

FEARING HILL SOLAR PROJECT-Endangered Species,
clarification of state documents.

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In reference to endangered Species,,On there existing “Conditions Plan For Fearing Hill Road Solar Project” Sheet #2 of 7, under “General Notes”: #9 reads ”The site is not located within as estamated habitat of rare wildlife and/or a priority habitat of rare species based upon a review of the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program Maps observed on the Massachusetts Geographic Information System.” Having done a lot more digging as to trying to find weather this is somehow true,,,,, I did find that this statement is correct. When one views the maps on the Geographic Information System, (one of many sub catagories of the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program) and go to the “Natural Heritage Atlas, 15th Edition, Town Priority Habitat Maps” and you click on the “Town of Wareham”, it shows that Fearing Hill does not fall into a “Priority Habitat”.....The Natural Heritage Atlas maps out “Priority Habitats” I repeat “Priority Habitats”.... So when you go back to The main catogory “ The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program” sub catagory “Division Of Fisheries and Wildlife” You come up with listings for all 432 existing endangered, threatened, and special concern species in Masschusetts, which includes pictures of plants and animals along with there detailed information, and “specific area maps showing there locations”. These descriptions and maps do include Fearing Hill and surrounding areas. Even though Fearing Hill is not in a High Priority Habitat area, does not mean endangered species dont exist there, because there is plenty of solid proof evidence that they do by all who live in the area. Here are a few of those endangered species, The Eastern Rat snake, The Red-Bellied Cooter, The Eastern Box Turtle, The Showy Lady's Slipper, and The Ram's Head Lady's Slipper. On may 21st 2022 I photographed this baby Red Bellied Cooter on its migratory route, no bigger then a quarter, and not more then two hundred feet from Fearing Hill. See attached 6 images.