



Four Creeks Wind Bulletin

Information and Updates about the Four Creeks Wind Project

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Upcoming KidWind Teacher Workshop at Distillery Labs in Peoria

KidWind

Four Creeks Wind is excited to partner with KidWind to sponsor an in-person Teacher Workshop at Distillery Labs in downtown Peoria on

Saturday, March 14, 2026. At this workshop, local teachers from Peoria County will have the chance to explore the power of wind energy and learn how clean energy lessons can be implemented in the classroom.

Since 2004, KidWind has focused on designing and producing high quality, engaging materials to help educators bring clean energy to life. They are dedicated to working with teachers and students to explore the science, technology, and implications of a world powered by renewable energy.

KidWind's professional development program offers hands-on training to teach energy concepts to students. Through interactive exercises, attendees gain the skills and knowledge needed to integrate clean energy topics into their curriculum. KidWind's program uses wind turbines, blade design, and circuitry to help educators engage students in learning about clean energy technologies, the grid, and workforce development. The training emphasizes real-world applications, problem-solving, and STEM skills, empowering educators to inspire the next generation of innovators. No prior knowledge required.



Registration is still open for this workshop. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please scan the QR code or visit the link below!

<https://kidwind.org/event/peoria-county-teacher-training/>

Recent Fieldwork and Project Development Activities

Four Creeks Wind continues to advance in development. It has been a busy winter preparing our Special Use Permit application to Peoria County and completing numerous technical studies including:

- **Geotechnical investigations** have commenced at each turbine location along with limited non-invasive testing at sample locations across the electrical collection system for the project. This work is an important step in evaluating subsurface conditions to support the advancement of the engineering and design of the wind project. Temporary piezometers will be installed at each turbine location to measure groundwater levels over the year.
- **Switchyard design** is underway for connecting to the existing high voltage electric transmission system. Four Creeks Wind has entered into an engineering and procurement agreement with Ameren to connect to their existing electric transmission system. Four Creeks is working with the local engineering firm Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) to actively advance the design of the wind project's grid connection.
- **Historic preservation studies** are completed with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Four Creeks Wind has submitted a series of archaeological and architectural reports to SHPO encompassing the planned project area and wind infrastructure.

Your Questions, Answered



How does wind energy affect power prices in Illinois?

While inflation, aging infrastructure, fossil fuel price fluctuations, and other factors have caused US power prices to rise over the last few years, wind energy has kept power prices relatively stable in Illinois. Investments in large-scale wind have helped shield consumers from price shocks since renewables have no fuel costs and therefore are not subject to price volatility. Further, wind energy can lower wholesale power prices by displacing more costly generation during periods of high wind output.

Source: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/what-s-behind-your-eye-popping-power-bill-we-broke-it-down-region-by-region/ar-AA1Wzln1?ocid=finance-verthp-feeds>

Four Creeks Wind in the Community

Four Creeks Wind is committed to building lasting relationships with the community. Supporting the local area has been a key priority for us and something we look forward to continuing throughout the life of the project.



The Princeville FFA Chapter recently began a campaign to raise funding for a new greenhouse that will support students and agricultural education for the foreseeable future. The previous greenhouse had run its course and thus the need for this upgrade was presented. The Four

Creeks Wind team is proud to have contributed \$1,000 to this project, which will help students in meaningful ways. Each year, the Princeville FFA holds the annual plant sale which has become a local tradition. With the addition of a new greenhouse, the plant sale will be around for many more years to come.

The Brimfield FFA is currently looking to construct a storage facility, built by current students, to be used by the FFA Program and the entire school as needed. Four Creeks Wind contributed \$1,500 to this project. Our team is proud to sponsor excellent programs, like the Brimfield FFA, that make a difference in the community.



Four Creeks Wind also contributed \$200 to the Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District for door prizes at their annual meeting. This organization operates across Peoria County and is dedicated to assisting local

landowners with programs that improve overall water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce soil erosion. Four Creeks Wind values the mission of the Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District, and we are happy to have had the opportunity to support to them.

Visit Us in Person!

Remember to stop by at our project office located at 118 E Knoxville St #C in Brimfield (back unit).

Our local rep, Melissa Gilles, has office hours on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 8:00 - 10:00 am, and 2:00 - 5:00 pm. She'd be happy to connect with you! The broader Four Creeks Wind team is also available to meet at your request.

Please call Carson Robers at (832) 971-6851 to arrange a meeting.



Check out our website and Facebook pages!



The Four Creeks Wind Project has both a website and a Facebook page for you to follow and receive updates on the project. Visit the link below for the website or scan the QR code for our Facebook page!

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