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# Why Wind Energy Is Good for Worth County



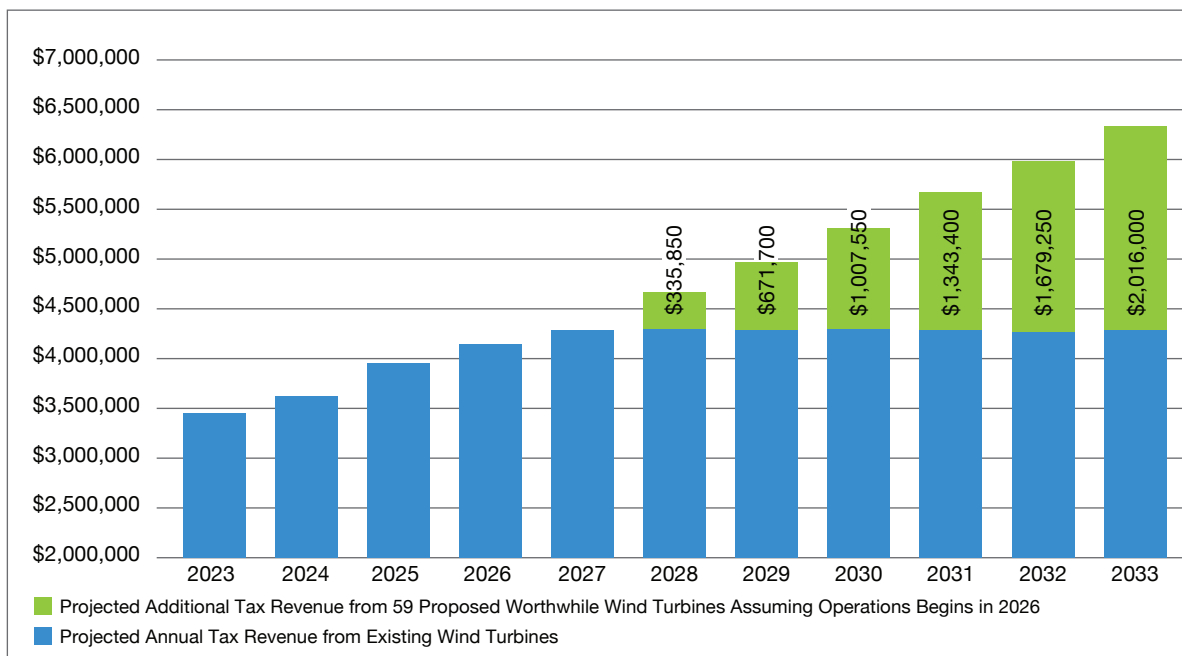
As a smaller county, Worth County is heavily dependent on local property taxes. In Worth County, people work hard and have a lot to be proud of. The property taxes paid by wind turbines can expand the services residents use and deserve—from law enforcement to local libraries and public health—improving quality of life for all.

Worth County’s existing wind turbines are assessed for property tax purposes. Annual property taxes currently paid by turbines in Worth County equal \$3.4 million. Wind turbine projects pay more in property taxes than any other entity in the County.

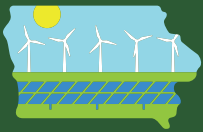
By 2033, tax revenue from Worthwhile Wind would add more than \$2 million to the revenue that the community already receives from turbines in the county.

## Worthwhile Wind:

Projected Revenue Brought to Worth County



The graph above shows a projection of the revenue from current turbines and those proposed by Worthwhile Wind. This graph was put together by the Worthwhile Wind Project team with data supplied by the Worth County Treasurer, Worth County Auditor, and Worth County Assessor.



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## Wind Energy in Worth County Helps Make Our Roads Safer

**Wind turbines have paved over 65 miles of roads in Worth County.**

Worth County's wind ordinance allows wind turbine values to support capital improvement projects like road and bridge construction, utilizing tax increment financing (TIF). Through TIF, wind energy has also contributed to the installation of sewer, water, and other infrastructure services at the I-35/Highway 105 interchange.



## Wind Energy in Worth County Increases State Aid to Local Schools

**Currently, wind turbines generate an additional \$720,000 for Worth County schools.**

The State of Iowa gives additional school funding to counties that utilize TIF to capture wind turbine values. The proposed Worthwhile Wind project would increase the state aid to both the Northwood-Kensett Community School District and the Lake Mills Community School District by an estimated \$113,000 and \$208,000 respectively, if captured in a TIF district.



## Wind Energy in Worth County Creates Wealth for Our Communities

**Wind turbines help Worth County farmers plan for the future in an uncertain time.**

Farms with turbines on the property are consistently valued higher than similar properties without wind turbines, and lending institutions view turbine income as a valuable asset. The steady flow of income from turbines helps farmers hedge against fluctuating commodity prices and economic uncertainty, and ultimately keep the farm in the family.

**Wind energy in Worth County helps fund schools and public safety, supports high paying jobs, and helps keep property taxes low. The proposed Worthwhile Wind project will continue the tradition of broad wind support in Worth County and ensure these many benefits to Worth County's citizens will continue well into the future.**