



WIND WORKS FOR INDIANA

Wind projects offer many benefits to rural communities

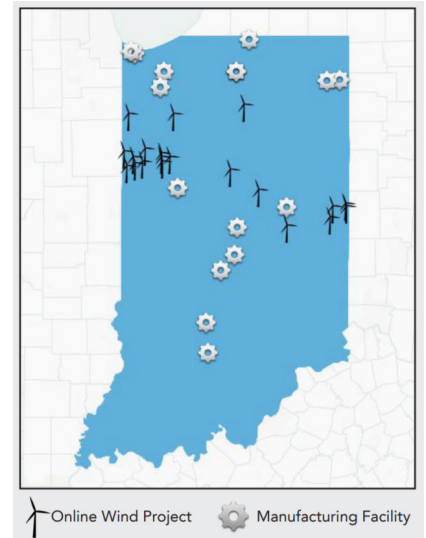
Benton, White, Randolph, Tipton, and Madison Counties have received:

- \$3.5 billion in capital investments
- \$149 million in landowner payments
- \$117.4 million in new tax revenue

In fact, **Benton County** is now **debt-free** after wind projects brought a new source of tax revenue to the county. The average pay in the county has increased to approximately **\$45,000**.

Many communities use revenue from wind projects to:

- Fund community projects such as sponsoring baseball teams and funding for a new city fire truck
- Devote millions of dollars to school districts
- Invest in new equipment & paramedics for local fire departments and public safety units



Wind Energy in Indiana¹

**15 Active Wind
Manufacturing
Facilities**

**\$4.5 Billion in Capital
Investment**

Over 2,000 Indiana Jobs

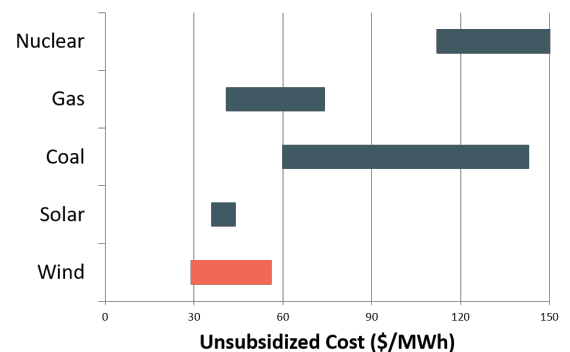
**\$5-10 Million in
Annual
Payments**

Customers demand renewable energy

Electricity consumers - both residential and industrial - are increasingly demanding clean energy sources. Not only is wind power clean, it is a least-cost source of electricity. The cost of wind energy has dropped 66% since 2009² and is the **cheapest new source of electricity generation**⁵ in many parts of the country, including Indiana. In fact, building a new wind farm is often cheaper than keeping existing coal and natural gas plants running.

Not only does wind **save ratepayers money**, but **wind farms invest in rural Indiana** by providing new jobs and economic development. Many businesses with sustainability goals are attracted to states that **provide access to low-cost renewable energy** like wind. The vast majority of wind farm equipment is manufactured right here in the U.S. and **keeps the U.S. energy supply diverse, competitive, homegrown, and reliable**.

Unsubsidized Levelized Cost of Energy⁴



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