

## APPENDIX C: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

Chestnut Solar received comments on the project through the project website as well as during the Public Information Meeting on December 6th 2022. The comments were primarily focused on the consistent themes outlined in the summary table. The table provides the comment as well as Chestnuts response to the comment and the underlying documentation that supports the response as found in the application.

Comment Summary	Applicant Response	Section/Exhibit
Will neighboring landowners see a decrease in their property values once the solar farm is operational?	A property value study was commissioned specifically for this project and the results of the study show no correlation or impact on property values in the surrounding areas.	4906-4-08(C)(4)(c); Exhibit T (Property Value Impact Study)
Will neighbors experience increased drainage issues as a result of the solar farm construction or operations?	<p>Applicant has a design a maintenance plan for timely repair of any drain tiles that are damaged during construction that are not already addressed in the final civil engineering design.</p> <p>Applicant will engage a professional civil engineer licensed in Ohio to produce a civil design for the site as is required for all projects of this type.</p> <p>Consistent coordination with the Marion County Engineer &amp; approval by the state agency will be completed.</p>	4906-4-08(E)(2)(b)(iii); 4906-4-08(E)(2)(c); Exhibit V (Drain Tile Plan)
Will there be any negative impacts on wildlife or habitat from the project?	<p>Wildlife-permeable fencing will surround the site.</p> <p>The applicant has consulted with environmental scientists and coordinated with state and federal agencies to ensure there are no concerns.</p>	4906-4-08(B); Exhibit K (Wetland and Waterbody Delineation Report); Exhibit P (Ecological Assessment Report); Exhibit W (Threatened and Endangered Species Agency Consultation); Exhibit Z (Vegetation and Habitat Assessment)

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How will the major gas transmission line under the site be affected?	<p>The gas line will not be affected by the project.</p> <p>Appropriate coordination with pipeline owner will occur &amp; all required encroachment permits for crossing the area with a driveway will be secured.</p>	4906-4-03(A)(1)(c)
How will the solar facility impact my view?	Applicant provides buffer visualizations to show the view from various locations across the site in accordance with the landscape plan.	Exhibit C (Landscape Management Plan)
Could the site ever be returned to agricultural use?	Applicant created a detailed decommissioning plan which outlines the removal of the solar facility and returning to pre construction conditions.	4906-4-06(F)(5); Exhibit J (Decommissioning Plan)
How will hazardous materials used to produce solar panels (cadmium, lead, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, acetone, and trichloroethane) be managed?	Solar panels will be operated and maintained in good working condition for optimal efficiency and to prevent damaged panels. Damaged solar panels will be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local guidelines.	4906-4-08(B)(3); Exhibit J (Decommissioning Plan)