

**FILE**

My name is Amy Bauer. I grew up in Bellevue and purchased an historic property in Lyme Township almost 3 years ago.

**Available data:**

- Lease Holder records from the Huron County Recorder's office
- Land Owner records from the Huron County Auditor's website.
- Huron County Board of Elections data.

I have reviewed every lease and every parcel and have been spending nights and weekends compiling the data to share with you which is up to date as of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

TOWNSHIP	VOTING HOUSEHOLDS	WITH LEASES	PERCENT OF LEASES
SHERMAN	167	30	18%
NORWICH	366	55	15%
LYME	332	16	5%
RICHMOND	336	7	2%
RIDGEFIELD	430	3	1%
TOTAL	1,631	111	.07%
HURON COUNTY	25,293	119	.005%

**In addition to this data there are:**

- 43 Leaseholders whose physical residences are outside the footprint of the Project.
- 18 Leaseholders whose physical residences are outside of Huron County, including some that are even out of state.

INSTRUMENT IDS	2010	2011	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
354	45	67	41	4	0	5	79	82	21
	13%	19%	12%				22%	23%	6%

Of the lease documents on record, 44% of the original leases were signed prior to the end of 2012 during which time:

- Turbine sizes were much smaller
- Far less information was known or available about the negative impacts of Wind Farms
- County residents were largely unaware of the project and many still are

The remaining 56% of leases on record recorded in 2017 and 2018 are largely amendment updates to the original 44%.

As representatives of the people of Huron County, please consider these numbers when navigating decisions regarding the Emerson Creek Wind Project. Please do not support the Pilot Tax Abatement. And on behalf of the 99% of residents in the impacted townships who are not lease holders, please choose to intervene and let the Ohio Power Siting Board know, we do NOT support this industrial disruption in our rural community nor are we appreciative of Apex's continued promotion of conflict among friends and neighbors.

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## All about the money

How do the yearly payments to Huron County IWT leaseholders (1.24 million) compare to other income streams in Huron County?

Not favorably

Farmers in Huron County have received each year, on average, \$8,238,848 in subsidy payments.

Veterans who reside in Huron County received \$15,616,000 in VA benefits in 2017.

Farmers in Huron County received \$190,664,000 in cash crop and livestock income in 2017.

Huron County residents received \$220,697,000 in retirement and disability payments in 2017.

Employees in Huron County received \$721,927,685 in private and government sector wages in 2017.

Just these five streams of income to people who retired in, work and farm in Huron County amount to \$1,157,143,533.

APEX's lease payments represent 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent of those income streams, a paltry sum.

What will the tax-abatement PILOT program put directly into the coffers of Huron County government?

According to the figures presented by the Huron County Auditor \$62,182. In 2017 Huron County collected \$17,051,419 in taxes. The total revenue for Huron County government in 2017 was \$47,265,898. As my mother would say about the \$62,182 – "Don't spend it all in one place"


The Emerson Creek wind project is a textbook example of crony capitalism. A small group of IWT leaseholders and the employees of APEX energy will reap the benefits of this project.

Everyone and everything else – our environment, our health, our property values, our attractiveness as a tourist destination, our ability to grow our population and attract more businesses – will be damaged, delayed and stunted by 52 industrial wind turbines in Huron County.

All this for a paltry 1.24 million dollars per year in lease payments?

APEX and their partners must not be allowed to set public policy and land use policy for the 58,494 citizens of Huron County. Thank you for listening and for defending our homes and our countryside.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Seaman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Seaman

Huron County homeowner and landowner