

**McHENRY COUNTY**  
**JOBS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
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WAPA/FWS Wind Energy Programmatic EIS Scoping  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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To Whom It May Concern:

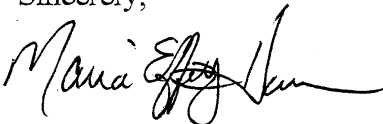
McHenry County, North Dakota, is positioned to be part of the world's fastest growing method of generating renewable electric power through wind energy. While wind energy will not solve all of the future need for power in the United States, its considerable benefits, both economically and environmentally, are worth continuing.

Wind energy has provided economic benefits to our county through taxable development, direct and indirect job creation and revenue sources for individual land owners, communities, schools and the region as a whole. Environmentally, the use of wind resources to produce energy reduces the carbon emissions, reduces water consumption and contributes to our countries energy independence.

McHenry County understands the need to study the effects of wind development in the central fly-way, but encourages the US Fish and Wildlife Service and WAPA to move the PEIS process quickly and provide reasonable regulations that work with existing and future projects and the opportunity in our rural areas.

If you have any questions regarding the positions held by this entity or McHenry County, please contact me at 701-626-2551.

Sincerely,



Maria Effertz Hanson  
McHenry County JDA