

Welcome to the Windmill Research Project. This project is interested in understanding the current dynamics inside the Fort Kent Community regarding the issue of windmill turbines. This research project does not hold any biases or supports any position. This is strictly a research project. The University of Maine at Fort Kent human subjects' committee has approved this project. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please contact principal investigator, Soraya Cardenas at soraya.cardenas@maine.edu or (207)834-2987.

Interview Script

Before the Interview:

Hi, my name is _____. I am a student in Dr. Cardenas' Environmental Justice and Social Movements Class at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. I am calling in reference to the windmill project in Fort Kent. I would like to schedule an interview with you at your earliest convenience. The interview would take approximately twenty to thirty minutes. I also would like to give you a website address, which will provide you with a brief summary of the project and the interview questions. The web address is: www. **(TBA)**

Thank you for your time and I will be calling you on (DATE) at (TIME).

Interview:

Hi, this is _____ and we have a scheduled interview. Before we start, I need to inform you about your rights, and how this information is going to be used and stored.

First regarding your rights:

*(RIGHTS)

- A. This interview is completely voluntary. You can refuse to answer any question.
- B. You can request to be removed from the study at any time.
- C. You can look up the questions on the web before or after participating in the interview, or you can request to hear all of the questions on the phone prior to the interview.
- D. If you have any questions regarding this interview or research project, you can contact:
 - 1. Soraya Cardenas at 834-8635 the principal investigator OR
 - 2. Mariella Squire the Chair of the Human Subjects Committee at UMFK at 834-7824.

***(How information is used & stored)**

Next, I would like to inform you how this interview is going to be used and stored.

- A. This material is going to be used for scholarly purposes. Students in the sociology course, *Environmental Justice & Social Movements* are required to write a research paper. The information will also be used to publish in scholarly journals and to present at professional conferences.
- B. Your name will not be on the interview, but will be coded with a number
- C. At the end of the project the information will be stored at the Acadian Archives, but your name will not be on the material.
- D. Final note, please aware that is a non-biased research project and we do not hold either a pro or con position on the windmill project.

Now, that I have provided you with aforementioned information. I must ask you to answer the following question.

Do you _____ (name of participant), agree to participate in this interview of your own free will (response: yes or no)? Thank you. I have a total of 14 questions.

Interview Questions:

1. Do you live in the town of Fort Kent?
2. What is your opinion about wind energy?
3. What is it about wind energy that you like or dislike?
4. What is your opinion about erecting wind turbines in the town of Fort Kent?
5. How would you feel if the energy generated from the wind turbines were used exclusively for other communities and excluded Fort Kent?
6. What if the energy that was harvested was to be used by the town of Fort Kent and other communities?
7. What if the harvested energy from the windmill turbines was used exclusively for the community of Fort Kent?
8. What are the biggest factors of why you favor or oppose the establishment of wind turbines in Fort Kent?
9. Are there any factors that would alter your position about establishing wind energy in Fort Kent, and if so, what would those factors be?
10. How would you classify your residency?
 - a. Renter
 - b. Own Home in Town
 - c. Own Home and 1-10 acres of land (Please specify acreage)
 - d. Own Home and 10-50 acres of land (Please specify acreage)
 - e. Own Home and 51+ acres of land (Please specify acreage)
 - f. Own land only (Please specify acreage)
11. What is your occupation?

12. What is your level of education? (List all that apply)

- a. Less than High School
- b. High School
- c. Associates Degree
- d. Bachelors Degree
- e. Masters Degree
- f. Doctorate Degree

13. What income bracket would you most closely identify with?

- a. Low Income
- b. Middle Low Income
- c. Middle Income
- d. Middle High Income
- e. High Income
- f. Independently Wealthy

!4. Is there anything that you would like to add that we have not asked you?

Thank you very much for your time. Do you have any questions for me?