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you know the geography....did not attach that photo....sorry.
have fun
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On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 12:24 PM Ken Noble wrote:

Dear Kent Co. (MD) comprehensive zoning task force,

Congratulations on the near culmination of your work.

We are in favor of judiciously opening up some AZD land for commercial solar use, if only temporarily. This is one family farm that has been here long enough (since 1832) to understand what projections into the future of the same magnitude mean for our county, our nation and our planet. We are fully aware that some other farmers may not have had the benefit of learning Earth Science from Mr. Cutz at Bates Jr. H.S. and Sister Frances Joseph (SSND) of St. Mary's H.S., Annapolis. This "loosening" up of commercial solar applications on Kent Co. AZD land may not happen on this farm right away, but it is a good idea. If in doubt, maybe this time READ the IPCC report on climate change...now available at:

<https://www.ipcc.ch>

(Deny that.....and we ain't in the same realm.....goodbye. Go back to 8th grade.)

Our farm, with the proposed change in the Kent County zoning code, could make TEN TIMES as much per acre vs. tilling fees. I can't see ever doing that to 210 acres, but 30 that the history-ericals cannot see? No problem. Of course, we do NOT want to upset a 70 year relationship with our farmer, but we can play with ideas to increase forested buffers for the Bay *without complicated relationships with a Federal government that still....by the way, owes our family for the wheat left in the field in 1865. (Democrat for all the wrong reasons.....except of late.)*

Congratulations on suggesting that we all join the 21st century for once.....so we can maybe leave some bad stuff behind, like the (most) "*recent unpleasantness.*"

I have attached a MD/DNR color i.r. satellite image of our farm. It would be a no brainer to install 30 acres of (call it "tempoary", if we are a really afraid of starving....) solar, that cannot be seen from even our house...never mind the road (note ye of the heritage terrerrism school of economic development.). We might even allow for Kent County to have a cut (tax) of the "action" and certainly would not mind more trees on our land. There may have to be a tobacco farmer like buy out for the tilling farmer, but that is not part of the zoning process.

I am NOT a lawyer, but I did get an "A" in Land Use Law at UWMilwaukee and I KNOW that solar fields, largely, are NOT the kind of "nuisance" that was nvisioned in Euclid vs Ambler Realty. (we could all go to SCOTUS and really get the county some free advertising, if you disagree or can pretend to...)

Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co., 272 U.S. 365 (1926)

Big windmills may be consider ugly by a minority, but not for anyone who has travelled in the EU where cows graze under them (mixed use...) and the geese are NOT cut into thirds, as denoted in "the KCSnoooooze...".

As I said, though, The Kent County Commissioners, or future different ones, would be amiss to not try to "get a piece of that action." That is obviously not in our purview....but I presume that there is inter-office communication on High Street.

Carry on and....Go For IT! Take a break....scheesh!

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