

# Finding Pennsylvania's Solar Future

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# Introduction



Developing Solar

Conserving and  
Maintaining Land



# Clean and Green Program

- Preferential Tax Assessment Program for Agriculture & Forest Reserve
- 9.3 Million acres total (lots > 10 acres)
- Breach: 7 years back taxes + 6% interest



# Clean and Green Program & Solar

- Solar is allowed if the majority of the energy is used on the tract.
- Up to two acres can be used for a "rural enterprise incidental to the operational unit"
- Other split-off rules.



# Conservation Easements

- County purchases easement
- 57 of 66 counties participate > 500,000 acres protected.
- Lots are typically 50 or more acres.
- 50% of land must be used for crops or grazing and be high quality land.



# Conservation Easements and Solar

- No allowance for solar
- allowances for mining and gas
- HB 441 in process addressing wind. (In the Senate)



# Notes from the Field



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# Closing Remarks:

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