

# Buffalo Branch Wind Project

## Community Newsletter



**247 MW**

Nameplate Capacity\*

**69,000**

Homes Powered\*

**\$2.5 million**

Annual Property Tax\*

\*estimated

## Project Update

BluEarth Renewables is committed to engaging stakeholders on our Projects and working together with honest and transparent communications. We are sending this newsletter to provide a community update on the development of the Buffalo Branch Wind Project located on private land in Dade County, Missouri, and answer some of the questions you may have about the Project.

### What's taking so long?

The simple answer is everything. We rely on our suppliers for everything from wires to breakers to nuts and bolts. Some big pieces of equipment, like turbines, are starting to be manufactured in the United States. However, the grid operator is having issues sourcing the breakers and switches to connect the Project to the grid. This is a consistent trend for electrical equipment across the United States. We have signed contracts to connect us to the transmission system and are working on alternatives to help the grid operator as much as possible.

### Is the Project going to be built?

Yes, we're confident this Project will be built! There is significant interest from customers for power in this area of the country and the consistent wind resource in Missouri is very attractive to them. The Project is in advanced discussions with customers for power purchase contracts. As soon as we have a publicly available update, we will share it with all Project participants.

### Why haven't we heard from you?

Our intent is to provide meaningful updates on the Project and celebrate major milestones with the community. We are often in Dade County and while we would like to meet with everyone, due to the number of participants in the Project this is challenging. This fall we're planning an appreciation event for everyone involved in the Project and would love to see you there. More details to come.

## Did you know?

**Each turbine in the Buffalo Branch Wind Project will contribute over \$30,000 annually in tax revenue alone.**

## How does the Project benefit the community?

The biggest benefit is revenue for the community from tax dollars. We estimate the Project would pay roughly \$2.5 million in property tax each year. Based on today's tax split, the majority of these funds would go to your local school board which would result in over \$30,000 per turbine every year. The remainder of the tax revenue will be directed towards roads, bridges, the fire department and county.

## My bank has questions about the Project, what do I need to do?

Provide our contact information to the bank. If you're refinancing a mortgage or selling part of your property, the bank may have title questions. We can provide everything the bank needs at no cost to you. Just put us in touch and we'll work with them to make sure everything is in order. For all land related questions, contact [land@bluearth.ca](mailto:land@bluearth.ca) or call 1-844-214-2578.

## Where are the turbines going to be?

There are many factors that go into siting a turbine. We're still looking at a few different turbine models, and each model can change the location of turbines slightly, so we won't be able to release a map until the final turbine order is made. We take several factors into account when building a turbine layout including homes, wildlife habitat, environmental study results, and roads.

## Giving Back Where We Live, Work and Operate

We are proud to be a part of the community, and we look forward to working with you to strengthen the local economy and give back to the community for decades to come. In 2023, we invested over \$155,000 in the communities where we live, work and operate as part of our commitment to helping build healthy, thriving communities.

## Do you have a local community investment suggestion?

We are always looking for local input on how BluEarth can make a difference. Review our funding criteria and submit a funding application online at [bluearthrenewables.com/funding](https://bluearthrenewables.com/funding)

BluEarth was proud to sponsor the Lockwood Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Bull Blast and support the Lockwood R-1 Schools in 2023.



As part of our Community Investment Program, we also invite you to apply to the BluEarth Renewables Scholarship Program. Our Scholarship Program is designed to support, educate and inspire the next generation of leaders and professionals who have the power to change the future, and is specifically targeted at the communities where we live, work and operate.



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