What Can YOU do for Wind Energy?
Barriers to Wind Energy in VA

• Un-informed public
• Unclear process
• Patchy wind resource located mostly on federal lands
• Lack of incentives

VCWE/JMU offers programs, tools and services to address each of these barriers!
BUT YOU CAN HELP TOO!
**Have a Wind Turbine?**

- Tell us about your turbine – manufacturer, generating capacity, height, performance, who installed it, your experience

- Tell others about your turbine!
DON’T HAVE A WIND TURBINE?

• Contact VCWE if you want to inquire about getting a turbine

• Measure the wind

• Ask questions of your county!

• Not windy enough? Use less…
USE LESS

• Energy conservation
• Energy efficiency
• Generate with renewables
• Buy green energy (if offered)
GET & GIVE THE FACTS

• Like us on Facebook to get updates on things going on in the wind industry
• Ask questions
• Learn all you can – from reputable sources
  – Fact sheets
  – Presentations
  – Online tools
• Join the State Wind Outreach Team at VCWE to share your knowledge with others
• Write an editorial in your local paper
START TALKING TO YOUR COUNTY

• If your county has a restrictive ordinance or no ordinance at all – be proactive!
• Consult the DSIRE website and DEQ for model ordinances
• Learn more about the components of an ordinance:
  • Height restrictions
  • Permits
  • Zoning
  • Setbacks
  • Decommission
• Share the VRS$^3$ tool to identify potential area for wind energy development in your county
WRITE TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

• Urge them to work with the Bureau of Land Management to find common areas for wind turbines on federal lands
AWEA’s Guide to Wind Power Advocacy

• Subscribe to elected officials’ newsletters
• Contact elected officials; meet with elected officials
• Invite elected officials to tour a wind farm or wind energy manufacturing facility
• Write editorials and letters to the editor
• Attend town hall meetings
• Vote for elected officials who support wind energy

http://www.awea.org/issues/grassroots/
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