

What is Community Owned Wind?

Community-owned wind is business that neighbors, landowners, local governments and local interests can own so that the benefits and control of power production are kept locally. It is typically on a far smaller scale than the large utility-scale wind farms.



Mission

AIRE educates about, advocates for, and develops community-owned renewable energy in Appalachia.

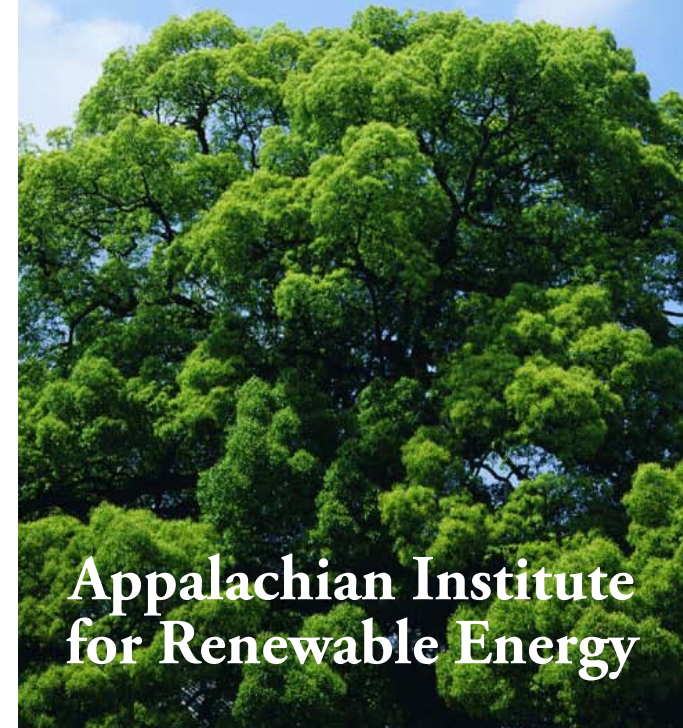
AIRE was formed out of the growing concerns for global warming, global and regional energy issues, and the unsustainable trends in economic growth and consumption. We are promoting a new energy model that is characterized by citizen-based decisions, environmental appropriateness, supportive public policy, and community-based ownership/benefits.



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Community Wind Benefits

- Local Ownership
- Local Benefits

Who are potential owners of Community Wind?

- Individuals
- Farmers
- Schools/Colleges
- Local Businesses
- Tribal Governments
- Municipal Utilities
- Rural Electric Cooperatives

What makes community wind a success?

- Local Ownership
- Local Participation
- Hard Work



Breeze into a better future.



What are the Economic Benefits?

- Revenue from Energy Sales
- Keeps Money in Local Economy
- Stabilizes Energy Prices
- Contributes to Local Tax Base

What are the Social Benefits?

- Local Ownership
- Energy Independence
- National Security

What are the Environmental Benefits?

- Clean Air
- Clean Water
- Protects Natural Resources
- Preserves Land

What are the Economic Incentives in Appalachia?

- 25% USDA Grant
- State Tax Incentive
- Renewable Energy Credit
- Green Power Sales
- Accelerated Depreciation
- Production Tax Credit



Incentives Web Pages

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