

SOLAR OR FOREST?

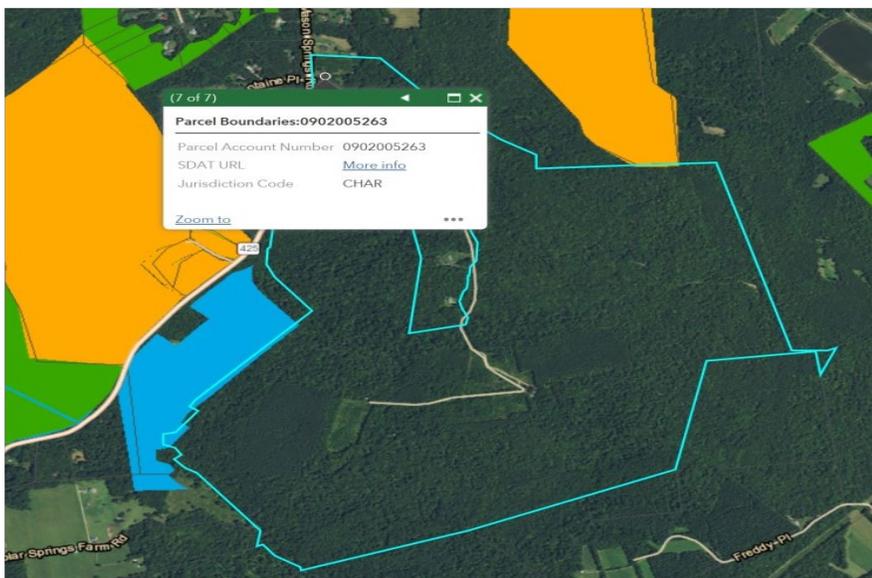
WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE

WHAT

Georgetown University's solar project would clear-cut 240 acres of high-value forest

WHERE: NANJEMOY FOREST

This project would degrade and fragment the largest forest in Southern Maryland



INSTEAD OF THE FOREST

32.5 mega-watts from 100,000 solar panels

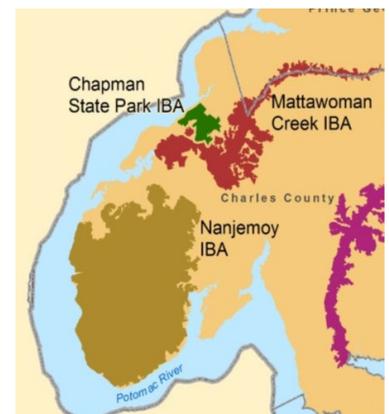
Citizens of Maryland would lose \$585,600 per year in ecological services if destroyed.

-Per-Acre Economic Value of this forest is \$2,440 per acre per year x 240 acres

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources (MD DNR)

Designated it a Targeted Ecological Area (TEA). TEAs are lands and watersheds that have a high ecological value and are identified as priorities for protection.

PROPOSAL FRAGMENTS AN AUDUBON IBA



IMPORTANT BIRD AREA (IBA)

The Georgetown University Campus is about half the size of the proposed 240 acres of forest to be clear-cut in the Nanjemoy Watershed.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE OUR FOREST WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD LOCAL AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Site Location is [4850 Shugart Valley Pl, La Plata](#)

- ◆ **The site for this project is controversial because of the loss of forest and the fragmentation impacts the clear cut would have on the even larger surrounding forest.**
- ◆ **The clear cut would degrade two Tier 2 streams (the best in Maryland), crossing one of them, and cause the loss of ecological functions from replacement of the Palustrine Wetland.**
- ◆ **The location is upstream from a DNR Centennial Monitoring Site, is a Targeted Ecological Area and part of the largest Important Bird Area in the State.**
- ◆ **[Georgetown University](#) will get the same amount of sustainable energy, and sustainable energy credit, keeping with the [American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge \(2015\)](#) when it chooses a better location for this solar project.**

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 **CONSERVANCY**
for Charles County, Inc.

PLEASE HELP

Let them know that you do not want them to cut down natural forests, impairing Wards Run's two Tier 2 streams for any energy development.

WRITE TO

Maryland Dept. of Environment:
jeffrey.thompson@maryland.gov
and
Georgetown Leadership:
president@georgetown.edu and
vicepresident@georgetown.edu
to object to this project

SHOW UP

Feb. 27, 2019

Charles County
Commissioners Meeting
Room, 7:00PM - 9:00 PM

200 Baltimore St.

La Plata, MD 20646

Sign in early to speak and
voice your viewpoint
Review Maps and ask
questions from 6 - 7PM

