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→ Community Wind in Canada

The New Brunswick provincial government released a preliminary report that outlines recommendations for a community wind program, concluding that there is a significant wind resource across the province and that communities want to be involved in the development. In preparing the report, the community wind energy initiative held ten public consultation sessions through the province to inform citizens on community wind energy, identify the barriers, obstacles and development of community wind projects in New Brunswick and measure the level of interest.

The report recommends that the government implement the program with an initial allocation of 100MW in a pilot phase and increased in subsequent phases. The initiative also recommends that individual wind farms developed through this program should have a maximum of 15MW and that the sale of the energy should happen through Standard Offer Contracts, or Feed-In Tariffs. The report also outlines recommendations for keeping the economic benefits local and within the province. You can read a summary of the report [here](#) and the full text is available as a .pdf file [here](#).

→ Wind Energy Agreements

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A recent article in the Omaha World-Herald highlighted the recent increase in landowners being approached by wind developers in Nebraska. The article posed the question: without an industry standard, how can a landowner know when a contract they've been given to sign is a good contract? It ultimately boils down to reading every word in the document and talking with a knowledgeable lawyer. Because of the complexity involved in developing a commercial-scale wind farm, landowners need to do their homework on what they will both gain and lose in signing any wind contract. You can find the article online [here](#).

Windustry has been working to help educate landowners on their rights and responsibilities when it comes to signing a wind energy easement or lease agreement. For more information and for Windustry's Wind Lease and Easement Package, click [here](#).

Community Wind on Contaminated Lands

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging the development of wind and other renewable energy projects on currently and formerly contaminated lands and mining sites. The EPA has identified 170 contaminated sites that have potential for community wind project development. These sites have many attributes that make renewable energy development desirable: often located in areas where aesthetic opposition will be minimal, transmission lines and infrastructure is already there, help reduce the demand for green land to be used, and the brownfield areas may be unsuitable for traditional redevelopment. For more information and resources, point your browser to the [EPA's website](#).

(For a spreadsheet of all lands identified by EPA for renewable energy development, click [here](#))

Collaborative Wind Organization in Iowa

The Iowa Alliance for Wind Innovation and Novel Development (IAWIND) is a partnership with federal, state, and local governments, community colleges, universities, the private sector, and associations. It is a state-wide effort to support the development of wind energy in Iowa through interaction among all the entities involved as well as through facilitation of the research and training needs of wind energy companies. The Iowa University College of Engineering is a leader in the formation of this organization. Recently the IU College of Engineering announced an agreement with Iowa Lakes Community College to allow some Iowa Lakes students to transfer to IU - specifically students enrolled in the Iowa Lakes Wind Energy and Turbine Technology program. For the press release on the agreement, click [here](#). For more information on IAWIND, their website can be found [here](#).



On the Wind Energy Trail...

Here's where Windustry staff have been lately:

- Windustry presented to 5th and 6th graders at the [South Central Service Cooperative](#) Science and Nature Conference at Gustavus College on Tuesday October 21st. "The Power of Wind" workshop featured interactive activities to inspire learning about wind projects, green energy and energy conservation.
- Staff member Melissa Peterson was in Newfolden, MN on Wednesday October 22nd as part of a "Landowner Forum". Over 100 landowners attended and learned about ways they can participate in wind energy development opportunities. The event was put on by [Windustry](#) in collaboration with [SWIF](#) and [NWRDC](#).
- On October 21, Windustry's Executive Director Lisa Daniels presented at the "Increasing Energy Diversity and Independence: Growing Wind Power Generation in Maine" conference held in Presque Isle, ME.

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