

Windmills Will Change The Local Landscape Forever

Dear Editor:

Oh, the West Virginia hills! How unchang'd they seem to stand,

*With their summits pointed skyward
To the Great Almighty's Land!*

Many changes I can see, Which my heart with sadness fills;

But no changes can be noticed In those West Virginia hills.

("West Virginia Hills," the state song of West Virginia)

This stanza of our state song will soon need to be changed if a proposed windmill industrial plant is built on the mountains of Greenbrier County. No longer will we see the beautiful mountains covered with stars at night and bathed in color during the day. Instead, we'll see giant mechanical pinwheels towering on our horizon with red lights at night and metal shining in the daytime sun.

Will this be the fate of our beloved countryside? It will be, if we, the citizens of West Virginia, do not speak out. Already, areas in Tucker County and near Blackwater Falls have fallen victim, and other scenic areas around the state are targeted. The promise of cheap energy comes at a great cost to everyone who treasures West Virginia and its unique scenery.

Are you willing to change wild and wonderful for windmills and industrial?

Join the voices saying, "No," to this doomed picture of West Virginia's future.

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