

If Turbines are Coming

Document your *quality of life* as you're experiencing it now. Videotape your views and the natural sounds and noise levels that are normal for your area. Do this at various times of the day and season. Show how the sunlight affects the rooms in your house at dusk and dawn. Document your TV, cordless phone, and cell reception. Have the health department record the quality and quantity of your well water, and verify the condition of any local streams and creeks. Document the birds and wildlife that frequent the area and the amount of traffic that you currently experience in the neighborhood. And most importantly, make sure the developers (along with those who may lease land to them) know that you and others in the community are doing this. As long as you don't keep it a secret, this documentation is as powerful a "preventive" measure as it might be useful later for proof after the fact.

Here are some additional suggestions:

- Keep a journal to notice sleeping, noise, general well being before turbines are operating and continue after turbines are operating.
 - Describe the outdoor sounds and how quiet it is during late evening or nighttime on a **clear calm night**.
 - Get a physical checkup of all family members before turbines so there is a baseline record of your health pre-turbines operating. Two factors that have been common in reported health concerns are changes in cortisol levels and immune system strength.
 - Get a baseline measurement for noise at your home (document day, time, repeat if possible)- take recordings of noise before turbines. If one can afford it, get an engineer to take decibel and low frequency noise readings.
 - Get a baseline measurement of electrical pollution in your home.
 - Get a property value assessment.
- Take pictures of your view and home; it's your pre-turbine visual record.

About Us

Healthy Wind, Wisconsin (HWW) is an all-volunteer independent Wisconsin-based community group working to ensure that the placement of large wind turbines is protective of family's health and safety. We have multiple years of experience in researching information in regard to wind turbine siting. Our members have participated in drafting large wind turbine ordinances that have been adopted by Town Boards. We have testified at local and state public hearings concerning this issue, and have offered our assistance to other citizen groups outside of Wisconsin.

We are committed to:

- Assisting residents living in wind facilities with complaint resolution.
- Compiling a data base of all complaints to channel toward the appropriate local, county and state agencies.
- Advocating for responsible siting to minimize the adverse impacts of noise, shadow flicker, and sleep disturbance.
- Putting people into the renewable energy equation by providing education and awareness on the issues.

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