

**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#); [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Bald Eagle Flight Path Over Hill  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:45:39 PM

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Please forward to the Board Members....

We would like to submit these photos as evidence, that there is indeed a Bald Eagle flight path over our hill.

The following photos were taken by residents living around the hill. Many do not have photos, only sightings, as we are too busy enjoying the spectacular beauty of seeing them. They have been seen for years in this area.

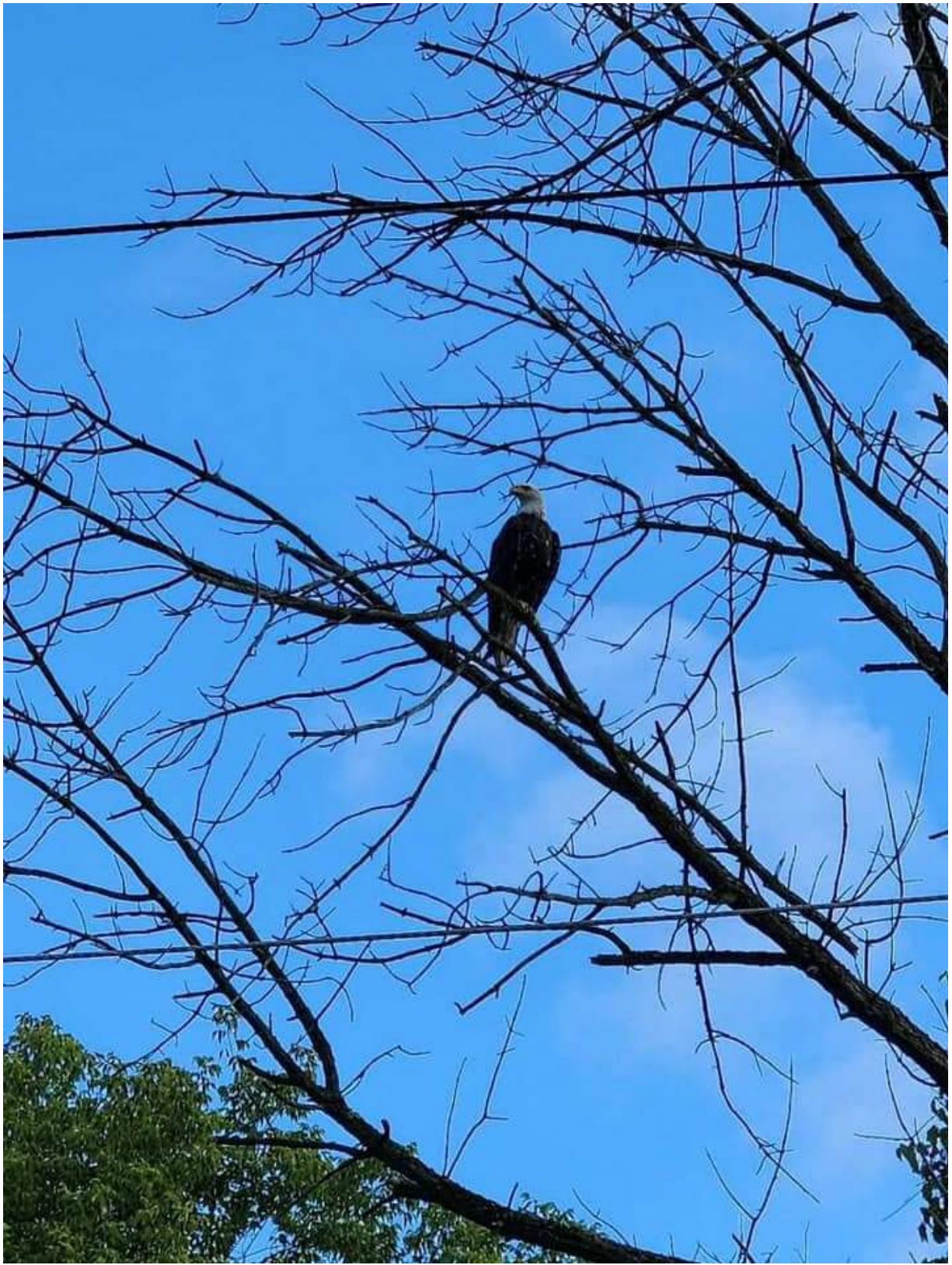
Submitted for the record by  
Pam Spader Noll  
Brewer Rd  
Oneida

Brewer Rd



Mt. Hope Ave.







Creek Rd.



Middle Rd

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Sunset Lake, Chapel St.





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**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#)  
**Cc:** [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Bald Eagles on Hill  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:59:44 AM

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Please add the following 3 photos to the Bald Eagle file, I previously sent. Pam

Mt. Hope

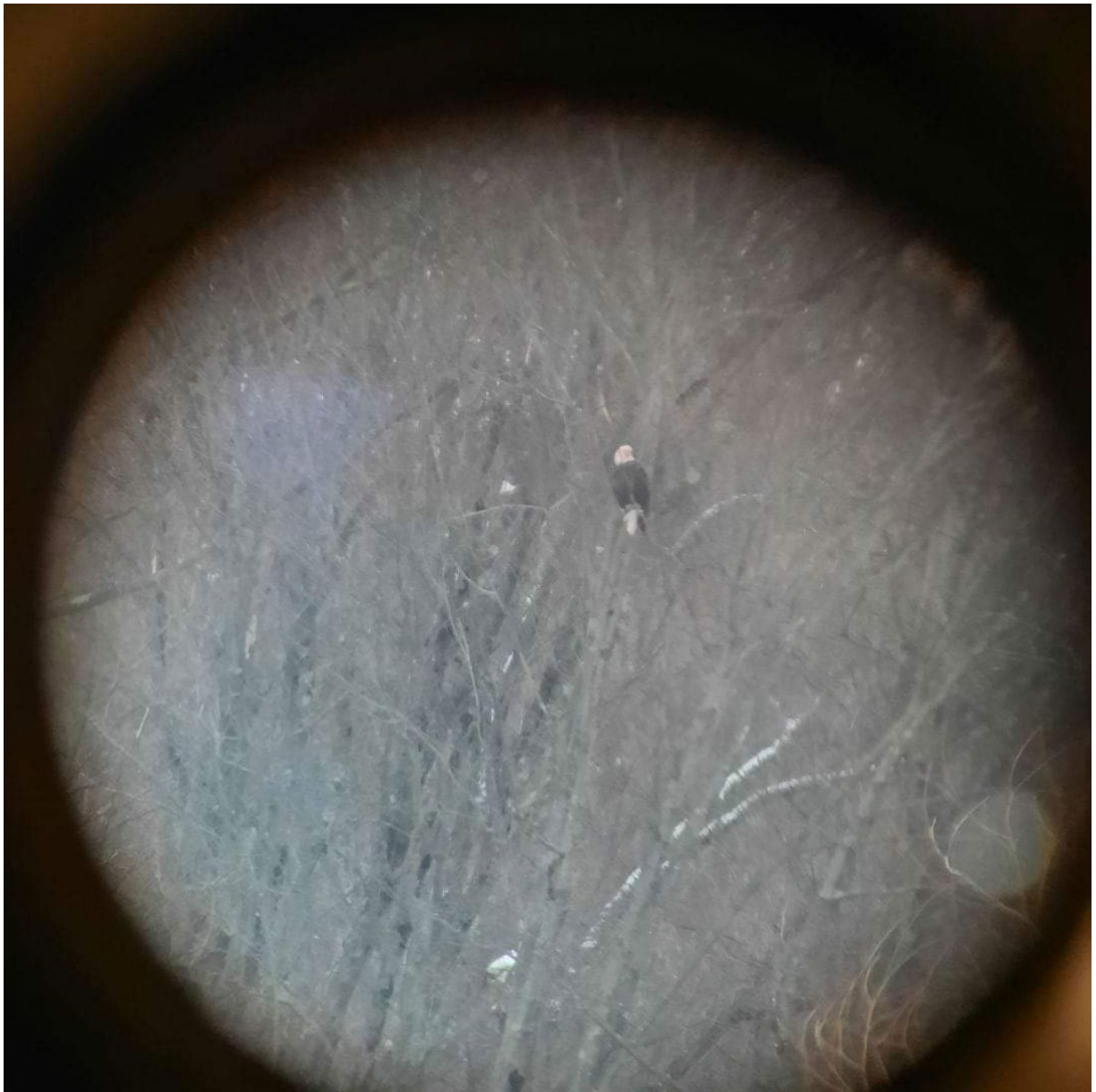


Creek Rd (3 in this photo)









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**From:** [Tracey Griffith](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#)  
**Cc:** [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wind Turbine  
**Date:** Sunday, September 24, 2023 7:22:26 PM

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Board Members,

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> It has come to our attention regarding the SEQR, dated 13June2023, Responsible Officer is Frederick Meyers, and Preparer is Christopher Henry. Our first question is, was there input from all board members or was the information provided for the SEQR by the applicants documentation?

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> As we look over the Environmental Asset Form, how does Christopher Henry, as preparer, distinguish between no to small impact vs. moderate to large impact? What were the guidelines to determine this?

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> Before we file an Article 78, where a judge may require the SEQR be redone correctly, is it possible for the city to address some major discrepancies and either revoke/rescind/alter the SEQR to address the discrepancies?

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> There are numerous discrepancies within the entire SEQR where the same question is answered differently each time, (i.e., time project is being done and questionable phases).

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> 1) Impact of Land

> A-H- Why was this marked YES, when A,B, D-H were NO/Small Impact. Needs to be addressed by knowledgeable expert

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> 2) Impact of Geological Features

> A-C Why was it marked NO, we feel the answer to question requires geological/hydraulic studies before answering.

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> 3) Impact of Surface Water

> A-K Why was it marked NO, A-K needs to be addressed.

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> 4). Impact of Ground Water

> Why was this marked YES when A-H are marked No/Small impact. Please readdress.

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> 5) Impact of Flooding

> Why was this marked YES, yet A-F is marked No/Small impact may occur. Please readdress and explain.

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> 6) Impact on Air

> No issue.

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> 7). Impact on Plants/ Animals

> A-J This was marked YES, but ALL questions were marked No/Small Impact, Please clarify individually.

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> 8). Impact on Agriculture Resources

> A-H. Questions answered YES but individual items were marked NO/Small Impact. Please clarify individually.

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> 9) Impact on Aesthetic Resources

> A,B,D,E,F,- Should be answered moderate to large. Please clarify your answers.

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> 10) Impact on Historic/Archeological Resources  
> A-EIII. Questions answered NO should be YES. Please clarify your answer to this question.  
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> 11) Impact on Open/Space Recreations  
> A-E The answer was YES but individual questions were answered NO/ Small Impact. Please address and clarify.  
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> 12) Impact on Critical Environmental Areas  
> A-C were marked NO, should have been marked YES. A and B need to be readdressed.  
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> 13) Impact on Transportation  
> A-F were marked NO, should be marked YES. A-F need to be readdressed.  
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> 14). Impact on Energy  
> A-E were marked NO, should be marked YES, they need to be readdressed.  
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> 15) Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light  
> A-F are answered NO/Small Impact. This needs to be addressed and clarified.  
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> 16) Impact on Human Health  
> A-M are answered No/Small Impact. They need to be clarified for concerned neighbors and readdressed.  
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> 17) Consistency with Community Plans  
> B-H questions are answered NO/Small Impact. They need to be clarified and readdressed.  
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> 18) Consistency with Community Character  
> A-D questions are answered NO/Small Impact. Please readdress and clarify.  
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> Given all this discrepancies, we have come to the conclusion that this SEQR was completed by the applicant, or another unknowledgeable individual. We would appreciate our concerns be addressed accurately before we file an Article 78.  
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> Respectfully submitted,  
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> Thomas and Tracey Griffith



August 19, 2023

Dear Mr. Meyers, Mr. Bonville, Ms. Henderson, Mr. Hicks, Ms. Thorpe, Mr. Schall, and Mr. Tooker:

My name is Megan Rose and I live at 1685 Brewer Road. I recently learned that New Leaf Energy has applied to install a wind turbine in my neighborhood. I am writing to express my sincere concerns and hope you will take the time to read this letter.

I want to begin by saying that I am a fan of renewable, efficient and green energy. As an educator, I have implemented and led district initiatives around these very topics. I have overseen an aquaponics and farm to (cafeteria) table program in a district that I worked in. I think it's wonderful, and when done correctly, has an enormous positive impact on the community and earth!

Unfortunately, this is not the case with the proposed wind turbine. In this case, the risks heavily outweigh the benefits. Some of the biggest risks are around health and safety. Due to their noise and light pollution, people who live near wind turbines experience sleep disturbances, headaches and concentration problems. Wind turbines are a major trigger for people who suffer from migraines due to the constant blocking and unblocking of the sun, thus creating a flicker effect. Speaking first hand as someone who suffers from migraines, I cannot have the ceiling fan and light on at the same time in my house. The flicker effect from the light and fan will trigger a migraine. If the board decides to move forward with the turbine, I am fearful that I will not be able to spend time outside with my children anytime there is sunshine and a slight breeze. As I am sure all of you can relate, not being able to spend time with loved ones at your home is a devastating thought.

It's not just the neighbors that are sensitive to light and sound that this will impact. The installation of a wind turbine will have an adverse effect on everyone in the neighborhood. Families who live on the hill rely on their wells for water. When/if they blast for the installation of the base of the turbine, our wells could collapse. While New Leaf Energy has promised to repair any physical damage, what about the damage it will cause our children who will have to be uprooted and live in different housing while we wait for them to make our homes livable again? While we will do our best to minimize this, this will undoubtedly cause unnecessary trauma to our children.

The installation of a wind turbine will also have an adverse effect on the environmental conditions in the neighborhood. The wind turbine will be a death trap for our flying wildlife. The noise pollution caused by the turbine will impact all animals in the neighborhood. Many of our neighbors have personal animals and many rely on animals for their livelihood- including farms and a dog boarding facility. The installation of a wind turbine will hurt people, in more ways than one.

It is significant to note that it is still uncertain if the turbine will interfere with the local 911 towers, potentially putting the entire area at risk! There needs to be an extensive independent investigation into this before we move forward. The health and safety of our community is everyone's top priority.

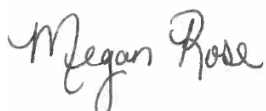
Finally, many of my neighbors, my family included, chose to build our lives here because we love the tranquility and peacefulness of living on "the hill". We enjoy the sounds of nature when we go outside. This is not a free perk. We knowingly paid for this when we signed our mortgage contracts. According to Steven Achen, a certified appraiser, and the National Association of Realtors, our property values will decrease at least 9-14% with the installation of a wind turbine. The installation of a wind turbine will handcuff to a cost we will not recoup.

Living on the hill is not all "rainbows and unicorns". Living up here comes at a cost. In addition to our taxes, we have more extreme weather in the winter. The roads to our houses are a little more slippery and the effects of the colder seasons last longer. We pay a price to live here, and we do it happily because we love it. Adding a wind turbine will not only be loud and unsightly, but it will rob "the hill" of its charm and loveliness.

Please do not allow New Leaf Energy to install a wind turbine. My family has every intention of living on the hill for years to come. Please do not make a decision that could derail these plans.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Rose".

Megan Rose

**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#)  
**Cc:** [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass along to the board  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 11:38:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [EU2 Portugal Cn10 \(1\).pdf](#)

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Information for the board to review

Regards,  
Pam Spader Noll

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**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#); [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass along to the board members  
**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2023 11:51:19 AM

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Dear Board Members,

I'm sure by now, you're tired of seeing my name, but wanted to give you a little background about me. I am a former Business Manager in the Department of Radiation and Non-Radiation Safety, at AT&T/Lucent Technologies, Murray Hill, NJ for 30 years. The last 20 years of that time, was focused on the safety of Cellular Towers (becoming a consultant upon retirement until 5 years ago).

I would rather live beneath a Cell Tower than a Wind Turbine, as there are numerous documented scientific studies, many of which, our department had published, proving that Cell Towers are safe. As for Wind Turbines, there are NO studies documenting the safety of one being constructed in the close proximity of multiple homes surrounding our hill.

May I also add, wind turbines can potentially disrupt electromagnetic signals used in telecommunication (already an issue on our hill) navigation and radar services.

Therefore, being an abutting property owner, I have very serious concerns regarding the many issues a Wind Turbine could cause to our environment; health of humans/animals, property damage/well damage/dry wells/home values, future use of my land and the detrimental effects to our Wildlife (bats, migratory birds and our resident Bald Eagles, which we have multiple photos to document their flight path) along with my own Farm Animals and 9 other Farms on this hill. (letter previously submitted for record, from my Large Animal Veterinarian, Verona, NY.

I hope you consider the well-being of the residents up on this hill, over a company and the land owner that does not care, other than making money at our expense.

Thank you for your time reading this and serving as a Board Member.

Best Regards,

Pam Spader Noll  
Noll's Ark Farm  
1439 Brewer Rd.  
Oneida

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**To:** [Christopher Henry](#); [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Wind Turbin  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:09:00 AM

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This was taken the other day from my property, on Brewer. Green Leaf's meteorological evaluation tower (MET) is approximately 150 ft high, imagine a 560 ft Wind Turbine there! And for them to say, it won't be noticeable nor will it affect our property values, is outrageous!



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**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#)  
**Cc:** [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Wind Turbine - Brewer Rd  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 3:36:44 PM

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Board Members ...

We want to be transparent and let you know of a meeting, a couple of us had, with the Oneida Nation Historian...to discuss the artifacts we had found around the proposed land, over the years and the graves of the "Clan Mother" and her children, which is located on our hill. He will be conducting an investigation and will be making his recommendations to the Nation, as to how to proceed.

Respectfully,

Pam Spader Noll  
Brewer Rd

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**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#); [Helen Acker](#)  
**Cc:** [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Question? Turbine  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:13:18 PM

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Chris, Helen,

As you can see below, we've been fighting this for 2 years now. This postcard was sent out AFTER the "Test Tower" was constructed. Weren't the abutting neighbors suppose to be notified beforehand? And did New Leaf get an approval first, before doing so?

Also, I'm still waiting on an answer to my last email, dated 10/20/24, asking if you received the study performed by the FAA, pertaining to 3 turbines, not 1. Have yet to get a reply back on this.


And my last question....we had to turn in anything we wanted to go on record by the 26th. Did New Leaf turn in anything, and when do we get to review that, as I'm sure you've passed along what we submitted to them?

Regards,

Pam Spader Noll  
Brewer Rd

**Pam Spader Noll** is in **Oneida**.  
November 24, 2021 · 🌐

For my Brewer Rd/Mt Hope/Crescent/Foster Ave. neighbors, that will NOT receive this postcard....wanted you all to be aware of the plans (if approved) for a Wind Turbine, to be constructed on our hill. I have concerns; property values, danger to wildlife, especially birds/bats, that control the mosquito population and the safety of my farm animals, plus many more. If you too, have concerns, we need to let our planning board members, be aware of them. Please share this post, with your neighbors.



**There's a New Wind  
in Your Clean Energy  
Choices**

We're in the early stages of developing a small wind project in Oneida, NY. The ~5 acre site will include a single wind turbine, producing locally-sourced clean energy for the community with no impact on the current land use.

**WHERE**

- 4949 Forest Ave. in Oneida, NY

**WHEN**

- Pending approvals, construction could begin Spring 2023.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

- In October we began installing a temporary wind measurement tower to help understand the wind speed on the site and begin permitting the project.
- In Spring 2022, we'll complete the permitting and electrical interconnection.

**For more information, including project updates:**

[borrego.energy/oneida](http://borrego.energy/oneida)

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3 shares



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**From:** [Joe Higgins](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#)  
**Cc:** [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine  
**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:18:27 PM

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Hello,

My name is Joe Higgins and I live at 1502 Brewer Rd. I'm sending you this article so you can hopefully use it as an example on how to stop the build of a 500+ ft tall wind turbine on our beautiful, quite hill. Also, can this be put into record?

I'm looking forward to your response.

Respectfully,  
Joe Higgins  
315-271-8057

[https://www.romesentinel.com/news/business/real-estate/town-closely-examining-potential-impacts-of-wind-turbine/article\\_3b853297-df7e-5f36-9621-53a69f626f46.html](https://www.romesentinel.com/news/business/real-estate/town-closely-examining-potential-impacts-of-wind-turbine/article_3b853297-df7e-5f36-9621-53a69f626f46.html)

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**From:** [Pamela Spader Noll](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#)  
**Cc:** [Helen Acker](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Friday, October 20, 2023 11:59:38 AM

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Chris,

What is the status of this study supposedly being conducted by the FAA (attached letter dated Sept 8, 2022), that's on your website? (Also attached is the recent Air Force letter)

In addition, it's noted that there are 3 proposed turbines (2 being in the wings?) If one is approved, there is no stopping them from constructing more! The Public thinks it's just one Turbine going up there.

What is the power rating of the sub-station on Forest Ave?

Thank you,

Pam Spader Noll  
Brewer Rd



Mail Processing Center  
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 Obstruction Evaluation Group  
 10101 Hillwood Parkway  
 Fort Worth, TX 76177

Aeronautical Study No.  
 2022-WTE-1145-OE

Issued Date: 09/08/2022

Brandon Smith  
 Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.  
 55 Technology Drive  
 Suite 102  
 Lowell, MA 01851

**\*\* PUBLIC NOTICE \*\***

The Federal Aviation Administration is conducting an aeronautical study concerning the following:

Structure:	Wind Turbine Oneida Wind Location 3
Location:	Oneida, NY
Latitude:	43-02-53.43N NAD 83
Longitude:	75-39-50.79W
Heights:	1250 feet site elevation (SE) 650 feet above ground level (AGL) 1900 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

The structure above exceeds obstruction standards. To determine its effect upon the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft and on the operation of air navigation facilities, the FAA is conducting an aeronautical study under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 44718 and, if applicable, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 77.

**\*\* SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION \*\***

In the study, consideration will be given to all facts relevant to the effect of the structure on existing and planned airspace use, air navigation facilities, airports, aircraft operations, procedures and minimum flight altitudes, and the air traffic control system.

Interested persons are invited to participate in the aeronautical study by submitting comments to the above FAA address or through the electronic notification system. To be eligible for consideration, comments must be relevant to the effect the structure would have on aviation, must provide sufficient detail to permit a clear understanding, must contain the aeronautical study number printed in the upper right hand corner of this notice, and must be received on or before 10/15/2022.

This notice may be reproduced and circulated by any interested person. Airport managers are encouraged to post this notice.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact our office at (816) 329-2526, or [bill.kieffer@faa.gov](mailto:bill.kieffer@faa.gov). On any future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to Aeronautical Study Number 2022-WTE-1145-OE.



**Additional information for ASN 2022-WTE-1145-OE****TITLE 14 CFR PART 77 - AERONAUTICAL STUDY - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This additional information provides details on the results of an Aeronautical Study for a notice of proposed construction/alteration filed with the FAA. The purpose of this notice is to solicit aeronautical comments from the public concerning the physical effect of these proposed wind turbines on the safe and efficient use of airspace by aircraft. Please submit your comments through the FAA's public website at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov>.

This will ensure your comments are submitted directly to the case file. Comments submitted by email are strongly discouraged. Email comments could be directed to an FAA Specialist that is away from the office, reassigned or no longer with the organization and therefore may not be considered.

Begin by completing the "New User Registration". Login to your portal page and select the link, "View Circularized Cases". Search for the case in the appropriate state and then select "Submit Public Comments". If you need further assistance, contact the helpdesk at phone: 202-580-7500 / email: [oeaaa\\_helpdesk@cgtech.com](mailto:oeaaa_helpdesk@cgtech.com).

All FAA determinations and circularized cases are public record and available at the FAA's public website; <https://oeaaa.faa.gov>. The distribution for proposals circularized for public comments includes all "known" aviation interested persons and those who do not have an aeronautical interest but may become involved with specific aeronautical studies. Notification includes both postcard mailers and email notifications to those with registered FAA accounts. The FAA does not have a database for all persons with an aeronautical and non-aeronautical interest. Therefore, the public is encouraged to re-distribute and forward notices of circularized cases to the maximum extent possible. Additionally, it is incumbent upon local state, county and city officials to share notice of circularized cases with their concerned citizens.

A list of commonly used acronyms and abbreviations is available at the end of this document. A full list is available at the FAA's public website at [https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/downloads/external/content/FAA\\_Acronyms.pdf](https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/downloads/external/content/FAA_Acronyms.pdf).

**1. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION**

Proposed are 3 wind turbines for a project that lies approximately 13.1 NM north-northwest of the airport reference point (ARP) of the Hamilton Municipal Airport (VGC), Hamilton, New York. The wind turbines are being circularized for public comment under this Aeronautical Study Number (ASN) 2022-WTE-1145-OE. Comments on any of the proposed wind turbines in this project must be submitted under this ASN. All comments received from this circularization will be considered in completing the separate determinations for each wind turbine.

The proposed wind turbines' described heights and locations are expressed in Above Ground Level (AGL) height, Above Mean Sea Level (AMSL) height and latitude (LAT)/longitude (LONG).

ASN	/	AGL	/	AMSL	/	LAT	/	LONG
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**2. TITLE 14 CFR PART 77 - OBSTRUCTION STANDARDS EXCEEDED**



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY  
INFORMATION DIRECTORATE ROME NY

Oneida City Hall, Department of Planning and Development  
Attn: Mr. Chris Henry  
109 North Main Street  
Oneida, New York 13421

Colonel Fred E. Garcia  
Commander, Rome Research Site  
26 Electronic Parkway  
Rome, New York 13441

Dear Mr. Henry,

My office recently received notification of a proposed wind turbine in the vicinity of Brewer Road, Oneida, NY 13421. I am writing to convey significant concerns the Air Force has over the compatibility of this proposed wind turbine with existing Air Force drone testing operations in the same as the siting location. The proposed project is less than two nautical miles north of the Air Force Research Laboratory Stockbridge Test and Experimentation Site. Moreover, we have a designated FAA low fly area over this site, see enclosed map.

Over the past few years, a significant part of the Stockbridge Site capability includes testing and experimentation for small drones, in part due to the flat terrain and clear line of sight of the surrounding terrain. Currently, there are no obstructions that interfere with this activity. The proposed wind turbine presents a challenge to ongoing test activities. This is due to the proposed location in the Primary Long Range Flight Test Corridor, the height of 560 feet above ground level, and the nature of turbine movement creating doppler radar interference. Variance of the 450-foot wind energy conversion turbine height is not appropriate. The additional 110 feet will change the character of the neighborhood and create a detriment to nearby properties by creating an even taller obstruction which will not be compatible with existing military drone testing. This is a substantial change which will negatively impact the neighborhood environment and the existing military drone FAA designated airspace.

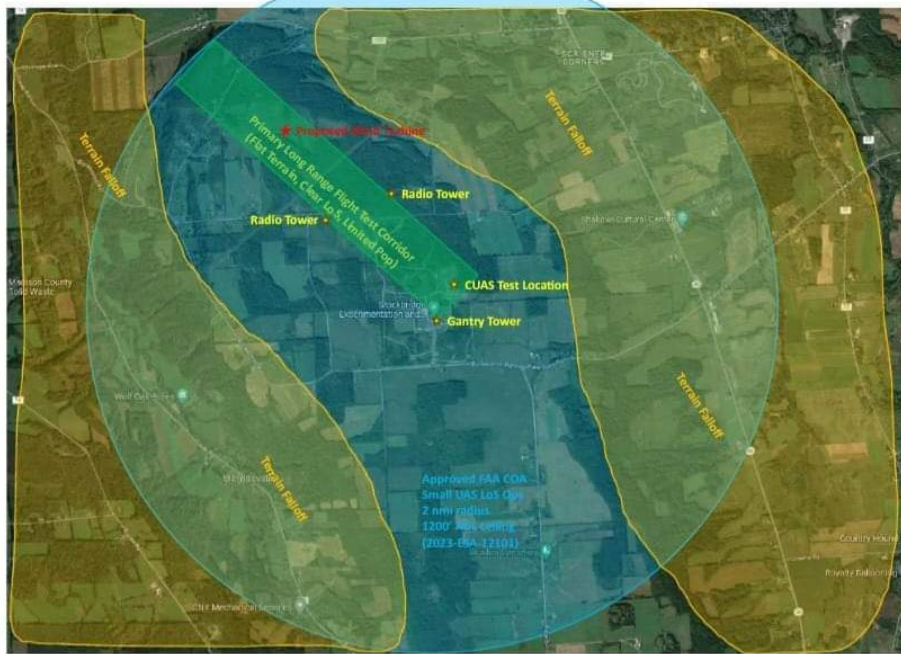
While the Air Force does not have authority to make a decision over the proposed project, it is important to provide your office information to make a fully informed decision on this matter. My point of contact for this action is Mr. Gabe Sbaraglia, reachable at 315-330-7000 or [gabriel.sbaraglia@us.af.mil](mailto:gabriel.sbaraglia@us.af.mil).

Sincerely,

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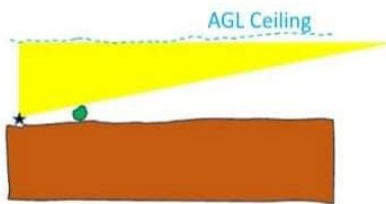
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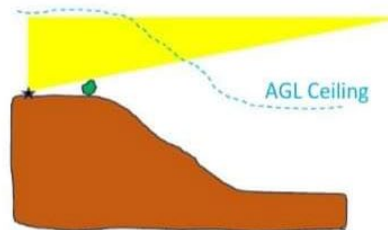


## Line of Sight (LoS) and Above Ground Level (AGL)

With flat terrain, operating UAS at range under an AGL ceiling while maintaining LoS is feasible.



When terrain falls off significantly, operating UAS at range under an AGL ceiling while maintaining LoS becomes impossible.





**From:** [Rob](#)  
**To:** [Christopher Henry](#); [Barb Henderson](#)  
**Cc:** [Mary Jo Donaldson](#); [jdonaldson16@gmail.com](mailto:jdonaldson16@gmail.com); [Amarokennels@gmail.com](mailto:Amarokennels@gmail.com); [rowboat4924@yahoo.com](mailto:rowboat4924@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Further commentary on the proposed wind turbine near Brewer Rd and Forest Rd in the City of Oneida, NY and the Town of Lincoln, NY, respectively.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:06:52 AM

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To the Planning and Development Board of the City of Oneida, NY.  
27July 2023

Dear board members,

As you have seen and heard, the residents in the immediate surroundings of the proposed location of the wind turbine are universally opposed to this project. As was made clear by an Oneida City Councilperson at the last public meeting only those individuals who are not residing in the area were in favor of proceeding.

Though I live on Forest Ave part of my land is within the City of Oneida and I therefore ask that my concerns be heard.

The residents feel, if I may presume to speak for them, we are being held hostage by those who will not be negatively impacted by the construction of this turbine. The city, landowner, and the developer all have financial interests in this project whereas the residents have so far only been offered the pittance of a 10% reduction in their electrical costs. Given the likely negative impact on our lives from this project that feels more like an insult than an incentive.

Those of us who are well within the effected radius of this project yet do not have land that directly borders the parcel(s) where is it slated to be built feel that we have been ignored and disregarded. Personally I find it telling, and a moral failing, of the developer who well knows that the felt impact of a wind turbine can extend many thousands of feet chose to only follow the letter of the law and notify bordering neighbors vs all those within that radius. My home is within 2700' of the turbine site and I should have known about this directly from the people who are proposing and discussing this project.

I have previously sent you information on the potential impact of infrasound which almost surely will negatively effect animal populations in the area and can also have significant impacts on the physical and mental health of humans.

There is an unknown risk to the fragile water table of this hilltop topography that, if that risk is realized, could cause massive disruption to the lives and health of affected residents despite the promises of the developer to "make it right."

At the end of the last public meeting in July 2023 I spoke with one of the representatives of the developer who, when we discussed the audible noise of the turbines, said, and I quote, "you *will* hear it."

I have spoken to my neighbors and, to a person, the main reason why we all chose to live where we do is the peace and quiet. Forest Rd has no through traffic, there is no sound of the city, there are no businesses here that make environmental noise. The pristine quietude of this small area would be destroyed by the loud, mechanical noises generated by the turbine. This is unacceptable.

I chose this house for the peace and quiet it offered and for the restorative effect that can and does have on my mental health. Here is an anecdotal accounting of what it's like to live close to a turbine- <https://youtu.be/f7DQ3SgSg0c> that directly addresses the impact audible noise, as well as infrasound, can have on the living conditions close to a turbine. Based on this and other accounts I have zero doubt that a wind turbine will destroy the peace so many of us sought by living here.

At the last meeting I noted that for several small proposals, such as the relatively innocuous construction of a tool shed, applicants were required to obtain the opinion

of their neighbors to ensure they would not be bothered by its presence. Where is the concern for the people who will absolutely be impacted by this project and are vehemently opposed to it? When will our voices be heard?

Another fact that everyone seems to be missing here is that this is a single turbine. This is a project of extremely limited scope that, despite all the arguments about clean energy and 'saving the planet', will have statistically little to no impact on the global issue of climate change. It will provide a modicum of electricity back the grid that will service a relatively small number of people. This same amount of clean electricity could easily be created elsewhere as part of a larger project in a more suitably remote location where it would not ruin people's lives. It is those large, regional projects that will have actual impact to the carbon footprint of the electrical grid not small show-projects like this.

This project is naught but a red herring in terms of reversing climate change.

Wind energy is absolutely a viable option to reduce carbon emissions but a single turbine in this location will do more harm than good to the lives of the people living in its shadow and this project should be rejected as it provides little to no value while causing substantial harm. Simply put, this project will put some money in a few people's pockets and make a relatively insignificant amount of electricity at the cost of dozens of peoples' lives, property values, mental health, and happiness.

Given the clear risk and impact to taxpayers' lives, physical and mental health, and property, the variance for this project should be DENIED.

Respectfully,  
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