

**Friends of Charlotte, Inc.**  
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**Charlotte Court House, VA 23923**



December 11, 2023

Honorable Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Charlotte, Virginia  
250 LeGrande Ave, Suite A  
Charlotte Court House, VA 23923

Dear Honorable Chairman and Esteemed Members of the Board:

Friends of Charlotte, Inc. seeks to compel the Board of Supervisors to bring an end to enlarging the ever-increasing local solar development footprint in order to safeguard Charlotte County, Virginia's rural agricultural communities, its lands, its waters, and natural sanctity of its forests. This petition is based on overwhelming concern that Charlotte County citizens have expressed to our organization. As represented by the signatures of Charlotte County residents, landowners, and taxpayers affixed hereto, affected citizens are answering the call to preserve the integrity of our farmlands, forests, surrounding wildlife, and soil, water, and air quality. **We hereby petition the local governing body to effectuate measures to manifest the Adoption of an Amended Comprehensive Plan and any Zoning Ordinance or Code which:**

- i) **preserves our primary agricultural and rural values**, as well as, related historic preservation and tourism initiatives;
- ii) **includes minimal Comprehensive Plan updates** (as opposed to a completely New Plan) and clearly displays any suggested changes for ample public consumption;
- iii) clearly **includes a saturation cap on solar development of 1%** of the total eligible land acreage throughout the county, **but with an allowance to develop up to 2.56%** (an additional 1.56%) of the same land throughout to construct projects to which the County has already been obligated by the Board of Supervisors unless any previously approved project does not come to fruition, in which case the aforementioned allowance will diminish;
- iv) clearly **states that any new projects considered for solar development** within the 1% saturation cap **shall be "community/shared type projects" equal to or less than 25 acres in size**; be **no closer than 2 miles apart**; include enhanced zoning requirements of increased setbacks and mandates for the planting of aesthetically pleasing native trees in buffers; and not be approved to the objection of any adjacent land owner;

- v) clearly **states that all future solar and energy storage projects will only be permitted in Industrial Zones** and managed under the authority of the Industrial Development Authority **in a way that benefits the County financially equal or superior** to any developer to which such a project is awarded; and
- vi) **creates a Planning Commission composition with equal representation for the (3) most rural districts** of Wylliesburg/Red Oak (District B); Cullen/Red House (District E); and Bacon/Saxe (District G).

Faithfully brought forth on behalf of this and every Petitioner,

Daniel Weston Dixon  
Chairman  
Friends of Charlotte, Inc.