

Petition to Reject New Leaf Energy Wind Turbine Project

We, the undersigned, urge the Town Board of Stark, as Lead Agency, to reject the New Leaf Wind Turbine Energy Project that has been proposed on lands in or affecting the towns of Stark, Springfield, and Warren, based on the following:

- The Project is inconsistent with protection of the significant rural, agricultural, and environmental resources of the region;
- The Project would negatively impact the Holy Trinity Monastery and other significant historic and cultural sites in the region;
- The Project violates the Town of Springfield Zoning law which prohibits large-scale industrial wind turbines;
- The Project threatens the health of residents and farm animals due to noise, low frequency sound, light flicker, and other injuries;
- The Project would kill wildlife including migratory birds, encroach upon forest habitat, and degrade the integrity of ecosystems;
- The Project risks damage to wetlands, streams, and private water wells due to construction, dewatering, and blasting within karst-sensitive areas;
- The Project would harm the local economy and livelihood of residents due to loss of local farms, businesses, and decreased property values;

For all of these reasons and those presented in various public meetings and hearings which are a matter of Public Record, the undersigned urge the Town Board to reject the New Leaf Energy Wind Project.

Respectfully submitted: