

Cadence Solar Project update 6-20-2024

With approvals in hand from the Ohio Power Siting Board, the Cadence Solar Project is scheduled to be in full swing with the warm weather construction season of 2024. The activities of the contractors associated with the project can and may affect Liberty Township residents. Expect the usual construction impacts: noise, dust, heavy truck traffic, and so on.

We want Liberty Township residents to know that their interests and their properties will be protected during and after the construction period. All the contractors involved in the construction of the project are subject to comprehensive agreements and requirements that are designed to protect persons and properties from harm or loss resulting from construction activities.

As signatories to this statement, which is being filed with the office of the Union County Commissioners and the Ohio Power Siting Board, your township trustees are standing united to exercise the maximum extent of their authority to enforce the terms of these agreements. We will do whatever we can to eliminate problems this construction activity may present.

A significant part of the upcoming construction activities will involve the mechanical driving of metal pilings into the ground. (The pilings are pieces of steel that are driven into the ground like nails are driven into wood.) This will happen over hundreds of acres and will involve the mobilization of large construction equipment. The purpose of the pilings is to provide foundations for the proposed solar panels. The crews driving the pilings may be doing their best in terms of observation, but they cannot know when a metal piling has penetrated a fragile field tile. It is inevitable that existing field tiles will be ruptured or crushed. The subsurface drainage matrix that now exists may be compromised.

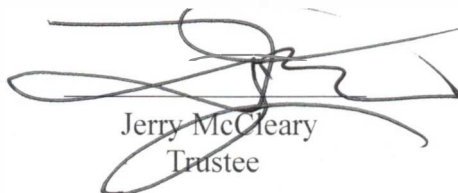
As residents and/or property owners of Liberty Township, you can help. Keep notes. Take pictures. Talk to your neighbors. If contractor activity is damaging your frontage road, we want to know about it. If you experience problems with surface drainage, let us know. If your sump pump suddenly runs all the time – or if your sump pump stops running altogether – give us a call. We may not be able to fix the problem, but we will do our utmost to make sure the problem comes to the attention of those who can.

The people at the Union Soil and Water Conservation District have assumed a leading role in this effort. They are working to ensure that the inevitable tile damage is compensated by perimeter drainage systems, which will be installed by the contractors at their expense. If you are in the vicinity of the Cadence Solar Project and are having problems with your sump pumps, leach beds, septic tanks, drainage tiles, or an issue you may suspect is related to ditch or subsurface drainage, the USWCD is your go-to contact. You can reach them by phone at (937) 642-5871 or (937) 209-2221.

The Union County Engineer's office is also very much involved. If you think Cadence construction activity has blocked or damaged your frontage road, call them. If you think they're making too much noise, call them. If dust is a problem and you think it's a result of the construction activity, call them. The general switchboard number is (937) 645-3021.



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