

PROTECT WAREHAM FROM MORE INDUSTRIAL SOLAR

TODAY

Wareham has one of the state's highest rates of ground-mounted industrial solar: **19 sites on 330 acres in Wareham**. More solar projects are planned! Big corporations and land speculators are threatening our Town!

In Wareham, Borrego Solar & others has destroyed globally rare Pine Barrens forests and plants and animals listed under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act.

SAY NO TO MORE SOLAR

9 more solar projects threaten 1,400 acres of globally rare Pine Barrens forests, wetlands, and agricultural lands. AD Makepeace owns about 80% of this land.

ONE MILLION trees will be cut down for the new Wareham projects. We need our forests to combat the effects of climate change. Trees prevent floods, provide cooler temperatures, and purify our air. <https://www.epa.gov/heatislands/using-trees-and-vegetation-reduce-heat-islands#1>

Thousands of animals, including globally endangered species like the Plymouth Red-Bellied Turtle, are already being killed and displaced by clear-cutting forests. These additional projects will cause animals to seek shelter in our backyards.



Water runoff pollutes our rivers and our declining forests will not be able to filter the aquifer.

New sites include: 91&101 Fearing Hill Road - 44 acres, Off North Carver Road - 77 acres, 1-13 North Carver Road - 60 acres, 370 County Road - 60 acres, 36, 44, 48 North Carver Road - 46 acres, 140 Tihonet Road - 217, 150 Tihonet Road - 296 acres, 27 Charge Pond Road - about 170 acres, 0 Maple Springs Road - 435 acres.

SMALL TOWNS LIKE WAREHAM TARGETED BY BIG CORPORATIONS

In Wareham, 48.6% of the population lives in an environmental justice neighborhood – places with more air pollution, fewer trees, more traffic and fewer amenities. They often lack the resources to oppose big developers with money who take advantage of towns that can't fight back. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmental-justice-populations-in-massachusetts>

INDUSTRIAL SOLAR REDUCES OUR PROPERTY VALUES

Each massive industrial solar project reduces our property values. We must end this blight that solar developers have been subjecting Wareham residents to for years.

<https://web.uri.edu/coopext/files/PropertyValueImpactsOfSolar.pdf>

WHERE WE PUT SOLAR MATTERS!

Solar energy is not a green solution when it requires clear-cutting forests and takes over farmland. The best places for solar panels are rooftops, parking lot canopies, brownfields, and landfills.



Solar canopy structure in MBTA parking lot

NATIVE AMERICAN SACRED LANDS

Wareham is part of Wampanoag territory occupied by Native Americans for thousands of years. Wampanoag people still live in Wareham on their ancestral lands and hunt, fish, and gather here, following their traditional lifeways. Big solar developments are constructed without consulting with the Wampanoag community often resulting in the destruction of sacred sites.

TAKE ACTION TO STOP MORE INDUSTRIAL SOLAR IN WAREHAM!

Attend and get involved in town meetings and hearings!

Whether Wareham gets more big solar depends on decisions made by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: Contact Town Hall: Judith Whiteside, Chair, Board of Selectmen: jwhiteside@wareham.ma.us; 508-291-3100.

TAKE ACTION IN WAREHAM

Planning Board: Town of Wareham website, “Planning Board Projects.” <https://www.wareham.ma.us/planning-board>
Meets on the 2d and 4th Monday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the website.

Ken Buckland, Town Planner: kbuckland@wareham.ma.us

Richard Swenson, Chair: sraposo@wareham.ma.us

Conservation Commission:

Meets on the 1st and 3d Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the website.

Sandy Slavin, Chair Conservation Commission: asslavin@aim.com

Show up to meetings, speak up, and encourage our town officials to make decisions for the benefit of the community!

JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN!

Stay up to date on the latest events and meetings, and find useful resources for Wareham and surrounding towns.

Save The Pine Barrens, Inc.

www.savethepinebarrens.org

www.savemassforests.org

Facebook: Community Land & Water Coalition

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