

**Comment Form**  
**Silver Maple Wind Project**

Though not opposed to wind power in general, I want to go on record as being opposed to the Silver Maple Wind Project proposed for Pisgah Mountain located off Route 180 in Clifton, Maine, and to urge the Department of Environmental Protection to deny the permit. If permitted, Silver Maple will build five additional industrial wind turbines on Pisgah Mountain. The turbines will be 567' to 607' tall (about 100' taller than the existing ones). For comparison, a 45-story building is approximately 550' tall, the observation tower at Penobscot Narrows is 420', and the Statue of Liberty is 305'.

The beauty of this area was noted in Planning Report No. 90, prepared for the Maine Critical Areas Program titled *Maine's Finest Lakes: The Results of the Maine Lakes Study*. The report notes three areas in the organized townships that contain especially scenic lakes – the Moosehead Lake area, Mount Desert Island's lakes, and this third area around Pisgah Mountain. This exemplary scenic area includes neighboring towns of Otis, Eddington, Mariaville, Amherst, Dedham, and Holden, and is beloved by many recreational users, visitors and landowners. The scenic area so rich in natural resources includes two municipal water supplies: Hatcase Pond, approximately three miles from the proposed site, provides water for Brewer and Floods Pond, which is only 1.4 miles from the project, supplies Bangor. Silver Maple is partially within the watershed of Floods Pond which has a larger tributary brook at the western edge of the project site.

The Silver Maple project will have multiple negative impacts, not only in Clifton, but also in neighboring towns and ponds, including destruction and degradation of scenic beauty and natural eco-systems, reduction of property values, increased noise levels, lower quality of life, loss of dark skies, and killing of birds and bats. Silver Maple will do nothing to enhance our state brand, "Maine: The Way Life Should Be".

*Again, man destroying nature for his monetary gain.*

1. Check the statement(s) you agree with:

- Wind projects should not be sited and/or expanded in the exemplary scenic environment of Pisgah Mountain.
- Five additional wind towers on Pisgah Mountain will negatively impact scenic resources of local and state significance, and further detract from my enjoyment of the surrounding area.
- I will see or hear (even within permitted sound levels) the towers from my home, and I find that distressing.
- I believe studies that show proximity to wind towers lowers property values.
- I believe that the unnatural noise levels in this rural, scenic setting present far reaching health hazards to humans and wildlife.
- I believe that the Silver Maple developers have not taken adequate steps to protect bats and birds.

2. Circle one or more:
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|------------|------|------|--------|--------------------------|--|
| Own land   | Live | Work | Visit  | Hike                     | Enjoy scenic beauty with no visual pollution |
| Rock climb | Fish | Swim | Boat   | Bird Watch               | Use public landings                          |
| Stargaze   | Hunt | Camp | Other: | <i>Horse back riding</i> |  |

3. Circle the scenic feature(s) you enjoy: Burnt Pond - Floods Pond - Hatcase Pond - Hopkins Pond - Mountainy Pond - Holbrook Pond - Graham Lake - Green Lake - the West Branch of the Union River - Eagles Bluff - Parks Pond Bluff - Peaked Mountain (locally Big Chick) - Little Peaked Mountain (locally Little Chick Hill)

Additional comments: (write additional comments on back)

*Please see my attachment inclosed in this comment form. Another concern is I am a trail rider, a lot of land will be blocked off. Because of huge turbines, land we will not have access to. These will spook my horse and make it dangerous to ride.*

4. Mail or email comments

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For more information go to the Facebook page "Stop Silver Maple Wind Energy Project in Clifton, Maine", or contact Teresa Davis, 207-537-3432, or email at [TL.D7246@gmail.com](mailto:TL.D7246@gmail.com).

## Fwd: Silver Maple Farms Project

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Thu 10/31/2019 9:18 PM

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**From:** diana mckay <DianaUS@msn.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019 6:59:48 PM

**To:** jessica.damon@maine.gov

**Subject:** Silver Maple Farms Project

October 30, 2019

Dear Jessica Damon,

I am writing to voice my concerns of the Silver Maple Wind Farms project that will affect my Home, wildlife, and possibly my health here on Hopkins Pond.

My husband and I are true born Mainers, we purchased our dream home here on Hopkins Pond in 2002 mainly because of the scenic resources and the solitude surroundings on Hopkins Pond. We would never think of any another place to settle now going into our retirement years.

Jessica, I am sure you are aware that Hopkins Pond was designated as one of Maine's finest Lakes in the State of Maine's in the 1989 Finest Lakes Study.

I have many concerns regarding the placement of the Silver Maple Wind Farm project. One is the effects of the Wind farms on the scenic natural beauty that surrounds our home. Not only will this Wind Farm project have a big impact on Hopkins Pond, but it will also impact Burnt Pond, Hatcase Pond, Floods Pond and several other scenic areas as well as Eagles Bluff, and Parks Pond Bluff.

I feel this will have a big impact on our tourism and locals as well, the quality of the land, the natural scenic beauty that we all enjoy including hunting, hiking, recreation and fishing.

I have seen firsthand on Rt. 180 the devastating destruction that the present Wind farms have had on that land and scenic beauty as I drive down Rt. 9 to my home each day. (And at time the blades on these turbines not moving.)

I certainly don't understand how the DEP and other big business (whom is so protective of our lands) can blow up sides of mountains to build a huge roadway that is gated, no trespassing signs on a piece of pristine land.

This is costing Millions of dollars for the outcome of very little energy that these giant Wind farms will produce and not worth any small stipend that Towns will receive in the long run.

Jessica, Maine has the 4th cleanest CO2 electricity in the country and we use more oil per capita for heat and transportation than any other state of the union.

I would also like to mention the concern of Mental Health and the effects that are being raised among people that live by Wind Turbines for example, Migraines, noise pollution, and flashing light. Also, the importance of the potential threat of our wildlife, The Birds and Bats are also a big concern for our ecosystem. Also this is very well documented the effects of these turbines on birds and bats.

In closing, do we even know what the long-term future results or impact that Wind Turbine Farms will have on the land, wildlife and human life?

Thank You,  
Very concerned home owners.  
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