

Comments Received from Auburn Water & Sewer on Solar:

My thoughts on the proposed changes to Division 15.- Industrial District:

- The *Maintenance* section: Site access should be maintained to a level acceptable by Auburn Water and Sewerage District as well, in case there are water or sewer mains or other infrastructure onsite.
- The *SEGS permitted by right* section: The application should be reviewed by AWSD, too, to identify any water or sewer infrastructure at the proposed site.
- The *Solar Access* section: This section states that, “**Any property owner may purchase an easement across nearby properties to protect access to sunlight. The easement would be purchased or granted by owners of nearby properties and can apply to buildings, trees, or other structure that would diminish solar access.**” Can an easement just be bought without a nearby property owner’s permission?
- The Nov. 12 memo states, “*Planning Staff used the Wireless Telecommunications ordinance as a template and **created a separate article so that additional Zoning Districts may be incorporated in the future without tying the ordinance strictly to the Industrial District.***” We have concerns about ground-mounted and dual-use solar installations being permitted within the Ag Zone because part of the Ag Zone falls within the Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District. Our thought is that these installations could negatively impact stormwater runoff and infiltration around Lake Auburn, and we would suggest that the Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District be excluded from the Zoning Districts that permit solar installations.