



## The North Ridge Wind Project: NO public need & NOT wanted

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The North Ridge Wind Project is NOT WANTED! Nor has Avangrid/Iberdrola demonstrated that there is a PUBLIC NEED for it. Through the use of private leases the company is actually using a sort of eminent domain/condemnation against all residents within the project zone. With the trespass zoning that will take place many will lose free access to the portions of their own property. (DEFINITION of 'Condemnation' ... **Condemnation** often occurs when a taxpayer owns **property** or **real estate** in a place that has been designated for public use or construction. **Condemnation** is exercised by public authorities through the power of eminent domain. Google)

While some land owners have signed agreements with the company most have not and do not view the "project" as favorable for the community. Indeed the construction will occur on the property of the signees of such agreements, however the project will have intense and permanent impact on all residents of Hopkinton and nearby communities. Through the construction of easements and roads there will be an enormous loss of natural shields/treelines which will increase wind as well as erosion. The loss of forested areas decreases wildlife habitat as well as timber. The long term effects of deforestation are known and should be avoided. Along with construction of roads comes the pollution and general disturbance experienced by neighbors. Pile driving can have significant and devastating impacts on water supplies and has been experienced world wide.

There are currently communities worldwide who are being forced to deal with these consequences of the Wind Industry: Whitelee Wind Farm- Scotland, Chatham Kent-Ontario... for example.

Landowners within miles will be effected by low-frequency & infrasound, this will obviously cross tax map boundaries and needs to be avoided. The noise and shadow flicker which accompanies a wind turbine has devastated whole communities: Falmouth -Massachusetts, Shirley Wind Farm - Glennmore, Brown County, Wisconsin.

“**Shirley Wind** is a [wind farm](#) in the [Shirley](#) section of [Glenmore, Brown County, Wisconsin](#). The site, which opened in 2011, includes eight [Nordex 2.5 wind turbines](#), each about 500 feet (150 m) tall. Originally developed by [Emerging Energies LLC](#), it is owned by [Duke Energy](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

When the wind farm was built, the turbines were the tallest in the state of Wisconsin, and among the tallest in [North America](#).<sup>[2]</sup><sup>[3]</sup>

Following a study conducted in 2013,<sup>[4]</sup> the [Brown County Board of Health](#) declared the Shirley Wind Farm a “human health hazard” in 2014.<sup>[5]</sup><sup>[6]</sup><sup>[7]</sup><sup>[8]</sup> In 2015 the Brown County Health Director Chua Xiong said that there was insufficient scientific evidence to link wind turbines to illnesses experienced by residents.<sup>[9]</sup>” [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shirley...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shirley_Wind_Farm)

These companies will claim these projects present a solution to global warming and are for the greater good, this is a completely false assertion. There is endless documentation of environmental issues and Industrial Wind’s contribution to the global warming and overall environmental crisis.

The use of contracts by a small portion of communities to essentially bind whole communities with the turbine companies is a human rights violation. These companies are ruining health & safety worldwide under the guise of providing a needed energy, however this community-Hopkinton is not in need of their electricity.

The loss of our natural beauty and resources to deliver power to other areas is a travesty. The transmission lines will require a lot of land as well. The issues with these projects are far too great to continue the charade, this project is NOT for the greater good but it will be worth millions to a few individuals and a billion dollar foreign corporation.

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The leases are legally binding and extremely difficult to understand for many. The lease below is an extremely interesting read, it gives a very good picture of what we are dealing with and how little protection people have against large corporations.

To View an ATLANTIC WIND LEASE:

[https://docs.wind-watch.org/Atlanti...](https://docs.wind-watch.org/Atlantic_Wind_Lease.pdf)

For legal information regarding eminent domain:

[http://www.ownerscounsel.com/eminen...](http://www.ownerscounsel.com/eminent-domain/)

Understanding Wind Contracts:

[https://www.calt.iastate.edu/system...](https://www.calt.iastate.edu/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/111111/Understanding_Wind_Contracts.pdf)

[https://legalelectric.org/f/2009/07/w...](https://legalelectric.org/f/2009/07/wind-lease-agreements/)

Eminent Domain Abuse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qfz...>