#### Roger Williams University DOCS@RWU

East Bay Energy Consortium Documents

East Bay/RWU Information Collaborative

3-1-2010

#### Wind Energy Project Final Report

Daniel Mendelsohn Applied Science Associates, Inc

Deborah Crowley Applied Science Associates, Inc

Applied Science Associates, Inc

East Bay Energy Consortium

Follow this and additional works at: http://docs.rwu.edu/ebec Part of the <u>Civil and Environmental Engineering Commons</u>, and the <u>Environmental Sciences</u> <u>Commons</u>

#### **Recommended** Citation

Mendelsohn, Daniel; Crowley, Deborah; Applied Science Associates, Inc; and East Bay Energy Consortium, "Wind Energy Project Final Report" (2010). *East Bay Energy Consortium Documents*. Paper 26. http://docs.rwu.edu/ebec/26

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the East Bay/RWU Information Collaborative at DOCS@RWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in East Bay Energy Consortium Documents by an authorized administrator of DOCS@RWU. For more information, please contact mwu@rwu.edu.



East Bay Energy Consortium (EBEC)

### Wind Energy Project Final Report



Daniel Mendelsohn, ASA Deborah Crowley, ASA

March 1, 2010

w.asescience.com

#### **Review - Load Summary**

Town	kWh	kW	kW - offset	kW- avg.
Barrington	1,924,142	220		219.7
Bristol	3,204,203	366		365.8
Little Compton	547,235	62		62.5
Middletown	4,532,025	517		517.4
Newport	29,264,397	3341		3340.7
Tiverton	3,013,103	344		344.0
Warren	2,673,452	305		305.2
Portsmouth	4,095,966	468	377	90.9
EP*	8,878,668	1014		1013.5
TOTAL	58,133,191	6,636	377	6,259

- Annual Load 58.1MM kWh which equates to an average demand of 6,259kW (6.26MW) over a year (8760 hours)
- Based on net capacity factor of 25% the entire load could be offset by 25MW installed capacity



## **Review - Minimum Wind Criteria**

- Projected Savings based on the value of offset energy
  - Cost of Energy
  - Production Estimates WTG Performance Wind Resource
- Minimum wind speed for EBEC assumed 6.4m/s
  - Based on current energy rates (conservative)

Projects <3 MW	Units	Single WTG		Two WTG		> 3 WTG	
Avg Hub Ht. Wind Speed	m/s		6.4		6.4	6.5	
Project Cost	\$/kW		3000		2925	2850	
Debt Term	years		20	20		20	
Debt Interest Rate			5%	5%		5%	
Capacity Factor		25%		24%		25%	
Capital Recovery Cost	\$/kW-year		\$241	\$235		\$229	
Annual Energy Production	kWh/kW		2,173		2,073	2,165	
Capital Recovery Cost	\$/kWh	\$ 0.111		\$	0.113	\$ 0.106	
O&M Cost	\$/kWh	\$	\$ 0.025		0.025	\$ 0.020	
Total Project Cost	\$/kWh	\$	0.136	\$	0.138	\$ 0.126	
Net Metering Energy Value	\$/kWh		0.114		0.114	0.105	
REC Value	\$/kWh		0.025		0.025	0.025	
Total Project Revenue	\$/kWh		0.139		0.139	0.130	
First Year Revenue - Cost	\$/kWh		0.003		0.001	0.004	



## **Review - Siting Criteria**

#### Minimum Wind Speed

- 6.4m/s

#### Lot Ownership

- Town or EBEC Provided Lot
- May consider specific private lots

#### Lot Size

- 10 acres minimum
  - Derived from Fall Zone of typical utility scale WTG
  - Geometry of Lot not considered at this time

#### Zoning

- Not considered
- Most towns do not have regulations
- Most Zoning ordinances consider fall zone, noise and shadow



### **Review - Economics**

- 25MW required installed to offset entire EBEC Load
- Estimated Project Costs:
  - Project cost estimated by \$/kW installed rules of thumb
  - True \$/kW of installation affected by:
    - Wind Turbine Costs
    - Project Size (construction of 10MW project lower \$/kW than ten individual 1MW projects)
    - Project Site (construction/access/delivery/permitting costs)
    - Electrical Interconnect
  - Estimated average \$/kW between 2,650 3,000 \$/kW
    - For 25MW project equates to \$66-75MM
  - Economic assessment based on comparison of project costs, revenues and projected savings



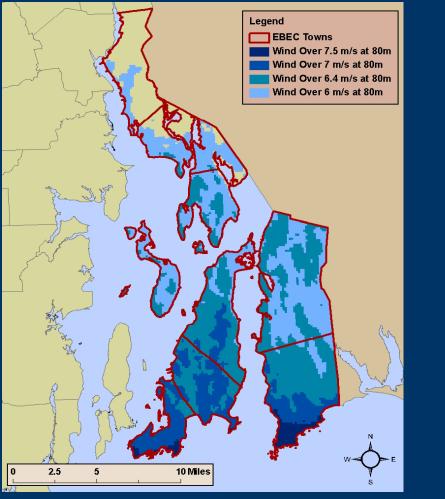
## **Review - Approach**

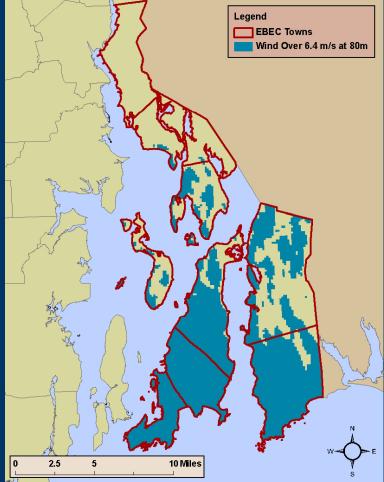
- GIS used as database for screening properties
- Plot of Areas with minimum wind speed
- Overlay of Lots for Consideration
  - Little Compton had no GIS parcel delineation
    - List of town properties was reviewed
    - Sites based on acreage were considered for further evaluation
- Removal of Lots under minimum size requirement (some exceptions)
- Removal of Lots not meeting minimum wind speed (some exceptions)
- Lots also removed at Town's/EBEC request
- Result list and map of parcels passing through screening process





#### **Review – Preliminary Results**



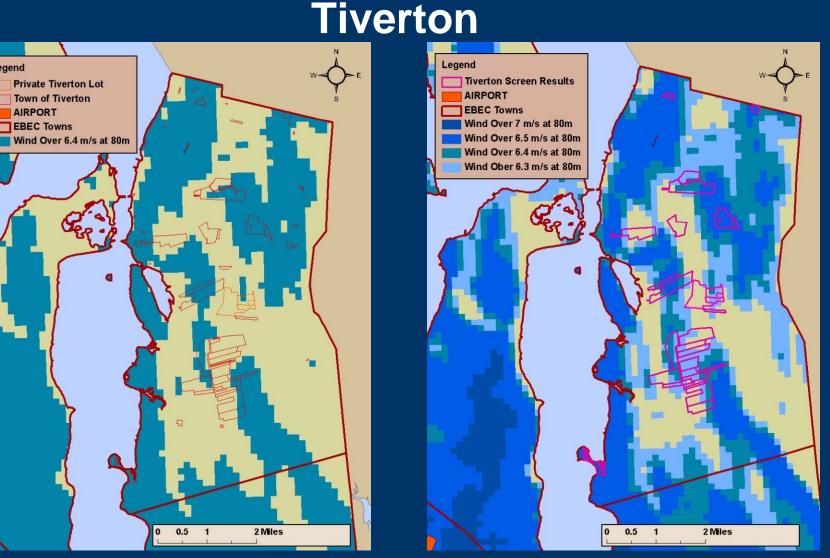


- East Providence, Barrington & Warren & sites screened out
- Bristol, Portsmouth, Middletown & Newport sites screened out or removed





# **Review - Results**



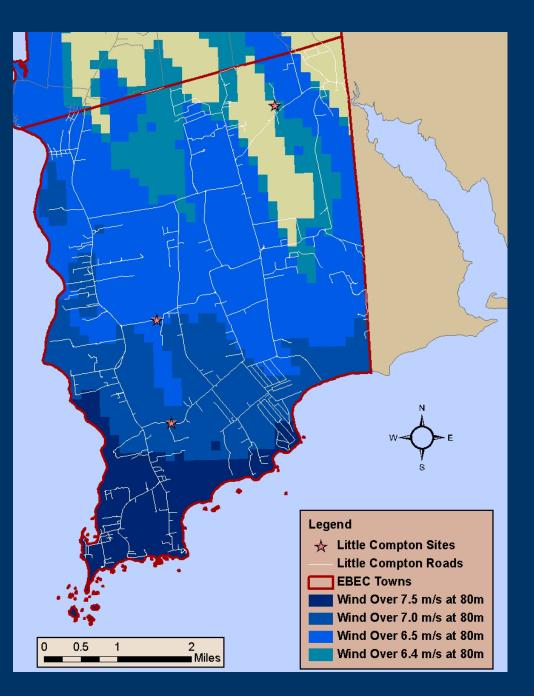


Legend

• 25 Town Lots plus combination of 4 Private Lots Pass through Screening

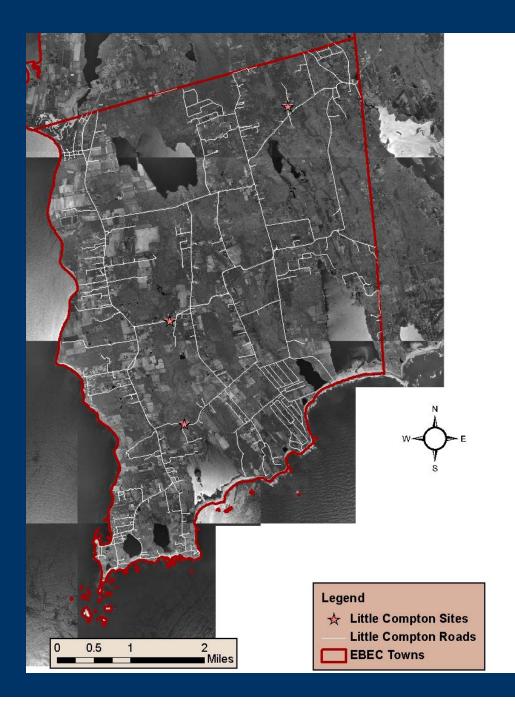
#### Review -Results Little Compton

- 6 Potential Town Sites and 1 Potential Private Site
  - Some potential parcels colocated equating to three separate locations in town
- Lot sizes available from Vision Appraisal Website
- Lot Size Considered Less than 10 acres due to source of information and potential for abutting Town Lots





**Review -Results** Little Compton

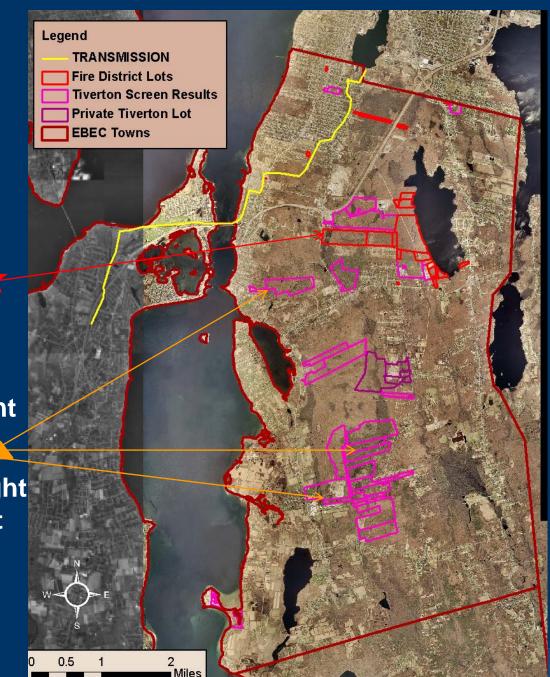




#### Results Tiverton

- 25 Potential Town Site
- 1 Potential Private Site
- Fire District Sites not initially considered/not included in final ranking however are potentially available for development
- Fort Barton, Landfill & Weetamoo Woods thought unlikely for development





#### **Electrical Interconnect**

- Site review of Tiverton & Little Compton performed
- Transmission and distribution lines mapped
  - 12.47kV line to most areas
- Interconnect costs developed by potential project (group areas)
  - Tiverton
    - Industrial Park (1->3 WTGs)
    - Brayton Rd. (1-3 WTGs)
    - Eight Rod Way (1- >3 WTGs)
  - Costs
    - 1 WTG on 12.47kV line \$430k
    - \$300-\$400k/mi to get to 12.47kV line
    - 2 WTGs on 12.47kV line \$750k
    - 3 WTGs require new, dedicated 12.47kV line to Fish Rd substation: \$400k/mi + \$1.55M
    - 4+ WTGs require new, 115kV line to Fish Rd substation + sub upgrade: \$500k/mi + \$2.7M (+ \$1.7M for each add. Group of 4)



- Little Compton
  - Amy Hart Path (1-3 WTGs)
  - Meeting House Lane (1 WTG)
  - Swamp Road (1-3 WTGs



## **Ranking Process**

- Site ranking developed on individual parcel basis
- Estimate potential project size based on lot size
- Develop preliminary project development costs including interconnect
- Develop preliminary project annual payment
  - 5% interest rate and 30% rebate assumed
  - Above assumptions similar to CREB financing no rebate
- Estimate potential annual production
  - Weibull distribution
  - 1.65 MW power curve
  - Increased losses > 2 WTGs
- Estimate annual revenue
  - Production
  - RECs
  - Net, Less debt service + O&M
- Final Rank developed based on annual revenue trend estimates.



### **Summary Top Rank Lots**

								Annual pmt			
			Wind			Annual Prod.		(30% rebate)	Annual prod.	Annual net	
Parcel	Name	Description	Speed	Acres	WTGs	(kWh)	Cost (\$)	5% int	Rev (\$)	revenue	Rank
44	Tiverton - Private	BRAYTON RD	6.2	174.0	6	20,099,472		(\$1,685,128)	\$2,210,942	\$525,814	1
36	Town Of Tiverton	FISH RD	6.4	125.4	5	17,949,168	26,133,500	(\$1,467,914)	\$1,974,409	\$506,495	2
38	Town Of Tiverton	NO BRAYTON RD	6.6	73.1	3	11,611,065	14,846,750		\$1,277,217	\$443,278	3
49	Little Compton	111 SWAMP ROAD	7.0	81.5	3	12,950,958	17,646,750	(\$991,215)	\$1,424,605	\$433,391	4
35	Town Of Tiverton	FISH TO POND	6.3	49.2	3	10,579,829	14,846,750	(+	\$1,163,781	\$329,842	5
20	Town Of Tiverton	FAIRFIELD AVE	6.2	106.0	4	13,521,463	20,742,900	(\$1,165,125)	\$1,487,361	\$322,236	6
39	Town Of Tiverton	FOGLAND RD	6.7	37.1	2	8,109,111	9,437,250	(\$530,089)	\$851,457	\$321,368	7
40	Town Of Tiverton	HIGHLAND RD	6.2	84.2	3	10,232,459	14,846,750	(\$833,939)	\$1,125,570	\$291,631	8
21	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY & LAKE RD	6.2	102.2	4	13,521,463	21,542,900	(\$1,210,061)	\$1,487,361	\$277,300	9
24	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.2	101.9	4	13,521,463	21,542,900	(\$1,210,061)	\$1,487,361	\$277,300	9
19	Town Of Tiverton	MAIN RD	6.6	33.3	2	7,878,937	10,137,250	(\$569,407)	\$827,288	\$257,881	11
41	Town Of Tiverton	FISH RD	6.1	58.3	3	9,883,786	14,846,750	(\$833,939)	\$1,087,216	\$253,277	12
50	Little Compton - Private	11 Rita Way	7.0	7.9	1	4,625,342	5,035,000	(\$282,815)	\$527,289	\$244,474	13
31	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.3	47.5	3	10,579,829	16,446,750	(\$923,811)	\$1,163,781	\$239,970	14
33	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.3	84.1	3	10,579,829	16,446,750	(\$923,811)	\$1,163,781	\$239,970	14
45	Little Compton	60 SIMMONS ROAD	6.9	3.9	1	4,507,294	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$513,832	\$239,442	16
51	Little Compton	15 MEETING HOUSE LANE	6.9	10.1	1	4,507,294	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$513,832	\$239,442	16
23	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.2	57.5	3	10,232,459	16,446,750	(\$923,811)	\$1,125,570	\$201,760	18
28	Town Of Tiverton	MAIN RD	6.2	96.2	3	10,232,459	16,446,750	(\$923,811)	\$1,125,570	\$201,760	18
32	Town Of Tiverton	LAKE RD	6.2	44.3	3	10,232,459	16,446,750	(\$923,811)	\$1,125,570	\$201,760	18
43	Town Of Tiverton	MAIN RD	6.6	10.5	1	4,146,809	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$472,736	\$198,347	21
37	Town Of Tiverton	QUINTAL DR	6.5	11.0	1	4,024,792	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$458,826	\$184,437	22
42	Town Of Tiverton	HANCOCK ST	6.5	13.0	1	4,024,792	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$458,826	\$184,437	22
27	Town Of Tiverton	LAKE RD	6.3	36.8	2	7,179,170	10,612,250	(\$596,088)	\$753,813	\$157,725	24
29	Town Of Tiverton	LAKE RD	6.3	43.6	2	7,179,170	10,612,250	(\$596,088)	\$753,813	\$157,725	24
47	Little Compton	144 AMY HART PATH	6.3	7.2	1	3,778,510	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$430,750	\$156,361	26
48	Little Compton	128 AMY HART PATH	6.3	26.0	1	3,778,510	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$430,750	\$156,361	26
46	Little Compton	44C SOUTH OF COMMONS ROAD	6.2	8.0	1	3,654,449	4,885,000	(\$274,390)	\$416,607	\$142,218	28
30	Town Of Tiverton	LAKE RD	6.2	42.7	2	6,943,454	10,612,250	(\$596,088)	\$729,063	\$132,975	29
22	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.2	14.9	1	3,654,449	5,260,000	(\$295,453)	\$416,607	\$121,154	30
25	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.2	16.2	1	3,654,449	5,260,000	(\$295,453)	\$416,607	\$121,154	30
26	Town Of Tiverton	EIGHT ROD WAY	6.2	13.3	1	3,654,449	5,260,000	(\$295,453)	\$416,607	\$121,154	30
34	Town Of Tiverton	BRAYTON RD	6.2	13.0	1	3,654,449	5,260,000	(\$295,453)	\$416,607	\$121,154	30



#### **Results Summary**

- East Providence, Barrington & Warren
  - Screened Out due to insufficient Wind at Municipal Owned Sites
- Bristol, Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport
  - A few lots each, areas reflective of smaller projects subsequently screened out
- Tiverton
  - Many lots, some on the cusp of the economical wind speed
- Little Compton
  - A few lots, some with a large area and high wind speed
- Little Compton and Tiverton have less developed abutting areas to municipal lots





### Phase II

- Develop project(s) from top ranked sites
  - Focus now on Tiverton Industrial Park (Fish Rd.)
  - Town lots + water/fire district lots
- Vet selected sites
  - Meet with town planners, zoning board, water/fire board
  - Deed search
- Joint decision meeting finalize project definition
- Detailed technical & economic feasibility study
- Evaluate competing strategies (Dzykewicz)





#### Results Tiverton

