

2025 Wind Tower Survey Responses

No	137	76%
Yes	37	20%
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Total	181	100%

Date Recd	Respo nse	Wei ght	Position	Comment
6/26/2025	No	4	Strong	
6/26/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	This is bad for the people. The Town Board should try to stop it (wind towers).
7/1/2025	No	5	Adamant	Columbia Wind lied to us saying that we do not have a choice and this was happening with or without our support. They also said they would never sell and they already sold to Alliant. I also worry about how loud they will be. Also they will not benefit WI enough to outweigh the risk of harm to residents, animals and our land.
7/1/2025	No	5	Adamant	Wind farm projects involve companies that use shady language in their lease agreements that will ultimately result in nonenergy producing land and waste that will ruin our rural landscape.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	I do not want them. Do not want to look at them. Do not want around or near my property. It will affect our health and our environment. Will all that extra concrete in the ground affect (raise) the water table? The water table is very high in my area. Will my basement flood? If so, who pays for this?
6/30/2025		1	Weak	We need our land for crops and food. We need to know how to curb our use of our electricity. Living near them may be noisy and annoying.
6/30/2025	No	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Most of the people who signed up for this do not live on the land they signed up. There land is in the township or county but they live in another county or a town in another area. We have a beautiful landscape and would prefer not to have to look at the towers everyday in our neighborhood. First of all wind and solar are not the answer to our energy needs in the future. efficiency is not there.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	It's not good for our citizens or environment.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	If this project goes through, I would have 2 towers within 1,000 feet (approx) of my property, 1 to the north and 1 to the west.
6/30/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	No	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	No	4	Strong	We need more clarity on the subject!
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	THEY ARE NOTHING BUT EYESORES AND THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED ISN'T EVEN FOR THE AREA?
6/30/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	With Wind, Farmers can still FARM almost all the land! Renewable energy get with it.
6/30/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Not needed! Ruins land. Farm Land kills Birds etc.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	oil contamination. ground water needs to be protected. environmental impacts - bugs - birds - bats - migration patterns. safety concerns of chemicals. noise contamination. Med Flight impacts. There are so many ordinances to a 400 ft. This is 700 ft. Columbus area needs to say NO! Ground table impacts from concrete and turbine weight.
6/30/2025	No	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Honestly I can really hear the noise the wind towers make. If I am around the noise too long it actually makes me Dizzy and Nauseated. So Not in my backyard. My husband said to remind you that the wind towers kill Birds and we have a lot of Eagles around here.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	High maintenance eye sore! Don't install! Wind & Solar are ineffective. It's great if you have nothing else. Like, if you're in Alaska Bush! Wind farms kill birds & bats. We have clean coal, safe nuclear & natural gas. Wind & Solar will cause brown outs. State of Texas had that happen a few years back, During a cold temp streak. Simply put, Follow the Money! Someone is making a lot of money pushing old Technology! If it's so good, then why isn't it on every personal house. Because it's expensive & doesn't work near as good as coal!
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	I understand they are Not Healthy
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	Yes	2	Moderate	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Keep them off of great farmland!
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Concerned about wildlife preservation, ruining our "country backyard view", impact on human health, effects of our water, potential fire hazard, and oil spills. Main concern is being financially responsible for something we are not benefitting from like those that are in favor of providing land to house these.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Concerns about health, safety, ground water, disruption of environment. We feel that we should have an ordinance to regulate the impact of the wind towers!
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	Yes	4	Strong	Seems like producing energy locally is a good idea.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	The Windmills will have a negative impact on both the Environment and Property Value's. The minimal power they generate is being used to power other Area's and will not reduce Hampden residents energy costs. Green Energy Scam!
6/30/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	We have good farm land for growing crops, I would hate to cover it with wind mills.
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	Wind turbines should be located at least a distance of twice their height from any residence, so when they come crashing down they don't hurt anyone. We should limit the height of the towers so we don't get airplanes crashing into them (a lot of low flying planes in Hampden come in for landing at Truax field). No taking of land to run new power lines. No lithium battery storage sites due to toxic fire danger. Need bond money for disposal when these become obsolete.
6/30/2025	No	2	Moderate	
6/30/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	for what? To kill birds, Raise the cost of electricity, tell me!!!
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	We don't want wind turbines. There are more negatives than positives and strongly oppose any in the area. The land owners who signed off on the project don't even live here!!
6/30/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	We need renewable energy!
6/30/2025	No	5	Adamant	We are concerned about the health and safety of those living in close proximity.

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7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	Can not pass a xxxx(can't read the writing) cost/benefit analysis. Required Federal & State subsidy. Will reduced property value, Bad for human health.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	They take up farmland. Only last 25 years. It takes to long to pay them off (12-20 years). Noisy and an eye sore. Made in China. Kills birds.
7/2/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	TOO MUCH GOOD FARMLAND IS BEING TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION WITH WIND FARMS AND SOLAR FARMS - COAL AND NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD - MORE EFFICIENT.
7/2/2025	No	1	Weak	Hampden Town Board, We adamantly OPPOSE the Columbia Wind Farm Project!!!!!!! Generating electricity via wind generator is old technology. It is past time that the idiots get out of the 1800s and into the 21st century. We can do that by using the sun to generate electricity via solar panels. There is data that only 2-3% of the cropland is needed to generate all of the clean energy that we need. You can think of land with solar panels as setaside acres that you will not have to pay for. Scientists(when funded) are in the process of developing more efficient solar panels and more efficient batteries to store electricity for when it is needed. We did not transition from the horse and buggy to the automobile over nite, so this transition will also take some time. The transition to clean energy production is not helped by idiots putting sleezy idiots like Trump and his cronies in office. With solar panels the land is preserved and can be pastured with livestock and cropped There is data to support this.
7/2/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	Takes up to much land, are noisy & we enjoy having our birds and we feel they would be detrimental to the bird population. They are also ugly. We live in the country because we enjoy the peace & quiet.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	1. Concerned about the health and safety of those in close proximity. 2. Worried about potential fire risk. 3. Strongly don't want to ruin the landscape. 4. adverse effect on wildlife.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	We don't support the Wind Farm Project. We are concerned with the large concrete slabs they will pour which will change the flow of ground water and could cause springs. We are concerned with the oil in the head of the turbine that must be maintained and could catch fire. We are very concerned about the flickering light - that the windmill will create and its impact on farm animals and people. This is not a good return on investment, It will change our landscape forever.
7/2/2025	No	4	Strong	The plan as I understand, are quite different as the presentation made by Columbia Wind previously, including restrictions for space, infringement on waterland and size of towers. I am extremely worried about property values, and the aesthetics of our township being ruined.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	AGAINST!! Worst government tax dollar investment waste of Tax \$ - Expensive/to put up and maintain - kills birds - spoil the look in area - should not allow in area - Not cost effective on return on investment - Money grab - Spend TAX \$ in other Projects Improving schools, Roads, Bridges
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	There is a constant humming sound coming from the wind generator, and it kills flying birds.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	They lied to US
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	They are not the best source of energy. They kill birds and are a eyesore to our land. This would affect our drinking water also.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	PLEASE PURSURE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THIS EFFORT
7/2/2025	3	Neutral		
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	Concerns we have with Wind Farms in our community are that they: detract from the visual natural beauty of rural farming landscape; produce "whooshing" or "swishing" sound; threatens birds and bats that inhabit and migrate through agricultural areas; can negatively affect the signal strength of TV, radio, and telecommunication systems; cause "Shadow Flicker" from turbine blades; negatively affect property values; can damage existing roadways by transporting heavy turbine components and increased traffic and weight of construction vehicles; have to landfilled at the end of their lifespan (20-25 years) due to materials being non-biodegradable; and increase in electricity bills due to high upfront and maintenance costs ultimately passed on to consumers. We must have a local ordinance written in a manner that will address these concerns and any others with the goal of ultimately banning large wind turbine construction in our township and surrounding townships.
7/2/2025	5	Adamant		I am concerned about the negative look that the windmills will bring to the Town of Hampden. I don't like the fact that I will have 2 windmills within 1/2 mile from my home. I don't like the fact that these windmills are going to be taller than other windmills in our area. I am worried about the annoying sound that I may hear from my home and or yard. I mostly am concerned that the value of my property may go down, do to the close proximity of the windmills.
7/2/2025	Yes	4	Strong	Why send a survey now. This has been in the works for 3-4 years
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	Yes	3	Neutral	Town of Hampden, I feel very strongly that a property owner should have the right to do what they choose with their land if it meets the guidelines of the country and township ordinances! Please do not let those people that want to control and have a say in everyone else's land and are labeled as the NIMBA (not in my backyard) people dictate what happens in Hampden township. I say this while admitting that I chose not to include my Hampden property in the Wind Tower project for various reasons.
7/2/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	Climate change is Real something that some people don't Believe in or want to discuss. This is an opportunity to provide Energy in a method that has low carbon impact unlike Boring, dirty, coal. Hampden township has an opportunity to help provide cleaner Energy, hopefully they will do the Right thing and Avoid the political B.S. xxxx (redacted name to keep anonymous) whose family has lived in Hampden since Early 1900's.
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	We don't Need this in our beautiful Hampden
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/2/2025	No	5	Adamant	CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEIGHT OF THE TOWERS. HEARD THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE AROUND 600 FT TALL. THE TOWERS AROUND CAMBRIA AREA ARE AROUND 300 FT TALL. CONCERNED ABOUT BIRDS FLYING INTO THE BLADES. CONCERNED ABOUT THE MIGRATORY BIRDS. WE HAVE SEEN WHOOPING CRANES ON OUR PROPERTY.

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7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	Dear Town of Hampden, First of all, I would like to thank the Hampden town board for taking into consideration the opinions of the people/taxpayers that will be negatively impacted should this proposal for wind energy be granted. I have taken considerable time to look into these projects and so far, the only information I have found to be consistent throughout gives me cause for great concern. I have listened to the people who represent the companies and on multiple occasions when representatives are asked questions, by either myself or other citizens, the vague answers they give, or by not answering the questions at all, have convinced me that there are negative consequences for those that do not chose but would have to live near those wind turbines. I have attended many meetings and spoke with many people and have concluded that the lack of safety and the hazards these wind turbines create do not offset the benefits. The hazards these generators impose upon the environment and those that live near them are staggering. To be more specific, I learned at the Columbus township meeting that the Fire Department responsible to address fire related issues with generators of this size would not have the training nor the equipment to put out a fire should one start. The conversation continued with the statement that the Fire Department could only secure the area and allow it to burn out. I learned that because of the materials used to build these wind generators, in the event of a fire, the hazardous potentially fatal fumes created, that a 5-mile radius would be evacuated with no option to stay. How could that type of situation ever be considered "green energy"? We live within 1/2 of a mile of two proposed sites, should this unthinkable event actually take place where would my family go? Who would take care of my cows, calves and sheep? How long would I have to be gone? Would my animals be forced to die a slow death because I'm not there to feed or water them? Or worse, be exposed to these toxic chemicals whether it be by air or water and then die of an even more gruesome death due to chemical exposure. This is an unthinkable situation to call "green energy." When I asked for further clarification on this no one, including the original power company that contacted me (Columbia Wind), could give me a straight answer and still won't. Another question that I asked that I could not get an honest answer from anyone on was concerning ground water. I have learned that these wind generators can hold anywhere from 500-1,000 gallons of gear lube in the gear boxes between the generator and the propeller. When I asked if these units have oil containment systems, no one would give me a straight honest answer. Since my home and well are in a lower land topography it stands to reason with any level of common sense that this oil or any other hazardous foreign matter produced by these generators would run downhill poisoning my well water which my family and I depend on for life and livelihood. One particular sarcastic individual responded to my question with "well you would just have to buy bottled water." My response to him was are you going to buy me 1,000 gallons of bottled water /day to water my livestock because of someone else's lack of protecting the environment? He did not have an answer for me that was respectful or reasonable. Basically, he admitted without saying so, that this "green energy" that so many people are saying is a wonderful, well thought out plan is not well thought out at all and creates extremely hazardous conditions that right now I do not have to worry about because they are not possible, because the wind generators are not here. Thirdly, no one will answer my question honestly about will I hear this wind generator? Will the power company force me by means of eminent domain to run power cables through my land? I adamantly do not want that. Will my family be imposed upon with transmission cables running through adjoining property or close to my property which would limit or possibly eliminate the potential for my wife and I to build our retirement home on the top of our hill when we retire? I do not understand how our lives and our wishes can be so easily ignored after generations of my family have cared for and preserved this particular piece of land for well over 100 years. If alternative renewable energy is the answer for the future, why can't it be done on an individual basis? I have checked into my own personal solar system which would provide the power that I need, and quite possibly produce an excess which could be sold back to the power company, utilizing the transmission lines that are already in place without disrupting more lives and more of the environment. These are only a few of the many concerns that I have. If I were to list them all this letter would be considerably longer. I believe that with what I have stated that you understand that we are not in support of this project. These big, massive corporate projects are not the answer in my opinion. They give too much power to large corporations to do whatever they want, whenever they want, at the cost of the well-being of the environment and the individuals that live here. My family and I respectfully ask for your support to refuse this type of project which would interrupt the lives of everyone who live here. I further ask that the town of Hampden hire the attorneys who represented the Town of Brighton to protect the environment and people in Hampden township.
7/3/2025	No	4	Strong	I've heard they kill migratory birds. Also expensive to maintain
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	As long as it Reduces or doesn't increase our taxes
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	We don't feel its appropriate to take prime ag land to support solar or wind farms. Most are made outside of the USA and have harmful components inside. Also, the land will never produce the same when they are removed. Nuclear energy is the way of the future. Most of the solar and wind power is outdated when they install it.
7/3/2025	Yes	1	Weak	Damage to roads, increased traffic, property values
7/3/2025		3	Neutral	I think there may be damage in strong winds. I don't know if I'm for or against it. I hear negative comments.
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	As a landowner they have been after for the past 4 years. I do NOT want this in my community. Not only do I NOT believe in the technology and its ability to ever pay for itself. I do not think people understand the scale of them compared to Cambria Wind. Those are 400 tall, these will be 700.
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	My main concern is property values!
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	Much better than solar famrs. This has been going on for at least 4 years. Anyone who says they don't know about it needs to pull their heads out of the sand. The power has to come from somewhere, it doesn't just appear.
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	Research shows windmills lead to chronic headaches, mental illness, especially in small children. It goes against the tow of hampden plan to preserve scenic views. We have bald eagles in the area that would be impacted. The Columbia county residents will not benefit in the long term. Turbine noise is something that can be disruptive to wildlife breeding, feeding, and communication. The lifespan of a wind turbine is roughly 20 years. If generally takes 7-12 years for a turbine to create enough power to pay for itself. Please take into consideration the views of those of us that are going to be impacted but won't be receiving any financial gains.
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	Not against wind generators or renewable energy. Do not want them scattered across township. Feel minority report was not given sufficient credibility. Having such big towers with driveways to each ruin the views for all. Would much prefer funding to be used to encourage solar installations on individuals so many would benefit and not so visually disturbing. The constant noise of the blades takes away from the ambience of nature.
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	We have a couple of questions: 1) For those not already involved in the project, it would have been great if you'd provided some unbaised information on the project so people could make an informed decision. 2) For those of us who already have a 30-year, binding contract with the wind farm company, what to the purpose of asking our opinion at this stage?
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	We think they're ugly and are worried about noise pollution and the environmental impact. How winter proof are these turbines, and should we be concerned about any ecological effects? Is there a plan to recycle the blades at the end of life?
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/3/2025	No	1	Weak	
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/3/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	It's a shame as what is going 60 double (can't read the writing) farm and residents of our township. We have sold our property because of this happening. We had planned on selling it but not this fast.

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7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	It is my understanding that one of the board members is receiving payments from the wind tower. I believe this is a major conflict of interest.
7/3/2025	No	2	Moderate	
7/3/2025	No	4	Strong	1) The setback for these large turbines should be 3.1 times the blade tip length versus the 1250 feet minimum setback. Alliant should voluntarily choose the larger of the setbacks versus the minimum setback that Wisconsin allows. 2) Turbines noise annoyance will be greater for people who have no air conditioning. And those people will be punished for saving electricity and trying to sleep with the windows open. It has been documented that turbine noise decreases REM sleep and there are many health consequences due to loss of REM sleep. 3) Loss of property value is a big concern. All residential homes will decrease in value. If this is the only nest egg for people, how will they pay for a necessary move to assisted living or a nursing home? Will we pay less in property tax yearly due to this loss of value? 4) We feel that this electricity is not going to be used for powering homes but for running data centers (cloud services, AI) and crypto currency mining. Some electricity may be used for powering homes locally but much of it will flow through the grid more likely be used for these power hungry data centers. 5) We would be a strong yes for a solar field next to us. Nonnoise, no shadow flicker, less cement in the ground, less death of eagles and songbirds and no flashing night lights!
7/3/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/3/2025	No	5	Adamant	Whether or not you like the idea of green energy, I believe these could have a negative impact on neighbors health and land values. How far does something 700' tall cast shadows? I am also opposed to solar "farms". I do think the place for panels is on every new building. Thank you
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Please prevent the Columbia Wind Farm from being built. None! Stop it now. Let me know how I can help. I am excited to receive this survey. It gives me hope.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Subject: Environmental and Community Concerns Regarding Wind Tower Installation. To the Town of Hampden Board, We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed installation of wind towers in our rural community. While we support the pursuit of renewable energy, we believe this project presents significant environmental and social risks that must be carefully considered. 1. Disruption of Local Ecosystems - Wind tower construction and operation can severely disrupt wildlife habitats. The large-scale clearing of land for turbine bases, access roads, and transmission lines fragments ecosystems and displaces native species. Birds and bats are particularly vulnerable - many killed by turbine blades each year, including threatened migratory species. These losses can have a cascading effects on local biodiversity and ecological balance. 2. Soil and Water Impacts - The installation process often involves heavy machinery and deep foundations, which can lead to soil compaction, erosion and runoff. In agricultural areas like ours, this threatens the integrity of farmland and can contaminate nearby water sources with sediment and construction-related pollutants. These risks are especially concerning in regions with shallow groundwater or sensitive watersheds. 3. Noise and Light Pollution - Wind Turbines generate low-frequency noise and shadow flicker, which can affect both human and animal health. Chronic exposure to these disturbances has been linked to sleep disruption, stress, and behavioral changes in livestock and wildlife. These impacts are not just nuisances-they represent real quality-of-life and economic concerns for rural residents. 4. Visual and Cultural Landscape Degradation - Our rural landscape is not just scenery-it's part of our identity and heritage and our property value is important to our family's financial stability. The towering presence of industrial wind turbines can permanently alter the visual character of our community, diminishing its appeal for residents and visitors alike. This visual intrusion is incompatible with the values and aesthetics of rural living. 5. Limited Local Benefit - Despite the environmental and social costs, the energy generated by these towers often serves distant urban centers, not the local community. Financial benefits tend to accrue to developers and utility companies, while residents bear the burden of environmental degradation and reduced property values. In light of these concerns, we urge decision-makers to reconsider the installation of wind towers in our community. We must prioritize solutions that align with our environmental stewardship, protect our rural way of life, and ensure that the benefits of renewable energy are equitable shared.
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	It appears to commit way too many acres for the 40 to 50 generator's proposed. I didn't see the basis or amounts that the "partners" are receiving for their participation or land use. No mention of what the proposed rate being charged to the user will be (assume the rate would include annual payment to the landowners, town and county plus the maintenance and profit) vs existing power generators. Realistically, how long could the existing coal plant be "environmentally" operated? Can an individual get a list of the property owners of the "proposed sites"?
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	The whole thing is unnecessary!
7/5/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	What's happen's to them when they are out of date. Roads during construction going to get beat. NOISE. The Landscape view.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	10=UNYIELDING! My main concern next to wildlife impact, is EMF interference with my pacemaker! There has been instances where EMFs from turbines have altered pacemaker function. I am 100% PACEMAKER DEPENDENT! Negative impact from wind towers: 1) Electromagnetic interference! (bad enough we hardly have reception the way it is now...) 2) Impacts on wildlife - goose fatalities, habitat and ecosystem disruption! 3) Noise pollution! 4) Visual nightmare! 5) Property values drop! 6) variable energy! 7) expensive, who absorbs cost? 8) loss of arable space! 9) Blade Failure 10) Hundreds of Turbine Fires yearly
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Installing windmills is NOT an environmentally sound decision. Very short sighted.
7/5/2025	Yes	4	Strong	If you don't own the land, keep your mouth shut.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Selling and moving out of Columbia county if this proceeds.
7/5/2025	No	3	Neutral	What affect will it have on people and animals close to the towers?
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Small fire departments are not equipped or trained to handle a fire. Cash croppers should put them next to their homes 500 sq ft of cement 14 ft deep. I can't imagine what that will do to ground water and our roads when it hauls. Noise bad for health. We already have solar coming-enough!
7/5/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	We need clean energy with Portage coal plant closing.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Why is it in May 2025 that we hear about the windmills. Three windmills close to us and two of three owners don't live in area.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	I hate to see them!! They are UGLY and would ruin the landscape of our beautiful prosperous farm land!!!!!! When we go to MN and see ALL those huge windmills - I feel soooooooooo grateful that we don't have such a scare on our surroundings!!!!!!!
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	The long-term environmental impacts of wind turbines are worse than the problem (fossil fuel usage) they purport to solve.

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7/5/2025				TOO LATE. 1. This survey is to patronize the dissenters of the windmills. If the Town Board was serious about opposition or concern, this would have been mailed out 2 years or more ago when the project was started. How insincere of the Board. I just want to know where the proceeds will be going that the town will be receiving, depending on how many mills are placed in its boundaries. (TRANSPARENCY)
7/5/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	Additional comments regarding the proposed windmill project. The state of Wisconsin is electric deficient, local windmill projects in the state would decrease our dependence from out of state electric needs. Numerous attorneys, representing the local landowners who signed up for the windmill project, have reviewed these contracts and have allowed landowners to feel comfortable with the terms that have been agreed to. This project has been available for the public to address any issues or concerns that they may have had for over 2 years. There has been a storefront in Columbus WI for over 2 years. It was not until a map of proposed sites was created, did people decide that they did not want any windmills next to their properties. This is an example of true farmland preservation. Townships allow for a higher density of housing than what the windmill project will for the next 40-50 years. Tracts that have a windmill will not have any houses built within the setbacks of windmill standards and will not have any other activities other than standard farming practices for the life of the project. Windmills will ensure the minimum housing density remains in effect for the life of the windmill project. The windmill projects give landowners a diverse income stream that will not be tied to agriculture. This allows less dependence on commodity prices and large scale efficiencies that smaller landowners might not otherwise have.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	1 Our health - Noise and visual pollution. Shadow flickers cause - sleep problems 2 Wildlife, we have Eagles that live in our area. 3 Air Space - Planes that land in Madison circle our area Before landing. 4 Don't see where our area would have enough windspeed to keep turbines working/producing. Windspeed low, turbines rotors won't sping to produce. 5 Studies show that turbines can lead to a slight reduction in soil moisture levels. 6 Yes, turbines affect property values. properties that take on wind turbines are NOT Ag. Rezoning is needed. Charge more "taxes"! 7 Fire Depts: Are they equipped to put out fires, etc. who funds them, not the local people, turbines due start on fire and fall over. 8 When these projects start, who replaces over roads - from the damage. Roads get posted in Spring for our Local people, but it's OK for these outsiders to do damage. Townships better get money to put to road repair. 9 Where do these projects end up, when these companies file bankruptcy, after people signed contracts, do they get all there rights back on there land? 20 Electromagnetic interference Why do they turn off wind turbines when it's windy. Anemometer registers wind speeds higher than 55mph (cut-out speed varies by turbine) it triggers the wind turbine to automatically shutoff. 11 What advantage does the township get? What advantage do we get on our electric bills? (when this power goes someplace else)
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	If I had wanted a home in the middle of a wind farm - I would of bought in Cambria/Friesland area-I will also expect my home value & property taxes to decrease by a minimum of 50% or more the first year of construction.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/5/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Wind energy is not efficient. Property values will decrease. They are an eye-sore and ruin the landscape. A property owner should not be able to construct or have constructed a structure like this that has a huge impact on their neighbors without input/permit/license.
7/5/2025	No	3	Neutral	
7/5/2025	No	4	Strong	The benefit go to a select few who are being well paid and then the neighbor who now puts up with the eyesore and negative health in part gets nothing. How many board members living next to them?
7/5/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	While some believe this is destroying farm land. We believe this is preserving farm land. This prevents solar, prevents city of Columbus from expanding and taking more farm land and allows us to continue to farm our land. Maybe this will prevent farmers from deed restricting lots to be sold for housing. The turbines are being misrepresented by some residents with unproven information. The ones that oppose may not live in area, jealous, or they themselves have sold land, built houses for their own financial gains. what's the difference.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Huge eyesore. Kills wildlife. Inefficient energy.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/5/2025	Yes	1	Weak	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	We have two wind towers that don't work now on Highway K and the last time I checked 5 in Cambria. How much taxes will these bring in? Will there be \$ put in escrow to remove them when they don't work? How long does Alliant have to remove them when they don't work? Will they interfere with radio, TV, and GPS like the tower does on Parpart Hill? I like the view I have now without them and don't want the noise. How much permitting will they need? I have to get permits for everything. Will there be damage to our roads with all of the hauling of the equipment or put it up? What will they do to land values? Do we need to buy extra fire/ambulance equipment for safety? Are there long term health problems like hearing or eye sight? Will the cables go through my tiles and who will fix it? My family and I would rather not look at them for the rest of our lives.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	This project is ridiculous. Common sense have to prevail here.
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Once a tower is done (life span) then it is on the land owner to get rid of it or them. Huge expense and not environmental at all. NO WIND TOWERS!!!!
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	My understanding is that these towers are 650 feet tall and which to at 200 miles per hour. These turbines are known to cause health problems to us, especially to our children. Wildlife, birds, dogs and cattle are also affected. Some of the issues are dizziness, vertigo, nausea, blurred vision, memory loss and concentration. The only peopel that will profit is the electrical company and some landowners which have signed up for this. Some of the landowners are not living in our township. Our property value will go down! We will look out our windows and see these towers! The electric company needs to find land in there county (Dane) not ours!
7/5/2025	No	5	Adamant	Why ruin good farm land!
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	The heavy weight shifting or affecting ground water levels, killing hawks, owls, eagles nesting within 1 mile of our home, ice flying off propellers, one accident will contaminate our well water and soil for life, humming sound constant, red blinking lights shining into our bedroom all night long, disruption of cell service, decreased property values, beautiful site lines of sunrise will be marred by towers. If tower sets on fire then 2-4 weeks evacuation contamination. Increased health concerns such as headaches/stress. Over 200 accidents have been published (more have not been reported) in the past year world-wide.
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	Inefficient sources of power, fire risk, sound from blades can have an effect on hearing, could mess with the aquifer, road damage, There issues should be addressed in an ordinance.
7/7/2025	Yes	3	Neutral	
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	I believe the town of Hampden's mission should be to remain on agricultural based rural community. This means to limit/stop residential homes and no commercial construction that is not agricultural based. Just because you add farm to the title it does not become agricultural! No wind or solar "farms"!!

2025 Wind Tower Survey Responses

No	137	76%
Yes	37	20%
Blank	7	4%
Total	181	100%

Date Recd	Respo nse	Wei ght	Position	Comment
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	Beth Ann with Apex and now Alliant Energy stated the windmills could generate noise at the same level as a vacuum cleaner outside of your house within a legal limit. I attended four meetings, and this was not brought to the attention of the people participating in the program. At the last meeting I asked a following question, "How many of these windmills are in production currently?" An Alliant Energy representative said (quote):"None. These windmills will be the first ones ever built." I commented that these windmills will be experimental. The Alliant rep said:"No, they won't be experimental." When I again asked, whether these windmills are in operation, she said "No". I don't understand how Alliant Energy can predict the operation of a prototype. The information Alliant Energy is giving is incomplete, unclear and very confusing.
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	Concerns of fire, noise, water tables and effects on wild life.
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	They kill songbirds and pollinators. They are noisy and unsightly. Not enough research on long term effects on human organs. In the long run, energy will cost more.
7/7/2025	No	5	Adamant	We would be so sad to see these huge windmills go up in our beautiful town. They are not worth it. Please leave the farmland alone!
7/7/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/9/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/9/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/9/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/9/2025	No	5	Adamant	Are the wind turbines going to be taxed as an asset? What is to cost to taxpayers of this program? The power from the wind turbines is going local or other states? Is this program really needed?
7/9/2025	Yes	3	Neutral	
7/9/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/9/2025	No	2	Moderate	In my opinion, any power generated by these towers should be intended for this area only! I am normally supportive of green energy but it seems this project is opposed by many home and land owners that feel their property will be blighted by towers on neighboring properties.
7/9/2025	Yes	4	Strong	I'd much rather see wind turbines over solar panels because they eat up too much farm land.
7/9/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/9/2025	No	3	Neutral	
7/9/2025	No	5	Adamant	Our number 1 concern is the impact a wind farm would have on farmland in our area. Other concerns are: the negative impact on wildlife interfering with their natural habitats, the noise level, and access to turbines in case of fire. Safety is a concern.
7/9/2025	Yes	4	Strong	
7/9/2025	No	5	Adamant	NO NEED FOR SOLAR OR WIND POWER. IF THEY WANT THAT TELL THEM TO GET IT FROM OUT WEST!!
7/10/2025	No	3	Neutral	
7/10/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/10/2025	No	4	Strong	
7/10/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/10/2025	No	5	Adamant	Maintenance and repair are a big problems. Longevity and disposal are big problems. Eyesores and bird threat are big problems. Land values decline when selling your property at first.
7/10/2025	No	5	Adamant	
7/11/2025	Yes	5	Adamant	
7/11/2025	Yes	3	Neutral	
7/11/2025	No	5	Adamant	Our township has too much wildlife to risk displacing by wind turbine noise and disturbance. The percentage of people benefitting from this project is far less than the people at a disadvantage.
7/11/2025	No	5	Adamant	Solar farms (panels on the ground) are less visible and would be less devalue for home sales. Wind farms are an eye sore and will limit the likelihood of selling our home in the future. Both sources of electricity take up substantial amount of land.
7/11/2025	No	4	Strong	If the pressure of approving wind towers in the township of Hampden, Columbia County. Then I would recommend allowing more residential homes be built to offset areas of land that will no longer be able to farm or build on due to environmental impacts of these wind towers. Reduce the 40 acres needed to build/zone homes to allow more families to have an impact on Comprehensive Plan for Town of Hampden versus looking for Wind Towers.
7/12/2025	No	5	Adamant	HELL NO
7/12/2025	No	5	Adamant	Why would we want to destroy food producing farm land for 20+ years? And then have a mess to clean up! \$\$ can't buy unproduced food!
7/12/2025	No	5	Adamant	