

# Today's letters: Lake wind farm

By **Readers' Page**

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## Lake wind farm idea raises questions

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to your article Jan. 15 reporting on a request for proposals by the New York Power Authority for construction of wind turbines in the Great Lakes.

While I appreciate NYPA's interest in encouraging alternative energy sources and believe we need to diversify our energy resources, I have several concerns about its pursuit of wind energy on Lake Ontario.

Primary among those concerns is what input local communities will have in regard to any proposed project. A NYPA official is quoted in the recent article as saying that if communities don't want the project, they are not going to get the project.

As the state representative for the area where these wind turbines are proposed, I welcome this sentiment, but question why NYPA should be the arbitrator of this decision. Indeed, I would prefer to hear something more concrete than simple assurances.

I also have other questions: Will local communities be able to veto the project? Who will decide whether the localities want the project? What type of hearings and notices will be provided? And will residents who are affected by the project be able to vote on it?

These are some of the many questions that need to be addressed before this project moves beyond the conceptual stage.

**Assemblyman Will Barclay**

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