



# What can wind do for Delaware?

Climate change caused by burning fossil fuels is a serious threat to humans and the natural world.

Offshore wind offers an opportunity to bring about an era of 100% renewable energy and create a cleaner, greener and more prosperous future.

### A WIN FOR JOBS



### Skilled Employment at Every Step

Offshore wind requires skilled labor for design, manufacturing and installation. It creates jobs for engineers, technicians, construction workers and others—not to mention jobs for the ongoing maintenance and operation of equipment once the project is complete.

### New Companies and Business Opportunities

Wind power doesn't exist in a vacuum. An offshore project would become a key part of our industrial ecosystem supporting and being supported by other sectors.

### A WIN FOR OUR ECONOMY



#### **Energy Independence**

Wind energy promises to reduce our reliance on imported fossil fuels and enhance national security.

### **Global Evidence**

Implemented across the world, wind energy projects have become key global economic drivers.

### Investments in Critical Coastal Infrastructure

Offshore wind projects can provide funding to benefit critical coastal community infrastructure.



An 800 MW offshore wind project in Delaware would reduce carbon emissions by 2.7 to 3.7 million tons during the lifetime of the project. (Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Report 2023)

### Creating electricity by burning fossil fuels

### more air pollution.

Offshore wind offers cleaner, greener power generation to help us all breathe a little easier.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Delaware aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050. **We cannot meet this goal without wind energy.** It's a proven, time-tested way to create energy, and the time to implement it is NOW.

### Your voice matters in creating a cleaner, greener Delaware.

The General Assembly is considering Senate Bill 265, offshore wind procurement legislation. Don't know your state legislator? Visit **Delaware Find My Legislator** and type in your home address. It will provide you the name and email of your representative in the state legislature.



### A WIN FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

### PRESERVING OUR ECOLOGICAL TREASURES

Clean energy can help safeguard our ecological heritage. Delaware's unique natural environments—like bays, tidal marshes, dunes and freshwater wetlands—are home to rare, threatened or endangered plant



and animal life. Climate change is a growing threat to their habitats.

Offshore wind investments can help reduce the severity of climate change. They can also fund vital wildlife data collection and habitat restoration in coastal areas. Investments can even enhance marine-life habitats, through the use of nature-based design practices. (The Nature Conservancy Turbine Reef Report 2021)

## Our window of opportunity is now.

### HERE'S HOW TO TAKE ACTION

**Stay informed.** In a recent survey, 77% of Delaware respondents said that they believe the development of offshore wind power projects should be encouraged or strongly encouraged. But it can be hard to be heard above all the noise.

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