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I wish to recommend three solar siting policies beyond the typical rooftops, that have low impact on our farms and natural spaces.

1. Solar canopies over parking areas. PACE recently did a workshop on this subject covering issues pro and con.
2. Floating solar on lakes and ponds have many of the same advantages as canopies, but are cheaper to build and do not have the problem of dripping snowmelt between panels re-freezing on cars and pavement. On reservoirs they reduce evaporation loss and growth of toxic algae.
3. We do have a land resource of farms that are no longer being farmed that could be used for solar sites without taking productive land out of use. It could also protect them from more permanent real estate development. Regional Land Conservation Trusts also preserve old farms and may be open to siting solar on their properties.

Using all three of these possible site types, can we PLEASE kick start our SHARED SOLAR program, that has been soooo slow to start. Let's unleash a flood of private small-investor dollars to invest in this local renewable generation, and design financing programs that includes LMI residents.

Rooftops will simply not be enough to electrify our buildings, cars and streetlights. We need Community Solar farms we can ALL invest in and we need to promote them in locations like parking areas and lakes that do not compete with natural areas and remove our trees.

Thank you,

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**How will we ever teach people to recycle more  
when we can't seem to teach them to stop littering?**

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