

My name is Matthew Sostakowski, a 23 year old landowner and taxpayer in Huron County, Ohio. My wife Chloe and I purchased our first home in Norwich Township just over two years ago.

We just recently became aware of this industrial wind turbine project. Twice, I have reached out to Apex Clean Energy in an effort to learn more information on how our property would be affected, however I have not received an answer.

When we chose to purchase our home and raise our family outside of the city, we did not plan to see 665 foot tall towers surrounding our property.

Aside from the many complaints that are often associated with living in a wind factory (shadow flicker, noise, blinking lights, etc.), I am primarily concerned with the heavy impact this will have on my property value. Studies have shown that properties surrounding these factories generally drop between 20-50%. We have saved every penny since starting our careers, and purchased our first home with ZERO financial assistance. Now we, as well as many others, are at risk of losing tens of thousands of dollars. Should this move forward, we would prefer to leave Huron County, but will likely be financially tied down.

The landowners of Huron and Erie Counties urge you to deny the Emerson Creek Wind project!

Thank you,

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From: [Bob Sostakowski](#)
To: [Puco ContactOPSB](#); [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: OPPOSED Emerson Creek Wind Turbines 18-1607
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:45:14 AM

Friday, March 15, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with dire concern for our standard of living that I write begging you to stand with the overwhelming majority of citizens in rural Huron County in OPPOSITION to the proposed Apex "Emerson Creek" industrial facility. We oppose any and all associated projects spun off under the same Apex "Firelands Wind" effort for central/north central Ohio.

I personally know of NO LOCAL RESIDENTS in favor of this planned power facility.

My son Matthew is a young adult residing in Huron's Norwich Township. He has, by every measure, been the model of an all American kid. Matt put himself through college and became a computer network engineer for a local hospital. He earns a good living and recently married his high school sweetheart. They have their first child on the way in July.

Matt and his wife each saved their pennies since they were in grade school. In 2016, they purchased their dream home (with no financial assistance from parents) on State Route 162 in Norwich Township, rural Attica. It is a modern, well maintained home on a two acre lot. I think you would agree that such homes and homeowners are good for Huron County. When this young couple made this large purchase, nobody made any mention of plans to erect a 600 foot wind tower just a few hundred yards from his house! Not the realtor... not the homeowner... not the neighbors. I think you'd also agree that a towering industrial turbine was worthy of mention and disclosure. The nearest of the NINE windmills in Matt's neighborhood will be immediately to the northwest, and will obstruct the sunset throughout the entire summer season. Year ...after year ...after year. The sound alone from these machines tells anyone with common neighborly decency that the turbines don't belong anywhere near an occupied home. Knowing that my grandchild will soon arrive and reside there paralyzes me with fear, as safe setback requirements are still hotly debated as of this day. The location (from what we can decipher through obscure maps) will also experience "strobe-light" effect flickering after the sun reaches a certain afternoon sky angle each day. This was known to some in the area, but they were bound by secrecy contracts. How is that legal?

It saddens me— sickens me actually, to think that my young son and daughter-in-law, who have seemingly done all the right things in life, may now be dealt a financial blow from which they may never fully recover. One study recently estimated the negative impact on typical homes' values to be as much as -55% as a result of mass windmill insertion. How can any responsible adult in a leadership position in this situation look into the eyes of my son (or other tax-paying homeowners there) and suggest this is in any way fair and just? Who will compensate them for lost values? Will Matt also receive favorable tax free treatment?

I have been told that Apex Clean Energy has, in the past, abandoned projects for which their tax relief requests were disallowed. I cannot understand how anyone can take seriously the promises of a company with such a history. It seems Apex is more of a land developer than an

actual energy company, as their divestitures of these “wind farms” to other entities suggests? That is what I believe I am seeing online, at least. I’d love to ask them myself but they aren’t responsive to our requests.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, I feel the siting board could be misled by language used by Apex in their application. Specifically, State Route 4 is NOT a “relatively low traffic volume” area, as stated in the application. I take issue with that. In fact, route 4 and interstate 80 are the primary routes to the Erie Islands and Cedar Point. Route 4 in particular for those coming from Columbus. How could Apex not be aware of this? I’m sure Cedar Point will be thrilled with planned tourism traffic delays?

For all these reasons, I urge you to deny the application for this power facility. Too big! Too close!

My son, his wife, and I (any or all) would be happy to meet with you to discuss the irreversible impact this will have on their quality of life and their financial futures. (The health concerns are a different matter entirely, and will hopefully be addressed later).

We hope you stand in defense of property owners, and their hopes to maintain their quiet, rural standards of living by denying the Apex Emerson Creek project.
Sincerely,

Robert Sostakowski

Plymouth , Ohio 44865

From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: public comment 18-1607-EL-BGN [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0FnEPr:ref]
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:53:03 AM

Hello, I'm worried that these wind turbines coming to my area. If the projections are correct they will be right in my back yard. Not good since I have a son with Autism that will be affected by the shadow flickering and the noise. I have emailed one of the commissioners before but they where kind of rude. I just was wondering what I can do to try to stop this.. Is there a vote or something. I am concerned I do not want to live what so ever by these wind turbine. I don't trust them, they are Nosie, I don't care what they say. I am going to try to meet with the company but all they will do is try to convince me that wind turbines are not harmful which I don't believe. Plus I don't want them close to my house. Thanks and please respond.

Tina Southard 

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From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: public comment 18-1607 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0FnMTA:ref]
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:35:26 AM

Dear Docket Submission Ohio Public Siting Board,

As a resident of the area surrounding the Emerson Creek Wind project (Docket No. 18-1607-EL-BGN, Emerson Creek), I want to encourage you to award a permit to this project.

Over the last several years, I've participated in public discussions regarding the project and directly interacted with the developer, Apex Clean Energy.

Apex has been accessible and responsive to questions and feedback. They have been very engaged with members of the community and are committed to protecting our legacy. As I've talked to my fellow residents, I see broad support for Emerson Creek Wind. I recognize there are some in the county who do not want wind projects. Fortunately, no one is telling them they must put a turbine on their property.

The economic, community, infrastructure, and health benefits that would result from this project are hardly debatable. For these reasons I urge you to support Emerson Creek Wind.

Regards,
Gerri Dunfee
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Sandusky, OH 44870



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From: [Elizabeth Lewis](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: 18 –1607 Emerson Creek wind turbines project
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:43:32 AM

I am opposed to the Emerson Creek project, thank you.

Elizabeth Schmucker

Sent from Elizabeth's iPhone

From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: public comment 18-1607 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0FnOiZ:ref]
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From: Mike Erf [mike.erf.152002956@p2a.co]
Sent: 3/17/2019 9:22 PM
To: contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov
Subject: I support Emerson Creek Wind!


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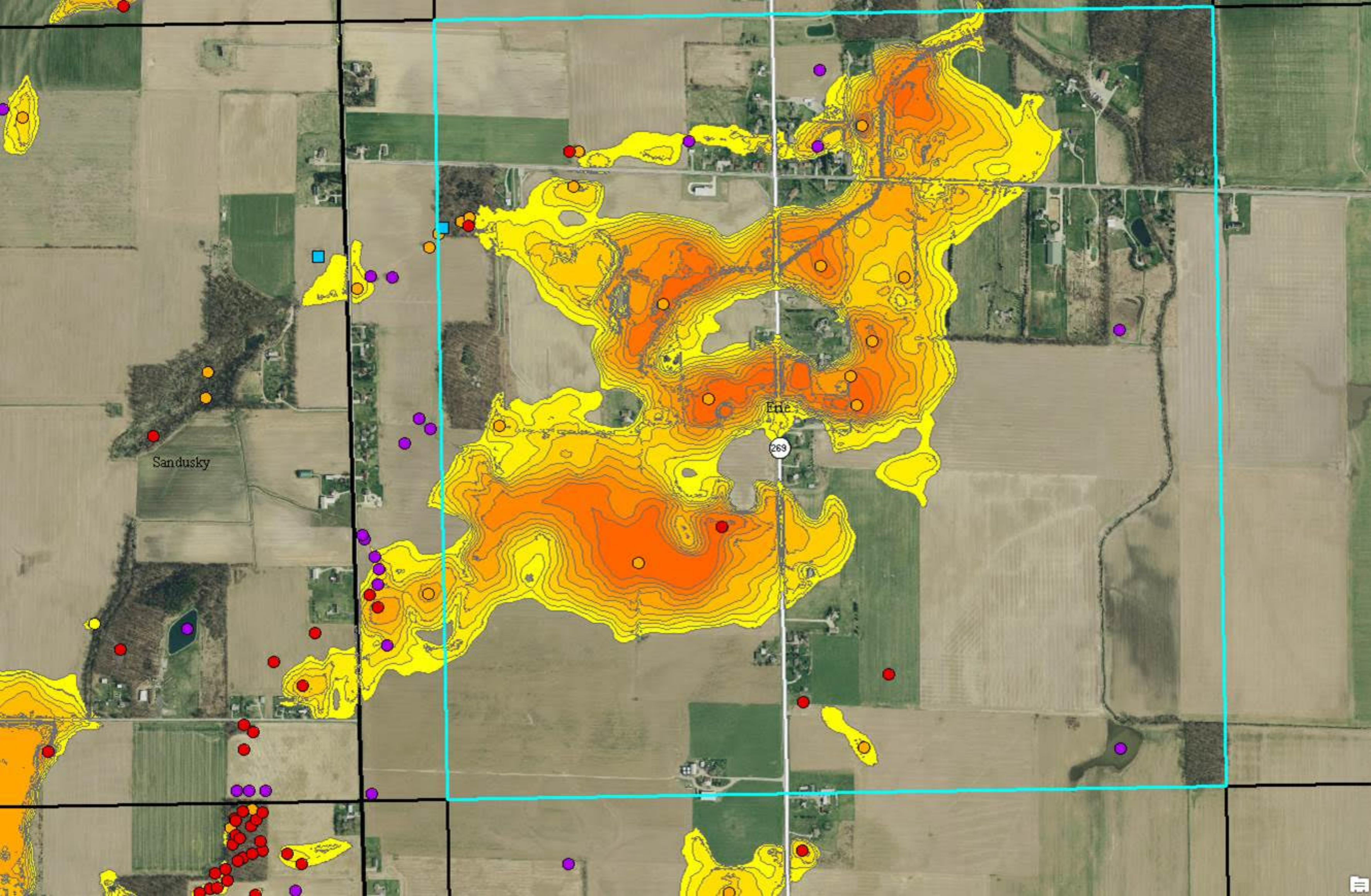
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Regards,
Mike Erf
4734 Yingling Rd
Bellevue, OH 44811 

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From: [Puco ContactOPSB](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: FW: 18-1607-EL-BGN: Emerson Creek Wind Farm, Erie and Huron counties
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:19:26 PM

From: Butler, Matthew
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: FW: 18-1607-EL-BGN: Emerson Creek Wind Farm, Erie and Huron counties

From: Renee Schoen [<mailto:schoenrenee@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Butler, Matthew <matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: 18-1607-EL-BGN: Emerson Creek Wind Farm, Erie and Huron counties

My name is Renee Schoen and I live in Groton township, Erie County. I am opposed to the Emerson Creek wind project. These turbines have the potential to be devastating to our area. My home is directly in a karst region and right next to the largest sinkhole by area in the State of Ohio. I have attached a map of the area. I requesting that you deny this project and protect all of the homes in this area.

Renee Schoen
Groton Township

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