

## PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

**Niagara Wind Power, LLC and/or  
Individual(s) or Affiliate(s),  
Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or  
to be formed on its behalf Project**

Public Hearing to be held on November 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.,  
at the City of Lackawanna City Hall, 714 Ridge Road (Council Chambers),  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin McAuliffe – Barclay Damon  
Jeff Basty – Citizen  
John Kwasniewski – Taxpayer  
Ben Wolcott – Terra Form  
Richard Stanton – City of Lackawanna, Director of Development  
Janet Lenichek – Sierra Club of Niagara Group  
Dennis M. O'Donnell  
Faith Jordan – Citizen  
Thomas Halligan

### **☒ 1. WELCOME: Call to Order and Identity of Hearing Officer.**

*Hearing Officer:* Welcome. This public hearing is now open; it is 9:30 a.m. My name is Karen Fiala I am Manager of Tax Incentives of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, and I have been designated by the Agency to be the hearing officer to conduct this public hearing.

### **☒ 2. PURPOSE: Purpose of the Hearing.**

*Hearing Officer:* We are here to hold the public hearing on the Niagara Wind Power, LLC and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf project. The transcript of this hearing will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in determination of this project. Notice of this hearing appeared in The Buffalo News on Friday, November 8, 2019.

### **☒ 3. PROJECT SUMMARY: Description of Project and Contemplated Agency Benefits.**

*Hearing Officer:* The proposed project (the "Project") consists of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in eight (8) parcels of land located at 2303 Hamburg Turnpike in the City of Lackawanna, Erie County, New York (the "Land") together with eight (8) 2.5

megawatts wind turbines (the “Existing Improvements”), (ii) the replacement and upgrading of the Existing Improvements without changing the existing towers, foundations and electrical equipment (the “Improvements”), and (iii) the acquisition and installation by the Company of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property necessary for the operation of the wind energy generation facility (the “Equipment”, and collectively with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the “Facility”).

The Agency will acquire a leasehold interest in the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency proposes to provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of a lease for a term of fifteen (15) years and a partial tax abatement of real property taxes for the term of the lease. The proposed financial assistance deviates from the Agency’s UTEP in the following respect:

Payments under the PILOT Agreement deviate from the UTEP as they will be based upon megawatts generated by the Facility in connection with the operation thereof and not based upon the assessed value of the Project. The Agency proposes to deviate from the UTEP given the nature of the Project and that the Project will provide a benefit not otherwise available within the locale of the Facility.

**4. FORMAT OF HEARING:** Review rules and manner in which the hearing will proceed.

*Hearing Officer:* All those in attendance are required to register by signing the sign-in sheet at the front of the room; you will not be permitted to speak unless you have registered. If you have a written comment to submit for the record, you may do so. Written comments may also be delivered to the Agency at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 until the comment period closes on November 19, 2019. There are no limitations on written comments.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Hearing Officer gives the Public an opportunity to speak.

*Hearing Officer:* If anyone is interested in making a comment, please raise your hand, state your name and address; if you are representing a company, please identify the company. I request that speakers keep comments to 5 minutes, and if possible, 3 minutes.

Thank you. My name is Kevin McAuliffe, I am an attorney with Barclay Damon in Syracuse. I'm here representing Niagara Wind Power on its application to the IDA. This is a major replacement of the component parts at the top of each one of the eight turbines located within the City of Lackawanna and it is necessitated by virtue of the failure of the existing clipper equipment. The company is faced with the choice of either decommissioning the entire wind farm in the next two years or investing as it is proposed to do to replace the nacelles, rotors, blades and hubs on each turbine. The new equipment will be manufactured by GE. There are no changes to the towers themselves, simply the placement of the new equipment at the top of each tower. The ECIDA PILOT would replace a series of PILOTS in place with the City of Lackawanna.

My name is Jeff Basty, originally born and raised in Lackawanna, New York but presently residing in Lancaster, New York. After reading the Sunday paper concerning this meeting being held, various questions arose in my mind as to lease agreements, tax incentives and a host of other questions and my main question at this time is I have questions concerning the lease agreement, when it started, when it expires and my next question would be is there some sort of guarantee that if this financial aid and incentives are not granted to the company requesting this incentive, if they do decide to cancel or stop manufacturing electricity because of this, and they do in fact stop producing electricity after a two year period does the lease expire? I'd like some more information on the lease agreement. I would like information on who will be supplying the new equipment, where its coming from, the research that's involved in the new blades. I'm not so concerned about the information concerning knocking down of the birds and the bats, which was highlighted in the newspaper, but my concern is not so much a concern, but I'm here because I would like to see Lackawanna great again and I think that the county or the city should step up and let this contract expire, let it fail and that the city or county should step forward and take on the wind farm itself so it can produce electricity for the people of Lackawanna and Hamburg. And I'd also like a copy of what you read because there is information in there that I would like to further look into.

Karen Fiala – OK, I can certainly get that for you.

Jeff Basty – Thank you.

John Kwasniewski – Almost a ditto to what the gentlemen just said. What I am interested in is the blades are being changed – first it starts with the towers. The towers make them taller, so they're changing the tower. They're changing the motors, the generators and they're changing the blades, the length of the blades and everything. So that's like putting up a whole new system which should do something with the contract that they have with them. It's like starting all over again, brand new, which I think the City should look into for their tax base. See what they're getting. Go to Hamburg, get theirs, see what they got too; see what their contract includes. That's mostly what I'm interested in is for the people here to benefit somehow out of this. I think they could benefit a little more because we were like the first ones that did this contract here. So I think the contract should be updated. Thank you.

Hi, my names is Janet Lenichek, I'm with the Sierra Club Niagara Group, which is the local Sierra club. Just so you know, we are generally in support of renewable energy projects. We want to make sure that they are sited appropriately, which we feel this is an appropriate siting and we also want to make sure they are environmentally sound. And all these projects have to go through an environmental review. So this had passed environmental review so we support continuing this project. We would like to see it upgraded with new equipment, so it runs 99 percent of the time. We understand there will be times when it will not be able to run probably due to weather or whatever, but we would like to see it more functional and producing more energy because New York State now has passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act that was signed into law in June and that commits New York State to receiving 70 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2030 and if we start closing down projects such as Steel Winds we're not going to reach that goal. We need to enhance these projects, and this one im particular is well sited because it doesn't sit on farm land , it sits on an old industrial site that's a brownfield so it's a perfect location and who knows who might even be able to add solar to it at some point. Whether Lackawanna wants to review the contract in detail to make sure they're getting the best deal, that's fine but we support continuing the Steel Winds project.

Karen Fiala – thank you Janet.

If there are no further comments, will you sign in please.

My name is John Thomas Halligan. I'm just here to say that if this company gets all these tax incentives that there should be some sort of local hire agreement that's attached to these incentives. A lot of these wind farm developers come in and hire a lot of out of state contractors. Those windmills were actually installed originally with one of the local contractors from our area, but now a days you see a lot of out of town that use a lot of out of state workers and there should definitely be some sort of labor agreement that's attached to these incentives.

Karen Fiala – Thank you Tom.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there were no further comments, the Hearing Officer closed the public hearing at 9:41 a.m.

**SIGN IN SHEET  
PUBLIC HEARING**

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at the City of Lackawanna City Hall, 714 Ridge Road (Council Chambers),  
Lackawanna, New York 14218  
regarding:

**Niagara Wind Power, LLC and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or  
to be formed on its behalf**

Project Location: 2303 Hamburg Turnpike, Lackawanna, New York 14218

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company and/or Address</b>	<b>X box to speak/ comment</b>
Kevin McAuliffe	Barclay Damon	X
Jeff Basty	Citizen	X
John Kwasniewski	Taxpayer	X
Ben Wolcott	Terra Form	
Richard Stanton	City of Lackawanna Director of Business Development	
Janet Lenichek	Sierra Club of Niagara Group	X
Dennis M. O'Donnell		
Faith Jordan	Citizen	
Thomas Halligan		X



# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF LACKAWANNA

Hon. Geoffrey M. Szymanski ~ Mayor



November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Steve Weathers  
Chief Executive Officer  
Erie County Industrial Development Agency  
Suite 403  
95 Perry Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Erie County Industrial Development Agency Execution of PILOT Agreement to Facilitate  
Repowering of Existent Wind Turbines at Bethlehem Steel Site

Dear Mr. Weathers,

Please accept this letter as a statement of the City of Lackawanna's support for the attached proposed Resolution which authorizing the ECIDA to enter into a PILOT Agreement with Erie Wind LLC, Niagara Wind Power LLC, and/or TerraForm Power, subject to the terms set forth in the proposed Resolution

We appreciate the efforts of your staff in working with all involved municipalities, prior to reaching the terms of the proposed PILOT Agreement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Szymanski".

Geoffrey Szymanski

**Hon. Geoffrey M. Szymanski ~ Mayor  
City of Lackawanna, New York**

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## Hocienec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** Hocienec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Steel Winds

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Lenichek <janetlenichek@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 12:49 PM  
To: ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
Subject: Steel Winds

Erie County IDA:

I am a resident of Erie County and a member of the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club (Niagara Group). The Sierra Club is supportive of renewable energy projects that are properly sited and have passed strict environmental reviews.

Steel Winds development is a good example of such a project. Not only is it located on a brownfield that has a somewhat limited development potential, it is sited far from most residences. Additionally it has already been approved in terms of its possible effects on the environment.

The fact that millions of dollars will be put into these wind turbines to make them operable and efficient tells me that private industry stands to benefit from this project. In my view, Erie County will also benefit by signing whatever agreements are necessary to ensure that Erie Wind and Niagara Wind follow through with upgrades to the Steel Winds project.

I support the Steel Winds project and want to see it continue for at least another 15-20 years, with the technology upgrades that are necessary for efficient operation. Please sign new agreements to help to keep the Steel Winds development in Erie County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janet Lenichek  
Executive Committee Member  
Sierra Club (Niagara Group)

716-310-1036 (mobile)  
256 Callodine Avenue  
Amherst, NY 14226

## Hocieniec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:05 PM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Yes to wind repowering in Lackawanna and Hamburg

**From:** Bill Nowak <billnowa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
**Subject:** Yes to wind repowering in Lackawanna and Hamburg

Dear ECIDA

I urge you to approve both the Erie and Niagara Wind Power, LLC repowerings of the 14 wind turbines in Lackawanna and Hamburg.

I am well aware of and frightened by the climate emergency we all face and know it is crucial that we transition at full speed to renewable energy to avoid the worst impacts of global warming.

New York faces an uphill climb to reach its goals for carbon free electricity generation under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

It is crucial that we build on the renewable resources already in place in addition to rapidly increasing renewable resources.

I am encouraged by the positive aspects of the proposed repowering, including increased production from the new turbines, improved bat and bird protection, a \$21 million investment and the increased revenues the turbines will provide for Erie County, Lackawanna, Hamburg and the Frontier Central and Lackawanna City school districts

Please approve this proposal.

Thank you.

Bill Nowak  
716-316-7674



## Hocieniec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:52 PM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Say YES to Wind repowering in Lackawanna & Hamburg

**From:** Karen Alongi <kalongi1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:39 PM  
**To:** ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
**Subject:** Say YES to Wind repowering in Lackawanna & Hamburg

Dear ECIDA

I strongly support the repowering of the 14 wind turbines in Lackawanna and Hamburg operated by Erie and Niagara Wind Power, LLC .

This supports the reduction of CO2 that is important for meeting the the goals of the NYS CLCPA and of course the continuing functioning of our planet.

Not supporting this project will be step back for NYS CLCPA climate goals - that will already be challenging to meet..

There are many positive aspects of the project - increased production from the new turbines, improved bat and bird protection, increased revenues the turbines will provide for Erie County, Lackawanna, Hamburg and the Frontier Central and Lackawanna City school districts.

Best,

Karen Alongi  
716-316-7674

## Hocieniec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 2:13 PM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Wind Turbines

**Expires:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:00 AM

**From:** Larry Beahan <larry\_beahan@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:59 PM  
**To:** ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
**Subject:** Wind Turbines

Dear ECIDA

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Please approve this proposal.

Thank you.

Laurence T Beahan MD

## PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING STEEL WIND UPGRADE PROPOSAL

Being that "The Irish Electricity Supply Board (ESB) National Grid study of installed wind power in Ireland (2004) concluded: 'The evidence shows that as the level of wind capacity increases, the CO2 emissions actually INCREASES as a direct result of having to cope with the variation of wind-power output'" as presented by Keith Stelling 29 March, 2019 in "A GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR DECISION MAKERS Regarding the siting of industrial wind turbines in the Great Lakes" and that all these chaotic wasteful wind energy projects suck rate payers and tax subsidy monies, tear these things down and move on. \$1.52 million per turbine to upgrade is outrageous. The higher capacity from more wind generators even causes grid failures as parts of the world have gone full wind ahead with these things. The public has mostly been scammed into believing that wind energy is "saving the planet" from a changing climate on Earth and it's the most absurd pitch ever. Bill Gates even says we need to stop fooling around with renewables. They depend on subsidies. They are tied to the grid using fossil fuels to brake the massive rotors, they draw power FROM THE GRID routinely. They cannot function without using fossil fuels in the reliable grid so all fantastical claims being made about renewables is mostly disingenuous sales pitch and pure delusion. They cause stand by power to be used more often. Disposal costs are high for used materials, has this been factored into that cost? Casper, Wyoming will get paid \$675k to handle the disposal. This cost is passed on to all ratepayers. It's just more energy transfer with those managing it all taking their cuts of course. This is not energy efficiency. To continue forward with supporting wind farms is wasting money/energy, basis of which this whole fake climate change con game. The Earth has no trouble cooling itself. It has no air blankets up there that get stuck. Convection, frigid space, heat from The Sun, and massive quantities of water vapor are to blame for climate change, that's all folks. Carbon dioxide is 4/10,000ths of the atmosphere, water vapor 10,000% more THE CAUSE. The poor and lower to middle classes would get hurt by this upgrade more as they pay higher percentage of their income on utilities as the rates increase. For example the low income family might see a 1% of income rise in their electric bill, whereas the well to do would see maybe a .2% of income rise. Meanwhile those with investment portfolios might see their investments in utility or renewable companies increase 10% so their energy cost increase is even less of a percentage of their income plus their total net worth that soars high into the stratosphere to sit on imaginary carbon dioxide clouds looking down at everyone beneath them. STOP THIS WASTE OF OUR ENERGY.

Kenneth Wegorowski

## Hocieniec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:48 AM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: `Contact ECIDA` Submission [d094a25dff39445251145ce9e68251db]

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`Contact ECIDA` Submission

Contact ECIDA

First Name : Charley  
Last Name : Bowman  
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Phone : 7169088227  
Email : [renewableenergy@wnypeace.org](mailto:renewableenergy@wnypeace.org)

Comments :

(Corrected..) Steel Winds I Comment I am writing in support of the Steel Winds I Replacement Project upgrading eight 2.5 MW wind turbines located on the former Bethlehem Steel site in Lackawanna NY. Niagara Wind Power is applying for a custom PILOT agreement to help fund the \$17,171,429 upgrade. The shore-based land upon which Steel Winds I sits on one of New York State's best onshore wind sites in New York State. During the past 7 years, Steel Winds I ranked between 2 and 5 in capacity among all other wind farms in NY State (see NYISO Goldbook reports for 2012 - 2019). This means Steel Winds I ranks near the top of all wind farms in NY State in terms of hours per year generating electricity. The reason for Steel Winds I phenomenal capacity is the higher frequency summer winds caused by heating of the lands east of Lake Erie. Such heating causes uplift which evokes onshore winds off Lake Erie. These onshore winds drive Steel Winds I turbines. Wind turbines located far inland, such as central NY, are at a disadvantage relative to Steel Winds I. Wintertime winds are stronger and more frequent than summertime winds, but all NY State wind farms take advantage of wintertime winds. It would be bad policy for the ECIDA not to invest money in upgrading the 20 MW wind turbine facility. Thank you. Charley Bowman Chair, Environmental Justice Taskforce of the WNY Peace Center 1272 Delaware Ave Buffalo NY 14029 716-908-8227 [RenewableEnergy@wnypeace.org](mailto:RenewableEnergy@wnypeace.org)

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:47 AM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Niagara Wind LLC - Public Comment submission

**From:** John Szalasny <jszal5976@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 11:05 PM  
**To:** ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
**Subject:** Niagara Wind LLC - Public Comment submission

I am submitting my comments through email as there was no link to the comment form that was noted on the public hearing notice from the ECIDA website.

I am wholly in favor of the proposal to have the ECIDA acquire a leasehold interest in the facility in order for the above noted LLC to make significant upgrades to improve both the power output as well as to reduce the intermittency of its operations due to aging equipment. We need this carbon free energy project (and many more like this) to slow down the warming of our planet due to the burning of fossil fuels.

But, I am speaking as an environmentalist who is concerned with the world my children will inherit. There are two non-environmental reasons to approve this proposal. First, wind is already the cheapest source of electricity. New equipment will drive down the price even further. Both the low price and the renewable energy credits for businesses make wind power extremely easy to contract for long-term power purchase agreements, making your investment nearly risk free. Second, is a non-economic, quality of life issue. The Steel Winds project has become as iconic a sight as Niagara Falls and Shark Girl in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Not allowing these turbines to be upgraded would send the wrong message to our local residents, both from the iconic viewpoint stated above, but also how we are adhering to New York State's recently passed CLCPA legislation, which has a goal of creating a carbon net zero electric grid.

The risks to wildlife and other quality of life issues are already known at this site. Steel Winds has been a good neighbor to the residents in Lackawanna and Hamburg. If anything, newer technologies should make the upgraded project safer to birds and bats, and quieter for local residents. Please approve the proposal to become a leaseholder for this project.

John S Szalasny  
344 Teakwood Ter  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
716-858-0517

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Hocieniec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:47 AM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Comment Regarding Niagara Wind LLC Proposal

**From:** DStrablow <dstrablow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 6:19 PM  
**To:** ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
**Subject:** Comment Regarding Niagara Wind LLC Proposal

Dear ECIDA

I urge you to approve both the Erie and Niagara Wind Power, LLC repowerings of the 14 wind turbines in Lackawanna and Hamburg.

I am deeply concerned about the climate emergency the world is facing and know it is crucial that we all transition to renewable energy as rapidly as possible to avoid the worst impacts of global warming.

New York faces an uphill climb to reach its goals for carbon free electricity generation under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

It is crucial that we update and maintain the renewable resources already in place in addition to rapidly increasing further renewable resources.

The proposed upgrade and maintenance plan is positive, including increased production from the new turbines, improved bat and bird protection, a \$21 million investment and the increased revenues the turbines will provide for Erie County, Lackawanna, Hamburg and the Frontier Central and Lackawanna City school districts

Please approve this proposal.

Thank you.  
Diana Strablow  
Erie County Resident  
[dstrablow@gmail.com](mailto:dstrablow@gmail.com)

## Hocieniec, Carrie

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**From:** ECIDA Customer Service  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:47 AM  
**To:** Hocieniec, Carrie  
**Subject:** FW: Steel Wind II Replacement Project

**From:** Sara Schultz <healplanet2018@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** ECIDA Customer Service <info@ecidany.com>  
**Subject:** Steel Wind II Replacement Project

To: ECIDA  
November 18, 2019

I recently read about the Steel Winds Replacement Project. In light of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Report and the subsequent reports both from the U.S. and global scientists it is important to repair these wind turbines to lower our carbon output as much as possible. The company that wants to take over the turbines must understand that new technology will give these turbines, already in place, greater potential for energy production. Progress has also been made to mitigate bird and bat kills. Power plants, whether coal or methane, as well as nuclear are no longer an option if we are to meet our clean and safe energy goals stated in the CLCPA (Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act). Dirty energy is also a much greater threat to wildlife than renewable energy ever could be.

It is logical and smart to repair and use what already exists than to waste that resource already in place. Please approve this replacement project and bring this iconic, groundbreaking wind project back to life. The public is constantly hearing false narratives on wind energy from people who are afraid of a future they don't understand. If this project gets up and running and proves successful it will be easier to sway those in rural and



lake communities who are anti-wind. We desperately need this project as a model in our community.

It's a win/win for the county as well as for Erie Wind, LLC. Most importantly, it's a win for the planet!

Thank you for your attention,

Sara Schultz

Sara Schultz

Sierra Club Niagara Chair

Amherst Energy Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee Chair

716-913-9941