

# Black Oak redux

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Hello, Town Board —

Several months ago I wrote you in support of the Black Oak Wind Farm. Since then there has been a vigorous public debate, and now your moment of decision approaches. I write to once more urge you to approve this project.

I'd like to note that:

- BOWF meets or exceeds all legal and environmental standards.
- Despite the fears of some, there is no scientific evidence of health risks from wind turbines.
- Setbacks are all at or above recommended standards.
- Projected noise levels are lower than required by law.
- Distances to residences far exceed any documented risk from ice throw.
- BOWF has made recent changes to accommodate many of the legitimate concerns of residents.
- The project has undergone years of scrutiny, study, hearings, and meets every requirement for full approval.
- BOWF will provide economic benefits to Enfield, our schools, and the entire county.

As a former councilperson, I know it is tough to cast controversial votes in face of heated opposition from even a small number highly vocal residents. I also know it is critical to do what is in the best interests of the Town. I strongly believe that the Black Oak Wind Farm is safe and both economically and environmentally important. From our ban on fracking to now being home for NY's first solar farms, Enfield has led the way toward a fossil-fuel-free energy future. Building the State's first community-owned wind farm will continue this vision. Black Oak deserves your full and enthusiastic support.

Thanks!

— Dave & Joanna Bock