



# Kent Conservation & Preservation Alliance

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## MILLS BRANCH SOLAR - A 60 MW/370 ACRE PROJECT IN KENT COUNTY THAT:

1. IS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF KENT COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE.
2. IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH KENT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND PREFERRED LAND USE FOR KENT COUNTY.
3. IS ON PRIME AGRICULTURAL FARMLAND.
4. IS IN A PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA.
5. IS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE STORIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE HERITAGE AREA IN ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC AND SCENIC DISTRICTS.
6. IS OPPOSED BY:
  - KENT CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION ALLIANCE
  - KENT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  - SENATOR STEPHEN HERSHEY
  - DELEGATE JAY JACOBS
  - DELEGATE STEVE ARENTZ
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  - 1000 FRIENDS
  - EASTERN SHORE LAND CONSERVANCY
  - QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
  - KENT COUNTY FARM BUREAU
  - MARYLAND FARM BUREAU
7. CAN BE LOCATED IN ONE OF THE DISTRICTS THAT IS ZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL SOLAR.
8. CAN BE LOCATED ON THE 100,000 ACRES OF BROWNFIELD AND SUPERFUND SITES WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND THAT ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE EPA AS BEING SUITABLE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY.
9. DISPUTES THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOREST CONSERVATION ACT.



## The State of Maryland needs legislation that:

**Respects** the integrity of County Zoning Ordinances and allows County Governments to control land use. Zoning is key to the orderly development of land.

**Protects** farmland, particularly prime agricultural soils from energy sprawl. Agricultural land should not be first in line for development of renewable energy projects.

**Stops** the predatory practice of allowing private corporations to make land use decisions outside and without consultation from the local governing bodies.

**Sets** policies to guide renewable energy sprawl into already built space (rooftops, parking lots), brownfield and superfund sites, using land that is not suitable for housing or food.

**Clearly** states the Forest Conservation Act will be upheld for all development including renewable energy projects.

