



association to protect AMHERST ISLAND

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Birders and Naturalists:

Opposition to wind turbines on Amherst Island has entered the next phase and we need your help. This is a plea to join Jean Iron, Ron Pittaway, Dr. Roberta Bondar, and birders worldwide to oppose wind turbines on the Island and in particular adjacent to Owl Woods, world famous as a birding destination and a favourite for life owls.

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has invited public comments on a Renewable Energy Approval application by Windlectric/Algonquin Power to build up to 36 industrial wind turbines on Amherst Island. Comments must be received by March 8, 2014.

The posting is here on the [Environmental Registry](#) (or visit www.ebr.gov.on.ca and enter the number **012-0774** in the search line.)

You are asked to send one email to oppose the industrialization of Amherst Island by writing to Susanne Edwards, Ontario Ministry of the Environment (with EBR 012-0774 in the subject line) by March 8, 2014.

To: susanne.edwards@ontario.ca, with copies to premier@ontario.ca, minister.moe@ontario.ca, ian.parrott@ontario.ca and protectai@kos.net

Please tell the Ministry in your words why it is important to preserve Amherst Island. Some of the key messages you may wish to address include:

- All of Amherst Island is an Important Bird Area of Global Significance on the Atlantic Migratory flyway and is home to 34 species at risk including Blanding's Turtle. Habitat will be fragmented and lost.
- The Island is internationally recognized for concentrations of wintering hawks and owls, with birders travelling from around the world to visit Owl Woods, where it is possible to see up to 11 species of owls.
- Amherst Island was ranked second in biodiversity significance (Lake Ontario Islands – Northeast), and includes 400 hectares of Provincially Significant Coastal Wetland.
- Amherst Island is one of Nature's jewels in Lake Ontario — of similar significance to Point Pelee for migratory birds

Named one of the Top Ten Endangered Places in Canada by the Heritage Canada Foundation (now known as Heritage Canada The National Trust) due to the threat of wind turbines on its rich cultural and natural heritage, Amherst Island is simply the wrong place for wind turbines.

You can learn more about Amherst Island at:
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Thank you for your help! Need more information? Please contact protectai@kos.net