

## Tax Payments and Local Benefits

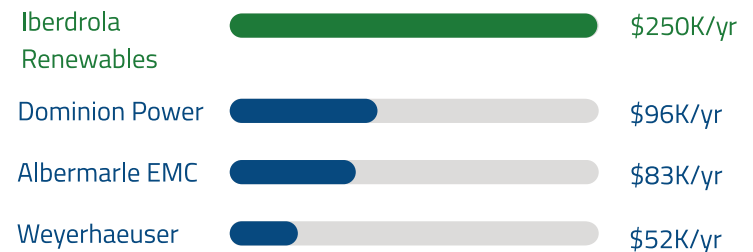
The wind is a powerful resource that provides a clean and renewable source of energy. Wind Developer, Iberdrola Renewables, is constructing the Amazon Wind Farm US East in neighboring North Carolina. The two counties hosting the turbines, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties, are already reaping the economic benefit of wind energy.

Energy providers are typically some of the largest taxpayers in rural counties. **These tax payments can fund local schools, hospitals, police, and fire departments.** In Perquimans County, Iberdrola will pay nearly 3 times more in taxes to the county than the second largest tax payer, Dominion Power.

Pasquotank County Largest Tax Payers:



Perquimans County Largest Tax Payers:



## Landowner Payments

Farmers and landowners love wind farms due to the steady, predictable, and reliable income they bring - income that is not dependent on weather.

While the median household income in South Carolina is \$42,367, **a landowner with only 2 turbines would increase their income by over 20% annually.**

\$6,000

per turbine per year

× 108 =

turbines

\$648,000

total landowner payments

These facts and figures are based on public statements and specific to the Amazon Wind Farm US East project, but in line with national averages.

## County Services

Wind energy facilities require minimal public infrastructure investments. Most large projects, including new manufacturing facilities, require enhanced water, sewer, and additional public service hires. That is not the case with a typical wind farm.



# Jobs

As with any large scale project, wind energy provides a boon to local economies with the addition of new, high paying jobs.

A typical 200MW wind farm would require 250 new construction jobs likely to span 18 months with full time operations and maintenance positions over the life of the wind farm. **A typical wind farm operator will pay an average annual salary of \$80,000 for these full time operations and maintenance positions.**



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# Tourism

Wind farms are a marvel of modern engineering. Many in the Southeast have yet to see a towering turbine. **Along with clean and renewable energy, wind farms can bring residual benefit to local, rural economies through tourism.** Wind farms have proven to be popular local attractions in other states. The intrigue of these turbines could pique the interest of South Carolinians.

In Michigan, local chambers have setup wind turbine tours, while a wind farm in Atlantic City gives tours to over 15,000 tourists annually.

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South Carolina is currently home to nearly 35 companies and over 40 facilities that are involved in the full value chain of the wind energy industry, even though no wind farms exist in the state. These companies are engaged in manufacturing, transmission, electrical, and many other professional services. Construction of a wind energy facility requires large quantities of concrete, aggregate, and other materials, much of which is purchased from local businesses.

**THE CURRENT US WIND INDUSTRY IS ALREADY**

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