



## Emerson Creek Wind Construction Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the first Emerson Creek Wind construction e-newsletter, an additional way for you to stay up to speed on regular construction updates, including construction progress to date and what lies ahead.

In recent weeks, you may have noticed some activity around the project site as we move toward a broader mobilization of our construction workforce by lead contractor, Barton Malow.

Construction activities will be staged from our primary laydown yard located on State Route 4, just North of Young Rd. Establishment of the laydown yard, including gravel deliveries, job trailer staging, and equipment mobilization will continue in the coming weeks (read more in our construction update below)

In this newsletter, we want to ensure that you know how to find construction updates on the [project website](#) and know how to [contact us](#) if any issues arise during construction.

We are also excited to share news from our latest community grant recipients.

## Construction Update



In our January [website update](#), we shared that one of the initial activities was flagging locations for access road entrances and other site preparation activities.

For February, key construction activities include:

- Stripping and stockpiling topsoil for installation of the construction laydown yard (this prevents soil mixing and preserves topsoil to be redistributed when the laydown yard is restored post-construction)
- Limited tree clearing where necessary for access road installation and facility placement.

Looking ahead to March, activities anticipated to take place include:

- Laydown yard installation
- Turbine Foundation excavation
- Ongoing consultations with OPSB staff on the project's civil design

As construction progresses through the winter, more workers will arrive on-site. These workers may be employed by Apex Clean Energy, our lead contractor Barton Malow, or other suppliers and subcontractors. Below is a preliminary estimate of our construction schedule. Please note that these dates are subject to change:

- **Spring 2026:** Access road installation, road improvements, and turbine foundation excavation/pouring.
- **Summer 2026:** Collection line installation; substation construction.
- **Fall 2026:** Turbine deliveries, tower installation, and transmission line construction.
- **Spring 2027:** Turbine commissioning.
- **Fall 2027:** Site restoration and commencement of operations.

## HAVING ISSUES WITH CONSTRUCTION? HERE'S HOW TO CONTACT US

While we always hope that no issues emerge during construction for landowners, neighbors, or other stakeholders, we have a complaint resolution process in place to ensure that the public can easily communicate any concerns so we can investigate and address them as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Below, you'll find information about how to keep track of construction updates and how to register concerns if they arise.

### [Website Construction Updates](#)

Construction updates will be posted regularly on our website at [www.emersoncreekwind.com/news](http://www.emersoncreekwind.com/news). These updates may include transportation route information, road closures, adjustments to construction hours, or other relevant details.

### [Construction Concerns or Complaints](#)

Any concerns or complaints regarding construction can be submitted at [emersoncreekwind.com/complaints](http://emersoncreekwind.com/complaints) or by calling our 24/7 complaint hotline at **1-866-370-9546**.

For safety reasons, members of the public will not be allowed on-site during construction to register complaints with project staff or contractors. If construction workers are approached directly with complaints, they will direct the complainant to the online portal or toll-free number to register their complaint.

When submitting a complaint, please include as much information as possible regarding the issue, including the location and a detailed description of the concern, along with your name, address, phone number, and email address (if applicable).



## Emerson Creek Wind Community Grants Awarded



This Fall, Emerson Creek Wind awarded two community grants to support local organizations working in Erie and Huron Counties.

On behalf of the Bellevue Schools Drama Club, Amy Dendinger and Angela Sommers accepted a \$10,000 grant to support lighting upgrades to the Bellevue Schools Theater.

High School Drama Director Angela Sommers shared "***We are so fortunate to have been selected to receive this generous grant for our drama department. We strive to become more energy efficient with our technology upgrades so that our students can continue to shine. The Bellevue Drama Club is truly appreciative of Apex Clean Energy. Thank you for supporting our programming and helping us grow!***"

***"This grant will allow us to take a huge step forward with our technology while decreasing our carbon footprint. The new LED spotlights will allow us to create better stage effects while using less energy - something that benefits both our students and the environment,"*** added Middle School Drama Director Amy Dendinger.

Enrichment Centers for Huron County also received a \$10,000 grant from the program to support the centers' Feeding a Friend program, which had a growing wait list for its meal program that was approaching 100 people. The funding provided by the Emerson Creek Wind community grant will help serve over 2,000 meals over the course of 2026.

Through its community grant program, Apex Clean Energy has contributed more than \$350,000 to community causes and non-profit organizations throughout Ohio and more than \$5 million across the country. To learn more about the program, or apply for a future round of funding, visit [www.emersoncreekwind.com/grant](http://www.emersoncreekwind.com/grant).

As we have additional updates, we'll continue sharing them with you in our regular e-mail and website construction updates. We're excited to complete construction by the end of 2027 and begin operating the project, delivering clean energy to the electric grid and delivering significant community benefits to Erie and Huron Counties.

Warmly,  
**The Emerson Creek Wind Team**