



1. First, I have a general question about wind energy. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each statement about wind turbines?

| Wind turbines...                         | <u>Strongly Agree</u>    | <u>Agree</u>             | <u>Disagree</u>          | <u>Strongly Disagree</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ...create jobs.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...disrupt bird migration.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...create noise pollution.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...produce visual or aesthetic problems. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...provide revenues for land owners.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...disrupt local weather patterns.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...cause human health problems.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...preserve rural land.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...help limit climate change.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...reduce nearby property values.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. For the rest of the questions, please think about the property you own in **Richland Township**. How long have you owned property in this township?

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

If you owned property in this township **before** the first wind turbines were built, go to Q4.



**Answer only if you bought your property after the turbines were built.**

3. Which of the following best describes the impact that the presence of the windfarm had on your decision to purchase property in this township?

It made me more interested in buying the property.

It made me less interested in buying the property.

It had no impact on my decision.

**Now skip to Q8 on page 2**

4. When did you first hear that wind turbines were coming to this township?

- Before the first public announcement (for example, at a township/county meeting or in the newspaper)
- At the time of the first public announcement
- When construction began
- After the windfarm began operating

5. From whom did you first learn turbines were coming to Richland Township?

- Newspaper
- Family member
- Neighbor
- Wind developer
- Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

6. During the planning phase of the project, what was your primary source of information about wind energy?

- Word-of-mouth (e.g., neighbors, family members)
- Wind developer
- The township government
- Local newspaper
- The internet
- Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

7. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the windfarm planning process in Richland Township?

|  | <b>Strongly<br/>Agree</b> | <b>Agree</b>             | <b>Disagree</b>          | <b>Strongly<br/>Disagree</b> |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| I had ample opportunity to provide input during the wind project planning stage.                         | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>     |
| The wind project developer acted openly and transparently throughout the planning process.               | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>     |
| Community input influenced the outcome of the wind project (e.g. the location or number of turbines).    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>     |
| Local government officials' decisions about the wind project were in the best interests of our township. | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>     |
| The wind developer did not keep the promises they made during the planning process.                      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>     |

8. About how many turbines can you see from your property in Richland Township?

\_\_\_\_\_ TURBINES

9. Can you hear any wind turbine(s) from your property?

- Yes                       No

10. Did you receive any direct payment from a wind energy project in the last year (e.g., lease/easement payment, royalty payment, participation/"friendly neighbor" payment, etc.)?

- Yes                       No (**GO TO Q15**)

11. What sort of compensation? [*check all that apply*]

- Lease/easement payment
- Royalty payment
- Participation / "Friendly neighbor" payment

12. About how much did you receive in total in the last year?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 10,000 - 19,999    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000 – 2,999  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20,000 - 29,999    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 3,000 – 5,999  | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$30,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 6,000 – 9,999  |  |

13. What impact has this income had on your family's finances?

- None **(SKIP Q14)**
- Little
- Some
- A great deal

14. Please briefly describe how you use the income from the wind energy project.

15. Thinking about the wind turbines in Richland Township, what effect do you think they have had on...

|  | <b>Greatly Improved</b>  | <b>Somewhat Improved</b> | <b>Neither Improved nor Worsened</b> | <b>Somewhat Worsened</b> | <b>Greatly Worsened</b>  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ...local schools?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...roads in your community?                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...relationships with neighbors?             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...services provided by the township?        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...services provided by the county?          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...quality of life in the township, overall? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

16. Assuming there were suitable locations for them, how much would you support or oppose additional wind turbines being sited...

|                                    | <b>Strongly Support</b>  | <b>Somewhat Support</b>  | <b>Neither Support nor Oppose</b> | <b>Somewhat Oppose</b>   | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ...within a mile of your property? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...elsewhere in the township?      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...elsewhere in the state?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about Richland Township?

|   | <b>Strongly Agree</b>    | <b>Agree</b>             | <b>Disagree</b>          | <b>Strongly Disagree</b> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| I value the scenic beauty of the township.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I value the good farming soils in the township. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I value the wildlife in the township.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

18. Which of the following describes the type of land you own in this township? [*check all that apply*]

- Primary residence
- Secondary residence / Vacation home
- Rental housing unit
- Recreational land
- Investment property
- Farmland
- Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

19. Is farming the primary occupation for anyone in your household?

- Yes  No

20. In what year were you born? 19 \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

***As a small token of thanks, I'd be happy to send you the results of this study.***

21. How would you like to receive the research results from this survey?

- U.S. Mail
- Email. My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Neither. No need to send me the results.

If you have any additional thoughts about the impact of wind energy on your community, please share them here.

ID: 4362 This ID number is used so that we don't bother you again once you return the survey. Your survey answers will remain completely anonymous. See project information sheet for more details.