

Dear Wainscott Resident,

We are writing to address concerns about South Fork Wind and to share the facts about this important project. Enclosed with this letter is a factsheet with accurate project details.

East Hampton is a special place, and our team has understood from the outset the importance of designing a project that best fits the community by selecting an underground transmission cable route that minimizes impacts to residents and the environment. Please know that the decision to make landfall at Wainscott Beach and to select the route from Wainscott Beach to the East Hampton Substation on Cove Hollow Road followed multiple, extensive analyses, all of which clearly showed it meets those objectives. Our team subsequently considered and evaluated alternatives, including those proposed by opponents to the project, and concluded those alternatives would have increased impacts to residents and the environment.

Additionally, the decision to deliver power from the wind farm to the grid in East Hampton was not a random choice. The point of interconnection for the project is specified by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) in the project's power purchase agreement, a contract that was awarded through a competitive bidding process to address a particular power supply need on the south fork. Our job is to meet the contractual requirement to deliver power from South Fork Wind – turbines located more than 35 miles east of Montauk Point – directly to that substation, which is located off Cove Hollow Rd.

Key factors in selecting the route from Wainscott Beach are: The route's avoidance of environmentally-sensitive wetlands; access to a highly constructible section of railroad corridor; and the ability to minimize disruption by following lightly-traveled roads, among others. The route also impacts fewer residences than the "alternative" Atlantic Avenue route suggested by some project opponents. In addition, use of the Atlantic Avenue route would require power outages during construction that would affect all residents living east of Cove Hollow Road – outages that would not be required during construction for the route from Wainscott Beach.

Almost all the roadwork required to install the project's onshore cable is typical of roadwork commonly done by utilities in East Hampton and elsewhere. As with any such utility type roadwork, residents will experience temporary disruption such as lane closures that reduce travel to a single lane but that allow traffic to flow. But the bottom line is, the Wainscott route will have the least impact on the residents of the Town of East Hampton compared to any of the other possible alternatives.

We also understand that outside of the route selection process, concerns exist about the safety of the construction process and the presence of the underground cable over the long term. Please know that while offshore wind may still be new to the United States, the installation of underground or submarine transmission lines is commonplace across the globe – even in residential areas – and it's an area of expertise for both Ørsted and Eversource.

As the enclosed factsheet demonstrates, some project opponents have overstated, or in several instances, falsely characterized, these temporary impacts and other elements of the project. Additionally, it is important to know the project is subject to 195 detailed protective measures, which we've agreed to as part of

our permitting process and our negotiation of real estate rights with the East Hampton Town and Trustee Boards. Representatives from the Wainscott community also participated in the 10 months of settlement negotiations that led to the extensive permit conditions that have now been endorsed by five state regulatory agencies.

These measures include:

- **Seasonal work restrictions:** The construction will be limited to the period between October 1 to May 15, with the bulk of the work finished by April 15. No ground-disturbing work is permitted in Town-owned roads from May 15 to September 30.
- **Protecting Local Access:** Vehicular, pedestrian and emergency access to the beach and homes along Beach Lane must be maintained throughout all phases of construction.
- **Cable depth and monitoring requirements:** The cable must be buried a **minimum of 30 feet** under the beach to ensure the cable is protected from erosion over the life of the project. Replenishment of sand cover is required if the minimum burial threshold is not met after storm events.
- **Electromagnetic Field (EMF) Monitoring:** EMF Monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the permit requirements, which are several times below the thresholds set by the World Health Organization.

Finally, it's important to remember that South Fork Wind is subject to rigorous siting and permitting review at both the state and federal levels, a process that involves consultations, coordination and/or formal approvals from more than ten agencies with deep benches of experienced technical staff. Ultimately, our team must demonstrate the project's ability to meet the protective standards within the applicable regulatory statutes in order to obtain the permits to build the project.

We have a proven track record and take very seriously our obligation to be responsible offshore wind and onshore transmission developers. We are proud to be East Hampton's partner and to be building New York's first offshore wind farm. And in doing so, we're committed to protecting all of the things that make Wainscott as beautiful as it is today.

We'd like to stay in touch. We welcome you to reach out to our team any time to discuss your questions or concerns. Until then, please let us know (by emailing info@southforkwind.com) the best method to reach you to share project updates.

Sincerely,

The South Fork Wind Team

P.S. Additional project information including Frequently Asked Questions is available at www.southforkwind.com. You can also reach us by phone at 631-267-5777.