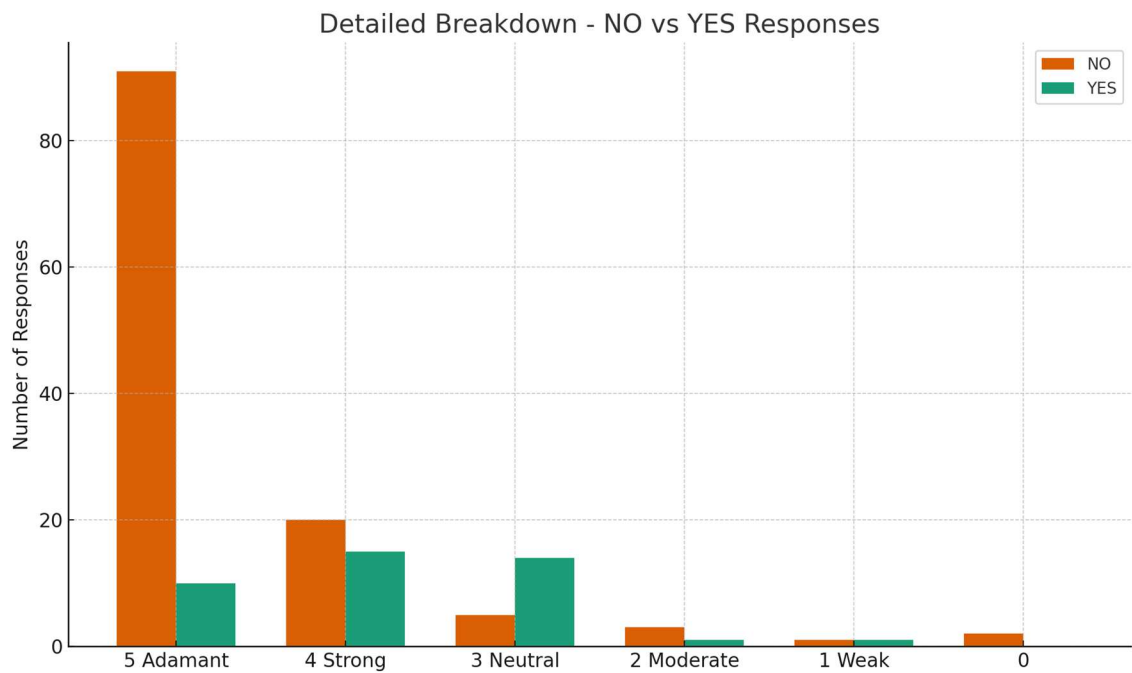
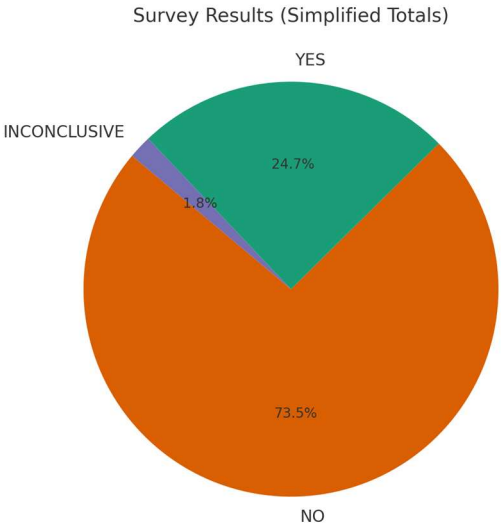


2025 WIND FARM SURVEY RESULTS

155 of 300 sent returned- 55.3%

NO:	5 Adamant-	91	YES:	5 Adamant-	10		
	4 Strong-	20		4 Strong-	15		
	3 Neutral-	5		3 Neutral-	14		
	2 Moderate-	3		2 Moderate-	1		
	1 Weak-	1		1 Weak1-	1		
	0	2				INCONCLUSIVE	3
TOTAL=		122			41		



2025 WIND TOWER SUMMARY OF COMMENTS, CONCERNS, AND QUESTIONS

“NO RESPONSES”

4= STRONG

- Construction of turbines needs to be built with 95% recyclable materials. Fix upfront cost to out way the short life expectancy property values are affected. All in all, not enough bang for the buck in the long run.
- Anybody that signed up for the wind farm should be required to have one on their own homestead, not others.
- As a lifelong resident of Columbia County, the negative impacts of this project greatly outweigh the benefits only select few of us will receive. Beyond personal motivation, Math' Aire field, our local airport, which has been here since 1952, 70+ years, is located right next to proposed turbine locations. Local airfields like Math' Aire Draw Low-flying aircraft relying often on Line-of sight approach, additionally, I also work with our local skydiving club, Seven Hills Skydivers, and there often landings pushed by wind outside the airfield limits. Especially when teaching young student skydivers, having turbine blades reaching hundreds of feet in the air within a few miles is not only dangerous, but could be FATAL. Regarding aviation pilots and skydivers, this is a massive safety concern, for myself, our pilots, and students. In closing, for reasons both public and personal safety, I strongly oppose this project and ask you to reconsider.
- It would be nice to know where the money is going that is saved by these wind farms.
- I wish there was more transparency from our elected board members. It would be nice if some of them had a better attitude than just throwing their arms up and saying we can't do anything about it.
- I'm not sold on wind energy being the answer and I don't know how much more farmland we can afford to lose.
- We feel they are an eyesore; they will lower property values.
- Wind towers need to be positioned on land unsuitable for ag production. I am opposed of destroying more productive farm land. I am not opposed to wind energy.

5= ADAMANT

- I feel that any board member who allows/has a conflict of interest should recuse themselves, if they don't, then a removal from board should be imposed.
- Adamant that we DO NOT support the Columbia wind farm project.
- Talked to Columbia country realtor, he said: Land value will go down, property taxes will not land, will be harder to sell, nobody wants to live by wind towers or solar panels
- I do not trust the government to serve the people. Big businesses have learned how to buy off the government. They are in bed together serving each other not the people. Look at all the problems the government has caused President Trump elected by the people. The stones in the topsoil covering the pipeline.
- These things show more negative impacts than positive. We will not see any benefits from having these wind farms. Our environment will change because of them. We

will not get power from these wind farms more than likely power is going out-of-state. These things are expensive to have, an eyesore to the landscape and a waste of material.

- We are very concerned about the Columbia wind farm project. Beautiful farmland changed forever. The noise, view, and health concerns are all reasons we are not supportive of the Columbia wind project. Thank you for sending the survey.
- Rather solar panels instead of windmills. Windmills are the least green energy efficient, worried about it affecting emergency helicopters, local bats/wildlife, and depending on location blocking access to internet and cell towers.
- Why would you do that to our community?
- Even our president is against wind farms. Much too much tax supplement is required! Bad for environment “birds”, Disposal of blades when unworkable.
- Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to provide our input (and for even including a self-addressed pre-stamped envelope!) 😊
Windmills are an ugly eyesore on the landscape; they pose a serious hazard to migrating birds and they do not offer a long-term solution to our energy problems.
- I do not want the ugly-noisy things/ windmills in Columbia co. They are an eyesore, and they make a funny ill noise that is bad for the eagles! NO!! Windmills!
- My concerns are about the welfare and safety of the residents and the environment. With the height of the tower (over 650 feet) being installed, can local responders handle any situation that may arise in a timely fashion. Example, if a turbine fire occurs do local fire fighters have equipment that will allow them to contain the fire without the responder risking their safety? Are there any toxic effects from the fires that can spread to area residents? As the proposed towers are near heavily travelled highways, if there is a life-threatening event and med-flight is needed, will these towers have any effect on air traffic patterns and/or communication issues with responders or agencies on the ground? What about the flickering effect of the tower blades, will this have a visual effect for residents and travelers? There appear to be life threatening items that have not been addressed for the community and the environment.
- Wind farms have a destructive impact on rural landscapes and wildlife. Many birds and bats are killed by wind turbines. Wind energy is not reliable. Property values will plummet. They create unbearable noise pollution. President Trump STRONGLY opposes wind farms!
- This represents the opinion of both people in this household, It is not fair that some people, and not many, make a bunch of money off these, but everyone has to look at the eyesores and deal with the issues they create. They couldn't pay us enough to put them on my land or near us.
- They are an eyesore and could reduce our property value.
- This is the first time I have heard of this. I am not aware of the plan, positives, negatives, or who/where this would affect. Thank you for sending this out. I am sick of these companies being able to do whatever they want. While the landowner should decide to do what they want on their land, their actions to allow wind, solar,

or whatever should not bleed on to everyone else. The main beneficiaries seem to not be affected by these decisions. They get the power but do not have to stare at these eyesores or deal with all the well documented side effects. Put the damned things in the back yards of the principal consumers of the electricity. Put them on East Washington, in Lake Mendota or in the middle of a sun prairie neighborhood. The greater area that will bear the burden of this government funded/subsidized boondoggle will not proportionally benefit. Meanwhile the principal consumers have no effect. Why are our hands not viewed with the same reverence of a football stadium, or precious skyline of a city? We are an easy target – suppressed commodity prices lead us to agree to this crap – kick us when we are down with easy money on select farms. Build your towers in Madison.

- 1. Disregards our lands use ordinance by removing as land
- 2. No benefits to me as a town resident; yet impacts my taxes & and land value negatively
- 3. Lack of research on impacts of a turbine of this size on the land, the ground water, the noise, radio interference and a long-term health issues for those nearby.
- 4. Safety issues – fire department doesn't have necessary equipment or training in case of turbine emergency.
- 5. Lack of communication on the part of the town board to inform residents of this project. Board needs a better vehicle for information – posting agenda in 3 locations – (none of which are near me) is not sufficient – get a website, go on Facebook, or send out notifications on projects that impact all of us, not just the few who will benefit from this, with no paper or news media in the area, its on the board to improve communication.
- Environmental concerns, wildlife concerns, health concerns.
- I do not like what this will do to our beautiful countryside horizon. It is easy to ask to have these windmills built when it does not affect you. Most of us live in the country because of the peace and beauty. Both will be ruined by many towers and blinking red lights. Absolutely Against!!!
- UGLY UGLY UGLY
Create noise that disrupts animals, disrupts human sleep, bird killers, anyone receiving money should have to wear one to their head.
- Government waste=funding. Lowers property values. Pay back period longer than life of turbine, if they even work at all. We have human, animal & farmland concerns as well as loss of support financially for local small communities. Planning seems poor and do not trust they'll be ecologically removed at the end of their life spans or if issues with maintenance arise.
- I am most concerned with the health and safety of installing a new design wind turbine that has no record of operations. Will it be noisy, what are the fire hazards, what are chemical hazards? My second concern is the cost to me as a tax increase as well as utility cost increase to pay for the project. The loss in property value is a concern. My third concern is the ugliness of wind turbines scattered over the landscape. I'm not in favor of having a bird cemetery under each turbine. The

increase in traffic and road damage is also a concern. Will the township be responsible for the constant repairs needed?

- For the health of everyone, please do not let this project proceed.
- I do not like it on our farmland. Put them in a swamp or land that's not good for much.
- These are not green energy, nor is the project good for our community. The only thing to come out of this will be hate for neighbors.
- We do not support this project in any way.
- We don't need the noise pollution or ugly windmills everywhere. Wind energy is expensive and only adds to energy prices. We should not be adopting it.
- We find the visual impact of wind farms to be unappealing. The wind turbines can produce noise which can be a nuisance to neighboring residents. There needs to be more research on a possibility of negative impact on local wildlife habitats and consequences in the area.
- Loses farmland, I don't feel like looking at them, I feel like there are other ways to use for energy.
- We feel this is not the direction for energy production in general, but also think they will harm everyone in our township in some way. Large amounts of money were thrown around to get people to sign their land over, in my opinion preying on the poorer farm economy in the past years.
- Solar power is the way to go!
 1. Too close to Madison airport traffic – winds of the day changes course plane lands
 2. Too close to Math' Aire Para-shooters – winds change
 3. Too close for crop dusting
 4. It is very unpleasing for enjoying scenery
 5. Too close for medical transport from Beaver Dam & Columbus hospital
 6. Again, air space should be clear for emergency helicopters and other air vessels, that are close to a large city – Madison
 7. We lose our country views, that's why we live in country and farm
- Waste of money, what is the return on the investment? Ruins the land! NOT a good idea for Columbia country. Studies have shown that it isn't as efficient as they thought.
- Looks bad, noise pollution, I didn't move to the country so I could hear the mechanical operation of the turbines. Poses a risk to our wildlife and negatively affects our livestock.
- Who & What is the responsibility of removal at end of equipped life, these also hold large gallons of oil. What in the event of leak or spill?
- We DO NOT want this absolute crap on our landscape! This would be a big waste of resources. We fear this will have bad health issues with all the noise and the shadowing from the blades! And how does this affect our well for water? What if it were to start on fire? Would this also affect Med Flight? What if there were an oil spill from the turbine? This is NOT good!!

- I think this is a very bad idea!
- I have previously lived where there are windfarms, they are loud, don't always work, kill a lot of birds. What do we do in 12 years when they wear out? I am also an engineer by background; wind is the most expensive and unreliable form of energy. The technology is not there yet. DO NOT put up big ugly windmills!
- We don't think the gain is worth destroying the landscape/view.
- Most expensive source of energy + outrageous upkeep costs. Kills Birds. Makes for an ugly landscape.
- Wildlife impact – harms birds/bats/migratory species. Habitat disruption – disrupts ecosystems. Noise – produce low frequency noise. Shadow Flicker – cause confusion on roads. Intermittent energy. Reliance on subsidies. Limited life span. Footprint on wind farms together is greater than nuclear and other energy sources. Intermittent power can cause stress on electric grids. Expensive energy storage. Technology is not financially viable. Turbines unsightly. Land use conflicts. Lower property value, I would not purchase a home by a windfarm. Resources use more energy used to manufacture turbines than the turbines will return. How to recycle when the life of the turbine is complete.
- Conflict of interest on local boards is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Get rid of the chairman ASAP
- Impeach Darren Schroeder!
- We are concerned about the safety of our environment and our health.
- Fire Departments have a ladder that extends to 200ft, and their hose is 200 feet and where the fire ignites are in bearings which are 600 feet up. Hospital is concerned about whether a med flight was needed in that area. Windmill Company is guaranteed a certain amount of money & taxpayers would need to pay for any shortages. Property value goes down, lose our beautiful countryside, affects wildlife negatively. If fire, it will contaminate ground and/or air. Better options such as nuclear.
- Since I can remember (1985 ish) I have been told the farmland along highway 16 and along highway 60 has some of the best farmland in the state. My family members have medical concerns that could be negatively impacted by wind turbines. The natural beauty, wildlife, and waterways could be negatively impacted as well.
- The most expensive eye sore money can buy. I do not support the blackouts coming because stupid energy decisions. Build nuclear, it's the cheapest and no it's not the boom kind.
- Pushed on the community with no input! Visual aesthetics will diminish country views and decrease house salability!
- Concerns:
 - Health – sound impacting sleep, hearing, stress, etc.
 - Environmental – water, animals, impact on roads, bridges, visual.
 - Community – the divide this is putting on our community members.
 - Town of Columbus board – specific board member not representing the community members, only acting on personal gain.

- There is not enough information provided concerning any health issues that may affect residents and the environment. It is known that the fire department does not have the appropriate equipment at this time to deal with any fires. What effect may there be for property owners, future zoning, and the possibility of future tax revenues from new homes being built.
- Totally against windfarm. Safety concerns, fire concerns, and lower your land & house value. I have no desire to look at them, they are not worth the cost/payback.
- They cost more to build than the cost of energy they produce. The look, noise & shadow flicker will definitely bother many residents and wildlife. If it weren't for the money, people would have never agreed to the wind rights "hush money" or have them on their land.
- Not sustainable. Not good for environment. Not good for the community. Not safe for families or farming. No local infrastructure to support it (such as fire department resources).
- I am disappointed that the decisions of a few to benefit themselves will definitely affect the many in ways we will not know until it's too late. For one, our property value will decrease (by what I've heard at least 5%.) And the beautiful view we all enjoy will for even be altered for not just the Township, but City of Columbus\Fall River. I wonder what the input would be in this. Thank you for taking the time to address this, as I know you all have better things to do than list peoples complaints.
- **A truly objective** cost benefit does not prove the value of windfarms. Nuclear and Coal powered energy are better options.
- Feel the board president is guilty of conflict of interest as it appears he is getting some kind of kickback fan moving forward. Concerned that regards for public health + safety have not been covered + explored properly or thoroughly. This will end up like so many storefronts and strip malls in the area – an eyesore. The board president should be transparent with any + all business that affects the people he is supposed to be representing!! A township website should be created so town people should stay informed.
- The placement of huge wind turbines on Prime Ag. Land is wrong. They may endanger animals, birds and humans and the value of property will decrease.
- My main concern is the birds-eagles, cranes, and the possibility of the water table becoming contaminated.
- Wind Turbines are often presented as a perfect solution for clean energy. While many see them as a sign of progress, it's also important to consider the drawbacks. When I see a field of windmills, I don't just see a source of power; I see structures that change the landscape, cause noise pollution, and have a negative effect on local wildlife. For these reasons, my feelings about windmills are more negative than positive.

First, the visual impact of wind farms is hard to ignore. A beautiful, open landscape, whether it's a field or coastline, has a natural, peaceful quality. When massive turbines are placed there, they completely change the view. Their tall, industrial shapes and constantly spinning blades can make a natural area feel more like a

factory. They take away from the natural beauty and create a view that I find to be a negative change to the environment.

Another major issue is the noise and the danger they pose to animals. While you might not hear a loud roar, the low-frequency humming and shooshing sounds from the blades can be a constant source of noise pollution. This can be annoying to people living nearby and can take away from the peace and quiet of a rural area. The turbines also pose a serious threat to birds and bats. The fast-moving blades can be very dangerous for these creatures, and many are harmed each year, which impacts the local ecosystem.

Finally, the way windmills work creates its own problems. They require a lot of space, which means less land for farming or for nature to exist untouched. Also, wind is not constant. The turbines only make power when the wind blows hard enough, which means their energy supply is unreliable. This forces us to rely on other power plants, like ones that use fossil fuels, to make sure we always have enough electricity.

In summary, while the goal of clean energy is important, windmills have many issues that are often overlooked. Their negative visual effect, noise pollution, and danger to wildlife, combined with their unreliable power output, make them a less-than-perfect solution. For people who value the natural landscape and its inhabitants, a dislike of windmills is an understandable position.

N/A

- I had no knowledge about a wind farm. No opinion either way.

“YES RESPONSES”

2= MODERATE

- Need to stop fossil fuels. Extreme heat and flooding are getting worse! We need to try something!

3= NEUTRAL

- Wind farm project was announced 3 or 4 years ago for townships & county and confirmed at numerous town board meetings these past few years. Several informational | promotional meetings were held at Club 60. Questions | concerns could also be discussed at the East James St Office. Township residents had a right to sign or NOT sign a company contract. Those opposed should have taken proper action before the end of the year 2024. Any action now – could be costly to township residents.
- The wind project should have been shared with all township officials so they could have informed the residents. Now we're in this mess of a predicament.
- Money payout good, but environmental damage is not good.
- I'm not a farmer, so I don't know how it would impact the landowner or owners. If I did, I might feel different.
- I feel this is going to happen no matter what. We are 4 years into this. I believe it's too late to stop it. Should have done this prior.
- We all know if Alliant wants the wind farm and the county wants it, it will happen.

4= STRONG

- We need more electrical service without pollution.
- We need to get away from fossil fuels and an added bonus is the county/township will receive \$\$ annually. A win-win!
- I've only worked for Wisconsin academy for one year, but I'm pretty sure one of these is going on our land. 😊
- Clean wind power is a good thing!
- I hate seeing people not from our township telling us what we should do.
- We need to support our children's future.
- I don't care much if they go up or not. I have heard Harold say, "We have to try no matter the cost." That concerns me greatly. I don't want to waste my taxes on a lawsuit. Stick to managing to township not personal anti-wind agenda.
- I would rather have windmills than solar panel farms, or God forbid, a full-on power plant I like my electricity on.

5= ADAMANT

- It is selfish and shortsighted to contest cleaner energy when the scope of climate change is so huge and undeniable. We will all have to change in big ways because of how we treated the earth so poorly. Obstructing your "view" or boring corn and say is literally the smallest thing you can do to help the next generation survive our changing climate.
- I am concerned about the two supervised willness to break state law with their proposed ordinance.
- Clean energy is necessary for everyone!
- The state of Wisconsin is electric deficient local windmill projects 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. 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 Wisconsin 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. Tracts that have windmills 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 windmill project. The windmill projects give landowners a diverse income stream that will not be tied to agriculture. The windmills will create revenue streams for the township.
- It's a done deal. It's silly to spend time and money trying to stop it. This is needed infrastructure, and I'd much rather see wind turbines than a nuclear or coal power plant.
- I don't want to waste my taxpayer money on Harold's anti-windmill vendetta. I appreciate clean energy and hate wasted money. I was at the meeting with the director of planning and zoning and understood we would be sued, and I didn't vote you to waste money.