

# EXHIBIT 3

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COUNTY OF

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Nov. 11, 2017

(signature)

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day of

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Notary's signature

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COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 20, 2020

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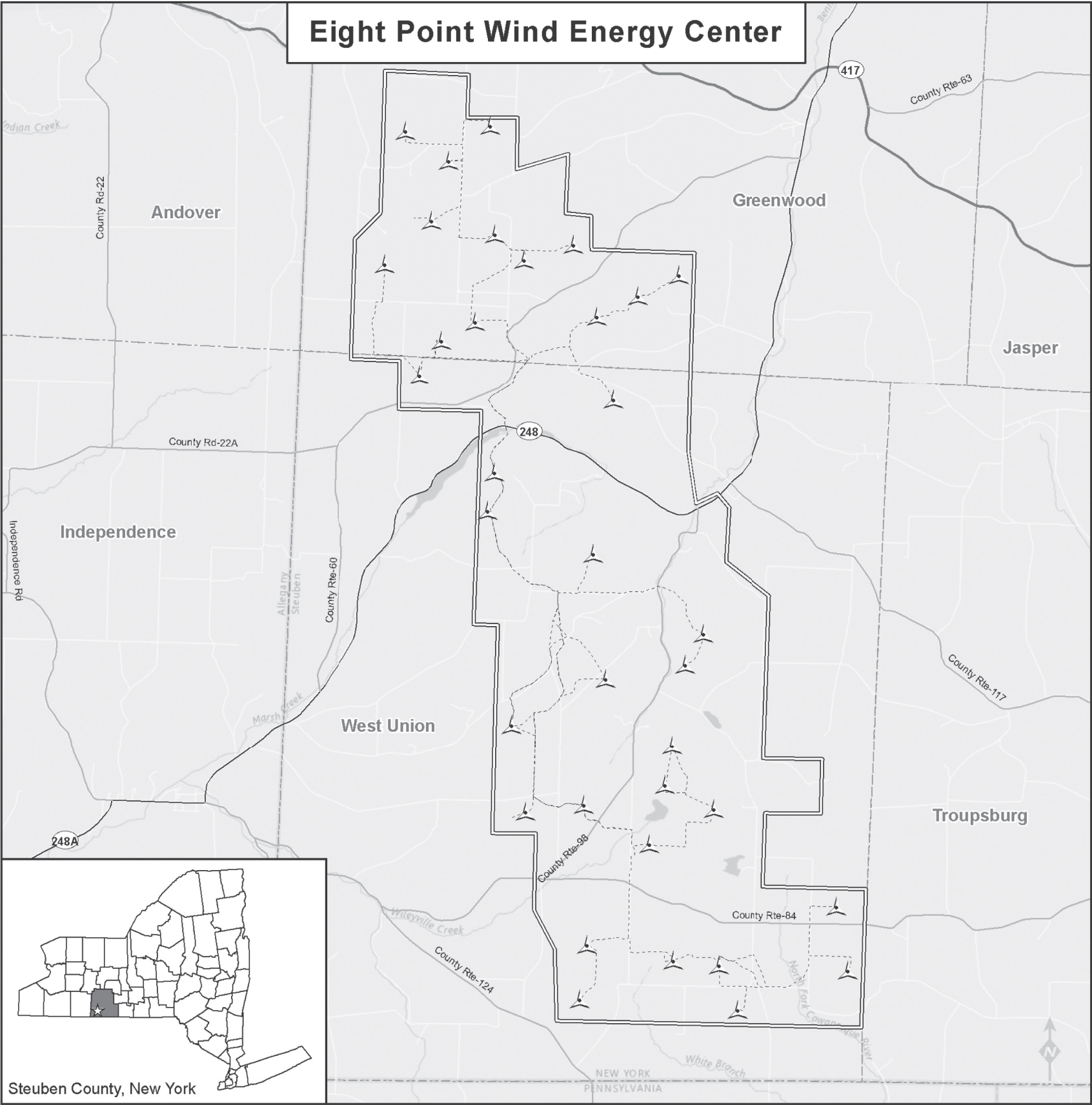
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Teresa Rounselle  
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Sworn to before me on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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JESSICA A SMITH  
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STATE BRIEFS

Man charged with murder in fatal Buffalo shooting

BUFFALO (AP) — A 30-year-old man is due back in court this week after he was arraigned over the weekend on murder charges stemming from a fatal shooting outside a Buffalo bar. Jeremy Wright was arraigned in Buffalo City Court on Saturday morning and was ordered held without bail in the Erie County Jail pending a court appearance Thursday.

Authorities say Wright and 37-year-old Saleem Merukeb, of Buffalo, got into a fight early on the morning of Nov. 3 outside a bar on Allen Street in the city's popular Allentown neighborhood. Police say Wright left the scene, then returned with a gun and shot Merukeb

multiple times. His family says Merukeb was the father of two children. A phone message left Monday with Wright's attorney, Brian Parker, wasn't returned.

Police seek cause of crash that killed NYC man

NASSAU, N.Y. (AP) — State police say they're investigating the cause of a two-vehicle crash on a rural upstate road that claimed the life of a New York City man. Troopers say 86-year-old William Winter, of the Bronx, was driving east on state Route 20 around 5:30 p.m.

Saturday when for an unknown reason he crossed the center line in the Rensselaer County town of Nassau, about 10

miles southeast of Albany. Police say Winters' car collided head-on with another vehicle. Troopers say he was pronounced dead at the scene.

An 87-year-old woman riding with Winters was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment of injuries to her upper body. The 57-year-old woman driving the other vehicle was treated at the same hospital for chest, arm, and knee pain.

Golisano's lawsuit for yacht decorating tab goes to trial

ROCHESTER (AP) — Billionaire Thomas Golisano is going to court over the interior decorator's bill for his \$80 million yacht. The Democrat and Chronicle reports that the former Buffalo Sabres



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the trial starts Monday in a Rochester court. His wife, former tennis star Monica Seles, is also expected to take the stand. The civil lawsuit claims the decorator overcharged Golisano, an Alfred State College graduate, by more than \$300,000 on an \$845,000 tab for work done on the interior of The Laurel, Golisano's 240-foot Florida-based yacht. The decorator claims Golisano was given the same deal on the yacht as she gave him on his suburban Rochester home. Golisano, founder of a Rochester-based payroll

owner and three-time candidate for New York governor is expected to testify when

services company, has his main residence in Florida.

Police: 11-year-old injured in ATV crash

ONTARIO (AP) — Authorities in upstate New York say an 11-year-old boy has been injured in an all-terrain vehicle crash. WHAM-TV reports the crash happened in Ontario around 7 p.m. Sunday. Authorities say 50-year-old Frederick Barres was driving around his property with his nephew when he lost control of the ATV. Police say Barres and the child were ejected from the vehicle. Barres was taken to a hospital and treated for minor injuries. Police say the child suffered a concussion in the crash and was airlifted to a hospital. No further details were immediately released.

Small explosion results in arson charges for Rexville man

Staff reports

GENESEE, Pa. — Coudersport-based Pennsylvania State Police Monday reported the arrest of a Rexville man on arson and burglary charges for an incident that occurred Nov. 6 in Genesee, Pa.

Twenty-two-year-old Aaron Whitesell allegedly entered an RV owned by David Kelly of Bingham, Pa. on Grover Hollow Road in Genesee at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 6.

While inside the RV, Whitesell allegedly caused a small explosion, which caught the RV on fire. Whitesell was located near the scene and charged with burglary, arson, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

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# NYS recruiting new corrections officers

**Next Civil Service exam for positions set for Feb. 3, 2018**

From staff reports

ELMIRA — The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) is currently undertaking a statewide correction officer recruitment effort, State Sen. Tom O’Mara, a Republican from Big Flats, is reminding area residents that.

A state Civil Service examination to fill new positions has been scheduled for

Feb. 3, 2018. Anyone interested in taking the exam must file an application by Wednesday, Dec. 13.

“A New York state correction officer performs an admirable public service and plays a vital, indispensable role within our correctional facilities. It’s a difficult, demanding and sometimes dangerous occupation, but it has provided a meaningful and worthwhile livelihood for thousands of New Yorkers,” O’Mara said. “New York state’s correction officers are among our bravest, most dedicated, respected and valuable public

servants.”

According to DOCCS, a correction officer trainee’s starting salary is currently \$40,590 annually. The salary increases to \$42,695 after six months. Following the successful completion of a one-year training, the salary increases to \$48,889 per year.

Interested applicants must be at least 21 years old, a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma, a United States citizen, and, at the time of appointment, a resident of New York State.

Correction Officers fill the

majority of the jobs within DOCCS. In addition to passing the written Civil Service examination, applicants must undergo extensive medical, psychological and background reviews. Then positions are located throughout New York state in the department’s various facilities where officers are responsible for the custody, security, and safety of inmates.

O’Mara said that interested applicants can apply on-line or download examination information and applications at the state Department of Civil Service website.

## LOCAL

### Street sweeping ends Tuesday

HORNELL — The City of Hornell Department of Public Works has announced that the 2017 street-sweeping season will end as of Tuesday morning, Nov. 14. The parking ban on city streets that had been in place during the street-sweeping season is no longer in effect. Residents are also asked to not rake leaves into the streets. If you need assistance in getting them to the yard waste site, please bag the leaves and place them at the curb for pick-up.

### Estate planning workshop scheduled

BATH — Estate planning today is more complicated than it has

ever been. Often, mistakes in a plan are not discovered until someone has passed on. Unfortunately, then it is too late. Take an informational look at planning with Revocable Living Trusts in a free workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 1-3 p.m. at the Dormann Library, 101 West Morris St., Bath.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County again partners with Patrick Roth, elder law attorney, CPA from Corning, to lead this workshop. Learn the truth about the hidden costs of a Will based estate plan that no one talks about.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 to reserve a space.

## HOSPITAL REPORTS

**St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell**  
**Visiting:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.  
**Admitted:** Norman Pike,

Hornell  
**Discharged:** None Reported  
**Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, Bath**

**Visiting:** 1-8:30 p.m.  
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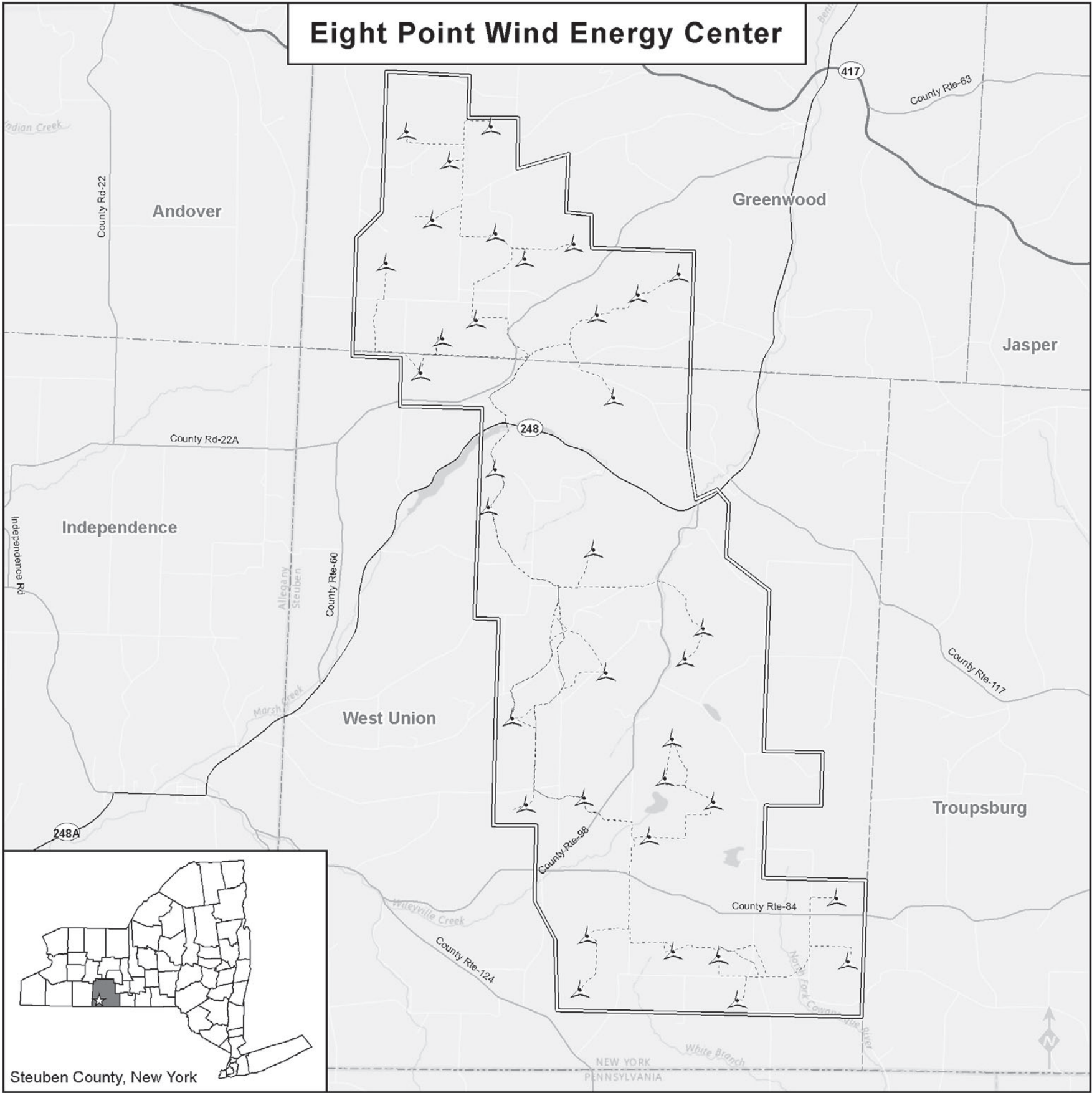
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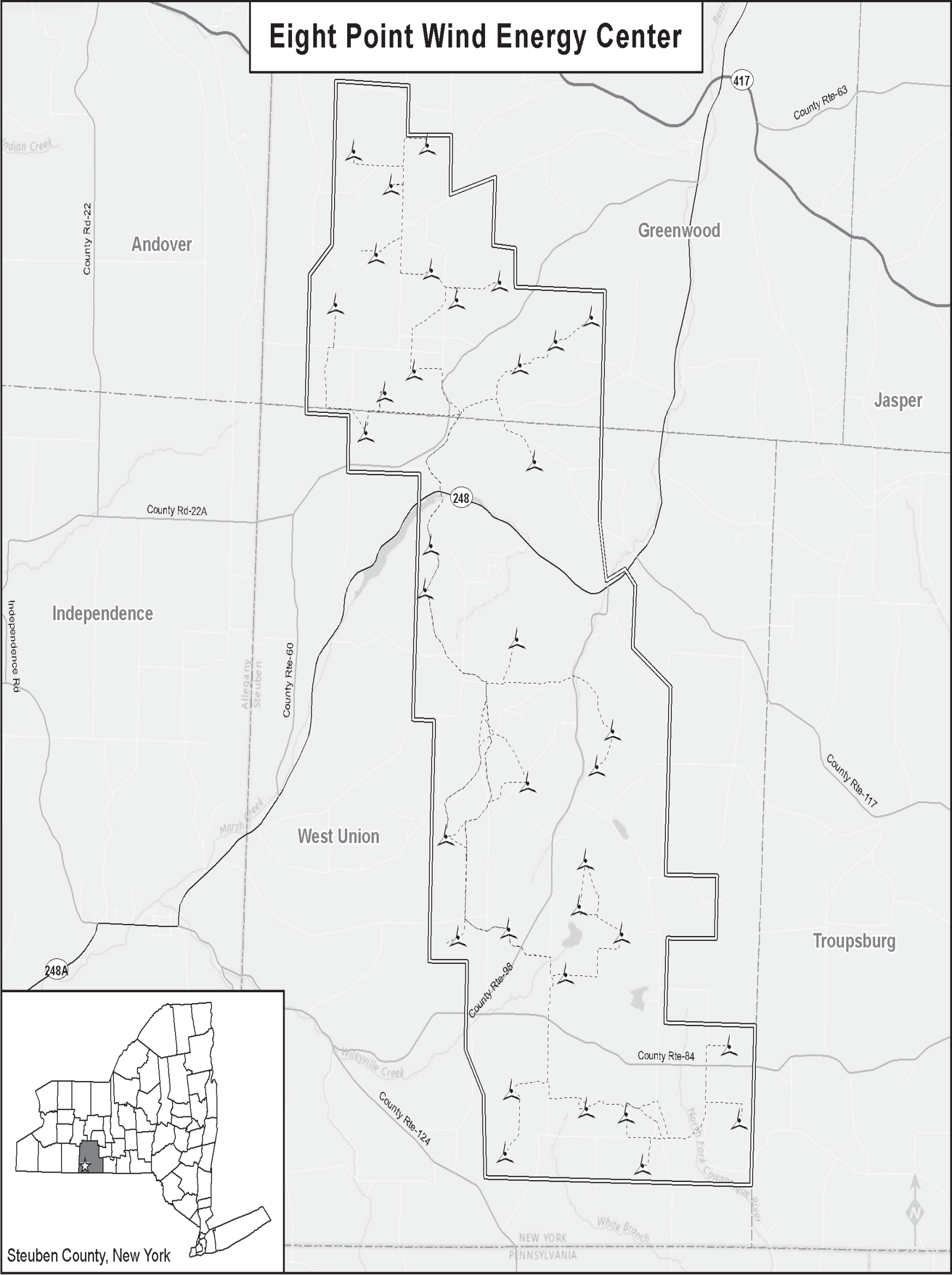
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## FIRE

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Dexter and Faith Benedict were awakened at 5 a.m Nov. 1 by the barking of their dog, Leo. Faith rose from bed and looked out the window to see their studio, barely 25 yards from their house, awash in flames stretching 50 feet high. The building housed both their studios — Fire Works Foundry & Fire Works Pottery, for Dexter’s metal sculptures and Faith’s ceramics, for over 40 years on Baker Road in Milo. It also contained a lifetime of collected works from other artists and treasured examples of their students’ work.

Ten fire companies responded to the 911 call. Penn Yan FD received mutual aid at the scene from Bellona, Benton, Branchport-Keuka Park, Dundee, Himrod, Tyrone, and Wayne. West Lake Road FD set up to fill tankers at the nearest hydrant in Horizon Business Park in Penn Yan, 5 1/2 miles away. Potter FD provided standby at Penn Yan’s firehouse, and Watkins Glen FD did the same for Dundee.

Despite the response, the studio was a total loss, with damage to other out-buildings. Dexter had several high profile commissions nearing completion that were totally destroyed. One, a life-sized mule destined for Fairport, and second, two busts of famed abolitionist and slave rescuer Harriet Tubman, and William Seward, Lincoln’s Secretary of State responsible for the purchase of Alaska, destined for the Schenectady City Library. The over \$30,000 in advances for materials is dwarfed by the loss of Dexter’s time in sculpting those works. Beyond newly purchased materials for her work, Faith lost her potter’s wheel and most significantly, a new electric kiln. Also destroyed were Dexter’s workhorse Jeep, a recently restored VW Beetle hotrod, a sailboat, plus multiple pieces of outdoor equipment, as well as many of Faith’s paintings and family possessions including holiday decorations and mementos kept in a storage building. Dexter was able to move their vintage Triumph Spitfire sports car out of a nearby building and away from the flames.

With aluminum sculptures reduced to mere puddles of molten metal and bronze sculptures deformed, the Benedicts say temperatures in the fire must have exceeded 1,900 degrees. The Penn Yan FD was recalled to the scene later in the day, when the fire rekindled in the ruins. While undetermined, the Yates County Fire Investigators believe it may have originated from a propane leak in one of the building’s heaters, recently restarted for the colder weather.

Dexter and Faith say how grateful they are to the firefighters who risk their safety for others. But they are also aware how lucky they were that recent rains had dampened the forest surrounding their home, and that a rare south wind kept the flames from spreading to their nearby house. Dexter says forge and the older gas ceramics kiln may be salvageable.

Good luck also lent itself to saving some of the work feared lost. When Faith’s ruined kiln was opened, the dozen or so large pieces she had recently fired were found completely untouched, insulated this time by the flames out-

side the kiln. And one of Dexter’s commissions that was due the Monday after the fire was also found unharmed. With the use of fellow metal artist Don Sottile’s studio on Himrod Road, Dexter was able to finish the bronze piece for the University of Rochester’s “Cancer Researcher of the Year Award” just in time.

While somewhat chagrined by the fate of having lost over four decades of work and so many future works destroyed or delayed by the fire, Faith and Dexter are quick to point to the far more devastating losses suffered by others in the California wildfires. They are also thankful for the quickly arrived help of their three daughters, Heather, Cindi, and Susan, and Dexter’s brother Dan who has come in from Hawaii.

Once the insurance investigators complete the claim, the Benedict’s vow they will rebuild, and the Fire Works Studios’ open house gallery that had been planned for early December will take place as a thank you for those who have shown support.

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Eight Point Wind, LLC (the “Applicant”), a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, is proposing to construct the Eight Point Wind Energy Center (the “Project”), under Article 10 of the N.Y. Public Service Law (“PSL”). This notice announces that on or about November 17, 2017, the Applicant will file an Application pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (“Siting Board”) authorizing the construction and operation of the Project under Article 10.

The Project will have a maximum generating capability of approximately 101.8 megawatts (MW) from up to 31 wind turbines located on land either leased or purchased from owners of private property located in the Towns of Greenwood and West Union in Steuben County, New York. In addition to the wind turbines, the Project components will include access roads, a collection substation, mostly underground 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collection lines, up to two permanent meteorological towers, temporary staging/laydown areas, and an operations and maintenance (“O&M”) building that will include a site for parking and storage areas and will support the permanent O&M staff. An approximately 16.5-mile overhead 115 kV transmission line will be constructed to interconnect to the existing New York State Electric and Gas Corporation’s 115 kV Bennett Substation in Hornellsville, New York. Because the transmission line is greater than 100 kV and the length exceeds 10 miles, it will be permitted separately under Article VII of the PSL. Therefore, the need for, and environmental impact of, the 115 kV transmission line associated with the Project will not be evaluated in the Article 10 Application. See the map below for the location of the Project.

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The Applicant has sought to avoid, offset, or minimize any impacts associated with the Project, a zero emission wind energy facility. However, as described in the Application, the construction and operation of the Project may result in minor environmental impacts, including but not limited to: impacts on terrestrial ecology; temporary, local and minor air impacts from the operation of equipment and vehicles during construction; minor impacts to ground and surface water during construction; minor impacts to avian and bat species habitats; visual impacts and minor traffic impacts during construction, as more fully described in the Application.

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**AVOCA**

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in the Avoca Central bus garage between noon and 9 p.m. A Facilities Committee of representatives including “students, faculty, staff, community members and the school board have been meeting with architects to develop a capital project that will update the campus and help prepare for the next phase of education at Avoca Central,” Superintendent Stephen Saxton told board members this week.

Planning began with the State Education Department-mandated Building Condition Survey conducted in 2015. The survey, conducted every five years, helps assure school buildings and campuses “are up-to-date and safe,” Saxton said.

Components of the proposed capital project plan include “many repairs, such as roofing, most of which has outlived its useful life; site work, including the athletic fields, and in the school, where dozens of items need to be ad-

ressed,” Saxton said.

Athletic field projects include the 17-year-old running track with a surface that typically lasts 15 years; user-friendly bleachers; handicapped accessibility, such as paving gravel walkways that are inaccessible for wheelchair-bound spectators; constructing bathrooms, and providing a water supply to the concession stand,” Saxton said.

Maintenance projects in the school building include updating heating-ventilation- air conditioning (HVAC) units; an HVAC computer management system to control classroom environments; retrofitting the pre-kindergarten area to make restroom areas handicap accessible, and installing a back-up power generator to replace the battery system that provides about 10 minutes of battery power after an electrical outage, the superintendent said.

A focus of upgrading will include the school library with almost immovable tables that should be replaced. Saxton said the stolid facility “is as userfriendly” as a law library.

“More flexible spaces will enable our

440 students to study robotics, high-tech agriculture, plus science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses,” he said.

“The space needs to look inviting, like a college library where the environment welcomes students and encourages them to think about jobs and careers that haven’t been developed yet,” he said.

The superintendent said the Facilities Committee “understands we can’t afford every project people desire and prioritized proposed work. Board President Megan Hubbard said “Only priorities one and two are included in the proposal.” Examples of necessary work includes the replacement of student lockers “which have been here since the beginning of time,” she said.

Board members approved spending \$617,230 from the existing capital reserve fund to offset any increase in the tax levy, District Treasurer Gay Fairbrother said. She noted that almost every component of the project, except the concession stands, will be eligible for 90 percent state aid.

Board members in June created another capital reserve fund for the deposit of up to \$1 million during the next 10 years to insure funds will be available for future projects, Fairbrother said.

Architect Brian Trott from Clark Patterson Lee Architects and Engineers plus Andy Billotte from Welliver Construction Management estimated construction could begin in 2019, if residents approve the project next month. Both said building material costs could increase during that period but project estimations have considered those likely hikes.

Board members also unanimously approved the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), assuring the project “will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts,” the resolution said.

In another matter, Saxton also told board members he recently “submitted an application to the State Education Department to create an Agriculture Education program” at Avoca.

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