

Town of ELBA

7 Maple Avenue
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Dear Town of Elba Resident:

The Town of Elba is reviewing our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations and we need your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey and return it to the Town of Elba by July 31st, 2006.

The Town Board and Planning Board are working to address several issues important to the Town, including commercial wind energy, agricultural protection, cable TV, internet access, and municipal water availability. Your involvement will help in guiding policy and let us know what is important to you.

While Elba has not been approached about a commercial wind energy project, (or any other alternative energy project) we do need to adopt zoning regulations for these systems. The Town is considering the adoption of an incentive zoning law that would provide us with the ability to evaluate not only wind projects but other projects where the Town as a whole might be able to benefit. For example, the Town of Pavilion used incentive zoning to site a TV tower. In exchange for modifying some of their zoning requirements, the Town of Pavilion received a substantial sum of money that they used to construct their sewer system.

Please provide us with your input and take a few minutes to complete the survey on the back of this letter and return it to the Town of Elba in the envelope provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
The Town of Elba

Town of Elba Survey

1) Where do you live?

Outside the Village of Elba. In the Village of Elba.

2) How important is it that the Town of Elba preserves its rural character?

Extremely important. Somewhat important.

Unimportant.

3) Should the Town of Elba adopt zoning regulations that protect and preserve our agricultural resources?

Yes No

4) To preserve the rural character of the Town of Elba, should the Town create an industrial park to encourage business development in a concentrated area?

Yes No

5) Do you think commercial wind towers in the Town of Elba would affect its rural character?

Yes No

6) If a commercial wind energy project was proposed in the Town of Elba, would you?

Support the project

Support the project if the whole Town could benefit financially.

Support the project if it was located in the right area

Strongly oppose the project no matter the benefit or location

No opinion

7) Would you be in favor of the Town of Elba having the ability to waive certain zoning requirements, on a case-by-case basis, if the community as a whole could benefit from doing so? (examples: water, sewer, park, library, etc.)

Yes No

8. Which of the following services are important to have available in the Town of Elba? (check all that apply)

Municipal water Sewer lines Natural gas

High Speed Internet Cable TV Other: _____