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I am opposed to building a solar farm in Pinellas. Here is a link with quotes from OSHA and a contributor from Forbes as to why: https://www.americanexperiment.org/the-environmental-disaster-of-solar-energy/?fbclid=IwAR2N_VVOpecioerccftxib6cMhHYrbKWeRiFNK9qQzZ53aLdNK8D4SF_BaI
“The last few years have seen growing concern over what happens to solar panels at the end of their life. Consider the following statements: * The problem of solar panel disposal “will explode with full force in two or three decades and wreck the environment” because it “is a huge amount of waste and they are not easy to recycle.” * “The reality is that there is a problem now, and it’s only going to get larger, expanding as rapidly as the PV industry expanded 10 years ago.” * “Contrary to previous assumptions, pollutants such as lead or carcinogenic cadmium can be almost completely washed out of the fragments of solar modules over a period of several months, for example by rainwater.” From OSHA: “Cadmium and its compounds are highly toxic and exposure to this metal is known to cause cancer and targets the body’s cardiovascular, renal, gastrointestinal, neurological, reproductive, and respiratory systems.” Disposal of decommissioned solar panels in regular landfills is “not recommended in case modules break and toxic materials leach into the soil.” But where do most decommissioned panels go? Landfills. Recycling is often recommended, but is not practical because “recycling costs more than the economic value of the materials recovered, which is why most solar panels end up in landfills.” It’s one thing for private citizens to decide to put solar panels on their own homes (I personally have researched solar panels and decided against it). It’s a completely other thing all together to build a large scale solar farm right here in Pinellas.

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