

# Powering Rural Indiana

**Landowners and communities deserve the full economic benefits of using land to cultivate both renewable energy and crops.**

## Preserving landowner rights

**Indiana landowners know their land best—and they should be the ones deciding how it's used.**

- When a local ordinance bans development, it takes away a landowners right to decide what's best for their property and denies families the chance to secure stable, predictable income for generations.

IN wind, solar, & storage projects generated  
**\$57.9 Million<sup>2</sup>** in annual lease payments to landowners

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As property owner of a family farm, I feel we should have the right to decide if one form of renewable energy is right for us, not the local decision makers.



**Jamie Newkirk**  
Farmer  
Falmouth, IN

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We're actually going to produce more income as farmers, not only as landowners, but as farmers... This gives you sustainability because of the revenue stream that's guaranteed for the next 30 years.



**Norm**  
Farmer  
Starke County, IN

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My father's always had the desire that this farm stay from generation to generation... [Solar] would give an opportunity for this next generation to stay on this farm.

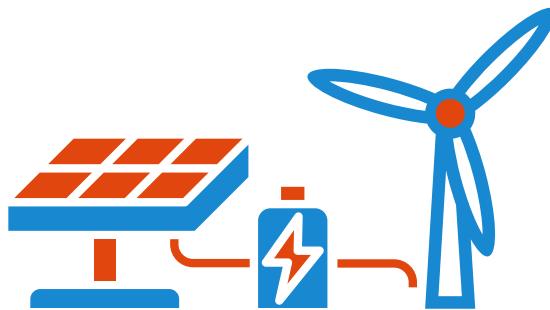


**Billy**  
Farmer  
Starke County, IN

## Protecting Generational Land

**Consistent payments from wind and solar projects help families maintain and protect their land for years to come.**

- Renewable energy projects give landowners the freedom and ability to earn year-round income, keeping family farms viable and in local hands through market swings and tough growing seasons.



## Strengthening Economic Prosperity

Renewable energy projects generate steady revenue streams that invest in rural economies.

- The revenue from renewables funds law enforcement, firefighters, first responders, schools, roads, bridges, public libraries, and other essential services!

IN wind, solar, & storage projects generated  
**\$54.3 Million<sup>2</sup>**  
 in annual state & local tax revenue

### 2022 Property Tax Revenue Generated by IN Solar Energy<sup>5</sup>

County	Revenue	Allocation of Added Tax Revenue			
		County	City/Town	School	Other
Jasper	\$1,266,205	\$566,765	-	\$614,647	\$84,793
Pike	\$1,091,502	\$800,560	\$36,652	\$217,598	\$36,692
Starke	\$965,678	\$384,642	\$14,720	\$513,520	\$52,796
Cass	\$610,416	\$587,136	\$1,134	\$12,448	\$9,699
Henry	\$439,369	\$275,066	\$25,560	\$109,417	\$29,325
Pulaski	\$334,161	\$262,719	\$1,059	\$70,184	\$199
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,242,829</b>	\$3,215,366	\$85,022	\$1,713,270	\$229,171

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[Wind] has made a big difference as far as our assessed values, lowering property taxes—or all taxes, period... We've collected roughly \$42 million since 2009 and over \$25 million of that's going to the schools. If we didn't have the AV from the wind here... we'd either be broke or our taxes would be so crazy people wouldn't live here.



**Bryan**  
County Commissioner & Farmer  
Benton County, IN

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One of the first things we did as a county council [after getting wind farms] was put in paramedics, because we couldn't afford them before.



**Alan**  
Ex-County Commissioner  
Benton County, IN

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