

# Public Invitation

## TO ALL CATTARAUGUS COUNTY RESIDENTS and/or LANDOWNERS

Don't settle for opinions, rumors, or assumptions! Please come to an informational meeting Mon, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 or Tue, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 pertaining to potential economic development (e.g. Wind) and the potential role of the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA).

- Get accurate information first hand from the source!
- Learn how you can be part of making an improved and better outcome for everyone!
- It's not too late or hopeless, it's your future – get involved!

### Everyone is welcomed! Bring your friends and invite your neighbors, find out:

- Is the CCIDA a branch of the Cattaraugus County government?
- What does the CCIDA do? How is the CCIDA governed and funded?
- Is the CCIDA a County-level Chamber of Commerce for our town?
- If you and/or our community leaders know of an interested business how can you use the CCIDA to help encourage that new and/or expanding business into your community?
- Why is the CCIDA involved in potential County Wind Development efforts?
- What is NYS RPTL 487? What tax authorities does it apply to? What does opting out mean?
- What is a uniform tax exemption policy? What is a PILOT agreement? Are they different things? Are payments to either or both secured and guaranteed?
- Does the CCIDA get paid? Does the CCIDA get any reoccurring, continuing, payments from either?
- What are a Business's or Developer's alternatives to these?
- What governs the terms and conditions of a PILOT agreement?
- How is, or is, the CCIDA's review and treatment of potential Wind Development any different than any other Business interest in Cattaraugus County?
- If there is a PILOT, how is the money collected; to whom is the money distributed; what is the distribution percentage rate breakdown to the various tax authorities; and why?
- What is the current status of CCIDA actions toward the creation of a Wind Development Uniform Tax Exemption policy?
- How can you help your town get the best revenue opportunity if there is Wind Development in your community?
- Have you missed an opportunity to be involved in influencing the outcome of a Wind Development Uniform Tax Exemption policy?
- Who can you send ideas to about ways in which the CCIDA can use to public benefit the potentially lucrative one-time fee collected from each Wind Developer in the County that uses and goes through the CCIDA?

**The Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) will respond to these questions, along with opportunities to receive answers from the CCIDA to your own questions, on the following dates and at the following locations:**

Date	Time	Location
Mon, June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	6:30pm to 8:30pm	The Machias Fire Hall – 9540 S. Main St (Rt 16); Machias, NY
Tue, June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2009	6:30pm to 8:30pm	The Pioneer Middle School 12132 Old Olean Road; Yorkshire, NY

NOTE: Each night's baseline presentation will be the same. However differences in information discussed could occur as a result of differences in questions and interaction generated through public Q&A participation.

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