

# The EAC's solar energy proposal

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*(The latest in a series of posts relating to the environment, Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan, and Bethlehem's Environmental Advisory Council)*

*"There is no reason why good cannot triumph as often as evil.*

*The triumph of anything is a matter of organization."*

*(Kurt Vonnegut)*

The sun is shining beautifully and brightly on Gadfly Acres as I write this morning.

To remind me that our resident Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) has been busy and productive.

And Gadfly has a lot of catching up to do.

Herewith EAC's solar energy proposal: [EAC Solar Ord. proposal](#)

Your non-tax dollars at work!

*It's Saturday, June 15, do you know where your local Climate Action Plan is?*



April 25, 2019

Honorable Members of City Council,

As the City of Bethlehem continues to grow, we have an obligation to increase our sustainability, utilize alternative energy sources and reduce our overall carbon footprint. One way to achieve this is with the development of new policies and regulations that encourage the use solar energy. This is consistent with the City's goal in creating a Climate Action Plan.

The Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council submits the attached proposal for an ordinance that would require new or retrofitted buildings over a certain size to obtain a Solar Energy System Assessment and, dependent upon the assessment, install solar panels.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this recommendation further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully yours,

*Lynn Rothman*

Lynn Rothman, Chair

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