



VIRGINIA SOLAR LAND USE NEWS OF NOTE

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Culpeper County

An application for North Ridge Culpeper Solar, a 26 MW, 252 acre facility, has been deferred by the Planning Commission. The Commission determined that the application was incomplete, missing information about rainwater management, and potential flooding impacts to neighboring parcels. The Commission will consider the application again in June. [Read more here.](#)

Franklin County

On April 18, the Board of Supervisors voted 4-3 to deny a siting agreement for a 4 MW, 50 acre facility developed by Constitution Solar. This vote followed a two-month delay, with the vote being postponed in February due to a 3-3 tie, and in March due to the absence of a Supervisor. The Board expressed concerns that property owners would be burdened if the solar company could not cover the costs of the removal of equipment when the lease ends. [Read more here.](#)

Henry County

The Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on April 17 to hear from the public about a siting agreement for Axton Solar, a 200 MW, 435 acre facility developed by Vesper Energy. Of the 16 people who spoke, only 3 indicated that they were opposed to the facility. The Board took no action after the public hearing ended. [Read more here.](#)

Madison County

Springbrook Farm, a 59 acre facility developed by Louth Callahan Renewables, has applied to rezone 91.89 acres in the County. The land is currently split zoned for agriculture and general business. The application also requested an SUP. The application was originally submitted in 2021 before being withdrawn by the developer. The application is expected to be included in a public hearing on May 3. [Read more here.](#)

City of Staunton

On April 20, the Planning Commission voted to recommend an SUP for Staunton Solar, a 95 acre solar facility developed by Oikos. The facility will include a 60 acre, 15.75 MW utility scale installation, and a 30 acre, 5 MW community-scale installation. [Read more here.](#)



General Information

The Virginia State Corporation Commission approved Dominion Energy's acquisition of 10 solar projects throughout the state. These projects will exceed 800 MW. The projects include:

Project Name	Size	Location
Bridleton Solar	20 MW	Henrico County
Cerulean Solar	62 MW	Richmond County
Courthouse Solar	167 MW	Charlotte County
Ivy Landfill Solar	3 MW	Albemarle County
King's Creek Solar	20 MW	York County
Moon Corner Solar	60 MW	Richmond County
North Ridge Solar	20 MW	Powhatan County
Racefield Solar	3 MW	James City County
Shands Storage	15.7 MW	Sussex County
Southern Virginia Solar	125 MW	Pittsylvania County

[Read more here.](#)