



Town of Forest Works to Stop Dangerous Project

Small town in Wisconsin is not backing down to protect its citizens from the potential dangers of Highland Wind Farm

FOREST, Wis. (August 21, 2019)---The town of Forest wants Leeward Energy to stop moving forward with the Highland Wind Farm Project. It has created a [website](#) and [change.org](#) petition to help spread its message. Highland Wind Farm is a \$250 million dollar project through Dallas, Texas-based, Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC. It would lead to 44, nearly 500 ft. wind turbines in the town of Forest, intermixing turbines with homes. In the more than ten year process of this project, Forest has repeatedly told the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (Intervened) it is against the turbines because of the proven detrimental health impacts it could have on its citizens. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission, although initially denying the developer's application, ultimately reversed it's position and granted the multi-million dollar developer its CPCN application in this controversial project. After several years of litigation, the Wisconsin State Court of Appeals and the State Supreme Court have denied Forest's further appeals.

There are only 628 people in the town of Forest. Despite the developer's apparent continued intent to develop the wind farm project, the town and its residents are intent that the project will never be built. That is why Forest has taken matters into its own hands and has already spent more than half-a-million-dollars to fight this project. Forest is not against green or renewable energy. It is against the [proven health impacts](#) massive wind turbines can have on the residents surrounding them. Some of those include insomnia, anxiety, headaches, nausea, and in rare cases even thoughts of suicide.

Forest has seen how wind projects have become nightmares for counties, cities and towns, time and time again. In 2011, the Shirley Wind Farm, which included 8 turbines, were installed in Brown County, Wisconsin. In 2014, due to the massive amount of health complaints, the Brown County board of health declared the wind farm a "[human health hazard.](#)" At least 3 families testified at the Public Service Commission that they vacated their homes because they couldn't take the impacts of the wind turbines. Dozens more have publicly testified about the impacts of the turbines. **In Brown County there are EIGHT turbines, in Forest, there would be FORTY-FOUR.**



“We should not have to be exposed to excessive noise, shadow flicker, infrasound, stray voltage. We love farming and country life that is why we stayed on the farm for 50 years,” said Forest resident Doris Schmidt. “If a wind farm is built here, everything will forever be changed. It will no longer be the place to come for big family get-togethers. If we get stray voltage, our animals could die. It will be no fun working the farm fields with shadow flicker strobing all over our land.” This is just one of the countless personal accounts from residents as to why they don’t want the Highland Wind Farm to continue. The website forestwindtruth.org has more on the residents of Forest.

To learn more, visit forestwindtruth.org or go to change.org to sign the petition.

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