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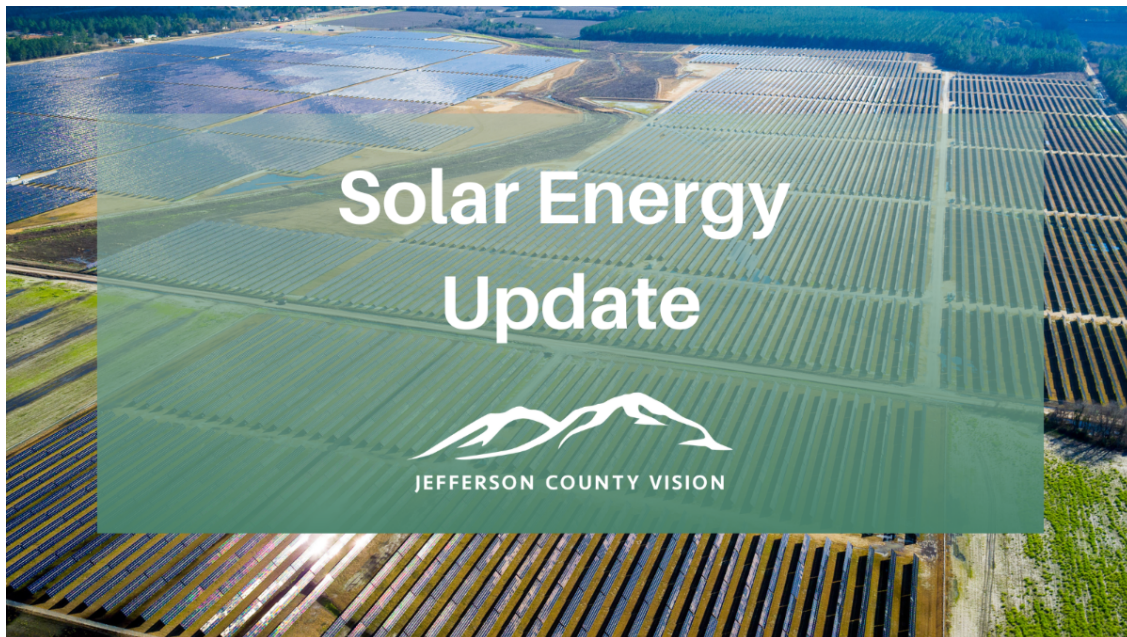
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Time is running out on our new merchandise sale! Show your support for clean air and water with our new collection of t-shirts, yard signs, and bumper stickers. Every purchase allows us to continue our critical work to support sustainable growth, without heavy industry and ensure government transparency in Jefferson County.

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The Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on Thursday, July 28th to receive input on the Blake Solar Project proposal. The proposal consists of an 80 MW solar electric generating facility to be located on approximately 516 acres off Kabletown Rd and Rte.115. 270 acres of the proposed 516 acres is located outside of the Charles Town Urban Growth Boundary and subject to the Conditional Use Permitting process. View their conditional use permit application [here](#).

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold a workshop on the Concept Plan for the Blake Solar Project on **Tuesday, August 9th at 7 p.m.** View the agenda [here](#). We encourage you to attend this workshop.

Local Business Spotlight



Martha, pictured outside her shop at the 2019 Harpers Ferry WaterFaire

Martha Ehlman has been running Tenfold Fair Trade Collection in downtown Harpers Ferry for nearly thirteen years. Martha was first inspired to start her own business after learning about fair trade through her faith community. She was drawn to the idea of empowering women and loved the upcycling utilized in many fair trade products and it quickly became her passion. In honor of Abolitionist John Brown, Martha opened her store on October 16, 2009, the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid in Harpers Ferry. Martha has been a long-time Fair Trade Federation and Green America member and sells beautiful, one-of-a-kind products created mostly by women around the world who are paid fair wages. She also sells unique handmade items created from recycled, upcycled, and sustainable materials.

Since opening her business, Martha has made giving back to the local community a top priority. She has worked with the Shenandoah Women's Center, now known as the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, for years and has also been involved with the Shepherd University Anti Human Trafficking Task Force.

Martha's passion for making the world a better place and giving back to the community began when she was young. Her father was a science teacher in Montgomery County and a staunch environmentalist. When she was just 12 years old, she became involved in several local environmental fights, including defeating a proposal to place a landfill on a Faultline above the Monocacy Aquifer and stopping the use of crushed stone containing asbestos on playgrounds. Prior to opening Tenfold Fair Trade

maintenance crew know if the insulation they were working with contained asbestos.

Since she works in the tourism industry, Martha was deeply saddened when she first learned about the Rockwool facility. Having grown up learning about karst geology, she knew what this meant for the county's water resources. She was disappointed in how local government officials handled the situation and that we did not get the sustainable community, known as the Northport Plan, that was originally planned for the property. Having been involved in many environmental fights in the past, she felt compelled to take action. She regularly attended meetings and wrote to local papers. In addition to what's going on locally, Martha believes that it's important to know what's going on nationally as well. She continues to keep up with projects that may be harmful to Jefferson County, by signing up to receive the Public Notifications from WV DEP regarding permit applications. As we continue our fight against heavy industry, she believes, "It's important that we remain vigilant in keeping up with local politics to hold all office holders accountable."

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Attending local government meetings is another important way you can be active in the community. Your presence helps to hold our officials accountable to the values and concerns of Jefferson County's citizens. "Think global, act local!"

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Please consider a gift to support our critical work if you are able to. We greatly appreciate every donation. All proceeds benefit JCV's efforts to lead legal, political, and community action to support sustainable growth, without heavy industry, and to empower our citizen's voices to ensure a clean, transparent government in Jefferson County.

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