

## What's the Problem?

Wind developers have been quietly approaching landowners and Town officials throughout the Finger Lakes region in recent years promising rather small payments in return for permission to set up "green wind farms" (large-scale industrial wind power plants) on agricultural hilltop land. Locally, a previously unknown international firm called "UPC Wind" has proposed a major project costing over \$100,000,000 with 48+ turbines in the Town of Cohocton and a similar project in the Town of Prattsburg that's almost twice as big.

**Problem: the wind turbines they're proposing to install are**

- very large (400+ feet tall and visible over 5 miles away).
- annoyingly noisy, especially at night.
- very inefficient and out of synch with the power grid in our area.
- a poor source of revenue that will lower nearby property values.
- likely to change the scenic character of our region.
- strongly opposed by many immediate neighbors.

Most of us just found out about this a couple months ago, but now that the proposals are finally in public view, there's a heated discussion going on. **We'd like to offer more light than heat.** If you're interested in facts that haven't been put together and polished by outside industrial developers, visit us online at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com).

**We're your neighbors.** We have brains, ideas, and feelings. We pay our own way and love our community, too. Remember, there's always more than one side to a story. We've all worked hard and deserve to hear from everyone in our community before committing the future of our landscape to an expensive project that will probably prove to be nothing more than a political boondoggle with little lasting value.

