



EAST HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A Project of Reunion Power, LLC

Yes to Wind

Cherry Valley Needs a Wind Law, not an 18-month Development Moratorium

Cherry Valley's Planning Board recently suggested a development moratorium, a measure that would delay or prevent construction of the East Hill Wind Farm.

Any community concerns regarding the project should be addressed by a new, local wind law, which gives the Town the tools to encourage responsible development. A moratorium would prevent construction of a new, clean energy source and would jeopardize the opportunity for significant long-term economic benefits.

Reunion Power believes that the project should be evaluated on its merits, and a thorough review can only occur if the application is considered.

Please let your Town Board member know how you feel about this project, and attend the next Board Meeting, July 13th, 7 pm, Town Barn.



From the desk of
David Little, Project Manager



To the Cherry Valley Community:

For over two years, Reunion Power has been pursuing development of a wind farm in Cherry Valley, speaking at public gatherings, presenting at Town and Planning Board meetings, and meeting with local officials and community residents. On July 7th, we submitted our proposal to the Cherry Valley Planning Board for review.

We have listened to concerns and have tried to shape our proposal in response. For example, we heard concerns about the wind farm disturbing views from areas of historic significance. In response, we cancelled our project to install turbines on Cape Wykoff. Now, our proposal is limited to the installation of 24 turbines on the East Hill.

We proposed a significant economic benefits package, including an average \$375,000 in tax revenue for the Town, School, and County each year for 20 years, and a 10-year, 25% electricity discount for Cherry Valley residents. These benefits mean long-term financial stability for the community.

I believe the East Hill Wind Farm could be an asset to Cherry Valley, and I hope people will weigh the project's impacts and benefits and decide for themselves what is best for Cherry Valley.

For more information, see www.easthillwind.com.

Sincerely,

David Little, Project Manager

Reunion To Provide 25% Discount on Electric Bills for Cherry Valley

Also negotiating local sale of wind power

Reunion Power, LLC is negotiating an arrangement with a local electricity provider to provide a 25% discount on electric bills for ten years to all Cherry Valley residents as part of the East Hill Wind Farm community economic benefits package. This electricity discount arrangement is the first of its kind for wind farms in New York State. The economic benefits package also includes the proposed revenue agreement with the Otsego County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) amounting to over \$7.5 million over a 20-year period.

Coming at a time of unprecedented energy costs — both at the gasoline pump and for home heating and electricity — this discount arrangement is meant to link the wind farm to direct energy savings for the community. “We have heard many comments from residents wanting to see direct electric benefits from the Project,” said David Little, Project Manager for Reunion Power. “We believe this is a meaningful benefit that could be felt by households every month,” added Little.

Reunion Power is also negotiating a contract to sell the electricity locally, to ensure it will be used in Otsego County. The proposed wind farm will produce enough electricity to power over 37,000 average New York homes annually, or over one and one half times the number of homes in Otsego County.



Reunion Proposes PILOT

Submits Economic Benefit Package to the Otsego County Industrial Development Agency

Reunion Power submitted a proposed tax package to the Otsego County IDA which would provide over \$7.5 million in revenue over a 20-year period. The proposal includes a minimum of \$300,000 per year, plus additional revenue linked to actual renewable energy produced, an average of \$375,000 per year.

The proposal was made under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program typically used for new economic development. The IDA will split the funds between the Town of Cherry Valley, the school district, and Otsego County.

For more information about Reunion Power and the Cherry Valley Wind Project visit our website:
www.reunionpower.com



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