

RICHMONDVILLE COMMUNITY LETTER  
AGAINST  
INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES

The potential Industrial Wind Turbine project by Reunion Power LLC of Vermont to be placed on lands along Dodge Lodge, Cross Hill and Karker Roads and other potential project sites in Schoharie County.

Dear Richmondville Town Supervisor and Town Board Members:

I am submitting this to express my opposition to industrial wind turbines. I support our nation's goals of returning America to energy independence. The town of Richmondville should encourage individual initiatives, harnessing wind energy through the use of small residential and agricultural wind turbines whose height and size do not spoil the natural beauty of Schoharie region and all other individual energy conservation efforts. I believe that over 400 foot tall industrial wind turbines are inappropriate for our community.

The Town & Village of Richmondville Comprehensive Plan adopted February 2007 states under Goals/Objectives/Actions; Goal 1: Protect the rural character and small town atmosphere ... while promoting appropriate economic development. Placing even a single industrial wind turbine in Richmondville will mar our physical beauty for decades to come and countermand this primary Goal.

Industrial scale wind turbines raise many other serious concerns. Wind turbines decrease property values and devalue homes. The noise and flicker from industrial turbine operation can be detrimental to resident's health and wildlife habitats. Environmental damage is caused to roads and water supply by the construction of turbines and clear cutting the ridge line for their placement and road access.

People are drawn to this area because of the magnificent setting and rural beauty.

I urge the Town Board to:

- adhere to the existing Zoning laws,
- follow the guidelines and objectives laid out in the town's Comprehensive Plan
- protect the viewscape, economy, environment and health by prohibiting the development of Industrial Wind Turbines in Richmondville.

Sincerely,

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