

My name is Steven Ace, I am a Town of Dunn resident and live at 2024 Green Rd Stoughton. I have farmed here for 40 years and recently purchased the family farm at 1983 Green Rd. My family and I farmed the 33 acre UW parcel that borders Schneider Drive and Green Rd up until 2018. At that time the UW took bids and rented to the highest bidder. Unfortunately larger farmers pay top dollar to rent land leaving the small farmer without a chance.

The Town of Dunn claims that soil maps of the proposed site show that this area is not prime farmland. I have farmed the adjoining parcel to the west of the proposed site for 40 years and had at least average or better than average crops depending on the weather. The bottom line is that farmland is ever so quickly being replaced by development. In the eyes of a farmer; the UW property that has been farmed for years has grown good crops. Slightly poorer soil can still grow good crops. Solar panels cannot produce food to feed our country.

My farm has been in the PDR program for many years. There are strict rules as to what I can and cannot do with my own property. The Town of Dunn is all about preserving farmland. To consider taking farmland out of production here should be given more serious thought! People want to live in the Town of Dunn for a good reason.

If this proposal is approved, instead of seeing deer that roam this area whenever I look into my back yard, I will be looking at unsightly solar panels.

Solar is still experimental!

*Steven Ace*