



Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Conference 2011

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Common Ground in Wind Energy
Breakout Seminar**

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A Winning Combination

I.U.O.E. Local 150 and Wind Developers

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Value of Wind Energy Jobs

For Workers:

- In rural areas, wind farms one of very few job creators
- 1,000 man hours for a single wind turbine
- Jobs pay good wages

For Communities:

- Wages go to local residents, pumped back into local economy
- Boost in local tax base from income taxes as well as various taxes paid by developers

Making it happen

- Start reaching out as soon as met towers are erected
- Obstacles we have encountered
 - Organized “NIMBY” opposition
 - Prohibitive purchasing agreements
- Solution: Political and Community Activism on every level

Locally

- Political activism, from road commissioners to the county board seats



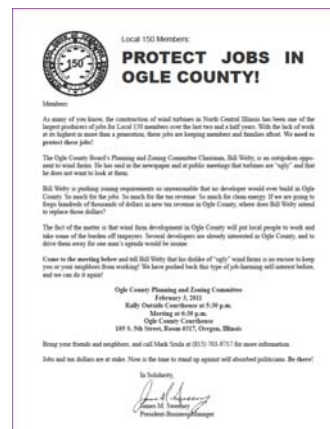
Locally

- Rallying at zoning board, city council, and county board meetings
- Speaking at public hearings



Locally

- Informing members and residents of benefits to counter anti-wind propaganda
- Media outreach
- Introducing developers to local decision makers who can make their projects a reality



Statewide

- Negotiate power-purchase agreements that are long term and locked in
- Push for a set of zoning standards for use Across Illinois



Bringing Benefits Home

- Local 150 has the only USDOL-accredited turbine technician apprenticeship program in the nation
- From paving access roads to erecting towers, developers are guaranteed skilled, safe, drug free workers.

