



Breezy Bulletin

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What's Been Going On

Tree Clearing Activities

Tree felling was completed on site in late March, in time to meet the environmental requirements set by our permit. Using lessons learned from other projects, our contractor, the Wesson Group, was able to significantly reduce the amount of forest that was cleared and disturbed. We cleared approximately 254 acres, 19% less than the 313 authorized by the state in our Tree Clearing Plan. We anticipate no further mass tree clearing, but may still require selective clearing for turbine delivery routes and isolated cases. Bluestone Wind purchased all cleared timber from all landowners. However, we were able to return 75% of the timber to landowners as firewood or marketable timber, providing an additional economic benefit to those landowners who wished to keep the wood. The rest will be ground into woodchips and spread across our disturbance area to stabilize the site during construction.

The focus on April and May has been on moving forward with stump removal while keeping a close eye on the weather. In April, the took a three week break to allow for snowmelt and rain to dry out. The current schedule allows for additional breaks, as needed, to avoid creating extra mud and ruts across the cleared land.

During days with optimal weather conditions, we had up to 24 individuals on site, of whom 75% live in Broome County, Chenango County, or surrounding counties. The Wesson Group, our main contractor for the project, is based out of Johnstown, NY, and all three of their employees overseeing tree clearing live nearby. The closest, their site supervisor, lives in Afton. The tree clearing subcontractor, Supreme Clearing, is based in Connecticut. Throughout this tree clearing phase, depending on the weather, Supreme Clearing typically had between two and four of their own employees on site, but employed between 12 to 13 union operators and laborers, drawn from Broome County and neighboring counties that form the membership of Operating Engineers Local 158 and Laborers Local 785.

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State Permitting Updates

On May 26, the New York Siting Board approved a number of detailed design documents, including civil plans, the Environmental Compliance and Monitoring Plan, the Site Safety Plan, and the Blasting Plan. This approval allows us to start full construction of roads and turbine pad areas, as well as other civil work, this week.

The blasting plans show that some limited blasting is planned at 16 of the 26 turbine sites. To view a map with all blasting locations, please see [Appendix U: Blasting Plan, on the DPS DMM site for Bluestone Wind](#). No blasting is planned within 1,000 feet of a water well on a non-participating parcel, which is the required threshold for pre-construction water well testing in the project's state permit.

Property owners with known water wells within one mile of the blast area and all property owners located within one-half mile of the blast area (including cemeteries) will be notified of blasting activities and provided with a blasting schedule.

In May, Bluestone Wind submitted a second batch of design documents to the Public Service Commission, including the turbine foundation drawings, the crossing plan for the Oquaga Creek valley and the final analysis for sound and shadow flicker. Our sound filing shows that with our selected turbine, the Vestas V150, the project will easily comply with the sound requirements in our permit. Non-participating residences are not expected to experience long-term sound levels of 40 dBA or higher (the limit is 40 dBA) and short-term sound levels of 44 dBA (the limit is 45 dBA). The shadow flicker analysis shows that two non-participating residences would potentially experience more than 30 hours of shadow flicker per year in the absence of any controls or mitigation. To mitigate this, Bluestone Wind will install curtailment technology on four turbines to ensure the annual amount of shadow flicker at these two residences never exceeds 30 hours in a calendar year, the limit set by the permit.

Permanent Construction Site Manager



During the tree clearing phase, Michael Bogensberger, from Bradley Construction Management, has served as Northland Power's representative on site. We want to thank Mike for doing a great job in responding to questions from landowners, local government officials and the general public, and overseeing a highly successful tree clearing effort that started with several feet of snow on the ground.

Stan Stret, Assistant Site Manager at Northland Power, will serve as the construction site supervisor for the remainder of construction. Stan is an experienced electro-mechanical engineer with design/installation experience in the mining, steelmaking, nuclear and aerospace fields. For the past 12 years, Stan has been the onsite construction manager of many of Northland's renewable energy projects for onshore and offshore wind, solar and efficient natural gas plants in Canada, Europe and Mexico.

Stan will be on site full-time for the duration of the construction and commissioning activities. He will be reporting to the Bluestone Wind project director. His daily duties will include meeting with the contractors on site responsible for the construction of temporary delivery access roads, turbine entrance/access roads, turbine foundations, equipment deliveries, under-ground cable systems and substation/overhead transmission lines. Stan will lead a site team of engineers, technicians, safety and environmental monitors to ensure construction quality and that project remains on schedule. The most important consideration to Stan is safety to the public and on-site crews during the construction.

Support for Deposit Theater

We recently learned that the owners of the Deposit Theater are working hard to get the theater open this summer, but they need donations to fund renovations to the building's HVAC system to comply with new state ventilation requirements. As part of our required cultural mitigation funding, we had planned to donate \$10,000 toward refurbishing the marquee, but have successfully petitioned the NY State Historic Preservation Office to shift those funds over to support the HVAC project. Further, Bluestone Wind, LLC will match – dollar for dollar – up to \$6,000 in additional donations received by the Theater. We encourage everyone to donate to this important project to get the theater open for the summer season.



What's Coming Up

Construction Next Steps

Full construction will begin this week, starting with the construction of the laydown area and staff parking along William Law Road. The contractor will proceed with access road construction along William Law Road, Pazzelli Road, and Bryce Road and will follow the construction schedule for 2021 shown below. Turbine delivery and installation will take place in 2022.

- Site Access Roads and Turbine Pads: May 31 through October 2021
- Staging of Oquaga Creek Crossing: June 2021
- Oquaga Creek Crossing: July 2021 through January 2022
- Installation of Collection Line System and Substation Construction: August through November 2021

We will continue to send out weekly construction updates via the following channels: weekly email, [our website](#), the [Bluestone Wind Construction Facebook page](#) and notices the Deposit Courier and the Windsor Standard.

To sign up for weekly email alerts, please visit [our website](#) and enter your email address. We send an email every Monday morning that lists the construction activities for that week.

Complaint Hotline

Bluestone Wind's final Complaint Resolution Plan has been approved by the New York Public Service Commission and we are fully committed to being a good neighbor to the towns, county and all stakeholders throughout construction and operation of the project. The Complaint Resolution Plan establishes the process and procedures you can follow to notify Bluestone Wind if any issues arise during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the Bluestone Wind Farm and provides an efficient process to resolve any complaints that arise during the life of the project.

The Procedure and Contact Information For Registering A Complaint

Safety is a core value for Northland Power, and we want to hear from you during this process. Complaints or concerns from neighboring residents or others can be made through the following channels. For safety reasons including COVID-19 protocols, members of the public will not be allowed onsite to register complaints with Bluestone Wind-affiliated workers at locations other than those identified below.

1. By calling the Toll-Free Number: 1-866-418-8753
2. By writing to Bluestone Wind at its email address bluestone@northlandpower.com; or mailing complaints to the local Bluestone Wind Office at 136 Front Street, Deposit, NY 13754, or at Northland's principal place of business at 30 St. Clair Ave. West, 12th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M4V 3A1

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