

# SAY YES TO LOWER UTILITY BILLS

Heritage Wind will provide significant benefits to the Town of Barre and Orleans County, including landowner payments, local construction spending, and new revenue to support schools, county services, and the town itself.

Now we can add a new benefit to that list: Heritage Wind will **directly reduce utility bills** for Barre residents! Here's how:

## New York's Renewable Energy Facility Host Community Benefit Program

In 2020, New York State enacted the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act, mandating the Public Service Commission to create a utility bill credit program to ensure that major renewable energy facilities directly benefit local ratepayers. In 2021, the commission formalized the program, which requires owners of renewable energy facilities to pay an annual fee for these bill credits.

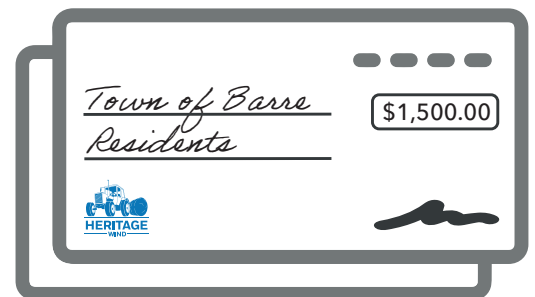
Wind energy projects like Heritage Wind will contribute **\$1,000 per MW** of capacity annually for the first ten years of project operations. (Solar projects pay a similar \$500 per MW annual fee). These funds will support annual credits on every residential utility bill in Barre.

OVER  
**\$150**  
PER YEAR

in electric bill savings  
per household

## How Much Money Will Heritage Wind Save Me?

Based on a 126 MW project, Heritage Wind will contribute **\$126,000 per year** to the utility bill discount program. With approximately 800 households in the Town of Barre, this translates to an annual discount of more than \$150 on every Barre resident's household electric bill. Over the ten-year life of the program, **that's more than \$1,500 in savings**.



## Wind + Solar = Even More Savings

These savings could increase if there are multiple renewable energy projects in the community. For example, the 200 MW Hemlock Ridge Solar project is expected to contribute \$100,000 annually to the same fund, providing an additional \$125 per year in savings to Barre households. Combined with the benefits from Heritage Wind, Barre residents could save more than **\$275 per year** on their energy bills thanks to local renewable energy projects.

Learn more about the utility bill discount program and other benefits of Heritage Wind at [heritagewindpower.com/benefits](https://heritagewindpower.com/benefits).

