

Four Creeks Wind Bulletin

Information and Updates about the Four Creeks Wind Project

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Geotechnical Survey Update

Geotechnical experts from ANS Geo are actively conducting geotechnical surveys at each of the 113 turbine locations. The surveys include collecting soil borings and other related measurements as well as the installation of piezometers to measure groundwater levels over the year. ANS has also performed some non-invasive electrical and thermal resistivity testing at sample locations across the project's electrical collection system route. This work is important to evaluate subsurface conditions as we advance Four Creek Wind's engineering and design. For example, the design of each wind turbine foundation will be informed by the results of the geotechnical investigations. Geotechnical investigations are both an industry best practice and required under Peoria County's commercial wind energy facility ordinance.

If one of Four Creek Wind's surveyors has to access your participating property to perform these investigations and future water readings, we will provide you with advance notice.



Four Creeks Wind Planting Bags

We know that the planting season is a particularly busy time of year. As a big thank you to our participating landowners, we distributed gift bags as a token of our appreciation. The planting bags were filled with snacks and gifts sourced from the following local businesses:

- Four Creeks Wind Tote Bag from Princeville Prints
- Movie Tickets from the Elmwood Theatre
- Honey from Bink's Bees of Chillicothe
- Beef Sticks from Elmwood Meat Locker
- Carmel Popcorn from Pop-of-the-Morning Popcorn of Williamsfield
- Cookies from the Vine of Princeville
- Flowers from the Princeville FFA



Wind Projects Coexist with Agriculture



Wind is a weather-proof cash crop that pays hundreds of millions of dollars to American farmers annually. Participation in wind projects is voluntary - farmers and ranchers sign up to participate if they think doing so is best for their farms and their families.

Wind turbines only take up 1-2% of the land on which they are sited, providing farmers and ranchers with another opportunity to capture the value from the land's natural resources while enabling traditional farming practices to continue. Crops, like corn and soybeans, can be planted right up to the access road around the base of the turbine, resulting in dual land use that allows farming families to better weather economic downturns and preserve their properties for future generations.

Operating wind projects don't impact adjacent agricultural properties or produce pollution. They can offer additional benefits to landowners. For example, farmers can use the project's new access roads to access their fields, providing value during periods such as harvest. Overall, wind and agriculture are complimentary uses of land.

Wind Projects Bring Significant Financial Benefits to School Districts!

Wind energy projects have been shown to deliver significant, long-term funding benefits for local school districts. National research finds that districts hosting wind projects can see per-pupil revenues increase by hundreds to more than a thousand dollars annually, often supporting facility upgrades, new technology, and expanded educational programs.

An Associated Press analysis of county tax data from local governments in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska found wind companies rank among the biggest taxpayers in many rural communities, with their total tax bills at times outstripping that of large farms, power plants and other major businesses. In Illinois, wind-generated property tax revenue has provided millions in funding to local communities, sometimes even allowing districts to reduce property tax rates while maintaining strong school budgets.

The Normal, IL based firm Strategic Economic Research has completed an independent analysis of the projected property tax revenues to be paid by Four Creeks Wind. Over its operational life, the project will generate over \$232 million in property taxes for all taxing districts, of which over \$144 million is expected to be allocated to school districts in the project area.

Four Creeks Wind Property Tax Payments to Local Schools	Princeville CUSD #326	Brimfield USD #309	Stark County CUSD #100
Year 1	\$3,950,853	\$1,409,221	\$51,685
Total	\$105,778,690	\$37,729,975	\$1,383,800
Annual Average (for 40 years)	\$2,644,467	\$943,249	\$34,595

We Have Updated Our Office Hours!

Four Creeks Wind hosts weekly office hours at our project office located at 118 E Knoxville St #C in Brimfield (back unit). For those familiar with Brimfield, that's just behind Rookie's!

Our local rep, Melissa Gilles, would love to talk with you. Her new office hours are **Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 10:00 am CT.**

We highly encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Four Creeks Wind Project or wind energy in general to stop by and visit!

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

Check out our website and Facebook pages!



Four Creeks Wind has both a website and a Facebook page to follow and receive updates on the project and other general wind energy information. Visit the link below for the website or scan the QR code for our Facebook page!

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