

APPENDIX A
SAMPLE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MATERIALS



OPEN HOUSE: PROPOSED WESTCHESTER WIND PROJECT

Natural Forces is hosting an open house to provide information on the proposed Westchester Wind Project. The proposed Project will comprise of approximately 10 wind turbines, which will generate power to an estimated 11,250 Nova Scotian homes.

An open house is an event designed to allow stakeholders an opportunity to drop in to a location in their community to gather information and ask questions on a specific topic.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place during the open house, and masks will be mandatory.

ABOUT US

Natural Forces is a private independent power producer based in Halifax, NS that delivers renewable energy projects in partnership with local communities.



July 20th, 2021, 4-8pm
Westchester Fire Hall, 123 Valley Road, Westchester

For more information, visit our website at www.naturalforces.ca



www.naturalforces.ca



902-292-2476



kfunke@naturalforces.ca



PROPOSED WESTCHESTER WIND PROJECT INFORMATION SESSION MATERIALS

20.07.21

Contact:

Kathleen Funke

kfunke@naturalforces.ca

902-292-2476

naturalforces.ca



Project Overview

The proposed Westchester Wind Project is being developed by Natural Forces and Wskijnu'k Mtmot'atquuow Agency Ltd (WMA) and consists of between 10-12 wind turbine generators. The Project could generate up to approximately 50 MW of electricity to be distributed through the Nova Scotia Power electrical grid. The proposed turbines have an individual capacity of 4.2-5.5 MW with tower heights of approximately 120 m and blade lengths of approximately 75 m.

The Project is proposed on privately-owned lands along highway 104 in Cumberland County, approximately 25 km southeast of Oxford. The site lands are a mixture of forested and blueberry fields with various existing access roads. This location was chosen due to its elevation, optimal windspeeds, distance from residences, and minimal environmental constraints.

Project Benefits

- Generate enough electricity to power up to 20,000 homes.
- Increase employment and revenue for local businesses due to activities associated with the development, construction, and operation phases of the Project.
- Produce emission-free energy that will displace energy produced from fossil fuels in Nova Scotia and therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Assist Nova Scotia in meeting renewable energy regulations and targets.
- Stabilize energy costs for Nova Scotia Power customers.
- Increase property tax revenues for Cumberland County.

Environmental Studies

The proposed Westchester Wind Project will have an installed capacity greater than 2MW and will require a Provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Desktop and field studies are currently being completed as part of the EIA. These studies will help Natural Forces develop the project responsibly and mitigate environmental impacts. Members of the local community will have an opportunity to review and comment on the EIA document.

Topics of Study

- Wetlands and watercourses
- Breeding birds
- Migratory birds
- Common nighthawks
- Bats
- Archaeology
- Vegetation
- Wildlife and habitat
- Wind resource
- Noise
- Shadow flicker

Project Timeline

Work Completed to Date – 2020-21

- Site verification
- Initial discussions with regulators
- Initial engagement with Mi'kmaq bands

Ongoing Work – 2021-22

- Wind monitoring campaign
- Preliminary wind resource assessment
- Land security
- Field surveys
- Public consultation
- Nova Scotia Power feasibility study

Anticipated Future Work

2021-2022

- Work on this Project
- Green Choice Program Request for Proposals
- Municipal permitting
- Micro-siting turbine locations
- Environmental impact assessment submission
- Nova Scotia Power advanced interconnection studies
- Negotiation of Power Purchase Agreement

2022-23

- Pre-construction activities
- Turbine procurement
- Civil works
- Electrical works and interconnection
- Turbine erection
- Project commissioning

2024-54

- Operation of turbines
- Monitoring and site management
- Decommissioning and site reclamation

Proposed Westchester Wind Project

Development Zone



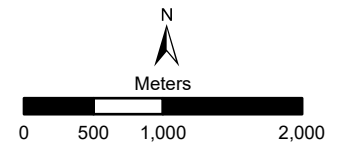
Legend

- Residences and Buildings
- Development Zone
- Existing 138 kV Transmission Line
- 1km Buffer from Residences

Notes

Sources

- Basemap: ESRI World Map



Scale: 1:54,400

Spatial Reference: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 20N

Page Size: 8.5" x 11"

Production Date: Jul 15, 2021



Wentworth Collingwood Road

104

Westchester Road





Westchester Wind Project

Natural Forces is proposing to develop a wind energy project on Westchester Mountain, Nova Scotia. The Westchester Wind Project would consist of approximately 10-12 turbines with the capacity to produce approximately 50 MW of clean renewable energy. This proposed project would supply enough electricity to power an estimated 11,250 Nova Scotia homes.

The proposed Westchester Wind Project is located approximately 25 km south of Oxford on privately owned lands.

This project is being proposed by the partnership between Natural Forces and Wskijnu'k Mtmo'taquow Agency Ltd (WMA), a corporate body wholly owned by the 13 Mi'kmaw bands in Nova Scotia.

About Natural Forces

Natural Forces is a private, independent power producer based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We deliver renewable energy projects in partnership with local communities across Canada, the United States and Ireland.

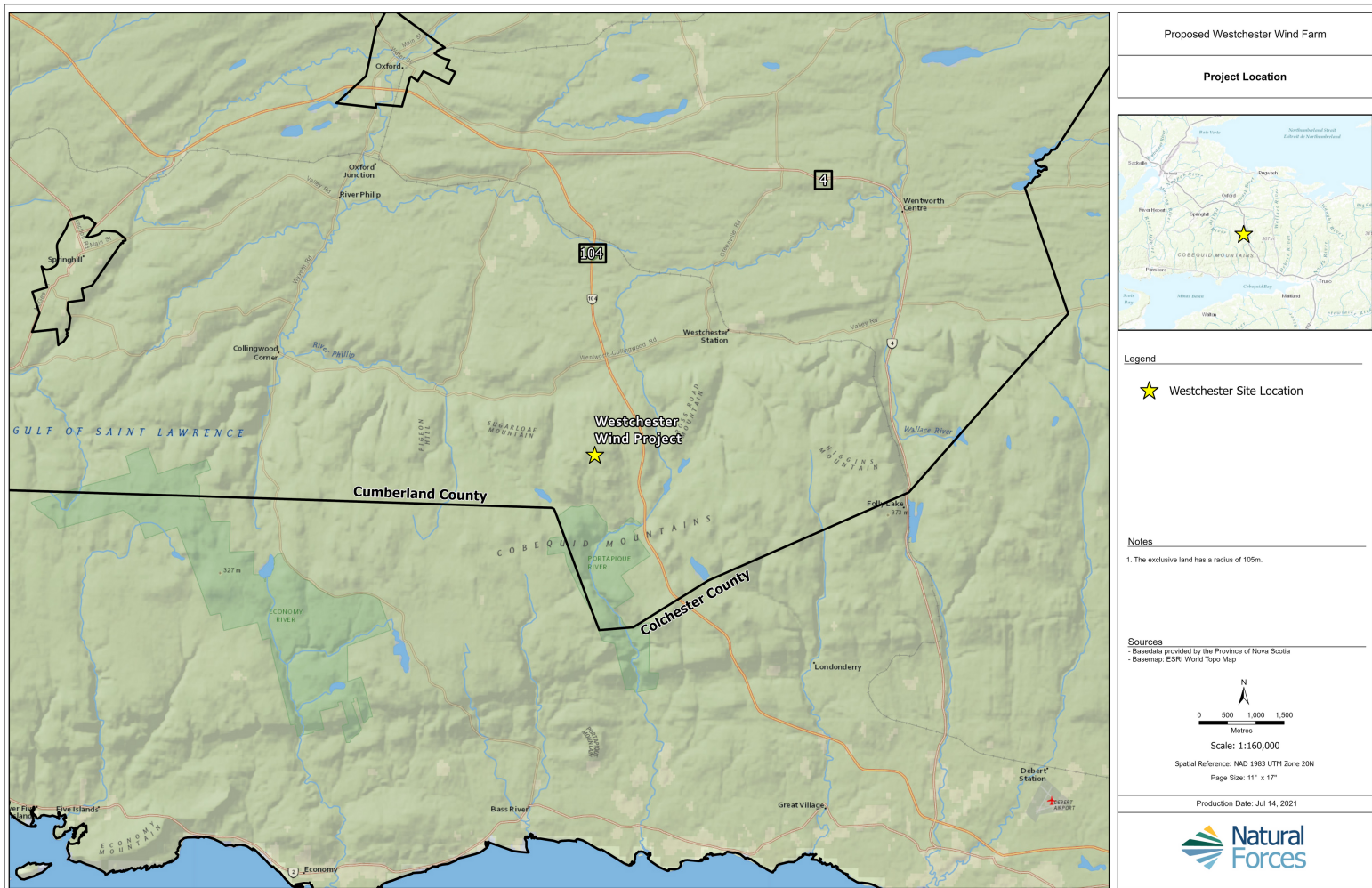
We develop, construct, own, and operate wind, solar, hydro and storage projects with First Nation communities, universities, municipalities, and local community funds.

Over the last 20 years, our team has delivered renewable energy projects on time and on budget, including approximately 300 MW of operational energy projects, with thousands of MW of assets in early, mid and late-stage development across Canada, USA, and Ireland.

We believe that partnering with local communities for these projects not only generates clean and renewable electricity but delivers local economic prosperity and raises awareness of the challenges of climate change.

Project Updates

- An electromagnetic interference study has been completed for the site, demonstrating no expected impact on telecommunication infrastructure
- Engagement with WMA and all of the Mi'kmaw bands is ongoing
- All environmental surveys were completed in October 2021 and the environmental assessment is now being written



Questions? Contact Kathleen Funke
 kfunke@naturalforces.ca
 902-292-2476