



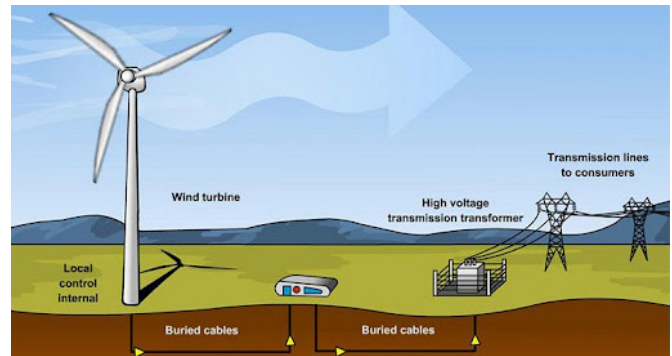
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Wind Energy Systems

A company called Renewable Wind Energy (RWE) is looking to establish a 200 mega watt wind farm in Eau Claire County which first involved the towns of Pleasant Valley and Clear Creek; the focus has now expanded into the towns of Washington, Lincoln, Bridge Creek, and Otter Creek. There have been wind easements recorded with Eau Claire County that give rights to the landowner and contractor if and when they decide to move forward.



The Town Board approved an ordinance in July 2021 for a temporary moratorium on development of wind energy systems for six months; allowing the Town Plan Commission time to research the topic and look at what the Town can and cannot enforce or restrict if it so chooses. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC 128) established wind siting rules March 12, 2012, that provide parameters as to local municipal regulations.

The Town Board is strongly encouraging our residents to educate themselves on the topic. If you are approached by company representatives carefully review any documents before signing and talk to your neighbors.

Inform yourself now! Click on the Learn More button on the Wind Energy Systems banner on the home page of our website at www.townofwashington.org

Broadband

The Town is exploring partnering with local internet providers to provide greater coverage to the unserved and underserved portions of the Town of Washington. Eau Claire County has established a Broadband survey which tests your internet speed and collects the data to help create accurate maps for providers. If you have any internet at your home, please visit

<https://broadband-internet-survey-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

to provide your data. It is extremely important for residents in our underserved areas to participate in the survey. You must use your home internet provider, not your cell phone provider when participating. If you do not have any access to an internet provider at your home, please contact Aleta Kauffman at 715-834-3257 or kauffman@townofwashington.org to provide our office with your address.





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American Rescue Plan Act Funds

The Town of Washington has received half of the American Rescue Plan Acts funds (ARPA) designated for the Town through the Federal government and will receive the other half next year. These monies are very restricted as to how the Town can utilize funds. The Town Board is exploring possible options at this time, they include:

- Voting/Board Room Expansion
- Road Improvements
- Broadband Expansion

