

Great Lakes Wind Energy Center Final Feasibility Study – Key Messages

- **The Feasibility Study results are not conclusive decisions.** We have completed an intensive research study to investigate the potential for a pilot wind energy project on Lake Erie. We have not made any decisions to move forward with plans for a potential Pilot Project and will be actively engaging the local community as we continue to investigate opportunities.
 - The Feasibility Study is a foundation upon which to continue building the case for wind energy development on Lake Erie.
 - The Feasibility Study will be a resource for the public, regulatory agencies and developers to see what has been done as far as research and analysis.
- **The results of the Feasibility Study reveal that it is technically feasible to develop a Pilot Project on Lake Erie.** However, further examination of the economics surrounding such a project and buy-in from community stakeholders is imperative before any final decisions are made.
 - No other U.S. project has come this far in the sharing of information publicly, nor has anyone conducted as thorough an analysis looking into offshore wind in the Great Lakes.
- **The Task Force is highly collaborative.** We work with a wide range of partners to research and develop opportunities for our region with local, national and international stakeholders. We also will engage the public in various community events to educate, inform and include residents in the pursuit of potential wind energy development on Lake Erie.
 - The Task Force is excited, enthusiastic and positive.
 - The Task Force will engage the community and continue to seek input during continued regulatory conversations.
 - The Task Force feels strongly and confident in moving forward but will do so prudently and cautiously.
- **The County is committed to driving economic development.** Our region is primed to become a leader in advanced and alternative energy innovation and we are dedicated to providing the opportunities for our region to become active in this pursuit. We will pursue opportunities that will deliver high return on investment, provide jobs and establish Northeast Ohio as a leader in energy innovation.
 - We are working to preserve the investments that have been made thus far and are looking to attract private investment in order to make the private-public partnership complete.
 - This is the first major milestone in the continued investigation of an offshore wind industry in Northeast Ohio.
 - This is the beginning of a dialogue that the Task Force will have with the public, regulatory agencies, educational institutions, public and private investors, and other stakeholders.