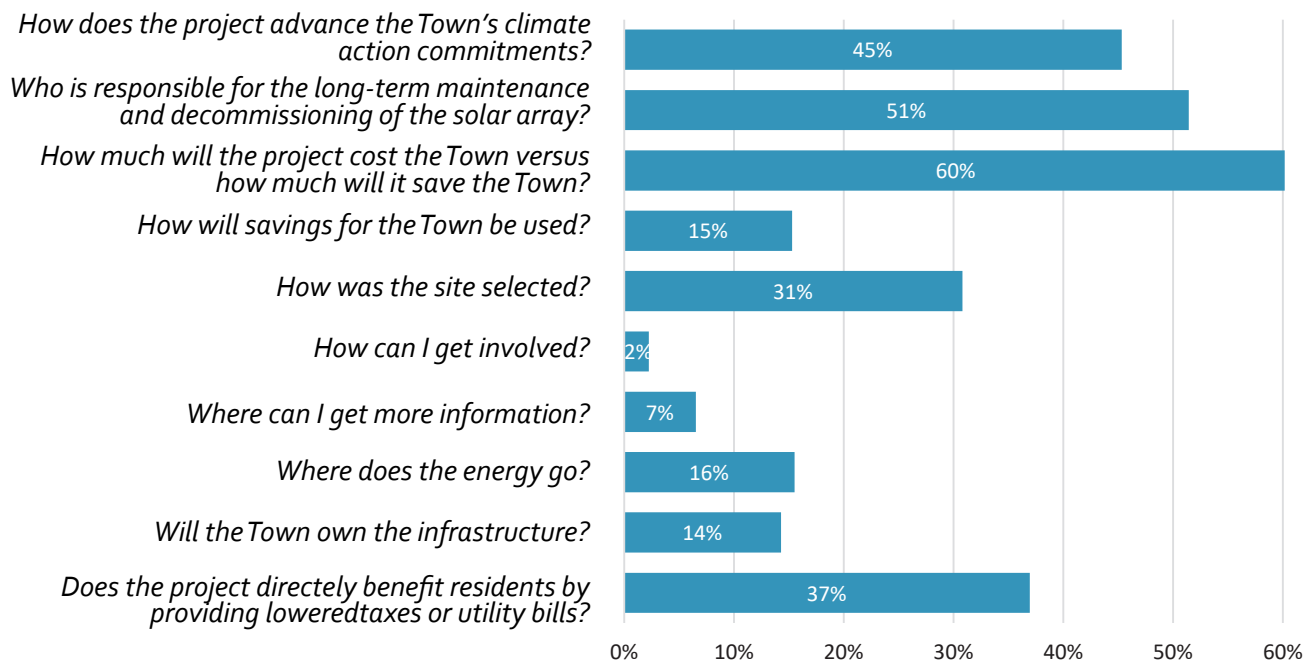
The following questions are about projects that may be developed, owned, and/or managed by the Town and could include ground mounted rooftop or canopy arrays.

When the Town considers its own future solar projects, when would you want to be informed? Select all that apply.



Respondents could select all that apply to this question, which is why the results don't add up to 100%. Respondents want to be informed about possible Town projects very early in the process when initial plans are developed. Interest wanes during the financing phases but increases again as the project plans are finalized before permitting.

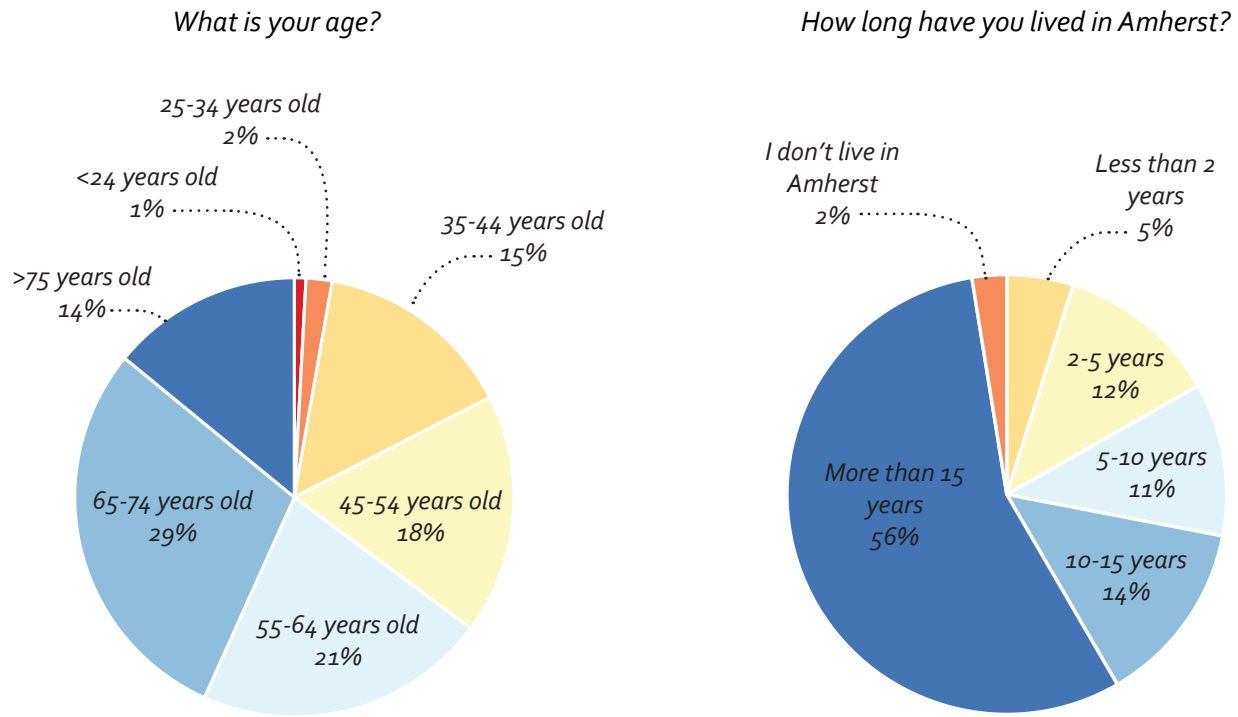
What are the top (1-3) questions you want the Town to answer prior to developing its own solar projects?



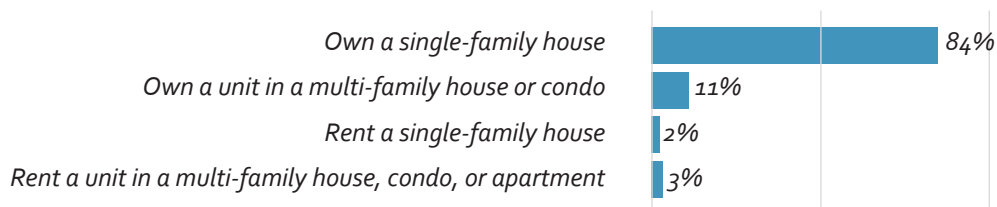
When the Town works on developing a solar project, most respondents want to know about the project finances – how much will it cost versus save the town. Other top questions were about who will be responsible for the panels and how would the project advance the climate action goals.

## Demographic Questions

If you feel comfortable, please answer the following demographic questions. As a reminder, this survey is anonymous.



### Describe your ownership status



Note: Additional, unused options included unhoused, or student housing.

The demographics indicate that the survey respondents are not representative of the entirety of the Amherst community. Compared to data available from Census.gov, these survey participants over-represent older residents (i.e., 43% of respondents >65 years old while Amherst's population has only 8% of residents >65 years old). Survey respondents also over-represent financially stable households as evidenced by respondent rates being approximately twice as likely to own a home and have lived in it for more than one year than is average in Amherst. Finally, approximately 7% of households in Amherst speak a language other than English and do not speak English well; however, no surveys were completed in languages other than English.





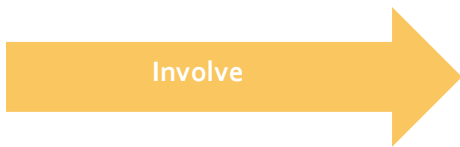
### 3.2.3 INVOLVE

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To involve community members and provide the opportunity to facilitate discussion between, dynamic conversations occurred between Town representatives, engaged citizens, residents, the Town hosted two in-person workshops. These workshops included six (6) self-paced activities designed to solicit opinions in a safe and non-judgmental atmosphere. Consultant and Town representatives were available to answer questions and discuss the project efforts during these workshops.

Over 25 people attended the workshops, which were identical in content. In addition to the workshop activities and members of various Town boards and committees.

The results to each activity and comments received in the comment/suggestion box are on the following pages.



#### **Workshops** Scheduled in the Jones Library

Woodbury Room:

Saturday March 18 from 12-2 PM

Thursday March 23 from 6-8 PM

The Town proactively worked to engage, consult, and involve communities across Amherst. Prior to initiating outreach efforts, the project team met with the Town Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department to implement best practices for encouraging a broad and diverse cross-section of the community, including those who are not typically represented in Town processes. The engagement efforts included sending post cards to residences, emailing informational fliers to landlords for posting in apartment complex common areas, and direct distribution of fliers to community members by Community Responders for Equity, Safety, and Service (CRESS). Informational fliers were also distributed to community partners and support organizations for posting and distribution and were posted at public-use computers at the library.

The survey and workshops included best practices for engaging communities such as providing childcare, refreshments, and language interpretation services. Mandarin, Cantonese, and Spanish translation was available. The survey was available online in English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese. Requests for printed copies of the survey to facilitate responses by participants without internet were also accommodated.

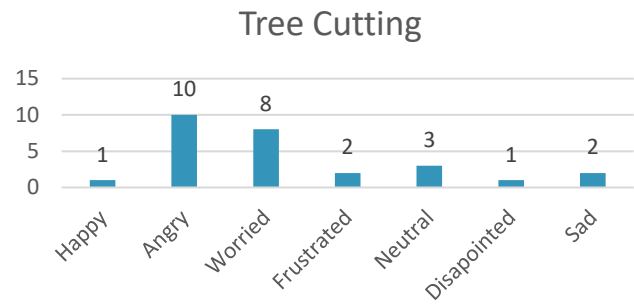
Despite these efforts, and despite a good response rate of 508 survey and over 25 workshop participants, the results in this report only represent a subset of the community. Conclusions and decisions stemming from this data should acknowledge that the data only represent a subset of the community.

## How do you feel about...

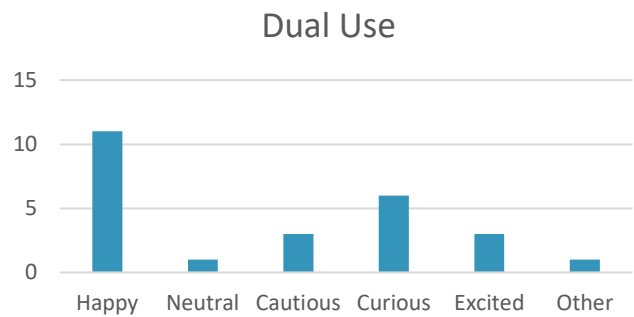
This activity asked participants to share how four types of solar development made them feel. They could select from 12 feelings or write in their own feeling if it wasn't an option.



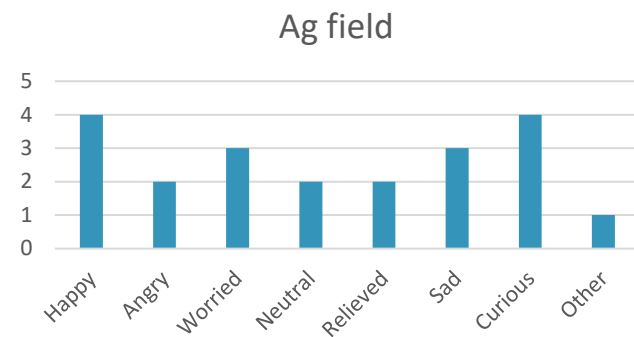
Forest cutting for solar development. (Source: GZA)



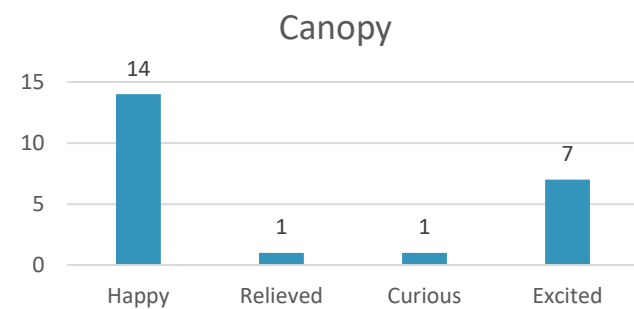
Dual-use solar on agricultural field. (Source: Werner Slocum/NREL, 64436)



Solar on agricultural field. (Source: CNH Industrial)

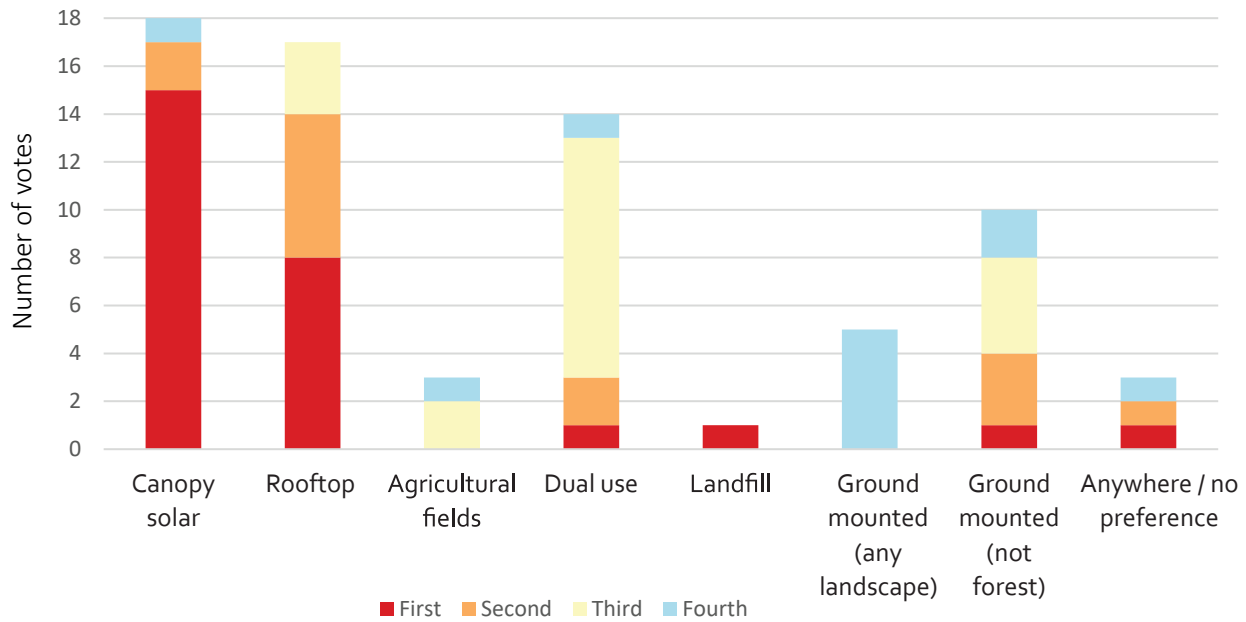


Parking lot canopy solar. (Source: GZA)



## Prioritize This!

This activity asked participants to rank their preferred solar development from first to fourth.



Graphic used to illustrate various solar development options.

The following non-numeric prioritizations were also offered:

- *Agricultural Fields – 4 votes "No"; 1 vote "Last Choice"*
- *Dual use – 1 clarification "North sides"*
- *Ground Mounted (any landscape) – 10 votes "No"; 1 vote "Also last choice"*
- *Anywhere/no preference – 6 votes "No"; 2 votes "Yes"*

Participants provided additional feedback on this activity including:

- *Everywhere feasible should be allowed*
- *Forest/sequestration is part of addressing climate change – need to protect forests*
- *Low income housing*
- *Utility poles as in New Jersey. On top of vehicles.*
- *Over bridges*
- *As long as it does not conflict with the other preferences.*
- *Other than bird habitat, the old landfill should have solar arrays*
- *High School Parking Lot*
- *School land to compliment rooftops*
- *Raised/dual use of forestland*

## Big Questions

This activity asked participants to post questions in general categories. Participants could “agree” with existing comments and/or could post a response to a comment.

### Solar Development Questions:

- *Feature companies who can put solar on slate roofs*
- *What happens to sequestered carbon when forests are used for solar?*
- *Where is state financial support? Create a fund for raised canopies, roof public buildings, roof affordable apartments of energy efficient*
- *What solar options are there for homes that are not in the best location or orientation for solar?*
- *How can we move government to survey rooftops first, get estimates to production, then follow up with farms next?*

### Solar Development in Amherst Questions:

- *Community solar – how does it work?*
- *Use Community Preservation Act monies to save recreation land by putting solar somewhere else like parking lots at Mill River for example.*
- *How many megawatts do we (collectively) use? How much acreage or square footage do we need to give to solar panels to reach our goals?*
- *Apply for federal money*
- *Let’s use CDBG money*
- *Require on new home construction*
- *What bylaws do we need? Should these be required by all abutting towns?*
- *Why is the importance of forests in fighting climate change being ignored!!*
- *How can we assure farms are developed only when capacity is needed beyond rooftops and that the profits accrue to citizens, energy goes local*

### Other Solar-Related Questions:

- *We should think of Amherst as part of a region – not stand alone*  
*Agrees: 4*  
*Response: What about Hadley parking lots?*
- *Who protects private wells when forests are displaced by solar?*
- *Pass stretch code that forbids gas installation in new homes so that people will need more electricity*  
*Response: Only if sustainable electricity is actually available*
- *More coordination*

## Sunny Days and Rain Clouds

This activity asked participants to post comments or questions about what they’re excited or concerned about related to solar. Participants could “agree” with existing comments and/or could post a response to a comment.

### Sunny Days (Excited):

- *Happy that our community is doing the best it can for now and for the future!*  
*Agrees: 1*
- *Weaning ourselves off of fossil fuels*
- *Let’s have a bylaw that requires developers to pay a licensing fee large enough for the Town to hire a full time monitor for the duration of the project*
- *Require a bond from developers large enough to remediate major problems*
- *Panels on parking lots – Can we get state or federal support? Or require?*  
*Agrees: 1*
- *Any chance of fighting climate change!*

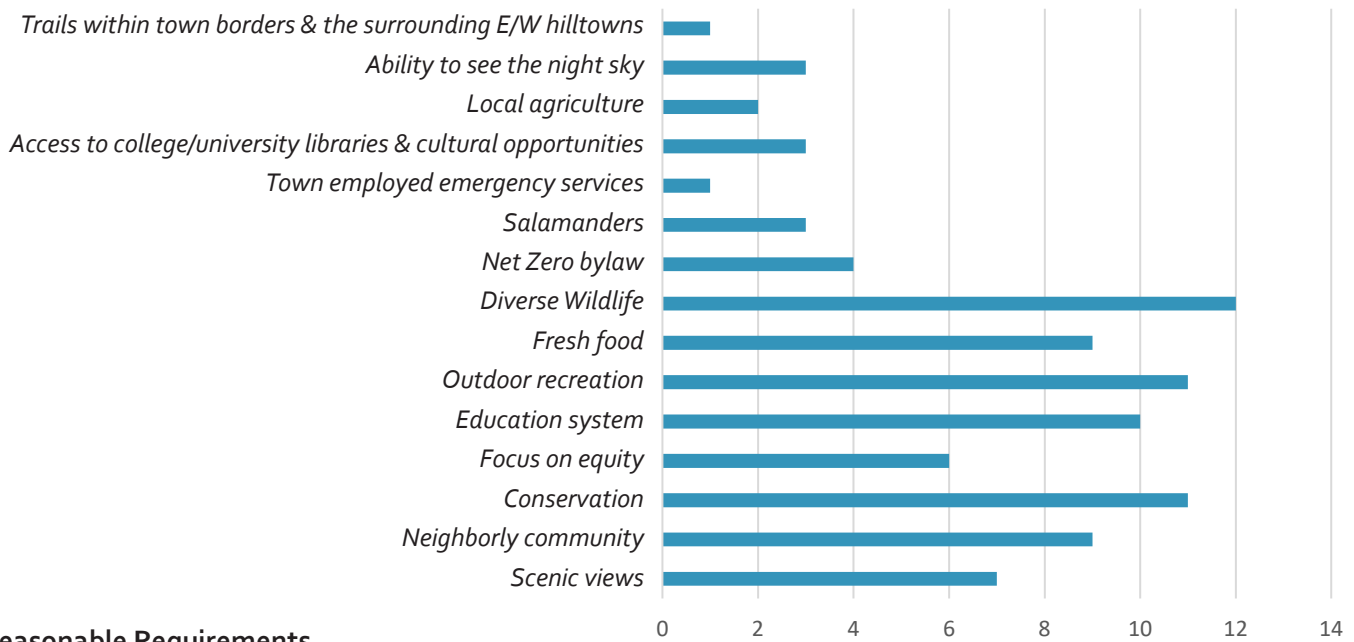
### Rain Clouds (Concerns):

- *Corrupt solar companies*
- *Not moving fast enough*
- *Lack of coordination with UMass, Hampshire, & Amherst college*
- *Industrial size arrays affecting private wells*  
*Agrees: 1*
- *Destruction of forests. We should not sacrifice forests for solar. We can have both*  
*Agrees: 8*
- *Loss of farmland unless retired*
- *Impact on aquifer/water*
- *Worried about climate & wildlife effects of clearing forests for solar*  
*Agrees: 6*
- *Careless or hasty decisions*
- *Putting too many restrictions on potential solar developments*
- *I am worried that solar panels will end up covering up a lot of green space*
- *That the energy giants and multi-nationals will get the profits*



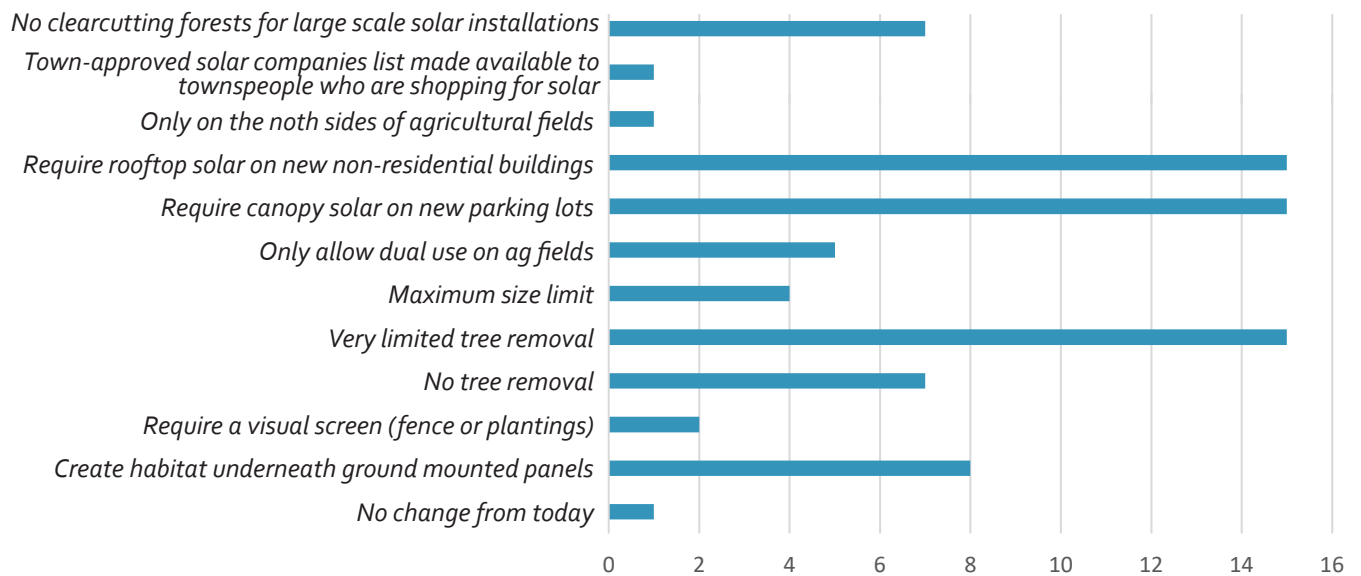
## What do you value most about living in Amherst?

This activity asked participants to check characteristics that they value about living in Amherst. Several values were provided with space for participants to add their own.



## Reasonable Requirements

This activity asked participants check requirements that they would like to see as part of the solar zoning bylaw. Several possible requirements were provided with space to add their own.



## Workshop Comment Box Feedback

As noted on a sticky note - *I find it really hard to assess the possible "reasonable requirements." They're too abstract. I'd want to know more about details and specific circumstances that the various possibilities would "look like" and whether we could have a range or spectrum of requirements depending on specific conditions or circumstances.*

*Rooftop 1st. Assistance by our administration/governors to identify city (school, town hall, library, etc.), businesses, and residential locations that are optimal for "gain" (not necessarily build out) first - then Identify "open space" or places we will need for "farms". Farms to be publicly owned or like rooftop - accrued to the property owner (I'd like to see net meter type relationship).*

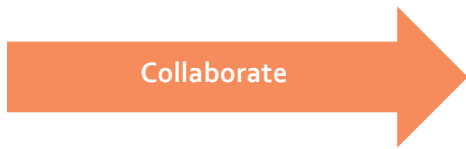


### 3.2.4 COLLABORATE

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Collaboration never ends. This report summarizes the findings from both the map-based assessment and the community engagement effort. The outreach findings were shared with both the ECAC and SBWG. Recordings of these presentations are available on the Town's YouTube channel for review. The raw data is available in the appendices or through the Town GIS office.

With the completion of this project, the Town continues to work through its employees, boards, and committees to understand the energy needs and potential solar development targets in Town. You're encouraged to attend these public meetings, and participate in future committees and organizations as the conversation on solar energy and development continues to evolve.



Provide survey and assessment results

The map-based assessment results were shared on March 13 via a virtual presentation and the map is available on the Town website. This report, and a virtual meeting scheduled for May 2023 provide the summary and workshop results.



Invite public to continue participating in Town decisions

All committee and board meetings are open to the public and are currently hosted virtually and recorded.



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# APPENDIX

# APPENDIX 1

## AMHERST DEPARTMENT HEADS SOLAR ATTITUDE SURVEY

# Amherst Department Heads - Solar Attitude Survey

Amherst is working on a Town-Wide Solar Assessment. As part of that assessment, we are conducting outreach to Town employees and residents to understand existing solar attitudes. Please respond to the 5 statements below. The remaining questions are not required and are available for you to provide us additional information.

Your responses will be anonymous unless you enter your name.

\* Required

## Attitude Assessment

1. Name (optional)

2. May we contact you for additional information regarding your answers?  
(optional)

3. Please respond to the following 5 statements so that we can better understand your experience with and attitude towards solar development. \*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
In my work capacity, I have been involved in implementing solar projects in Amherst.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solar installations are a critical tool to meet Town carbon reduction targets.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solar development in Town will significantly change my workload and/or responsibilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I use geospatial (mapping) tools as part of my regular work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have experience implementing solar at my private residence and/or in another town/previous position.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Experience Questions

4. What are your top (1-3) concerns related to increasing solar development in Amherst?

5. What concerns have been raised about solar by staff or residents?

6. What possibilities (1-3) are you most excited about related to increasing solar development in Amherst?

7. What resources do you already have to implement solar in Amherst?

8. What previous experience do you have with implementing solar in Amherst? What lessons did you learn that you want us to know?

9. How may solar development in Town change your (or your staff's) work responsibilities and resources (human or physical)?

10. Is there anything else you think we should know as we work through this assessment effort?

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# APPENDIX 2

## AMHERST DEPARTMENT HEADS SOLAR ATTITUDE SURVEY RESULTS



ID	In my work capacity, I have been involved in implementing solar projects in Amherst.	Solar installations are a critical tool to meet Town carbon reduction targets.	Solar development in Town will significantly change my workload and/or responsibilities.	I use geospatial (mapping) tools as part of my regular work.	I have experience implementing solar at my private residence and/or in another town/previous position.	What are your top (1-3) concerns related to increasing solar development in Amherst?	What concerns have been raised about solar by staff or residents?
4	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Lack of available sites; lack of funding resources/opportunities; community opposition	Potential development in forested and/or agricultural areas. Decreased property value adjacent to development sites.
5	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Agree	Management Long term impacts related to decommissioning	Not wanting to cut down trees in order to make room for solar.
6	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Site location and construction and storm damage, change in quality of drinking water	Destruction of trees for solar arrays
7	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	impact on natural environment	None yet
8	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	none	None that I am aware of.
9	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Disagree	What happens to the panels once they are not working effetely? How long will the array's last? How will this effect the grid? Studies show that with the growing population of elect vehicles the gird is becoming more and more unstable	Concern of cost of electric going up for those who don't have solar How is having all of these solar panels directly effecting Amherst? Can residents and business owners benefit from this?

ID	In my work capacity, I have been involved in implementing solar projects in Amherst.	Solar installations are a critical tool to meet Town carbon reduction targets.	Solar development in Town will significantly change my workload and/or responsibilities.	I use geospatial (mapping) tools as part of my regular work.	I have experience implementing solar at my private residence and/or in another town/previous position.	What are your top (1-3) concerns related to increasing solar development in Amherst?	What concerns have been raised about solar by staff or residents?
10	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Neutral	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	none	being cold at work in the winter and hot in the summer
11	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Possibility of erosion and instability of the site during construction, large-scale cutting of forests, large-scale use of prime agricultural lands	Water supply and water quality problems for those who have wells, erosion and instability of site during construction, large-scale cutting of forests
12	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Loss of green spaces	loss of green spaces, proprietary concerns {where is the energy going?}
13	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't really have any concerns.	Haven't heard of any concerns.
14	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Public resistance. Slow municipal involvement/embracing the technology.	NA
15	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Agree	Buy-in for solar arrays on public land; battery storage and storage locations; solar maintenance/up-keep	Town buildings structurally supporting solar; land use
16	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Public hearings, information campaigns, public input collection/sentiment gathering	n/a
17	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Finding Locations. Cost. Management of Projects.	Not enough being done. Using open space for solar panels. Disturbing pristine views.

ID	In my work capacity, I have been involved in implementing solar projects in Amherst.	Solar installations are a critical tool to meet Town carbon reduction targets.	Solar development in Town will significantly change my workload and/or responsibilities.	I use geospatial (mapping) tools as part of my regular work.	I have experience implementing solar at my private residence and/or in another town/previous position.	What are your top (1-3) concerns related to increasing solar development in Amherst?	What concerns have been raised about solar by staff or residents?
18	Neutral	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Disagree	That the energy/benefits will not be distributed and/or the benefits of the development will not be accessible to all including those with lower incomes.	How solar impacts renters.
19	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Affordability, priority	Solar would be a huge programming benefit for us (esp. Cherry Hill Golf Course)

ID	What possibilities (1-3) are you most excited about related to increasing solar development in Amherst?	What resources do you already have to implement solar in Amherst?	What previous experience do you have with implementing solar in Amherst? What lessons did you learn that you want us to know?	How may solar development in Town change your (or your staff's) work responsibilities and resources (human or physical)?	Is there anything else you think we should know as we work through this assessment effort?
4	Advancing state and local climate action goals including moving away from reliance on fossil fuels; energy independence and energy equity	Legislative support; climate goals; staff and development of an inter-municipal CCA with Northampton and Pelham	I was Project Manager for the 4 MW landfill PV installation. It would be preferable to own the project or to ensure that whoever purchases it will ensure it gets developed. Also - LOTS of paperwork beyond the PPA.	no - a;ready all in my job description	There are strong oppositional camps regarding deforestation and use of agricultural lands for solar development.
5	Focusing on rooftop and parking lot development.	A sustainability coordinator and \$200K of annual capital funding.	Landfill and Amherst Pelham Regional Schools. The management process can be confusing.	Procuring less electricity, dealing with AOBC, capital costs.	
6	Excited about renewable energy while protecting the beautiful landscapes in Amherst.	N/A	None	N/A	I work in the Health Department, we are not on the front lines of solar power but issues come to us on occasion and the Board reviews. For example, our Board of Health looked at the working paper by the WSPC committee - our focus is on water quantity and quality mostly but consider other health issues. Thanks for this survey and looking forward to all of the work the town is doing.
7	Unsure	Unsure	None	Unsure	Examples of impact of having solar in Amherst
8	The AHRA has been working with UMASS to explore solar business as a revenue generator for reparations	unknown	none	Unknown	The project should be aware of environmental justice issues.
9	Grants Amherst could receive for being such a green community Playing a big roll in protecting our environment Being a more desirable place for people to live and work		I have not had a part yet	Any solar that would supply energy to more than just the building it sits on or the building on the parcel that the panel is on.	

ID	What possibilities (1-3) are you most excited about related to increasing solar development in Amherst?	What resources do you already have to implement solar in Amherst?	What previous experience do you have with implementing solar in Amherst? What lessons did you learn that you want us to know?	How may solar development in Town change your (or your staff's) work responsibilities and resources (human or physical)?	Is there anything else you think we should know as we work through this assessment effort?
10	None			may require additional equipment or fund to complete work	no
11	Allowing the town to meet the town's climate action goals, reducing the amount of carbon emissions coming from facilities in Amherst	Experience with permitting several solar projects that have been successful and the solar bylaw working group's work on developing a solar bylaw and the solar site assessment that is currently being developed	Several solar projects have been permitted in Amherst, including a small one at Atkins Farm Market, and large projects at Hampshire College and two privately developed projects at Pulpit Hill and Sunderland Road	The Planning Department staff deals with permitting of various land uses, including solar; we support the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals in reviewing permit applications; the Planning Department staff is engaged in learning about solar developments, including solar arrays and battery storage, and educating others	The residents of Amherst are highly engaged, and they will be watching the process and very interested in its outcome.
12	Solar to power downtown infrastructure	none	A study was performed at Jones Library to determine if solar panels were practical. Limitations included the inability to use panels on a building with a historic preservation restriction.	none	
13	Lowering energy costs and reliance on fossil fuel.	No experience with this.	None.	Should be no change for our department.	
14	Applying it as part of the power supply for a new Fire Station.	NA	NA	NA	NA
15					
16		none	none	unsure	
17	Moving Amherst to a carbon neutral future.	Smart, informed staff. Established goal.			

ID	What possibilities (1-3) are you most excited about related to increasing solar development in Amherst?	What resources do you already have to implement solar in Amherst?	What previous experience do you have with implementing solar in Amherst? What lessons did you learn that you want us to know?	How may solar development in Town change your (or your staff's) work responsibilities and resources (human or physical)?	Is there anything else you think we should know as we work through this assessment effort?
18	Hoping that the benefits of the development will be spread evenly through out the community. An alternative energy supply for Town buildings and facilities.				
19	Winter use for Cherry Hill, community access for the growing ski community there.				



# APPENDIX 3

## PUBLIC OUTREACH FLIER



# Town-Wide Solar Assessment

Public Notice  
March 2023



## Project Overview:

Amherst is conducting a Town-Wide Solar Assessment to understand where solar could be feasible, and to gather the opinions and values of residents. This effort is being undertaken to help the Town meet established climate action goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to reach carbon neutrality by 2050.



## How to Participate:

**Informational Presentation: Virtual on March 13 @ 7:00 PM**

We will discuss the project goals and assessment findings. Call in Information is available on the Community Calendar here: <https://www.amherstma.gov/Calendar.aspx>

**Community Workshops: Jones Library Woodbury Room on March 18 @ 12:00-2:00 PM & March 23 @ 6:00-8:00 PM**

These will be informal workshops, so please drop by for any amount of time. Light refreshments and kid-friendly activities will be provided.

## Community Survey

Take the online survey between March 1-31 to provide your anonymous feedback. The survey is available in multiple languages.

**Scan the QR code or follow the link to learn more.**

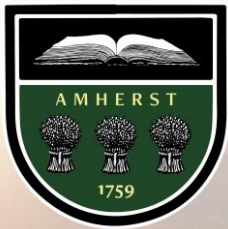


**For more information, please visit:**

**<https://www.gza.com/amherst-massachusetts-town-wide-solar-assessment>**

# APPENDIX 4

## PUBLIC OUTREACH POSTCARD



## Town-Wide Solar Survey

Amherst is conducting a survey to understand your opinions about solar energy.

**Scan the QR code or follow the link below to learn more and take the survey!**



Amherst está realizando una encuesta para conocer sus opiniones sobre la energía solar.

**¡Escanee el código QR o siga el enlace a continuación para obtener más información y completar la encuesta!**

阿默斯特正在进行一项调查，以了解您对太阳能的看法。  
**扫描二维码或点击以下链接了解更多并参与调查！**

<https://www.gza.com/amherst-massachusetts-town-wide-solar-assessment>

## Other Opportunities to Participate:

**Informational Presentation:** Virtual on March 13 @ 7:00 PM

**Community Workshops:** Jones Library Woodbury Room on March 18 @ 12:00-2:00 PM & March 23 @ 6:00-8:00 PM

## Otras oportunidades para participar:

**Presentación informativa:** virtual el 13 de marzo a las 7:00 p. m.

**Talleres comunitarios:** Jones Library Woodbury Room el 18 de marzo a las 12:00-2:00 p. m. y el 23 de marzo a las 6:00-8:00 p. m.

## 其他参与机会:

**信息介绍:** 3月13日晚上7:00 虚拟

**社区研讨会:** 3月18日下午12:00-2:00 和3月23日下午6:00-8:00 琼斯图书馆伍德伯里厅

# APPENDIX 5

## PUBLIC SURVEY WRITTEN RESPONSES

# Survey Responses

23 December 2020 - 13 April 2023

Tell us what you think!

# Engage Amherst

Project: Amherst Solar Assessment Project



VISITORS					
44					
CONTRIBUTORS			RESPONSES		
16			16		
4	12	0	4	12	0
Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous





**Respondent No:** 1

**Login:** Admin

**Responded At:** Mar 08, 2023 10:16:51 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 14, 2023 13:06:54 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

I love solar and look forward to seeing more of it in the Town of Amherst!

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**Respondent No:** 2

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Mar 11, 2023 04:52:14 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 11, 2023 12:52:14 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Excited about making use of already existing opportunities such as panels on roofs and above already existing parking lots, and about putting locally sourced solar energy to use in Amherst. Concerned about selling it and then buying it from elsewhere, eg Maine; about intentional and unintentional, short- and long-term effects of destroying forests; and the same goes for destroying agricultural lands that could be used for food security purposes.

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**Respondent No:** 3

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 11, 2023 05:05:28 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 11, 2023 05:05:28 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

I am excited about the level of interest in renewable energy and move away from fossil fuel s for heating and driving. I am concerned that we are converting to much agricultural, forest and other natural areas to solar fields while we have not maximized the use of brownfields, rooftops and parking lots for this purpose. I am concerned that we are not utilizing tools that could promote buy in to using renewable energy in households by a greater proportion of our community, for example, community aggregation with 100% renewable options.

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**Respondent No:** 4

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 13, 2023 09:10:33 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 13, 2023 09:10:33 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Considering our councilors positions on many issues, I want to make sure Amherst residents (either owners or rentals) are not "obligated " to do anything and that it will not COST us anything extra in our property taxes and/or fees to have this project. I currently use nexamp for my home which gives me 15% off my bill for solar credits sent to Eversource. I would love to have an option to sign up for something similar that would save me more.

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**Respondent No:** 5

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 13, 2023 16:20:04 pm

**Last Seen:** Mar 13, 2023 16:20:04 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Most excited to see us get to net zero as soon as possible. There's just no time left.

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**Respondent No:** 6

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 14, 2023 05:18:05 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 14, 2023 05:18:05 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Glad to see that Hickory Ridge will have a big solar array!

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**Respondent No:** 7

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 16, 2023 14:15:06 pm

**Last Seen:** Mar 16, 2023 14:15:06 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Excited about cleaner energy. Concerned about pricing and logistics

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**Respondent No:** 8

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 17, 2023 08:08:47 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 17, 2023 08:08:47 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

The best place for solar arrays have been modeled by the University: over parking lots. Commercial, industrial, business, residential, i.e. apartment buildings with multiple-vehicle lots. Rooftops also ideal, especially the large flat business kind, modeled by the Amherst Cinema building., and apartment, buildings, residences with proper exposure. Beyond that, open land is better than cutting down trees or forests. Open land without scenic value better than land with aesthetic properties. Dual use agricultural and solar land makes sense.

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**Respondent No:** 9

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Mar 18, 2023 12:51:18 pm

**Last Seen:** Mar 18, 2023 19:34:48 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

First of all I need to be educated on the most recent solar developments in Amherst. I have seen some solar panels used in agricultural areas in the border of Amherst and Hadley as well as the solar panels that act as car ports in the parking areas at UMass Amherst. I do read the Amherst Bulletin but have not been educated on the recent developments in Amherst. I want to learn more.

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**Respondent No:** 10

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 20, 2023 16:38:31 pm

**Last Seen:** Mar 20, 2023 16:38:31 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Do not cut down a single tree or cover a single blade of grass as long as there is one visible parking space or open sq ft of rooftop left. It's cheaper for a rentier/investor to cover our forests and fields with their panels but why would we want to accept that profit priority over the loss of green space. Put in severe fees for any open land destruction to level the short term protecting motive.

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**Respondent No:** 11

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 22, 2023 10:16:52 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 22, 2023 10:16:52 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

I am most excited about being able to meet more of the energy needs in Amherst through a renewable energy source, and about having more solar energy panels being co-located on already developed sites, such as on the roofs of buildings and over parking areas (such as at UMass and large commercial sites). I am concerned some about the impact of larger-scale solar if it is placed in farmland and forest settings and adversely impacts the productivity and environmental quality (habitats, water quality) of those locations. I would prefer to have de-centralized solar installations over larger-scale centralized ones in such settings, if it is viable to do so.

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**Respondent No:** 12

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Mar 22, 2023 12:21:54 pm

**Last Seen:** Mar 22, 2023 19:17:55 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Solar is a crucial tool for Amherst, but it should be properly located.

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**Respondent No:** 13

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 22, 2023 16:21:17 pm

**Last Seen:** Mar 22, 2023 16:21:17 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Solar development proceed as quickly as possible to contribute to net zero goals

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**Respondent No:** 14

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Mar 28, 2023 08:51:37 am

**Last Seen:** Mar 28, 2023 08:51:37 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

Catching out with other towns across the country

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**Respondent No:** 15

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Apr 03, 2023 19:14:59 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 03, 2023 19:14:59 pm

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

destroying forested land that stores carbon; impacting private wells

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**Respondent No:** 16

**Login:** Unverified

**Responded At:** Apr 13, 2023 04:52:36 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 13, 2023 04:52:36 am

**Q1. What are you most excited about and/or concerned about regarding solar development in Amherst?**

I am excited to see more home owners and businesses install more solar infrastructure. Let's build a smart grid and reduce our carbon foot print ASAP. We can be a model for what a town can do.

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# APPENDIX 6

## EMAIL RESPONSES

From: D Marshall  
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 8:56 PM  
To: Ciccarello, Stephanie  
Subject: Solar Workshop thoughts

Hi Stephanie,  
I wanted to share a reflection about the photo display at Saturday's workshop: I felt with some of the images that asking people to "like" or "dislike" the photos presented an overly simplistic choice.

It would be more realistic to add a second image next to each, such as:

- image of solar panels next to farmland, with a second image of track suburban housing next to farmland, posing the question that a farm landowner might experience if s/he needs more income and has to choose between leasing some of his/her land for solar and developing the land for housing. By denying the farmer the option of solar, the housing development becomes more likely.
- image of forest with adjacent solar along with an image of some sort representing a shortage of power, whether a blackout or rolling brownouts, representing the choice of solar development or a reduced power supply since one way or the other, we need to eliminate fossil fuel power production.
- image of the farmer's tractor with adjacent solar panels, next to an image of dying trees in a forest, or a dry lakebed, representing the choice between solar power production and continuing to burn fossil fuels and warming the the planet.

I don't remember the other displays well enough to know if these comments are applicable to them, but whatever you can do to make the interactions more realistic would give the responses more significance.

One other thought: would it make sense for the SBWG to reach out to some of the farmers who participated in the Agricultural Commission when it was active and ask for their perspective on the town prohibiting installation of solar arrays on their farmland (and foresters too)? Perhaps you're planning to do this already?

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Feel free to share this with the SBWG.

Doug

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**From:** Marylou Theilman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 1:37 PM  
**To:** Brestrup, Christine ; Ciccarello, Stephanie  
**Cc:** Griesemer, Lynn  
**Subject:** Solar

I filled out the solar survey, but have strong feelings about some aspects of solar I wish to share with you.

First and foremost before all the "solar building" continues, the Town should/must have a plan for how it will dispose of all broken and outdated solar equipment. It isn't acceptable to state that the issue is too many years down the road and today's advocates don't need to plan for that. What is the plan, which should be available for future generations to follow. Stating that it is someone else's problem is not acceptable.

Second, solar, etc. should only be on roof tops and over parking spaces. Using open space, including forests, is unacceptable. An example of an unacceptable space is by Atkins and Applewood. Some of the apartments that face the open fields and Hampshire College now look down on the solar array. Terrible. The Town needs to be more in tune with the aesthetics of the neighborhoods, even if there open fields nearby.

I don't have a problem with clean energy, but some folks are over the top, but not in their neighborhoods. Nor do some of them look at the long term issues. At a meeting a few years ago when asked what is done with outdated, nonworking equipment, the answer was it was the responsibility of the manufacturer. Really.

Actually, I like windmills the best, but know there is not enough atmospheric wind in Amherst.

Appreciate all your hard work. Take Care. marylou theilman

# APPENDIX 7

## PUBLIC SURVEY FORM

# Amherst Town-Wide Solar Assessment

Massachusetts has established legally binding greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets to achieve a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The Commonwealth defines net zero emissions as providing equivalent annual removal and storage of GHG from the atmosphere to the volume of GHG produced. The Town of Amherst has independently adopted climate action goals to reduce GHG emissions from gas and oil and to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Reaching net-zero emissions will require multiple strategies including replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy from offshore wind, solar, and hydroelectricity while reducing energy use in homes, businesses, and transportation through increasing our energy efficiency. Land preservation is also necessary so that land and plants can continue to absorb and store GHG. Amherst and the Commonwealth expect electricity use to significantly increase as the transportation and building heating sectors are electrified.

To reach its goals, the Town of Amherst is working to understand how much solar energy could be produced in Town, and then set goals and benchmarks to increase solar energy production. Specifically, the Town is currently undertaking a town-wide solar assessment to understand:

1. Where in town solar development could be legally, physically, and logistically feasible given existing conditions (land slope and aspect, legal restrictions, and electrical grid infrastructure);
2. Approximately how much total electricity could be generated in town; and
3. The electrical generation capacity of each land use type.

As the climate action goals are community-wide and solar energy will play an important role in reaching them, the Town seeks your input on potential solar development throughout Town. The Town seeks to encourage equitable solar development that residents support to develop a robust solar energy landscape. The Town is not currently proposing a specific solar project; however, your input will guide future decision making. Your responses are anonymous and will

## General Solar Attitudes

The following questions are general and could apply to any type of solar development.

The town of Amherst and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts set goals to reduce

1

Were you aware of these GHG emission reduction targets?

Yes

No

2

How important do you feel these goals are from Very Important to Not Important, or No Opinion?

Very Important

Somewhat Important

No Opinion

Somewhat Unimportant

Not Important

What possibilities are you most excited about relative to increasing solar development in Amherst? Select 1-3 options:

Please select at most 3 options.

- Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals
- Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity
- Increasing local energy production/energy independence
- Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas
- Protecting the environment by slowing climate change
- Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions
- Savings on utility bills
- Powering downtown and town buildings

What are your top concerns relative to increasing solar development in Amherst? Select 1-3 options:

Please select at most 3 options.

- Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)
- Seeing solar panels in scenic views
- Conversion of farmland
- Conversion of forest land
- Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion
- Sunlight glare from the panels
- Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning
- Possible drinking water impacts
- Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments



## Residential / Small Scale Development

The following questions pertain to solar installations that power one or a couple homes or other buildings, such as a small business. They can include rooftop or ground-mounted solar panels.



*Residential rooftop solar panels*  
Source: UMass Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment,  
Clean Energy Extension



*Residential ground mounted solar panels.*  
Source: earthava.com

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Do you use solar energy at your residence? Select one statement.

- Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.
- Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.
- Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.
- No.

If you do not currently use solar, please indicate why. Select all that apply.

- I am a renter.
- My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.
- The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.
- The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.
- I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.
- I plan on moving before I could see savings.
- I have no interest in solar.

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Would you be interested in participating in a solar cooperative agreement where you purchase shares of a solar installation that is not on your home?  
Select one answer.

- Absolutely yes.
- Likely yes.
- Probably not.
- Most likely not.
- Not sure, would need more information.

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The Town should assist lower-income individuals with developing solar installations on their property.

- Yes.
- No.

## Commercial / Large-Scale Development

These projects are generally at least four to five acres and generate one Megawatt (MW) of electricity or more. For reference, a football field, including the end zones is approximately 1.3 acres. These developments can include ground-mounted solar arrays, rooftop arrays, or solar canopies.



*Large-scale ground-mounted solar array.  
Source: GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.*



*Canopy solar at a UMass Amherst parking lot.  
Source: GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.*

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Reorder the statements by dragging them to rank where you most prefer to see large solar developments constructed with the first being the most preferred:

Over parking lots (canopy solar)

On large buildings (roof top)

In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures (yards, roadsides, parking area buffers, town park structures)

Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

Agricultural fields

No preference

Considering the need for increased renewable energy generation, reorder the statements by dragging them to rank where you would most prefer to see large solar developments constructed in the unbuilt environment, with the first being the most preferred.

Active agricultural land

Active agricultural land if agriculture can continue (dual use)

Forestland

Undeveloped open space (meadows, fields, etc.)

No solar development should occur on open land

No preference

Amherst is writing a new Solar Zoning Bylaw to complement the existing Zoning Bylaw. At this time, the Solar Zoning Bylaw has not been drafted, so each question is hypothetical. Please provide your input on the following topics from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree, or indicate that you have no comment or do not know.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Comment/ Do Not Know
This zoning bylaw should create strict regulations on where solar can be constructed in addition to existing laws and regulations (i.e., current zoning, wetland protection, environmental regulations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This zoning bylaw should create setbacks and/or visual screening requirements on solar installations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This zoning bylaw should require a decommissioning plan for when the solar panels are removed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Existing laws and						

and regulations (i.e., current zoning, wetland protection, environmental regulations, etc.) are sufficient to regulate new solar developments and the solar zoning bylaw should not further prescribe solar development

There should be no limits on the maximum size of solar arrays permissible on a property.





Solar Farming  
Bylaw.  
Current  
regulations  
(i.e., zoning,  
wetland  
protection,  
etc.) would  
still apply.

Solar projects  
should be  
reviewed the  
same as  
other land  
development  
s of similar  
size.

There should  
be no  
additional  
zoning  
requirements  
for solar  
projects than  
currently  
exist.

## Municipal Solar Development

The following questions are about projects that may be developed, owned, and/or managed by the Town and could include ground mounted, rooftop, or canopy arrays.

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Amherst invests significant effort and time in working with and informing the community throughout public projects. When the Town considers its own future solar projects, when would you want to be informed about the possibility? Please select all that apply.

- As soon as the project is conceived.
- When a site has been selected.
- When a conceptual plan has been developed.
- As soon as grants are applied for.
- When funding has been secured.
- When design plans have been developed.
- Before project permitting.
- Before construction.
- I am not interested in being involved or engaged.

What are the top questions that you want the Town to answer prior to developing its own solar projects? Select 1-3 questions.

Please select at most 3 options.

- How does the project advance the Town's climate action commitments?
- Who is responsible for the long-term maintenance and decommissioning of the solar array?
- How much will the project cost the Town versus how much will it save the Town?
- How will savings for the Town be used?
- How was the site selected?
- How can I get involved?
- How can I get more information?
- Where does the energy go?
- Will the Town own the infrastructure?
- Does the project directly benefit residents by providing lowered taxes or utility bills?

## Demographic Questions

If you feel comfortable, please answer the following demographic questions. As a reminder, this survey is anonymous.

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Select the statement that best describes where you live.

- Own a single-family house
- Own a unit in a multi-family house or condo
- Rent a single-family house
- Rent a unit in a multi-family house, condo, or apartment
- On-campus dormitory or student housing
- Unhoused

How many years have you lived in Amherst?

- Less than 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-15 years
- More than 15 years
- I don't live in Amherst

What is your age range?

- Under 18 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- Greater than 75 years old

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# APPENDIX 8

## **PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS**

Amherst Town-Wide Solar Assessment  
Results

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1	Yes	Not Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills		Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	I have no interest in solar.		Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
2	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		No.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.				Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
3	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
4	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
5	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings on utility bills			Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
6	Yes	Not Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
7	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
8	Yes	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields



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11	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Sunlight glare from the panels	No.	I am a renter.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
12	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
13	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views		No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
14	Yes	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
15	Yes	Not Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
16	Yes	Somewhat Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Likely yes.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields

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20	Yes	No Opinion	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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23	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
24	Yes	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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29	Yes	Not Important	Powering downtown and town buildings			Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
30	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.		On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
31	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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34	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Most likely not.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields
35	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference
36	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
37	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
39	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
41	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
42	No	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
43	No	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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44	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Powering downtown and town buildings	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
45	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
46	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity			Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)
48	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
50	Yes	Not Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals			Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	I have no interest in solar.	Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
51	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
52	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
54	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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55	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
56	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
58	No	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
59	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
60	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
62	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
63	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
64	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	No preference	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures

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65	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
66	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	I am a renter.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
68	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Sunlight glare from the panels	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
69	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change			Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	No preference	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
70	No	Somewhat Important	Savings on utility bills			Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Most likely not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
27	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Savings on utility bills	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.				
38																			
40	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.				
47	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				

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49	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.				
53	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.				
57	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
61	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Most likely not.	Yes.				
67	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land		No.	I am a renter.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
71	No	Somewhat Important				Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
72	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
73	Yes	Somewhat Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields



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74	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.				Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
75	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
76	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Probably not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
77	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
78	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
80	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	No preference	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
82	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
84	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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85	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity		Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.		On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
87	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
88	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
89	No	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
90	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		No.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
91	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	No preference	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)
92	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
93	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity			Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields

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94	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
95	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
96	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	On large buildings (roof top)	
97	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence			Conversion of farmland			No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
98	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
99	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
101	No	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
102	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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104	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	
105	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills					No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Agricultural fields	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)
107	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
108	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Powering downtown and town buildings	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
109	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
110	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Not sure, would need more information.		Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
111	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
112	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures

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114	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
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116	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
117	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference
118	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
119	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
120	No	Somewhat Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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121	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	Probably not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
122	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion		No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
123	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
124	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
125	No	No Opinion	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
126	Yes	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
127	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		No.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
129	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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131	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Powering downtown and town buildings		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
132	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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135	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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81	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
83	No	No Opinion	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Probably not.	No.				
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149	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
150	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
151	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
152	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
153	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
154	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
155	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
156	Yes	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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157	No	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.					Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
159	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
161	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	
162	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
163	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	I am a renter.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
164	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	
165	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
166	No	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.					Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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167	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
168	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
170	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
171	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
172	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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174	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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177	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
178	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
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182	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	No preference	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
185	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change				Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.		Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
186	No	Somewhat Important	Savings on utility bills	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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188	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.							Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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198	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
199	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
200	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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203	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	No.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
204	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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206	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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210	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.						Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
142	Yes	Very Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
148	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
158	No	Very Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.					Not sure, would need more information.					
160	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.						Likely yes.	Yes.				
169	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Absolutely yes.	Yes.				



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181	No	Not Important				Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	I have no interest in solar.					Most likely not.	No.				
183	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Most likely not.	Yes.				
184	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		No.						Not sure, would need more information.					
189	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of farmland			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.											
190	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	I am a renter.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
195	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Likely yes.	No.				
202	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
207	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.						Likely yes.	Yes.				
211	Yes	Very Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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212	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
213	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
214	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
215	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
216	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
217	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Probably not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
218	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
220	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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221	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.		On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)
222	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.		Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
223	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land			No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
224	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
225	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
226	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
227	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
228	No	Somewhat Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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231	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
232	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
233	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change				Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Likely yes.	Yes.	No preference	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)
234	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land			Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.	I am a renter.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
235	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change				Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
236	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Absolutely yes.	Yes.	No preference	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)
238	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change				Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Agricultural fields
240	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Powering downtown and town buildings	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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241	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
242	Yes	Somewhat Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
243	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Possible drinking water impacts			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Agricultural fields	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
244	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Probably not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
245	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
246	No	Somewhat Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.			Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
247	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Possible drinking water impacts	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	No preference	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)
248	No	Somewhat Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Sunlight glare from the panels	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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249	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		No.	I am a renter.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
250	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
251	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.		Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
252	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of forest land			No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
254	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
255	Yes	Somewhat Important	Savings on utility bills	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions				No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
256	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
257	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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258	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			No.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
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260	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
261	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence			Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	No preference	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)
262	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
263	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference
265	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
266	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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267	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
268	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
270	No	Somewhat Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Savings on utility bills	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
271	Yes	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
272	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land			No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
273	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
274	Yes	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
275	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields



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276	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
277	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
279	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Powering downtown and town buildings	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	No.	No preference	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
280	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
219	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.				
229	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
230	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
237	No	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.				

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239	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
253	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Powering downtown and town buildings	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of farmland		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
264	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.				
269	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.				
278	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
281	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
283	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
284	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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285	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland			No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
286	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	I have no interest in solar.		Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
287	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
288	No	Somewhat Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
291	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
292	No	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
293	Yes	Very Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Powering downtown and town buildings	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
294	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures

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295	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
296	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
297	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
298	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
299	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
282	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Sunlight glare from the panels	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
289	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
290	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.						No.				

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300	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
301	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
302	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
303	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
304	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Powering downtown and town buildings	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.	I am a renter.				Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
305	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
307	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
309	Yes	Somewhat Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Savings on utility bills	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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313	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
315	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
316	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence				No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
317	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Likely yes.		Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
318	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
319	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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320	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
321	Yes	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
322	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
323	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
324	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
325	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
326	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
327	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures

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329	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
331	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
332	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
333	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
334	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Sunlight glare from the panels			No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
336	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						No.		On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
337	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.					Most likely not.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields
338	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Possible drinking water impacts	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields



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339	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
340	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Powering downtown and town buildings	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
341	Yes	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
342	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
343	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
344	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
345	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
346	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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347	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
348	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Probably not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
350	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.		On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
353	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
354	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
355	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	No.	No preference	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
356	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
357	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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358	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
360	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
361	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Powering downtown and town buildings	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity				No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
362	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
363	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
364	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Savings on utility bills	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	On large buildings (roof top)
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366	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I have no interest in solar.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.		Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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367	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land			No.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
368	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Sunlight glare from the panels	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.						Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)
369	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
370	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Sunlight glare from the panels	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
306	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Possible drinking water impacts	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
308	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Likely yes.	No.				
312	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	I am a renter.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
314	No	No Opinion	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	I am a renter.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				

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328	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)			No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Likely yes.	No.				
330	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
335	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Powering downtown and town buildings				Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.				
349	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
351	Yes	Somewhat Important	Savings on utility bills	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Absolutely yes.	No.				
352	Yes	Somewhat Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	No.				
359	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
371	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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372	Yes	Somewhat Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
373	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.						Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
375	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
376	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
377	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
378	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
379	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
380	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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381	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
382	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity			Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference	
383	No	Not Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
384	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
386	Yes	Somewhat Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
388	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
389	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
390	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of farmland	No.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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392	No	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
393	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
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395	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
396	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of farmland		No.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
397	No	Somewhat Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
398	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
399	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)



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401	No	No Opinion	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals			Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			No.	I have no interest in solar.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields
402	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields
403	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.			Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
404	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		No.	I am a renter.				Probably not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
405	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change				Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
406	Yes	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Increasing local energy production/energy independence		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
407	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	No preference	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures

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408	Yes	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
409	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.		Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
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412	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	I am a renter.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	
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424	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
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429	No	Not Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Sunlight glare from the panels	No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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431	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
432	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
433	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
434	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Most likely not.	No.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
435	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
437	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Sunlight glare from the panels	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Absolutely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)
438	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
439	Yes	Somewhat Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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440	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
374	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
385	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.				
387	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Powering downtown and town buildings	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
391	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
410	No	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Probably not.	Yes.				
413	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of forest land	No.	I am a renter.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.				
419	No	Not Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change			Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts		No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.				
422	No	Very Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land		Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.		Absolutely yes.	Yes.				

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423	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of forest land			No.	I am a renter.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
425	No	Very Important	Powering the downtown and town buildings	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.				
430	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Likely yes.	Yes.				
436	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Probably not.	No.				
441	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
444	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	I am a renter.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
446	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
447	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)

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449	No	Not Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
450	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
451	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings on utility bills	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	No preference	Agricultural fields
452	Yes	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.				Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
453	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
455	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
456	Yes	Somewhat Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.		Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
457	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields

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458	Yes	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions			Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Most likely not.	No.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
459	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	
460	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
461	Yes	Somewhat Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
464	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	
465	No	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference	
466	No	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	
468	Yes	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity			Seeing solar panels in scenic views			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.				Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields	



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469	No	Somewhat Unimportant	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills		Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
470	No	No Opinion	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions			Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning			No.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	Probably not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
472	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Most likely not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
474	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Savings on utility bills	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Agricultural fields
475	Yes	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Probably not.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
476	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	No.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures
477	No	Somewhat Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Conversion of forest land	Yes, I am a member of a community solar program that supplies me with solar electricity.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
478	No	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	No.	I am a renter.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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479	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
480	No	Very Important	Powering downtown and town buildings	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
481	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
482	Yes	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
483	Yes	Not Important	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Savings on utility bills		Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of forest land	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
484	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
485	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.					Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
486	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments			Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Likely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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488	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
490	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas		Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts		Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I am a renter.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
491	Yes	Very Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Construction impacts on traffic, air quality, or soil erosion	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Not sure, would need more information.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	No preference
492	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.			Absolutely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
493	No	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Conversion of farmland	No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.		Not sure, would need more information.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
494	No	Somewhat Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change		Conversion of forest land	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	No.	I am a renter.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
496	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change			Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning	Possible drinking water impacts		No.	The upfront costs of installation are too high for me.				Likely yes.	Yes.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields

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498	No	Very Important	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Powering downtown and town buildings	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Long term maintenance and panel decommissioning		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	On large buildings (roof top)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)
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500	Yes	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Powering downtown and town buildings	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions	Possible drinking water impacts	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	No.	I have no interest in solar.				Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
502	Yes	Very Important	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Conversion of farmland	Seeing solar panels in scenic views		No.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Absolutely yes.	Yes.	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Undeveloped open spaces (includes but is not limited to forests, meadows, etc.)	Over parking lots (canopy solar)
503	No	Not Important	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas			Initial costs (either personally or for municipality)	Conversion of farmland	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I'm concerned about the safety of having solar panels on my roof.	The overall process (i.e., financial incentives, installer programs) is too confusing.			Most likely not.	No.	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Agricultural fields
505	No	Not Important	Savings on utility bills	Savings from tax rebates and/or deductions		Conversion of forest land	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	I plan on moving before I could see savings.				Most likely not.	No.	In already disturbed/semi-developed landscapes associated with existing structures	Over parking lots (canopy solar)	On large buildings (roof top)	Agricultural fields
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448	Yes	Very Important	Advancing our existing commitment to climate action goals	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Increasing local energy production/energy independence	Sunlight glare from the panels	Seeing solar panels in scenic views	Capacity of the grid to support large solar developments	Yes, there is solar installed on the roof or yard where I live.					Absolutely yes.	No.				
454	Yes	Very Important	Protecting the environment by slowing climate change	Reducing the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity	Balancing renewable energy while protecting natural areas	Conversion of farmland	Conversion of forest land	Possible drinking water impacts	Yes, I have chosen a renewable electricity supplier through my utility.	My home/yard do not have adequate solar exposure.				Likely yes.	Yes.				
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As soon as the project is conceived.								How does the project advance the Town's climate action commitments?	Who is responsible for the long-term maintenance and decommissioning of the solar array?	How much will the project cost the Town versus how much will it save the Town?	Own a single-family house	More than 15 years	65-74 years old
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When a site has been selected.	Before construction.							How much will the project cost the Town versus how much will it save the Town?	How will savings for the Town be used?	Where does the energy go?	Own a single-family house	2-5 years	35-44 years old
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As soon as the project is conceived.	When a site has been selected.	When funding has been secured.	When design plans have been developed.					Does the project directly benefit residents by providing lowered taxes or utility bills?	Will the Town own the infrastructure?	Where does the energy go?	Own a unit in a multi-family house or condo	More than 15 years	45-54 years old
Before project permitting.											Own a single-family house	More than 15 years	55-64 years old
When a conceptual plan has been developed.								How does the project advance the Town's climate action commitments?	Who is responsible for the long-term maintenance and decommissioning of the solar array?	How much will the project cost the Town versus how much will it save the Town?	Own a single-family house	5-10 years	35-44 years old
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As soon as the project is conceived.	Before construction.	When design plans have been developed.					Who is responsible for the long-term maintenance and decommissioning of the solar array?	How was the site selected?	How will savings for the Town be used?	Own a single-family house	More than 15 years	45-54 years old
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As soon as the project is conceived.	When a site has been selected.	When a conceptual plan has been developed.	When funding has been secured.	When design plans have been developed.	Before project permitting.	Before construction.	How does the project advance the Town's climate action commitments?	How was the site selected?	How can I get more information?	Rent a unit in a multi-family house, condo, or apartment	More than 15 years	55-64 years old
I am not interested in being involved or engaged.							How was the site selected?	How does the project advance the Town's climate action commitments?		Own a single-family house	More than 15 years	45-54 years old
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# APPENDIX 9

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP RESULTS

**Activity: How Does This Make You Feel?**

This activity asked participants to share how four types of solar development made them feel. They could select from 12 feelings or write in their own feeling if it wasn't an option.

**Standard Responses:**

Rating / Solar Type	Canopy	Tree Cutting	Dual Use	Agricultural field
Happy	14	1	11	4
Angry	0	10	0	2
Worried	0	8	0	3
Frustrated	0	2	0	0
Scared	0	0	0	0
Neutral	0	3	1	2
Disappointed	0	1	0	0
Relieved	1	0	0	2
Sad	0	2	0	3
Cautious	0	0	3	0
Curious	1	0	6	4
Excited	7	0	3	0
Other	0	0	1	1
Total	23	27	25	21

**Write-In Responses:**

	Cautiously Optimistic
Dual Use:	I hope that both can co-exist
	Might be a "less bad" option (less bad than climate change) but not a positively good one
Ag Field:	Worried about trading food security for energy security
Forest:	Worried about cutting down the forest to create solar fields
Canopy	Making better use of parking lots with the addition of solar is a good thing.

**Activity:** Prioritize This

This activity asked participants to rank their preferred solar development from first to fourth.

Category	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Additional, non-numeric prioritizations:
Canopy Solar	15	2	0	1	High School Parking Lot
Rooftop	8	6	3	0	
Agricultural Fields	0	0	2	1	No x4 last choice
Dual use	1	2	10	1	north sides
Landfill	1	0	0	0	other than bird habitat, the old landfill
Ground Mounted (any)	0	0	0	5	No x10 also last choice
Ground Mounted (not forest)	1	3	4	2	school land to compliment rooftops parking lot; paved raised/dual use of forestland
Anywhere/no preference	1	1	0	1	Yes x2 No x6

Locations Not Otherwise Identified

- Everywhere feasible should be allowed
- Forest/sequestration is part of addressing climate change - need to protect forest
- Low income housing
- Utility poles as in New Jersey. On top of vehicles
- Over bridges
- As long as it does not conflict with the other preferences

**Activity:** Big Questions

This activity asked participants to post questions in general categories. Participants could “agree” with existing comments and/or could post a response to a comment

Category Question

General Solar Development Questions

Feature companies who can put solar panels on slate roofs
What happens to sequestered carbon when forests are used for solar?
Where is state \$ support? Create a fund for raised canopies, roof public buildings, roof affordable of energy efficient
What solar options are there for homes that are not in the best location or orientation for solar?
How can we move government to survey rooftops first, get estimates to production, then follow up with farms next?

Solar Development in Amherst Questions

Community solar - how does it work
Use community preservation act monies to save recreation land by putting solar somewhere else like parking lots at mill river for example
How many megawatts do we (collectively) use? How much acreage or square footage do we need to give to solar panels to reach our goals?
Apply for federal money (Biden)
Lets use CDBG money
Require on new home construction
What bylaws do we need? Should these be required by all abutting towns?
Why is the importance of forests in fighting climate change is being ignored!!
To me, the "reasonable requirements" are too abstract. "Create habitat"? What would that look like? What kind of habitat? "Require screens" - maybe for large solar fields but not for back-yards. Etc. Need more intro, refining, details, conditions.
How can we assure farms are developed only when capacity is needed beyond rooftops and that the

Other Solar-Related Questions

We should think of Amherst as part of a region - not stand alone
<i>Agrees:</i> 4
<i>Response:</i> <i>What about Hadley parking lots?</i>
Who protects private wells when forests are displaced by solar?
Pass stretch code that forbids gas installation in new homes so people will need more electricity
<i>Response:</i> <i>Only if sustainable electricity is actually available</i>
More coordination



**Activity:** Sunny Days and Rain Clouds

This activity asked participants to post questions in general categories. Participants could “agree” with existing comments and/or could post a response to a comment

Category Comment

Sunny Days

Happy that our community is doing the best it can for now and for the future!
<i>Agrees:</i> 1
Weening ourselves off of fossil fuels
Let's have a bylaw that requires developers to pay a licensing fee large enough for the Town to hire a full time monitor for the duration of the project
Require a bond from developers large enough to remediate major problems
Panels on parking lots - Can we get state or federal support, or require?
<i>Agrees:</i> 1
Any chance of fighting climate change!

Rain Clouds

Corrupt solar companies
Not moving fast enough
Lack of coordination with Umass, Hampshire, & Amherst College
Industrial size arrays affecting private wells
<i>Agrees:</i> 1
Destruction of forests. We should not sacrifice forests for solar. We can have both
<i>Agrees:</i> 5
Loss of farmland unless retired
Destruction of Forests
<i>Agrees:</i> 3
Impact on aquifer/water
Worried about climate & wildlife effects of clearing forests for solar
<i>Agrees:</i> 6
Careless or hasty decisions
Putting too many restriction on potential solar development
I am worried that solar panels will end up covering up a lot of green space
That the energy giants & multi-nationals will get the profits

**Activity: What do you value most about living in Amherst?**

This activity asked participants to check characteristics that they value about living in Amherst. Several values were provided with space for participants to add their own.

<u>Value</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Scenic views	7	
Neighborly community	9	
Conservation	11	
Focus on equity	6	
Education system	10	
Outdoor recreation	11	
Fresh food	9	Access to food
Diverse Wildlife	12	
Net Zero bylaw	4	
Salamanders	3	
Town employed emergency services	1	
Access to college/university libraries & cultural opportunities	3	
Local agriculture	2	
Ability to see the night sky	3	
Trails within town borders & the surrounding E/W hill towns	1	

**Activity: Reasonable Requirements**

This activity asked participants check requirements that they would like to see as part of the solar zoning bylaw. Several possible requirements were provided with space to add their own.

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Comment</u>
No change from today	1	I don't know what these are
Create habitat underneath ground mounted panels	8	
Require a visual screen (fence or plantings)	2	
No tree removal	7	
Very limited tree removal	15	
Maximum size limit	4	
Only allow dual use on ag fields	5	
Require canopy solar on new parking lots	15	
Require rooftop solar on new non-residential buildings	15	
Only on the north sides of agricultural fields	1	
Town-approved solar companies list made available to townspeople who are shopping	1	
No clearcutting forests for large scale solar installations	7	

**Activity:**      **Suggestion Box**

A suggestion box was available for comments on the workshop or other thoughts and opinions.

As noted on a sticky note - I find it really hard to assess the possible "reasonable requirements." They're too abstract. I'd want to know more about details and specific circumstances that the various possibilities would "look like" and whether we could have a range or spectrum of requirements depending on specific conditions or circumstances.

Rooftop 1st. Assistance by our administration/governors to identify city (school, town hall, library, etc.), businesses, and residential locations that are optimal for "gain" (not necessarily build out) first - then Identify "open space" or places we will need for "farms". Farms to be publicly owned or like rooftop - accrued to the property owner (I'd like to see net meter type relationship).

# APPENDIX 10

## POLLING RESULTS FROM VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Are you familiar with the Massachusetts Carbon Reduction Goals?**

<b>Respondents</b>	6
<b>Choices</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Very!	2
I know they exist.	3
I assume they exist?	0
Carbon, what?	1

**Are you familiar with the Town of Amherst Carbon Reduction Goals?**

<b>Respondents</b>	7
<b>Choices</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Very!	3
I know they exist.	1
I assume they exist?	2
Carbon, what?	1

**When I say solar development - what are the first ideas that come to mind?**

<b>Respondents</b>	6	
<b>Responses</b>		
Green	Renewable	Clean
jobs		
Solar Panels	Field	
carbon reduction	moratorium	rooftop
Progress	GHG reductions	Economic Development
necessary		

**How do you plan to participate?**

<b>Respondents</b>	7
<b>Choices</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Complete the Survey	7
Comment on Engage Amherst	3
Join an Interactive Workshop	4
Attend a Committee Meetings	4