

# Benefits from Wind Development in Gratiot County

2016

Gratiot County is home to two wind farms: Gratiot County Wind, LLC and Beebe Renewable Energy, LLC. There is also a permit for a third wind farm. The benefits from wind development have significantly affected Gratiot County for the better. Tax revenue and employment data for each project is outlined below.

## Gratiot County Wind, LLC

- **133** GE turbines
- **15 FTE jobs** at the maintenance and operations facilities for DTE and Gratiot County Wind, LLC in 2016
- **\$176.7 million** taxable value in 2016
- Since 2012, tax revenue generated **\$20.1 million**:
  - ◇ **\$7.88 million** to Gratiot County
  - ◇ **\$2.3 million** to local townships/cities
  - ◇ **\$9.92 million** to local school districts and regional service districts

## Beebe Renewable Energy, LLC

- **55** Nordex turbines
- **4 FTE jobs** at the maintenance and operations facility for Exelon in 2016
- **\$113.2 million** taxable value in 2016
- Since 2012, tax revenue generated **\$8.5 million**:
  - ◇ **\$3.31 million** to Gratiot County
  - ◇ **\$1.42 million** to local townships/cities
  - ◇ **\$3.77 million** to local school districts and regional service districts

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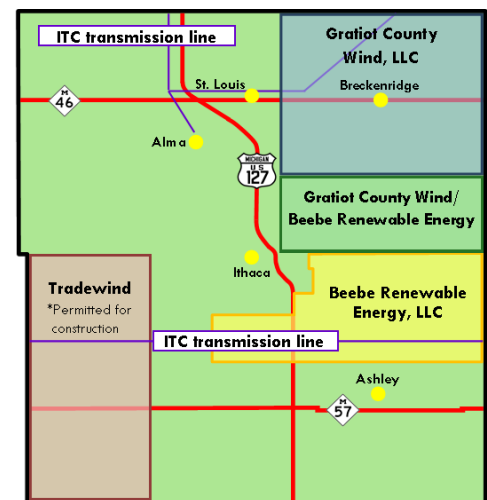
\*electrical substations/grid

- **4 substations** constructed and existing infrastructure improved to accommodate wind energy
- **\$9.24 million** taxable value in 2016
- Since 2012, tax revenue generated **\$1.78 million**:
  - ◇ **\$557,640** to Gratiot County
  - ◇ **\$73,250** to local townships
  - ◇ **\$1.15 million** to local school districts and regional service districts

**For a total of \$299 million increase to Gratiot County's tax base and \$30.38 million in tax revenue since 2012.**

Indirect benefits to Gratiot County include:

- 300 temporary skilled construction jobs
- Wind investment was used to leverage a grant to complete infrastructure for the Breckenridge Industrial, Technology and Agribusiness Park, where there are currently over 100 new FTE positions
- 350 families participate in land royalty payments that equate to a new industrial payroll with approximately 25 jobs
- Road upgrades, grid improvements and new electrical substations make the area attractive for new businesses
- Positive media attention / tourism
- County reputation for collaborative action / proof of ability to accomplish large and complex projects



For more information on Wind Development in Gratiot County, Michigan, please visit [www.gratiot.org/utility\\_scale\\_wind\\_development.asp](http://www.gratiot.org/utility_scale_wind_development.asp), or contact:

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