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When my wife, Louise Giovanella, and I planned our installation, we considered both wind and solar and decided that solar would have the least impact on our neighbors. We also sited the Sun Tracker where it was not visible to our nearest neighbor.

The installations along RT 7 that I reference are clearly commercial or industrial installations. There is no need for them to be so publicly visible. For example, in our town of Panton, there are sites that would not be visible to any residence or traveler where large commercial installations could be sited. Connections to the grid would make them more expensive to develop, but current accounting and business development plans ignore the cost to Vermont's perceived value as a brand. Many of these current large installations, were they regular commercial/industrial developments, would never have cleared local regulation.

Consider that both Burlington, Shelburne and Middlebury have industrial parks where large scale commercial/industrial development takes place.

We need renewable energy development. The current system of siting said development results in a considerable diminishment of 'Vermont's brand'.

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