

Lancaster County, Virginia



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 15, 2025

To: Lancaster County Board of Supervisors

From: Don G. Gill - County Administrator

Subject: Siting Agreement for the Proposed up to 100 MW Dominion Energy Merry Point Utility Scale Solar Facility

Docket: January 30, 2025 – Public Hearing #3

Issue: Consideration of Approving a Siting Agreement for the Proposed up to 100 MW Dominion Energy Merry Point Utility Scale Solar Facility.

Recommendation: If the Special Exception for the Proposed up to 100 MW Dominion Energy Merry Point Utility Scale Solar Facility is approved, a siting agreement should be approved as well.

Discussion: Pursuant to Chapter 22, Title 15.2, Article 7.3 of the Code of Virginia titled "Siting of Solar Energy Facilities", an applicant and the County may enter into a siting agreement for solar generating facilities to provide financial compensation to the County to address any impacts of the Solar Project and to provide community benefits that address capital needs set out in the County's capital improvement plan, current fiscal budget, fiscal fund balance policy or assistance with deployment of broadband in the county.

The approval of a siting agreement, after a public hearing is held on that agreement pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2204, deems the solar facility to be substantially in accord with the county's Comprehensive Plan as outlined in the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2316.9C.

A Proposed Siting Agreement is currently being negotiated, but will be made available prior to the commencement of the public hearing.

Advertising has been conducted as required by law.