

Hi Kathy,

I'm writing today to express my thoughts about the potential wind turbine that Metro State University wants to build on the St. Paul campus above Swede Hollow.

I just learned of this today and there is a meeting on April 4th in the city hall/courthouse conference center room 40 lower level at 5:30 pm.

My understanding is that Xcel energy had to give out grants for wind turbines if they wanted to build a nuclear plant in MN. Metro State applied for such a grant. I was told that they are building some sort of Energy Technology building on the St. Paul Campus.

So in Dayton's Bluff we will potentially have a 120 foot wide turbine/blades circulating above up and about 140 feet from 7th St. We live in MN the turbines will get iced and will throw the ice or ice will fall. Ice that size would kill a person. What if that happens to someone walking in Swede Hollow or driving down 7th St. Wind turbines have no business in a highly populated metropolitan area, it is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of.

Not only will it ruin the St. Paul skyline, but will ruin the historic area surrounding the Metro State campus. Remember this is a community that needs special permission to erect a fence and it has to fit within the historical guidelines. It will drive down property values and create more noise pollution in the area.

Metro State has a tradition of holding classes all over the Twin cities area. There is a wind turbine in Maple Grove, students can go there and study wind energy at the Metro State Brooklyn Park campus.

I've lived in Dayton's Bluff for 20 years. We have nesting eagles, falcons, hawks and bats in the area. I have seen as many as 11 eagles playing in the air currents near the Mississippi River. I've even seen them flying around metro state and the railroad tracks near Swede Hollow.

I know this is the legislative season and you are very busy, but I would really appreciate it if you could look into this matter.

1. Safety issues
2. Lower property values
3. Increased noise pollution near existing railroad tracks, flight paths and 2 freeways.
4. Dangerous to wildlife especially winged creatures.

Thank you,

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