

## **Niagara County Legislature supports calls for industrial wind turbine environmental and health studies**

In June 2018, the Western New York Public Health Alliance wrote to Kathleen Burgess of the New York State Public Service Commission, requesting that a proposed industrial wind turbine project “only be considered following a complete and transparent process including all the standard environmental and health impact studies and local input.”

The New York State Association of County Health Officials followed up, stating, “The Article 10 process places at risk our local boards of health home rule ability, which allows them to take steps to safeguard the health and wellness of our residents and protect the environment within our counties.”

Those stances were approved by the Niagara County Legislature on Feb. 19, 2019, in a Resolution sponsored by Legislator John Syracuse (14th District).

The Resolution also calls “on the governor to direct the Article 10 Siting Board to require wind turbine projects to include all the standard environmental and comprehensive health impact and environmental studies including consideration of the added potential for sleep disturbances from pulsating night noise dominated by low frequency and infrasound, especially under stable atmospheric conditions.”

“Legislator Syracuse and the entire Niagara County Legislature have been very supportive of our efforts to prevent Apex from blighting the pristine countryside of Niagara County with dozens of massive industrial wind turbines,” said Save Ontario Shores President Pam Atwater. “Time and again, our local lawmakers have listened closely to our concerns about the Lighthouse Wind project and we are grateful for their continued support.”

The Resolution was forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo and members of the New York State Senate and Assembly.

Save Ontario Shores, Inc.  
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