

Community Wind as an example of local energy ownership

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ABSTRACT

Black Oak Wind Farm is the first community-owned wind farm in New York State. In reviewing its development and future, the audience will understand the opportunities and obstacles in developing locally-owned energy infrastructure.

BIOGRAPHY

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