



# Ontario Bays Initiative, Inc.

An Eastern Lake Ontario Conservancy

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## Ontario Bays Initiative's statement on the proposed Horse Creek Industrial Wind Farm

The Board of Directors of Ontario Bays Initiative wishes to place the following items on the record in regard to this proposed project:

- OBI is a non-profit land trust serving the northeastern Lake Ontario basin of New York.
- Our missions are the protection and management of biodiversity and open space within our service area.
- A large portion of the larger Horse Creek Project is located within our service area.
- While we favor development of alternative energy sources, such development must be carefully located. These projects must not have significant impacts on sensitive Ecological and Economic resources.

Thus:

- It must be recognized that large scale renewable energy transform rural landscapes into industrial zones with widespread consequences for wildlife, natural communities, and human beings living in the region.
- We are concerned that this project poses unacceptable risks to the following :
  - Rare alvar natural communities and the karst geology that maintains them.
  - Birds and bats using the migratory corridors that pass through this region. Species, including over 250 bird species and at least three federally listed bats, as well as many state listed bird, bat and herptile species are present locally.
  - Economic disruptions to our tourism economy from impacts on the scenic beauty of the region.
  - Severe quality of life and economic impacts on local residents resulting from many factors including disruption of local groundwater, vibration through bedrock formations, and enhanced background noise.

For these and a myriad of other potential adverse impacts be it resolved that Ontario Bays Initiative is opposed to the development of any portion of the proposed Horse Creek Wind Farm.

Statement approved by the Ontario Bays Initiative Board on March 14, 2016.

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