

WIND DELIVERS ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO MICHIGAN

Taxable revenue from **wind** projects is very steady predictable income!

Wind energy accounts for:¹

- **\$5.9 B - Capital Investments**
- **\$39 MM Annually - Payments to Landowners**
- **\$53 MM - State & Local Taxes**

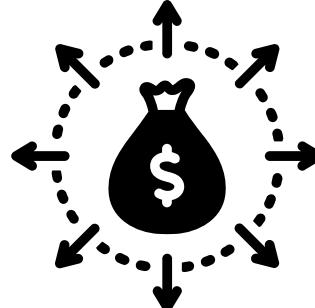
Wind delivers many economic benefits:



Direct payments to landowners who host turbines



Employment opportunities during construction and operation of a project



New spending infused into the local economy



New tax revenue streams to rural communities

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The new tax revenue streams can help pay for essential services:

Local Schools



Roads



Police & Fire Services



All residents in the communities with **wind** energy development benefit indirectly from the property tax payments that a **wind** farm owner pays to local governments, schools, and other local services!

Wind farms have brought measurable benefits to Michigan communities through new **revenue** to local governments, as well as dependable **income** streams to farmers and other property owners!

Gratiot County has received:²

- More than **\$30 million** in tax revenue from wind farms
 - Including **\$11.75 million** to the County,
 - **\$3.74 million** to townships, and
 - **\$14.85 million** to local schools and Regional Education Service Districts
- **Wind** tax funds have helped sustain the county's Meals on Wheels program for seniors, and expand several county parks

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