

Windmills would benefit everyone

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We have been attending meetings on the pros and cons of the wind farms in the Town of Start and the Town of Warren. We now feel we need to speak out.

We own property in both townships, and no, we are not getting any windmills on our property. But we are 100 percent in favor of the windmills and clean energy, and with the windmills, we will get just that. As for fires from the windmills, the danger is just about zero. If it should happen, our fire department is capable of handling it. There is no pollution from windmills, but there definitely is pollution from housing projects! Septic has to leach somewhere. But the fact is that all water eventually seeps into streams, rivers, lakes or the ocean. Think about it.

It seems we have a local resident who has lived in the VanHornesville area less than 10 years and who is so concerned about sinkholes, caves and our water that it makes me wonder why she still lives here, with that much fear and danger. The windmill people are doing a lot of checking and studying, and you can be sure they won't be building any windmills on top of a cave or sinkhole.

This resident's statement about the "no-name creek" that runs through the fish hatchery needs clarification. First of all, the creek has a name. It is Springer Brook.

It empties into the Otsquago Creek at Chyle Road and NYS Route 80. Second, it does not run through the fish hatchery. It runs beside the hatchery and shows no threat to the fish or the hatchery in any way.

Third, it is not the Jordanville Fish Hatcher. It is the New York State DEC Fish Hatchery at VanHornesville located on Chyle Road in VanHornesville, N.Y. Lastly, we lived at that fish hatchery and I oversaw the operation of it for 23 years. The water supply is spring-fed at 400 gallons a minute and stays 46 degrees the year round. This did not vary in my 23 years.

People, we are standing on the threshold with an open door to the future, for us and future generations. Don't allow this door to be closed. We need to take that big step now!

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