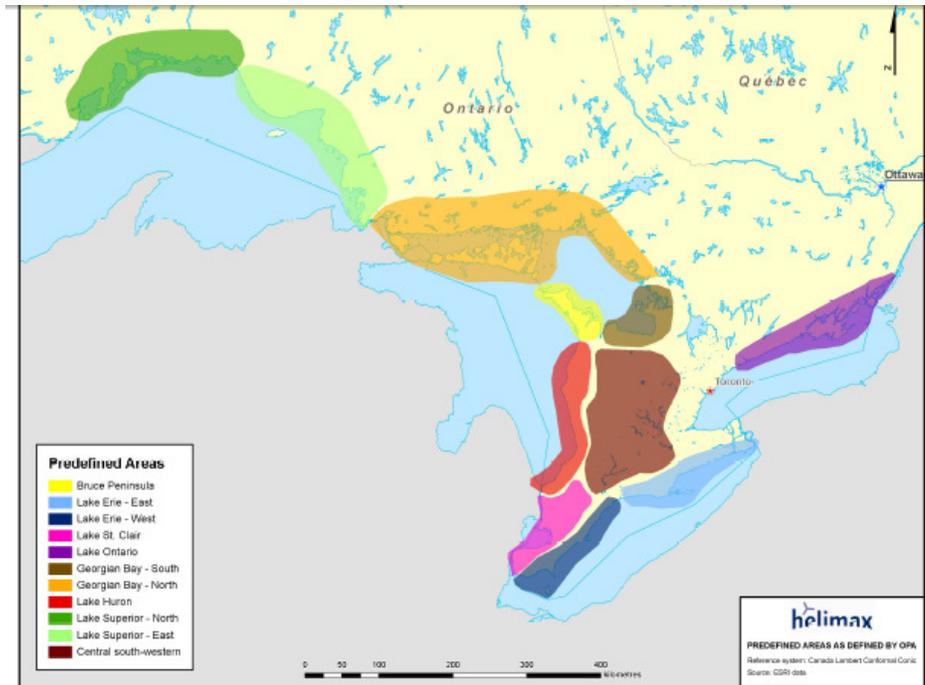


Why Developing a Waterfront Wind Farm Near The Scarborough Bluffs Will Waste Money and Energy

SCARBOROUGH, Feb. 10, 2010 -- Nowhere else in the world – not the U.K., not Denmark, not Spain (all places where turbines are used to generate electricity) – would so many turbines ever be allowed to be built so close to so many people. Toronto Hydro and the City of Toronto propose to develop a waterfront wind farm with 60 or more industrial-sized wind turbines. These generators are planned to be erected within four kilometres of the historical Scarborough Bluffs one of the most sensitive green spaces along Great Lakes shoreline. The site also puts at risk more than 250,000 local residents who live within five miles of the proposal.

Here's what makes Toronto Hydro's proposal even more astounding. Industry experts who study offshore wind energy potential throughout Ontario have eliminated the Toronto shoreline area due to lack of wind speed and the proximity of people. The map is from a report by a group of expert consultants commissioned by the Ontario Power Authority in 2005. The map clearly indicates that **Toronto's shoreline isn't a suitable location for wind energy development.**



In February 2010, local residents heard that the City of Toronto plans to invest more than \$4 million to restore the long-neglected and historic parkland of the Guild Inn at the Scarborough Bluffs. It makes no sense for the City of Toronto to spend tax money to preserve a historic, unique green space, while the municipal power utility plans to destroy value along this part of Lake Ontario's shoreline. Experts have already concluded that erecting massive wind turbines can provide NO LONG-TERM benefit to Ontario.

Ontario's Green Energy Act makes matters worse by guaranteeing high long-term subsidies to "green" energy producers. These will cause ALL Ontarians to pay more in taxes AND for electrical power. To stop this insanity, a group of concerned citizens have created two separate petitions that we want presented to the Ontario Legislature.

- One petition calls for Queen's Park to designate the Scarborough Bluffs, the adjacent shoreline and lake, as protected green space
- The second petition calls for Queen's Park to put an immediate stop to all further work and funding relating to Toronto Hydro's misguided wind energy proposal.

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