

**Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency**  
**Additional Information for Model Wind Energy Facility Law**

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Please note that each community may need to revise the model wind law to fit individual community needs. Here are some specific considerations to be researched and decided at the local level (not exhaustive):

- Setback distances can be established based on your community's preference.
- Noise generation is something to be carefully considered. Your community should review the noise issue carefully and understand what it means before setting a standard that works in your community.
- This model law assumes wind projects would be allowed anywhere in your community. This may be suitable for communities without zoning in order to get some level of protection. However, communities with zoning will need to determine if wind projects should be allowed community wide, only in certain districts, or not at all. In communities with zoning, the best way to handle this is to use the planning board or form a zoning rewrite committee to look at this wind law and others, consider your comprehensive plan, and then draft a recommended law and/or make recommendations for the Town/Village Board to consider.

We hope we have created an excellent starting point for you to begin work. **The Agency does not recommend that any community adopt this model "as is" without further review and consideration.**