

# FLAT CREEK SOLAR PROJECT

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – ISSUE #5



### **40. Will homeowners impacted by the view of solar panels be compensated for the loss of view?**

A visual impact assessment, including the identification of visually sensitive areas, has been performed to determine the extent and assess the significance of project visibility. The Towns of Root and Canajoharie have also been consulted to accurately determine sensitive visual areas and other areas of importance to the community.

While no compensation is offered for changes to the viewshed of residents; however, we have designed a landscaping plan to minimize the visibility of the project.

Based on the visual impact assessment, and in accordance with §1100-2.9 of the Article VIII regulations, Cordelio submitted a Visual Impacts Minimization and Mitigation Plan as part of its application. This plan describes minimization and mitigation measures, a lighting plan, and screen planting plans.

### **41. How much of the generated electricity will the town receive?**

Energy consumption tends to take place near the generation sources, therefore the energy produced by the project will likely be utilized locally through the New York State electric grid although not directed to any specific location. An added benefit of hosting the project includes a recurring utility bill program payment of \$1.5 million per year for the first 10 years that will be used to offset energy prices paid by residents in the host communities.

### **42. Is it common that one township is participating in a PILOT agreement and an adjacent township in the same project is not?**

All taxing jurisdictions in the footprint of the project area are invited to participate in or opt out of PILOT agreement discussions.

### **43. Are the PILOT/HCA agreements dependent on actual output?**

Typically, the amount of revenue available for PILOT and HCA agreements is dependent on the overall project economics, which includes anticipated project output returns. Once the PILOT and HCA agreements are in place, the payments remain constant throughout the PILOT/HCA term.