

Saving the Planet?

Local wind power supporters are convinced that developing a large industrial wind power plant on our local hills will make a significant contribution to the future safety of our children. They quote statistics about fossil fuel emissions and **global warming** and then portray those who would disagree with them as backward, selfish, and lacking in compassion for the planet. The YES! Wind Power website advises us all to "take a deep breath (cough a few times) and stop thinking about your own little world, it's a tiny, **miniscule little speck** on the globe."

How could wind power in Cohocton help save the planet?

- ***First it would have to produce a significant amount of usable energy that would displace current fossil fuel use.***
- ***But most fossil fuel use is for transportation (cars, trucks, trains, and airplanes) and heating, not the generation of electricity.***
- ***The Cohocton site, due to the inefficiencies of wind power in our region, will have a surprisingly low usable energy output.***
- ***It's been calculated that it would take more than 3 wind power plants the size of the Cohocton site to compensate for the emissions of just one daily intercontinental airline route.***

Yes, Cohocton may be just "a tiny, miniscule little speck on the globe" but **it's home for many of us**, a place we've been given to take care of and pass on to the next generation unspoiled. Should we really be littering our hills with enormous, noisy machines in the vain hope that it might somehow help someone somewhere in the future?

Would you like to think about this a bit further? Stop by and check us out online at www.cohoctonfree.com. We're some of your thoughtful neighbors and, along with you, we'd like to see our world have the best future possible. **Read "The Problem" section** of our site, browse around, then ponder and test our ideas before you make up your mind.

