

TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR

WHY

Are you interested in helping your community by becoming a volunteer coordinator to keep industrial wind turbines OUT of your backyards? Do you want to prevent property SALE values in your township from dropping 25-60%? Do you like to enjoy peace and quiet when you sit outside in your yard? Do you want to prevent giant turbines from blocking out the sun & casting flickering shadows on your home and property? Do you want to keep the beauty and peace of your rural community intact? Great!!... because we are here to help you do JUST THAT!

In order for a township to STOP BIG WIND from getting ordinances passed in their favor to allow them to fill your skylines with 600' industrial wind turbines, you and the citizens of your community NEED TO ACT NOW!!

WHO

Any resident(s) ready to actively get involved in STOPPING BIG WIND that lives in the township they are volunteering to lead can volunteer to become the coordinator of their township and will work with other community members to accomplish the goals set forth.

WHAT does a coordinator do?

Signing up as a Volunteer Township Coordinator means your neighbors will now have a contact person to help lead the way to organizing your community so you have a voice that can be heard.

Most people in our communities are STILL completely unaware of Apex's presence for the proposed project, so the **MAIN focus is getting the word out to as many people as you can as quickly as possible before it's too late.**

HOW

Here is how you & others in your community can start:

- First, find out if your township has a current wind ordinance by calling your township office
- If it has a strong anti-wind ordinance (we can help you review) - AWESOME- so far so good...as long as Apex (the giant corporation threatening our communities) doesn't talk your Township Board Members and your Township Planning Committee into amending the ordinance to lessen restrictions so wind turbines can come moving in.
- If your township does NOT have a current wind ordinance or an ordinance with strong restrictions to help keep giant wind turbines out of your backyards, then you and your community will need to get involved fast as Apex has been here in Montcalm County with a 2 YEAR head start working hard to get land-owners to sign leases for their proposed wind farm project.

A few of the things you & others in your community may want to pursue:

- Find out when your township board meetings are and start attending them regularly.
 - Send us your updates so we can keep them posted on the website www.mtcabw.org
- **Encourage others in your township to also attend meetings- there is power in numbers!!**
- Encourage others to write letters to your board members voicing their opposition- request that they be entered into public record as well.
- Collect names and contact info of residents in your township that want to participate in KEEPING BIG WIND OUT!
 - You will need these contacts so you can coordinate Resident Meetings to help stay connected and distribute the workload so everyone can help out
- Get signs to post out in your yards to help spread the word and get the message out.
 - (We use online sites with best pricing and already have a design if you'd like to use ours)
- Encourage residents to write letters 'To the Editor' for free publication in the local newspaper.
- Invite people to the Facebook & MeWe groups "Montcalm County Citizens United"
- Invite people to the website so they can get specific township information regarding where you are at in the process.
- Potentially help get a referendum going should your township require one (we can help with that process should it be needed).
- Set up a PayPal (or other) account so ppl in your community can donate money if they choose to help pay for office supplies- paper/ink for flyer, postage, money to front for signs, mailers, or a potential attorney should you need one to draft your "letter of intent" to start a referendum.

WHERE do I go for information and resources?

- WEBSITE: www.MTCABW.org
- Find Us on Facebook: Montcalm County, MI Citizens United <https://www.facebook.com/groups/845703742901369>
- Find Us on MeWe: Montcalm County Citizens United
- Contact Email Address: MontcalmCountyCitizensUnited@gmail.com
- Township & County Board Meetings
- Connecting with the Interstate Informed Citizens Coalition (IICC) including Kevon Martis & Norman Stephens will also be invaluable as they are resources that provide their FREE assistance & guidance in the process of how to best fight big wind in our township as every situation is going to be a bit different.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions in the group forums as we are all fighting this together and can ALL be of help to one another!

WHEN

Today!! Then sooner you get started, the better your chances of stopping BIG WIND are.

Should your township require a referendum to amend an APEX friendly ordinance, you will need to act fast and within a certain number of days if you want to succeed and not miss deadlines.

How do I sign up?

PM Chantelle Benko on FB or email MontcalmCountyCitizensUnited@gmail.com about your interest & include the following:

Name

Township you reside in

Phone

Email