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# Windustry E-Newsletter

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## Earth Day 2009

Even one person can make a difference with Community Wind

[Earth Day 2009](#) on April 22 marks the beginning of The Green Generation Campaign™, a two-year initiative that will culminate on the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day in 2010. The Green Generation is open to people of all ages: consumers who are committed to buying green; community leaders who are focused on greening their communities; those who work in green jobs; scientists and engineers who develop new green technologies; and governments that seek to implement policies and support research that will build a green economy and a sustainable, green planet. The Green Generation's core principles are:



- A carbon-free future based on renewable energy that will end our common dependency on fossil fuels.
- An individual's commitment to responsible, sustainable consumption.
- Creation of a new green economy that lifts people out of poverty by creating millions of quality green jobs and transforms the global education system into a green one.

With a green generation, even one person can make a difference with Community Wind. Windustry envisions a green generation where farmers, ranchers, tribes, and schools develop and own wind projects; a green generation that turns electricity consumers into producers, strengthens our national security, and supports main street economies; and a green generation that empowers communities to build their own wind projects.

## U.S. Wind Energy Grew by 50% in 2008

United States leads the world with 25,300 MW capacity



In 2008 U.S. wind energy grew by over 8,500 megawatts (MW) of new wind power capacity, increasing the nation's cumulative total by 50% to over 25,300



MW, pushing the U.S. above Germany as the country with the largest amount of wind power capacity installed, according to a new report from the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA). Iowa surged past California into second place in the U.S. adding nearly 1600 MW to more than double its wind power generating capacity, with Texas still the leader in wind project capacity.

The top five states in terms of capacity installed are:

- Texas, with 7,118 MW
- Iowa, with 2,791 MW
- California, with 2,517 MW
- Minnesota, with 1,754 MW
- Washington, with 1,447 MW

Both Iowa and Minnesota now get over 7% of their electricity needs from wind, with Minnesota ranking first with 7.48% followed closely by Iowa with 7.1%. Wind projects boost local tax bases, helping to pay for schools, roads and hospitals, according to the report. Wind projects also revitalize the economy of rural communities by providing steady income to farmers and other landowners.

[Read more and download a copy](#) of *The American Wind Energy Association Annual Wind Industry Report for 2008*.



## Help Community Wind Grow

Thanks to all who became a Friend of Windustry

Thank you to all who became a [Friend of Windustry!](#) Your tax-deductible financial donations help Windustry grow Community Wind across the nation as we

provide education, information, networking and advocacy to individuals and communities seeking to develop their own wind projects. Just in the last several months Windustry has visited the Dakotas, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Colorado, California and Washington D.C. to promote Community Wind as a robust engine for economic development and community empowerment. We could not extend our reach this far, and this effectively, without the support of Friends of Windustry such as the folks receiving these Newsletters. *Thank you.*



Find out how you can [Become a Friend of Windustry](#) and help Community Wind grow.

## Living Green Expo

Visit Windustry at the Expo & enter to win a Framed Poster

The 8th Annual Living Green Expo at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds on May 2-3, 2009 will feature over 250 exhibitors

Save it, try it,  
learn it, buy it.



who offer practical advice on how to make effective, sustainable choices. Over 25,000 Minnesota residents will attend the Expo to learn and take action to better protect the environment and lead healthier, more sustainable lives. The expo includes workshops about making good choices, using less energy, shifting toward renewable sources, and generally reducing the associated environmental impacts to our air, water, and land.

Living Green Expo

May 2-3, 2009  
State Fairgrounds, St. Paul

Windustry will again be an exhibitor at the Living Green Expo to provide information and answer questions about how Community Wind empowers communities to develop and own wind energy as an environmentally sustainable asset. Visit Windustry at the Expo, and enter a drawing to win one of three framed Windustry posters. *(The drawing is open only to Expo attendees.)*

Admission to the Living Green Expo is free. Secure bike storage is available, and Metro Transit is offering free rides to the Expo using the Go Greener Pass. Visit [www.livinggreen.org](http://www.livinggreen.org) for more information on exhibitors, workshops and activities.

## Windspiration

Which noted Minnesota poet translated the poem "The Wind, One Brilliant Day" by Spanish poet Antonio Machado?



### **The Wind, One Brilliant Day**

The wind, one brilliant day, called  
to my soul with an odor of jasmine.

"In return for the odor of my jasmine,  
I'd like all the odor of your roses."

"I have no roses; I have no flowers left now  
in my garden . . . All are dead."

"Then I'll take the waters of the fountain, and the yellow  
leaves and the dried-up petals."

The wind left. . . . I wept. I said to my soul,  
"What have you done with the garden entrusted to you?"

[Find out at Windspiration](#)

## On the Windustry Trail...

Windustry staff have been busy working on Community Wind:

- We exhibited at the **5th National 25x'25 Summit** in Arlington, VA and presented on "The Opportunity of Community Wind."
- We cosponsored the **Right of Way Agent Development Symposium for Wind Energy** at Oklahoma State University and presented on "Wind Energy Basics."

- We participated in **Landowner Forums** in Grand Marais and Grand Rapids, Minnesota.
- We participated in **Super Science Saturday** at the Bakken Museum.

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