



Solar

in Garrett County

Context: Previous Workshop in 2016

- Shale Gas leasing frenzy
 - Wide range of lease pricing
 - Non disclosure agreements hurt neighbor relations
 - "Land Men" tried buying leases at severe discounts
 - Led to distrust in the industry
 - and ANY industry looking to lease land...
- Moratorium

Recent uptick in Solar Leasing Interest

- Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard
 - Encourages solar with a "carve out"
- Other counties are zoning solar out of agriculture land use areas
 - Garrett: zoning only applies in DCL watershed and towns
- County government is positive toward the industry
 - And private landowner rights in general

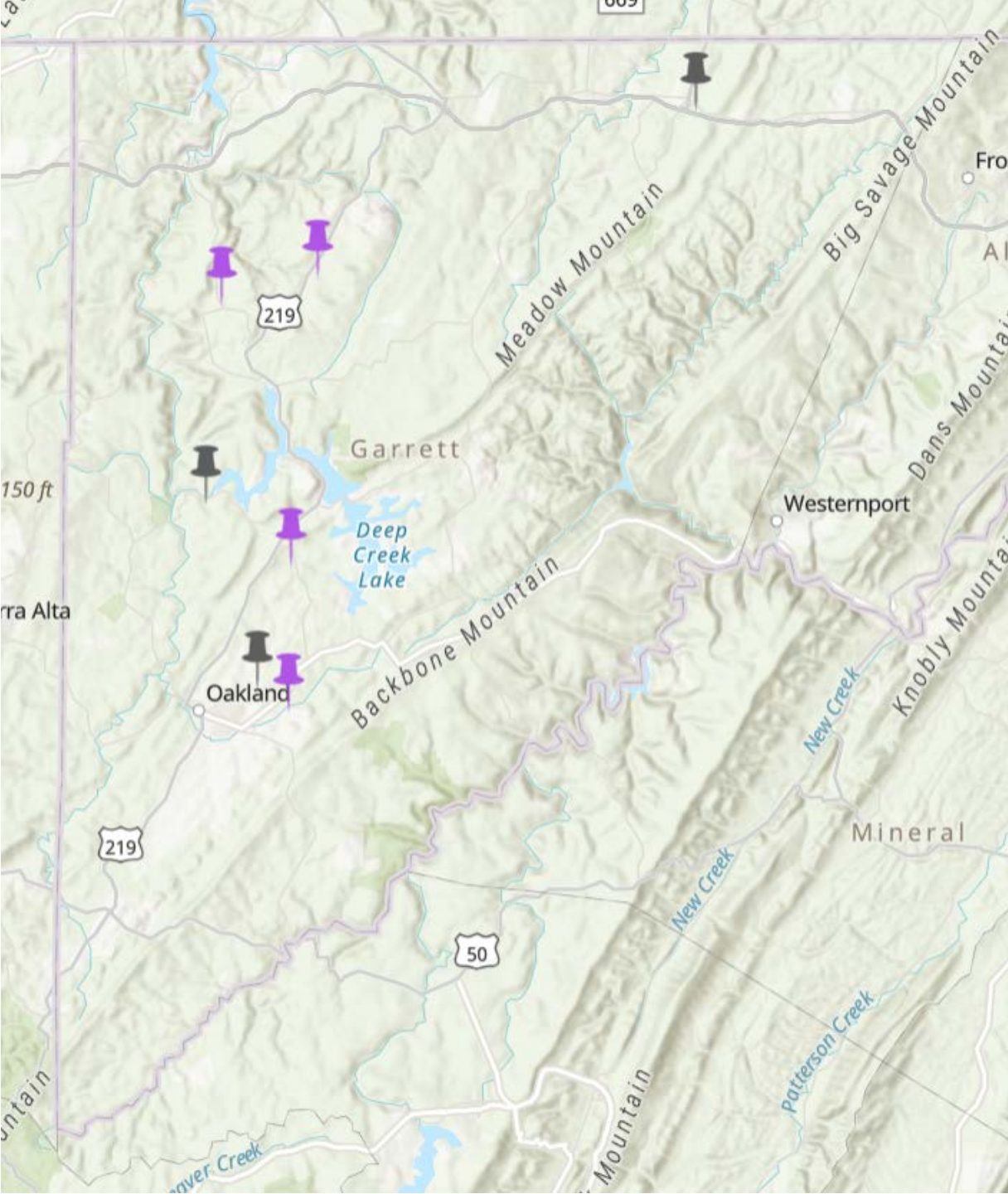


The County's Role

- Assist companies with finding suitable sites
- Connecting companies with willing landowners
- Local permitting process
- Providing support to landowners

Solar in Garrett County

- Private Community Solar Projects permitted
 - 3 companies, with 4 projects “on the ground”
 - Spear Road, Gap Run Road, Sand Flat Road, Garrett Road
 - ~8 other projects in various planning stages
- One Utility Solar Project Forthcoming (Backbone CPV)
 - Others in the pipeline for future development
- Garrett County Government (SolarCity) project
 - 3 sites, total of 23 acres of county property impacted
 - Serves a portion of the County’s electricity needs, initiated in 2016
 - Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) model



Solar "On the Ground" in Garrett County

- Grey - County Sites
- Purple - Community Solar

FYI: Community Solar Process

1. Company finds a potential site
2. Negotiate Terms, then sign a time-limited agreement to “hold” the land for solar pending permit approval
3. Develop concept plan for the project
4. Submit Permit Application to the county
5. County reviews, requires edits
6. Fix items as needed
7. Submit bond, finish up with County
8. Upon approval, final lease agreement with landowner
9. (Also: interconnection with First Energy)



Thank you!

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