



# **Town of Brant**

## **Erie County New York**

Dear Resident,

In 2008, the Town was given a grant from Senator Dale Volker to complete a preliminary feasibility study regarding the development of renewable energy. The purpose of the Study was to evaluate energy alternatives that could supplement current electric energy sources and reduce costs to the Town. The results indicated that sufficient resources may exist for the development of Wind Energy in the Town of Brant, pending further detailed study and assessment. The next step in the process is to gauge whether sufficient community support exists to justify additional study into assessing the viability of constructing and operating a wind farm in the Town of Brant.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information on public opinion regarding the development of wind energy in the Town. The Town Board's goal is to gain a better understanding on your attitudes and opinions in this matter. Included with this letter is a brief questionnaire and a self-addressed stamped return envelope. Please complete and return the survey by **Friday March 27, 2009**. By completing this questionnaire, we as a community, can create a quality recommendation for wind energy development; therefore your participation and feedback is very important.

In closing, if you have any questions or would like more information please contact Leonard Pero, Town of Brant Supervisor at (716) 549-0301. Additional surveys may be obtained from Town Hall or downloaded from the Town's website at [www.brantny.com](http://www.brantny.com). Completed questionnaires may also be returned to the Supervisor's office at Town Hall.

Thank you in advance for participating in this community effort.

Sincerely,  
The Town of Brant Town Board

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## Town of Brant Wind Energy Survey

### Questionnaire Instructions

1. Please read each question carefully and consider your answer for each question.
2. Indicate your response by placing a check mark in the space of the appropriate answer.
3. For question **11** feel free to use the back of the sheet to provide any additional comments you may have regarding the development of wind energy.
4. Please complete and return the questionnaire by Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>.
5. Completed questionnaires **can be dropped off at the Supervisor's office at the Town of Brant Town Hall or returned by mail to the address noted below.**
  - CRA Infrastructure & Engineering  
285 Delaware Avenue, Suite 500  
Buffalo, New York 14202

# Town of Brant Wind Energy Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions

Please read each question carefully and indicate your response by placing a check mark in the space of the appropriate answer.

1. Do you currently own property within the Town of Brant?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you currently reside in the Town of Brant?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you seen a wind farm?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. If YES to number 3, did your personal experience of seeing a wind farm make you: (Check only one answer).

More likely to support a proposal for a wind farm \_\_\_\_\_

It had no effect \_\_\_\_\_

More likely to oppose a proposal for a wind farm \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you think there might be a problem with any of the following? Please check any or all that apply.

Noise from the turbine \_\_\_\_\_

Damage to plants and/or animals \_\_\_\_\_

The look of the landscape \_\_\_\_\_

Noise during construction \_\_\_\_\_

TV/Radio interference \_\_\_\_\_

Extra traffic during construction \_\_\_\_\_

Shadow flicker \_\_\_\_\_

Groundwater/Private well impacts during construction \_\_\_\_\_

Other please specify \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which of the following would you expect from the development of Wind Energy in Brant? Please check any or all that apply.

Reduced local & regional air pollution \_\_\_\_\_

Cheaper electricity \_\_\_\_\_

Local jobs created \_\_\_\_\_

Increased tourism \_\_\_\_\_

Reduced Town taxes \_\_\_\_\_

None \_\_\_\_\_

Other please specify \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you favor the development of wind energy in Western New York?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you favor the development of wind energy in the Town of Brant?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

9. Would you consider entering into a lease agreement that would permit the construction and operation of a wind turbine on your property?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

10. An informational meeting may be scheduled if sufficient support for the development of wind energy exists. Would you be interested in attending an informational meeting?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. What, if anything, do you like or dislike about the development of wind energy in your area. Please provide your comments in the space below. If you need additional room please use the back of the sheet.