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The negative effects of Wildcat turbines

My name is Fred McCorkle. I live at 5431 E. 400 North, Windfall, with my wife, Barb.

This address is 2.4 miles east of Windfall, in Wildcat Township.

In the summer of 2012, we suffered through the trials and tribulations of the placement and erection of turbines in Wildcat Wind Farm. Some of those were loss of power, without notification, or loss of power at a different time than scheduled; trying to find a road that was fit to drive on, just to get to Elwood; and the constant barrage of heavy equipment on our roads, which still are not repaired.

Now we get to live with the green-energy monsters.

They told us that they weren't noisy, but they are. They whine, they screech, they hum, and most of the time it sounds like the sky is full of jet aircraft. On different occasions they have awakened me in the middle of the night. They will nauseate you, they will disorient you. They have done this to me because of the constant motion.

They said that they wouldn't interfere with TV, Internet or cellphones, but they certainly have at my residence. They even caused vibrations in my shop.

These are the negative impacts that I have experienced since early spring. I have heard that others living in the area have negative impacts different than these.

In 2002, we searched for a place to retire, finally deciding to just stay here in Wildcat Township. Little did we know that our lives would be so negatively impacted. After spending a considerable amount of money to get our property to be comfortable for us, we now find that it is practically worthless if we try to sell it.

I would contend that the county comprehensive plan is flawed, when something with such a negative impact on the citizens is allowed to be forced upon us. There should have been a minimum of a two-year study on the pros and cons, then let all the citizens of the county have a voice.

Believe me, these monsters do not add to the aesthetic beauty of Wildcat Township.

Fred McCorkle

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