

BEDFORD COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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December 15, 2020

Bedford Township Supervisors
1037 Shed Road
P. O. Box 148
Bedford, PA 15522

RE: Timely Update of Industrial Wind Turbine Ordinance

Dear Bedford Township Supervisors,

Please be advised that the Bedford County Development Association is in support of the township's timely update of its existing, 10-year-old industrial wind turbine ordinance.

BCDA's Mission Statement is "To improve quality of life in Bedford County through economic development while preserving our heritage and natural resources."

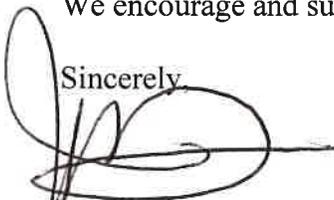
Preservation of our natural resources plays a major role in a local community's Quality of Life. We are seeing that Quality of Life is increasingly important in our efforts to recruit and attract new businesses to our area. Site selectors and commercial realtors are telling us that, especially given the pandemic lockdowns, these are key factors to many decision-makers seeking a great place for themselves - and their employees - to live and work.

In fact, we are pivoting our marketing efforts to highlight Bedford County's scenic beauty, outdoor recreation, historical significance, and peaceful, tranquil environment.

We appreciate the strong partnership that we have had with the township in the past as we worked together to recruit many important new businesses and employers. Please know that this issue is of critical importance for our future efforts.

We encourage and support your leadership in updating this ordinance.

Sincerely,



James Gonsman
Chair



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December 4, 2020

Bedford Township Supervisors
ATTN: Gregory Crist, Chairman
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RE: Proposed CPV Kettle Wind Project

Dear Chairman Crist:

I was dismayed to learn of the proposed wind project in Bedford County. In 2010, Preservation Pennsylvania placed the Dutch Corner Historic Agricultural District on our "Pennsylvania At Risk" list because of a similar project. Thankfully that proposal was withdrawn. The currently proposed industrial wind project on Dunning/Evitts Mountain is very concerning for its potential effect on this newly designated National Historic District.

As the statewide historic preservation advocacy group, we are not opposed to the use of wind as an energy source, but projects must be done responsibly and not cause harm to the character of the area, especially one that is a nationally-designated district. Gaining National Register status is a long process and only the very best historic resources are listed. The rural and pristine character of the Dutch Corner District is remarkable, and the possible intrusion of large wind turbines is alarming.

Please act carefully and consider adopting measures that would protect this highly significant resource and prevent projects like the COV Kettle Wind Project from advancing.

We are available to assist in any way to continue to speak to the significance of this landscape and the need to protect it in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mindy Gulden Crawford".

Mindy Gulden Crawford
Executive Director

December 4, 2020

Bedford Township Supervisors
1037 Shed Road
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I am writing regarding the possibility that wind turbine projects may soon be under consideration in Bedford County.

I prepared the documentation for the National Register nomination and listing for the Dutch Corner Historic Agricultural District. This letter explains why the authorities should carefully take into account the potential adverse effect of wind towers on the district.

The Dutch Corner Historic Agricultural District is the largest in the state. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015. The rigorous National Register nomination and listing process ensures that only the most significant resources receive this prestigious designation. In Pennsylvania, historic places must first be surveyed according to strict guidelines. Then they must be evaluated by professional staff at the state Preservation Office. Those that survive this initial winnowing process then must be documented more fully for review by the State Historic Preservation Board. This panel of experts is mandated by law to be an impartial body whose "members must meet minimum professional requirements and represent certain professional disciplines" such as history and architecture. After approval by the State Historic Preservation Board the nomination is forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register, who also may accept or reject the nomination. Only with the Keeper's approval is the property finally listed.

The Dutch Corner district received this honor because of its exceptional historic character. Of course the many historic farm buildings contribute to this fabric, but Dutch Corner is especially notable for its historic agricultural landscape. Farm woodlots, pastures, field sizes and shapes, contour plantings, fencing, roads, and farm lanes have persisted remarkably intact. They foster connection to the people who worked the land and shaped it through crop choices and cultural traditions.

When I first traveled to Dutch Corner to work on documentation, another characteristic that struck me immediately was the quiet. As a historian of Pennsylvania farming I have traveled all over the state in rural areas; nowhere, not even in more remote places, have I experienced such a calm, enclosed ambience. This is due partly to topography, but also to history -- to continuity with a quieter era. It is an important and rare quality that wind turbines would likely compromise.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Sally McMurry

Sally McMurry, Professor Emerita of History, Penn State University

OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS

November 3, 2020

Bedford Township Supervisors
1037 Shed Road
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RE: Save and Protect Our Mountain Ridges

Dear Bedford Township Supervisors:

It has come to my attention there is continued and renewed interest in constructing wind turbines on Bedford County mountain ridges, and that you, our township supervisors, are considering revisions to the existing Wind Turbine Ordinance. As General Manager of Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa, I go on record strongly against the construction of wind turbines within our Township and the resulting destruction of our leading tourism and revenue driver in the County.

Bedford Springs property is one of a few designated historic districts within Bedford County, and the encroachment of wind turbines will significantly impair the aesthetic and economic value of our surrounding countryside, adversely affecting our inherent competitive advantage in attracting tourism. The resulting destruction of hillsides due to construction, added noise and visual distractions, and endangerment of wildlife will all degrade the value of the offerings that fuel a growing tourism and hospitality industry. Our bucolic countryside helps attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to Bedford County annually, and as a community we cannot afford to lose the momentum we have gained since opening Bedford Springs in 2007. Wind turbines added to our beautiful mountain ridges will become a wall that deters tourism as well as economic development by downgrading the aesthetic appeal we are so fortunate to enjoy.

Thank you for considering our concerns, and we encourage you help protect our natural resources that contribute so strongly to our prosperity, growth and quality of life in Bedford County.

Sincerely,



Bill Liedholm
General Manager
Bedford Springs Resort and Spa

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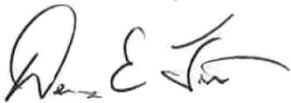
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I recently learned that individuals, trying to cash in on government funding incentives, are proposing to build wind turbines on Bedford County Mountains. "These wind turbines will save the world", is a noble sounding claim, but is belied by the obvious lack of concern for the devastation to our little piece of this planet.

I am the Director of the Bedford County Visitors Bureau and tourism is a huge part of our local economy. Our most valuable tourism asset, the number one thing I have to promote, is our rural beauty. Massive wind turbines atop our ridges will destroy that valuable asset.

The scars on the land for construction, the massive industrial turbines, the noise, the blinking lights... all would be devastating to the beauty our rural community.

We at the Visitors Bureau oppose the destruction of our greatest tourism asset. Do not place wind turbines in Bedford County.



DENNIS E. TICE

Executive Director