



Planning 2024



Construction 2027



Operational 2028

## LOCATION



LRE (Leeward Renewable Energy) is developing Braided Creek Wind, LLC (Braided Creek Wind), a 147-megawatt wind energy facility located in Bureau County, Illinois near the Village of Buda. Braided Creek Wind is currently in the permitting process and construction is expected to begin in 2027. Once operational in 2028, Braided Creek Wind will produce enough clean energy to power more than 57,000 homes per year and represents a \$344 million capital investment in Bureau County. Other significant positive economic impacts of the Braided Creek Wind include \$48.8M in new property tax payments over the estimated 30-year life of the project, the creation of approximately 400 direct and indirect jobs during construction, and more than \$110 million in total economic output. Braided Creek Wind will be located on privately-owned land and 98% or more of the land will remain untouched and farmable.

LRE has two other existing and operational wind projects nearby in Bureau County – Lone Tree Wind and Crescent Ridge wind. Those projects have contributed millions of dollars in new taxes to the county, created hundreds of construction jobs, and generate enough energy to power more than 53,000 homes each year in Bureau County.



## WHY HERE?

Wind power produces emission-free electricity that helps Illinois meet demand for renewable energy. The site for the Braided Creek Wind facility was initially selected due to the proximity of high voltage transmission lines, private landowners who are excited to participate in the project, and LRE's operating projects in the region. The general area of the project is shown on the map above, and final locations for turbines and other infrastructure will be determined prior to construction.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LRE takes our commitment to the environment, land stewardship, and the safety of the community and our workers seriously. Every LRE renewable energy project has a strict safety program designed to ensure both workers and the environment are protected. In addition, wind energy generation produces no air pollution or greenhouse gases and has a positive, indirect effect by reducing the use of other energy sources. Once repowered, the wind facility is a passive use of the land and will not generate substantial amounts of traffic, dust, odors, or other nuisances.



## BENEFITS

Wind energy facilities are a beneficial, temporary, and low impact use of land. Benefits of wind projects include:

- Substantial property tax contributions which add low impact, assessed value to the region.
- Approximately 400 new full-time-equivalent jobs during construction.
- Once operational, the wind facility is a passive use of the land and will not generate substantive amounts of traffic, dust, or odors.
- Creates no emissions and requires limited amounts of water during operation.
- At the end of operations, equipment is removed, and the land restored to prior use.
- \$48.8M in new property tax payments over the life of the project.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As a dedicated member of the community, Braided Creek Wind will continue to work hard to earn the trust of our neighbors. Our involvement goes well beyond job creation, economic investment, and providing clean, renewable energy. We strive to build lasting partnerships with civic leaders and property owners. Throughout the life of all our projects, we pride ourselves on being fully transparent in our communication and highly responsive to public feedback. We also believe being involved means giving back. LRE works to advance many important causes and community efforts through corporate giving, including education, the environment, health and human services, the arts, community projects, and diversity efforts.

Through our existing wind projects in the county, LRE has proudly supported numerous local organizations such as the Bureau County Fair, Princeton High School, Princeton Elementary, The Tiskilwa Historical Society, and many others.



## ABOUT US

Braided Creek Wind is a wholly-owned subsidiary of LRE (Leeward Renewable Energy). LRE (Founded in Texas in 2003, LRE (Leeward Renewable Energy) owns and operates 31 wind, solar, and energy storage projects totaling 4GW nationwide. With a goal of 10GW by 2028, we prioritize domestic jobs, local community partnerships, and protecting the land in our long-term approach to meet American energy needs. For more information, visit [www.LREus.com](http://www.LREus.com).

## CONTACT

If you have a question or feedback on Braided Creek Wind please call our project line at **(815) 446-1653**, email [info@braidedcreekwind.com](mailto:info@braidedcreekwind.com) or visit our website at [www.lreus.com/projects/braided-creek-wind](http://www.lreus.com/projects/braided-creek-wind)