

Noble News

Noble Environmental Power, LLC



Allegany County Edition
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Project Update

In preparation for the submission of an application to construct a windpark in Allegany County, Noble Environmental Power will begin field siting potential wind turbine locations in the upcoming weeks.

Biologists and Wind Resource Analysts will require access to landowners' properties as they navigate to those sites. Once they determine placement of all windpark facilities, surveyors will then place stakes on landowners' properties. Once this has been completed, Noble employees will walk the land with each landowner and review the proposed locations of these facilities. Landowners should expect to see those survey stakes by late June. At that time, landowners will have an opportunity to provide input.

Envirothon 2007

What is Envirothon? The idea is simple: combine the proven concepts of hands-on education with the excitement of a good competition and the fun of spending a day outdoors. Teams of students from across the three counties of Wyoming, Allegany and Livingston met to compete in a series of hands-on contests to solve environmental problems. Students compete in 5 categories: Aquatics, Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, and a Current Issue; this year's current issue is Alternative Energy.

Winners from the county-wide competitions go on to compete at the state competition, to be held at SUNY Cobleskill this year. The winners of the state competition move on to the North American Competition, which will take place in Geneva, NY.

The competition is facilitated by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Mr. David Reckhan, from the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District was the lead for this year's event. Students and their teacher/mentor voluntarily participate, and while much of the curriculum is covered in school, students also must research and prepare for these tests on their own.

This year, 24 teams from 8 schools entered the Wyoming/Allegany/Livingston Competition, which was held on May 2nd. The students met at the Trailside Lodge in Letchworth State Park. They moved from station to station answering questions and performing hands on experiments. In Wyoming County, the Perry Central School Team #5 won 1st place, while the Cuba-Rushford #4 Team placed 1st for Allegany County.

Noble Environmental Power is proud to sponsor this event, as well as the State and North American Competitions. Congratulations to all of the competitors and best of luck to all of the students moving on to the state and North American Competitions!



Students taking part in the Envirothon form the shape of a turbine.



Meet Our Staff

Noble is pleased to introduce our Assistant Environmental Manager of Western New York Projects, Kristin Hawley. Working with the Noble team since April 2006, Kristin assists with determining and defining environmental constraints in turbine placement, verifying location of residences, and field level selection of road and turbine locations. Kristin says that the best part of her job is ensuring that the natural beauty of the area is maintained through the careful placement of access roads and turbines. She is a graduate of the SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry Program.

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Visit our featured web site of the month:

❖ NY State Governor Spitzer's Website
<http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/0419071.html>

Visit Governor Spitzer's site to read about the new state plan to reduce energy costs and curb pollution.

Energy Efficiency, Conservation, and Renewables are the Backbone of the New Energy Plan in NY State

In announcing the new energy plan for the State of New York, Governor Eliot Spitzer and Lt. David Paterson addressed the intertwined issues of rising energy costs, climate change, and youth pursuing out-of-state job opportunities.

The new plan focuses on several points; the first proposes a 15% reduction of electricity use from projected levels by 2015, which will be accomplished through the implementation of energy efficiency programs specifically geared towards government and industry. Second on the agenda are more stringent energy building codes along with updated energy efficiency standards for appliances. An investment of \$295 million for in-state renewable energy projects as well as new proposed power plant siting legislation round out the energy plan.

The development of wind energy will play a large role in meeting the economic and environmental goals set forth by the comprehensive plan. Wind energy creates jobs and is one of the least expensive options for new sources of electric generation. Wind energy is also 100% clean and renewable, bringing the state closer to its goal of a cleaner, healthier environment.



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