

Dear Clark County Community Member,

December 2025

**The Sloopy Solar Project team hopes this letter finds you well as the holiday season begins!**

We are reaching out to provide an update on the Sloopy Solar Energy Center's (Sloopy Solar or the Project) application to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), an overview of the OPSB's permitting process, and share how the community can remain engaged in the Project's next steps.

Our team is grateful for the opportunities we've had this year to meet with community members, answer questions about the Project, and gather valuable feedback. All of this supports our efforts to plan a Project that can deliver significant economic benefits to Clark County and provide energy reliability to the region.

Starting in the first week of December, the local office will be open by appointment. If you would like to discuss Sloopy Solar further, we encourage you to reach out via the multiple communication channels we have shared: phone/text at **937-765-5945**, email us at [sloopysolarproject@invenergy.com](mailto:sloopysolarproject@invenergy.com) or use the Contact Us option on the Project's website (<https://sloopysolar.invenergy.com/>). We can arrange an office meeting or a home visit, whichever is most convenient for you.

**An Overview of the OPSB Permitting Process**

Before construction can begin, large-scale utility energy facilities in Ohio must obtain a *certificate of environmental compatibility and public need* from the OPSB. The OPSB has jurisdiction over energy projects with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts or greater. Its permitting process is robust, requiring detailed evaluations of environmental, cultural, and engineering considerations, as well as public input. We are currently working to finalize Sloopy Solar's application to the OPSB.

The OPSB's process includes thorough review and opportunities for public involvement. Key steps include:

1. Pre-application submission activities include hosting public information meetings, and outreach to the community and local stakeholders.
2. The project developer then submits its application for the *certificate of environmental compatibility and public need* to the OPSB.
3. Following submission of the application, the OPSB will review and determine whether the application is complete.
4. Once deemed complete, the OPSB will facilitate a formal review process that includes an investigation of the application, and the issuance of a staff report in response to the application prior to the Project's public hearing.
5. Finally, the OPSB together with local representatives will make a final decision on whether to issue the certificate. Until a certificate is granted, and all conditions in the certificate are satisfied, a project cannot proceed with construction.



## Local Representation in the OPSB Process

As part of the OPSB permitting process for the Sloopy Solar Project, local representatives will have the opportunity to serve as ad hoc members on the OPSB during the Project's permitting process.

Clark County Commissioners and Harmony Township Trustees will each select one representative to serve in this role. These two ad hoc members will participate in OPSB discussions and reviews along with subject matter experts.

## Sloopy Solar Updates and What This Means for Our Community

The Sloopy Solar project team has been carefully developing this site since 2019 to ensure the project is truly feasible and a good fit for the community. Since introducing Sloopy Solar to the public in April 2025, the team has been actively engaging with community members and listening to local feedback. We were grateful for the strong participation at our public information meetings in July and September, and we're now working hard to prepare the project application, which could be ready for submission as early as the end of the year.

## Support Sloopy Solar

Our website is up to date with the latest information and resources on the Project:

<https://sloopysolar.invenenergy.com/>.

If you are interested in voicing your support for Sloopy Solar, you are welcome to submit a letter of support to the OPSB's public docket. All submissions to the docket must include the docket number and project name (Docket 25-0636-EL-BGN; Sloopy Solar Energy LLC). Letters can be submitted to the docket in the following ways:

- Physical letters can be sent to - Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Ensure your name, contact information and Sloopy Solar docket number are clearly visible.
- Direct, online submittal through the OPSB website can be filed here:  
<https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/PublicCommentEfiling.aspx?CaseNo=25-0636>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your thoughts, feedback, and questions.

Thank you for your time,

Sloopy Solar Project Team

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Below, we would like to address the frequently asked questions we have heard over the past weeks:

### **Q: Why Harmony Township?**

A: When choosing a location for a new project, Invenergy looks for areas that meet certain criteria to ensure we're developing an efficient, safe and reliable facility to deliver affordable, clean, and American-made energy to the region. Invenergy selected Harmony Township within Clark County for a variety of reasons, including access to a transmission line, a strong solar resource, land features, environmental considerations, and most importantly, interested landowners who have volunteered to host a project on their land.

### **Q: Why can't the Project be sited on parking lots or building roofs?**

A: Installing solar panels on buildings is different from utility-scale projects primarily due to scale, location, and purpose. Building-based installations are smaller, on-site systems for a single home or business, while utility-scale projects are large-scale facilities designed to supply power to the entire electrical grid and many communities.

### **Q: What is a PILOT Program and how does it work?**

A: In Ohio, a PILOT program, which stands for Payment in Lieu of Taxes, is a special tax structure that counties may adopt for renewable energy projects. Instead of paying traditional property taxes that can change from year to year, the project commits to a set annual payment which provides stability and predictability for the county. This income can support local schools, township(s), emergency services, and other community priorities without raising taxes on local residents. If a PILOT program is approved, it means your community will receive consistent, long-term revenue for the life of the project.

The PILOT program is part of **Ohio state law**, governed by **Ohio Revised Code Section 5727.75** and **Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 122:23-1**.