

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WIND ENERGY SITING AND POLICY ISSUES

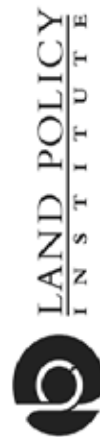
Governor Granholm signed into law, on October 6, 2008, a bipartisan energy package ensuring that the bulk of Michigan's future energy needs are produced from renewable energy resources. The "Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act" has significant implications for communities, landowners, and utility companies regarding wind energy development. Wind power companies are prospecting for new sites among landowners, and when landowners inquire at their local government offices about local permits, they often discover the rules are unclear. Very few Michigan jurisdictions have wind system siting laws on their books.

Communities that proactively plan for wind turbines and carefully develop regulations for their installation will avoid a measure of uncertainty and the unfortunate public discord that sometimes comes along with new land use proposals. (Recall, for example, the cell tower controversies during the 1980s and 1990s.) All local officials are advised to consider adopting planning policies and regulations before an energy facility siting application is received. Join the dialogue to diversify Michigan's energy supply in the future.

MSU Extension is working with landowners in Michigan to explore their options for wind energy. The State Energy Office of Michigan and the U.S. Department of Energy are sponsoring this effort to encourage more on-farm wind energy in the state.

For more information on this initiative and other training opportunities, please contact Dr. Stephen Harsh, Professor and Extension Farm Management Specialist, MSU, at 517-353-4518.

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- THE NEW YORK TIMES, 2007

OVERVIEW

This Michigan State University Extension workshop, sponsored in part by Michigan Farm Bureau will cover a wide variety of issues concerning wind energy with a focus on wind facility siting and regulation, and the Renewable Energy Package signed into law on October 6, 2008. Wind energy has been identified as an important part of Michigan's plan to develop renewable energy sources. However, many municipalities have not developed clear policies or regulations to address the installation of wind turbines and other necessary equipment. In addition, landowners are seeking resources on how wind business development works and the types of local issues involved in wind energy, such as siting on agricultural lands.

To address these issues this workshop will cover:

- The current status of wind energy development in Michigan
- Important policy guidelines and new legislation
- How wind business development works
- Siting and zoning guidelines for wind power development
- Key steps to develop and implement local zoning regulations
- Essential resources, model codes, and Michigan examples

The workshop will provide local officials, farmers, and other land owners with the tools and resources necessary to implement a strategic plan for wind energy development in their community.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Community planning and zoning officials
- Local leaders
- Concerned citizens
- Land owners interested in wind
- Farmers

INSTRUCTORS

The instructors are professionals from the Land Policy Institute at Michigan State University and Michigan State University Extension.

LOCATIONS

The Wind Energy Siting and Policy Issues workshops will be held from 6:00-9:30 p.m. on the following dates at the following locations:

Date	Location
March 18, 2009	Oakland County Exec. Offices Building Conference Center Building 41 West 2100 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, MI
March 19, 2009	Clarion Hotel 8600 Merriman Road Romulus, MI
March 24, 2009	Tawas Bay Beach Resort 300 E. Bay Street East Tawas, MI
March 30, 2009	St. Clair County Building 200 Grand Avenue Port Huron, MI
March 31, 2009	MSUE - Lenawee 1040 S. Winter Street Adrian, MI
April 1, 2009	Kellogg Conference Center 55 S. Harrison Road East Lansing, MI



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- \$55 Registration Fee \$45 Farm Bureau Member
 \$45 MCP

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- 03/18/09 - Waterford 03/30/09 - Port Huron
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Deadline: One week prior to each session

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