

Public comment 18-1607

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We built our home outside of Bellevue on Strecker Road 27 years ago. We enjoy our home, the setting is picturesque and quiet. The area south of Strecker Road to Bellevue's Elementary School is a patchwork of single family homes and cropland. We regularly see and enjoy abundant wildlife in our yard. This area is part of the Mississippi Flyway and there are eagles, heron, swans, Canadian Geese, hawks and migratory songbirds that are at our bird feeders in the spring and again each fall as they migrate southward. We are writing OPSB because we only recently learned there is a proposed industrial wind farm looking to place the biggest turbines ever built in Ohio in Erie and Huron County. The proposed site map has several 600 + foot turbines too close to the residential properties on Strecker Road, State Route 269 North, Knauss and Potter Roads. These proposed turbines will have a negative economic and environmental impact on the home and land owners who live in Groton Township just North of Bellevue for the following reasons: 1. An industrial wind farm will have a negative effect on home values and the livability of the area. No one built their home in this area to have an industrial power plant in their backyard. 2. As home values decline property taxes generated in this area will fall. This will affect the funds available for township services and the operating funds available to our schools. Some of the most desirable home sites north of Bellevue will no longer be areas people want to live and raise their families. 3. The tranquil rural landscape and skyline will be marred by turbines that are being placed too close to homes and Bellevue's elementary school. 4. We have concerns about the noise and vibration these turbines emit, along with the excessive shadow flicker on surrounding homes and property, We have concerns that the noise emitted by the turbines will be in excess of the WHO 40dBA Health Threshold. 5. We have environmental concerns about the Bald Eagle population and nesting areas, The proposed turbines are too close to established nests. We are located in the Mississippi Flyway, a migratory flyway for songbirds that migrate between Canada and the southern United States. The songbird population will be diminished. 4. We are concerned that our groundwater and rural well water will be diverted and potentially contaminated by the large cement foundations needed to support these turbines. This area north of Bellevue is in the Bellevue-Castalia Karst Plain and is believed to contain more sinkholes than any of Ohio's other Karst regions. Our potable water supply needs to be protected. We are asking the OPSB siting board to take all the above into consideration and to reject the Emerson Creek Wind project. These proposed turbines are too big and too close to established residential neighborhoods north of Bellevue and will negatively affect the Bellevue community.

Mark and Jane Motley

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Our home is in the foot print of spower in Seneca county and this emerson creek project in Huron county. I am concerned about noise and shadow flicker. The noise heard and the infrasound could both lead to health problems. Shadow flicker seems to be allowed up to 30 hours per year, I was told 5 minutes a day. Is this measured from inside my home or outside or both?? Many people in rural areas spend a great deal of time outside, especially in warm weather when the sun is shining (rising and setting)- gardens, flower beds, farming, walking, family outings. All of this activities could be less enjoyable due to shadow flicker.

Chris Popa

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