

# New England Wind Energy Education Project (NEWEEP)

*“Objective Information to Support Objective Decision-making”*

## Background:

NEWEEP is a project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) [Wind Powering America](#) (WPA) Initiative under a two-year grant. NEWEEP is directed by a [Steering Committee](#) consisting of New England state agencies, regional and national research organizations and New England’s regional grid operator, who have committed to participate in the project. **NEWEEP is neither industry-funded nor industry-driven.** The project consists of an 8-part webinar series and an in-person conference. The [webinar series](#) is designed for attendance by the general public, local officials, facility siting decision-makers, policy-makers, and others interested in a review of objective information on the impacts of wind energy.

## NEWEEP/NEWF Partnership:

*NEWEEP* is designed to complement the [New England Wind Forum](#) (*NEWF*) website and newsletter as a comprehensive source of objective information on a broad array of wind energy related issues pertaining to the New England region. NEWEEP and NEWF are designed for:

- Individuals and organizations with existing or proposed wind projects in their communities, interested in putting a wind turbine on their property, or with a general interest in wind energy
- Federal, state, and local legislators, policymakers, and regulators
- Energy educators
- Others interested in objective information on the impacts of wind energy

## Objectives:

The objectives of the NEWEEP webinar series include:

- Cutting through the clutter of competing, conflicting and sometimes misleading information on critical issues pertaining to wind energy generation
- Helping to address concerns in communities where wind projects are proposed
- Identifying areas for future research (“data gaps”)

Good decisions require good information; the goal of the NEWEEP webinar series is to provide the public with objective information on which to make informed decisions about proposed wind energy projects throughout the New England region by:

- Collecting and disseminating accurate, objective information on critical wind energy issues impacting market acceptance of the hundreds of land-based and off-shore wind development projects proposed in the region
- Identifying best practices and encouraging the market’s acceptance of appropriately-sited wind energy generation

## The NEWEEP Team:

### Wind Powering America Initiative:

Dwight Bailey, U.S. Department of Energy

Larry Flowers, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

### Steering Committee Partners:

- Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)
- Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (CEC)
- University of Massachusetts - Wind Energy Center (WEC)
- Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC)
- ISO-New England (ISO-NE)
- Utility Wind Integration Group (UWIG)
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)
- Renewable Energy New England (RENEW)
- Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER)
- Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA)
- New Hampshire Office of Energy & Planning (OEP)

### Project Coordinators:

- Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC (SEA)

## NEWEEP Webinar Series

**Webinar #1:** *“The Impact of Wind Power Projects on Residential Property Values”*

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

**RSVP:** To register for the NEWEEP Webinar #1, to sign up for the New England Wind Forum Newsletter and to receive future NEWEEP Webinar Invitations, please email [rsvp\\_and\\_newf@neweep.com](mailto:rsvp_and_newf@neweep.com)

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### Introduction:

*“Wind Power’s role in Achieving Regional Policy Objectives”* presented by Heather Hunt, Executive Director of New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE)

### Core Presentation:

*“The Impact of Wind Power Projects on Residential Property Values”* presented by Ben Hoen, consultant to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories (LBNL)

- Do Wind Power Projects Affect Property Values?
  - Top Three Categories for Property Value Concerns for Wind Energy
  - Limitations of Existing Research
  - Measuring, Mitigating & Managing Property Value Risk—Where to go from Here

**Webinar #2:** *“Understanding the Impacts of Wind Turbine Sound”*  
Date and Time to be announced soon

**Webinar #3:** *“The Impact of Wind Power Variability of the Electric Grid and Effectiveness at Meeting Environmental Objectives”*

**Webinar #4-8:** To be announced soon...

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