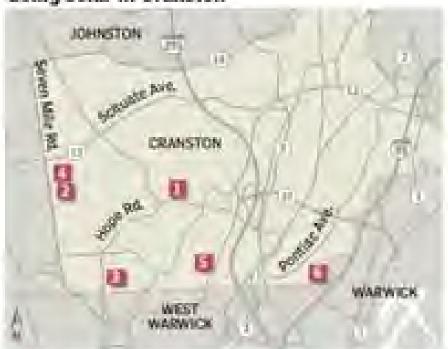
# Cranston Solar

From:
"Just Panels and Wires"
To:
A Moratorium

What Happened?

### Going solar in Cranston



- Hope Farm Solar Array 10 megawatts 46.2-acre array Under construction
- Seven Mile Road Facility Near Scituate Ave. 500 kilowatts (0.5 mw) 7-acre array Built
- Gold Meadow Farms
  Off Lippitt Ave;
  21.5 megawatts
  60-acre array
  Built

Seven Mile Road Solar III
Near Scituate Ave.
2 megawatts
7-acre army
Proposed

- Matick Avenue Solar
  B megawatts
  30-acre array
  Preposed
- 1690 Pontiac Avenue Solar 3 megawatts 7.5-acre array Proposed

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SOURCE: City of Chapters

## Timeline:

July 2015: zoning change introduced November 2015: Solar Zoning Change approved

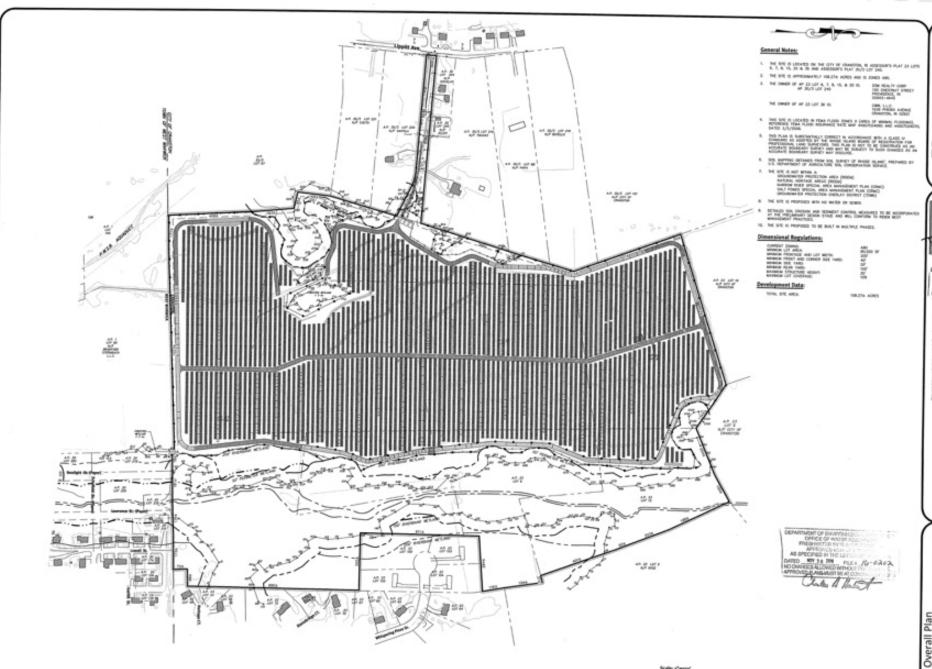
April 2017: Comp Plan amended January 2018: Moratorium Approved









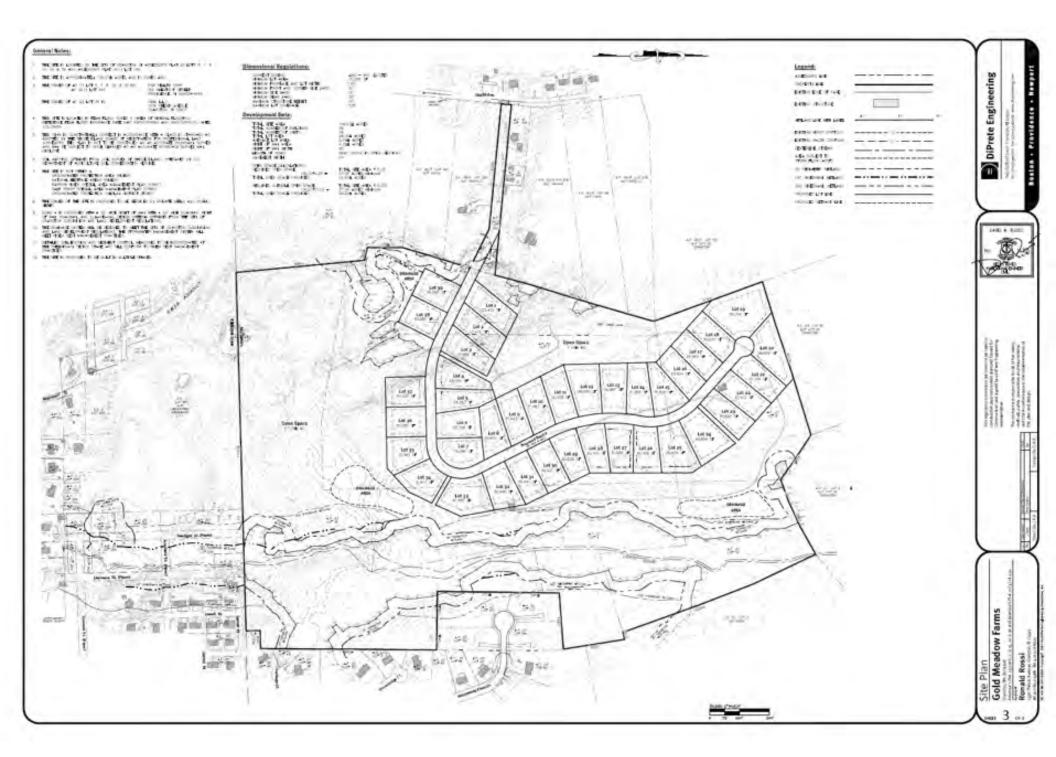


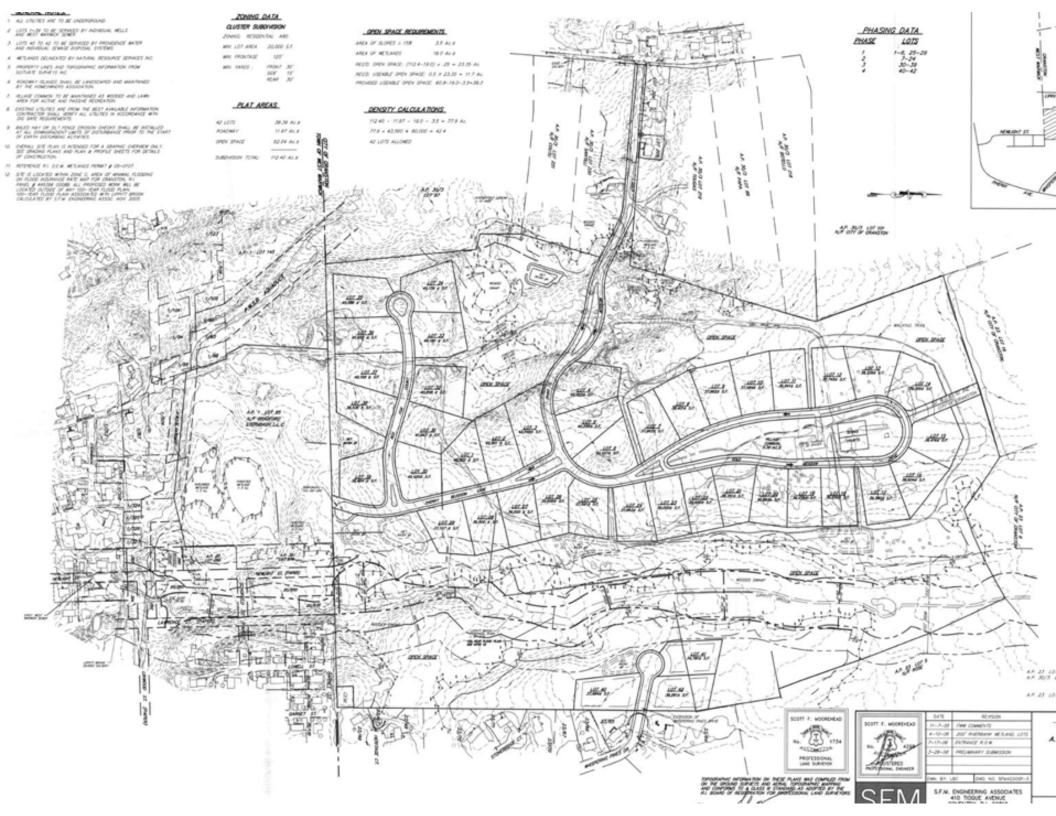
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### **Open Space and Recreation Element**

OSP-3.3 Adopt and encourage use of zoning regulations that support conservation of open space in residential development.

#### **Land Use Element**

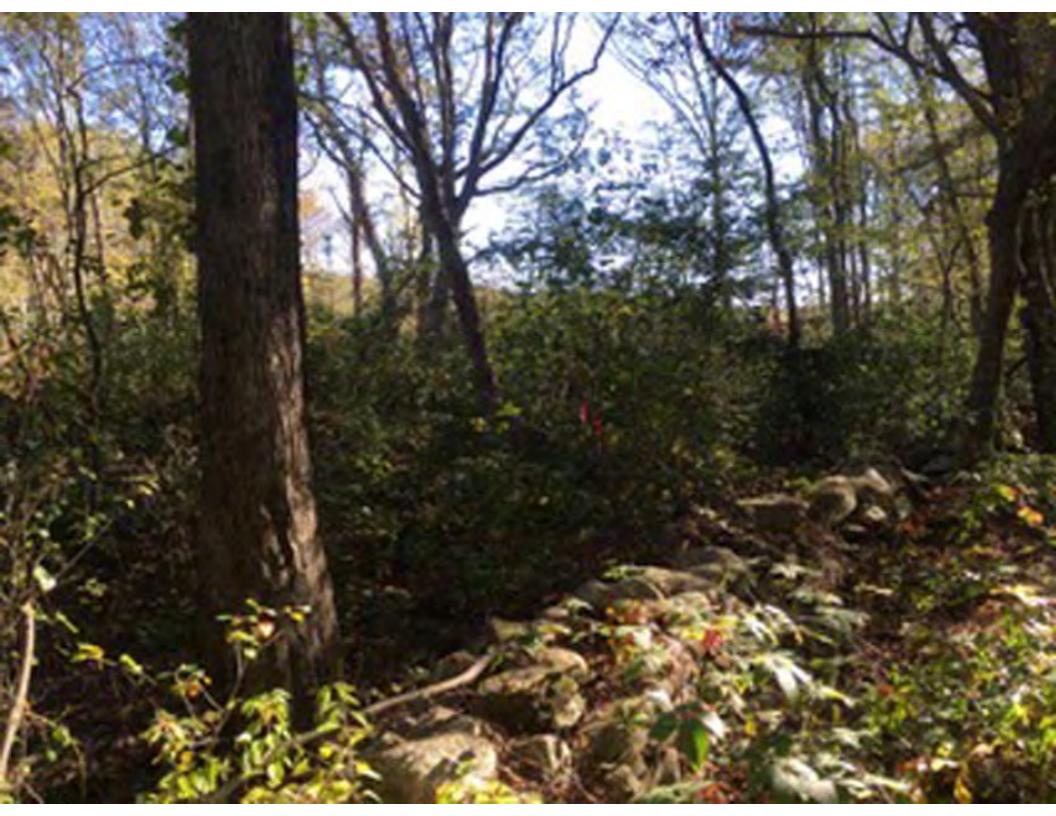
LUG-1 Preserve the rural quality and critical resources of Western Cranston through appropriate land use controls.

LUP-1.4 Preserve and enhance the quality of existing valuable resources including wetlands, surface water, ground water, wildlife habitats and migration corridors, historic sites, scenic views and unique cultural resources.

LUG-13 Preserve scenic landscapes and view sheds.

#### **Natural Resources Element**

NRG-1 Protect and enhance Cranston's natural environment and resources. Establish a balance between natural resource protection and growth-related needs.









# **Approval Process**

 "The Plan Commission was presented with no evidence to the contrary"

United States Investment & Development Corp v. The Platting Board of Review of the City of Cranston et al. C.A. No. PC-2016-5739

### Evidence

- Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies
- Photographs
- Scientific studies
- Personal testimony based upon demonstrated facts
- Inadequate protection of abutters Buffers

## **Buffers**

State Siting Guidelines emphasize:

Setbacks – 50 feet recommended

Vegetation – Landscape Plans



Topography + Orientation

















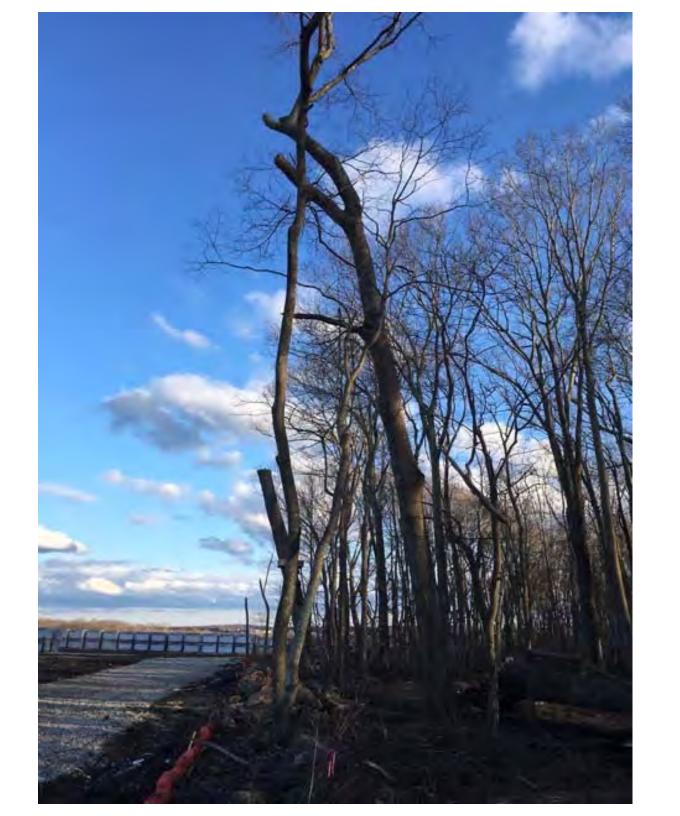






## Other Issues

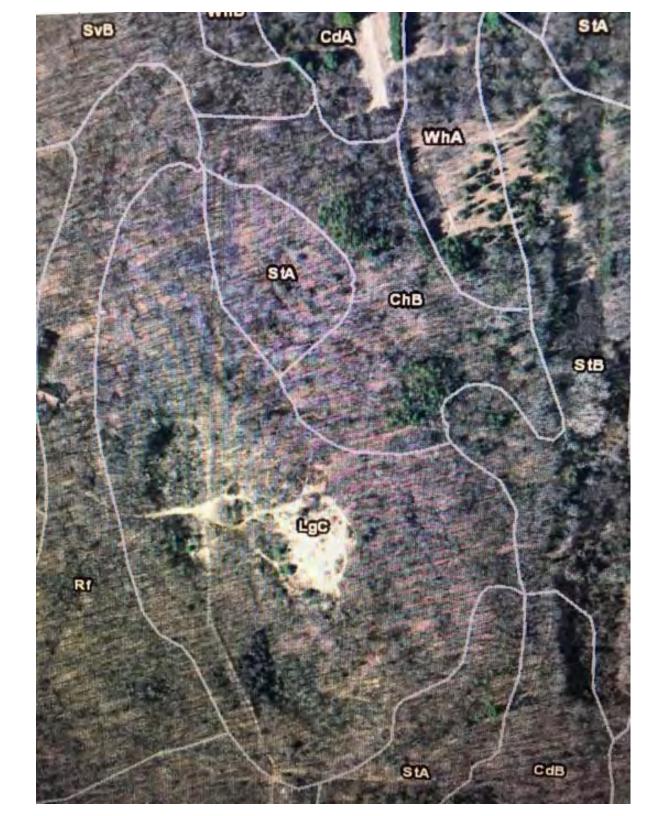
- Air Rights
- Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans
- LiDAR
- Soil Descriptions
- Top Soil
- Interconnection Impacts







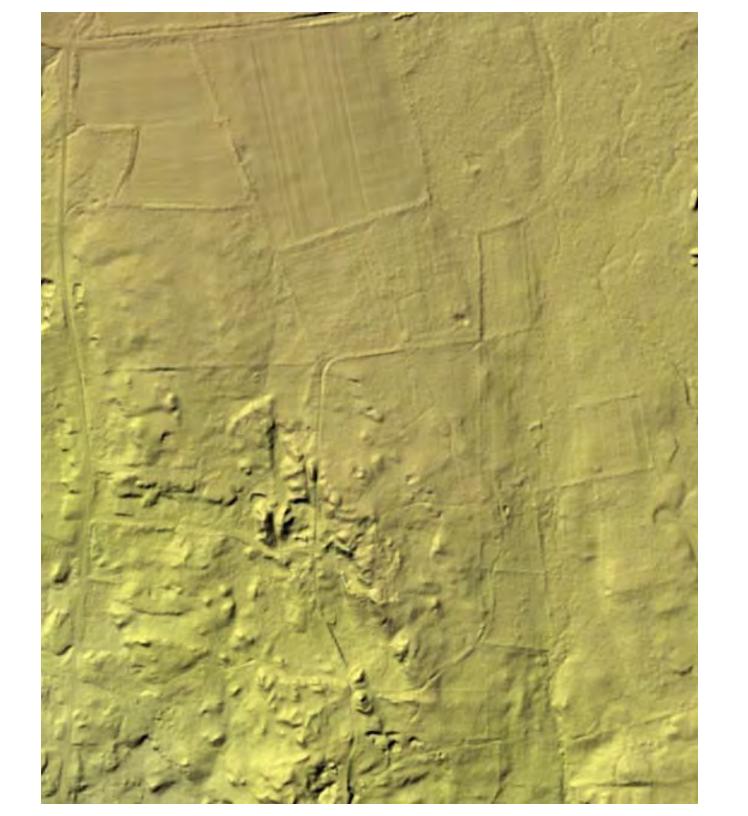








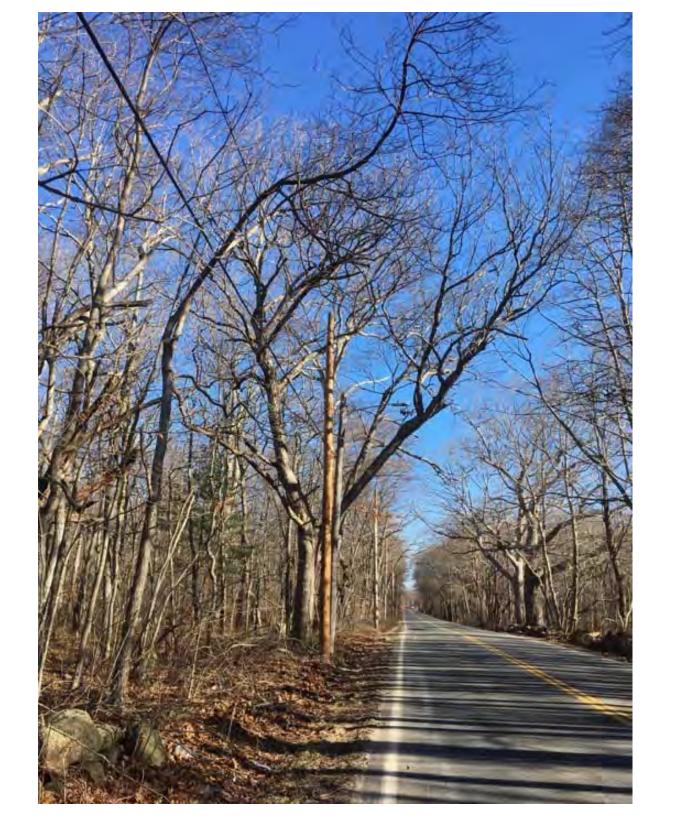


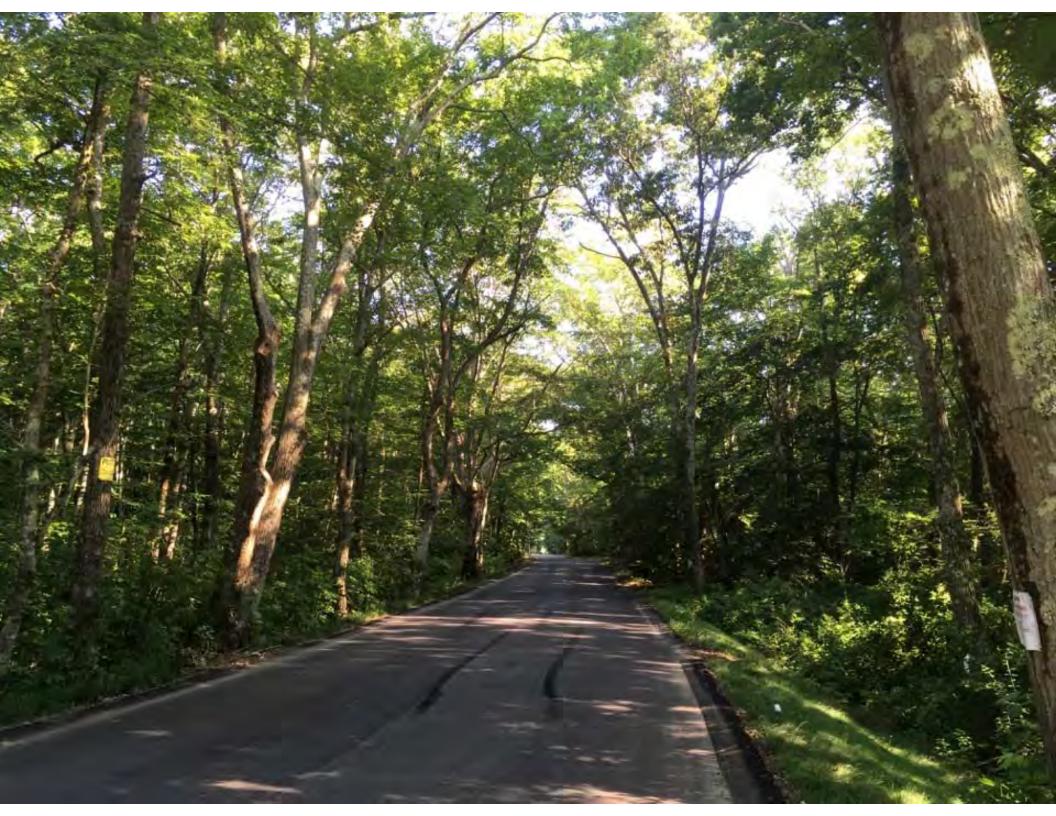


















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