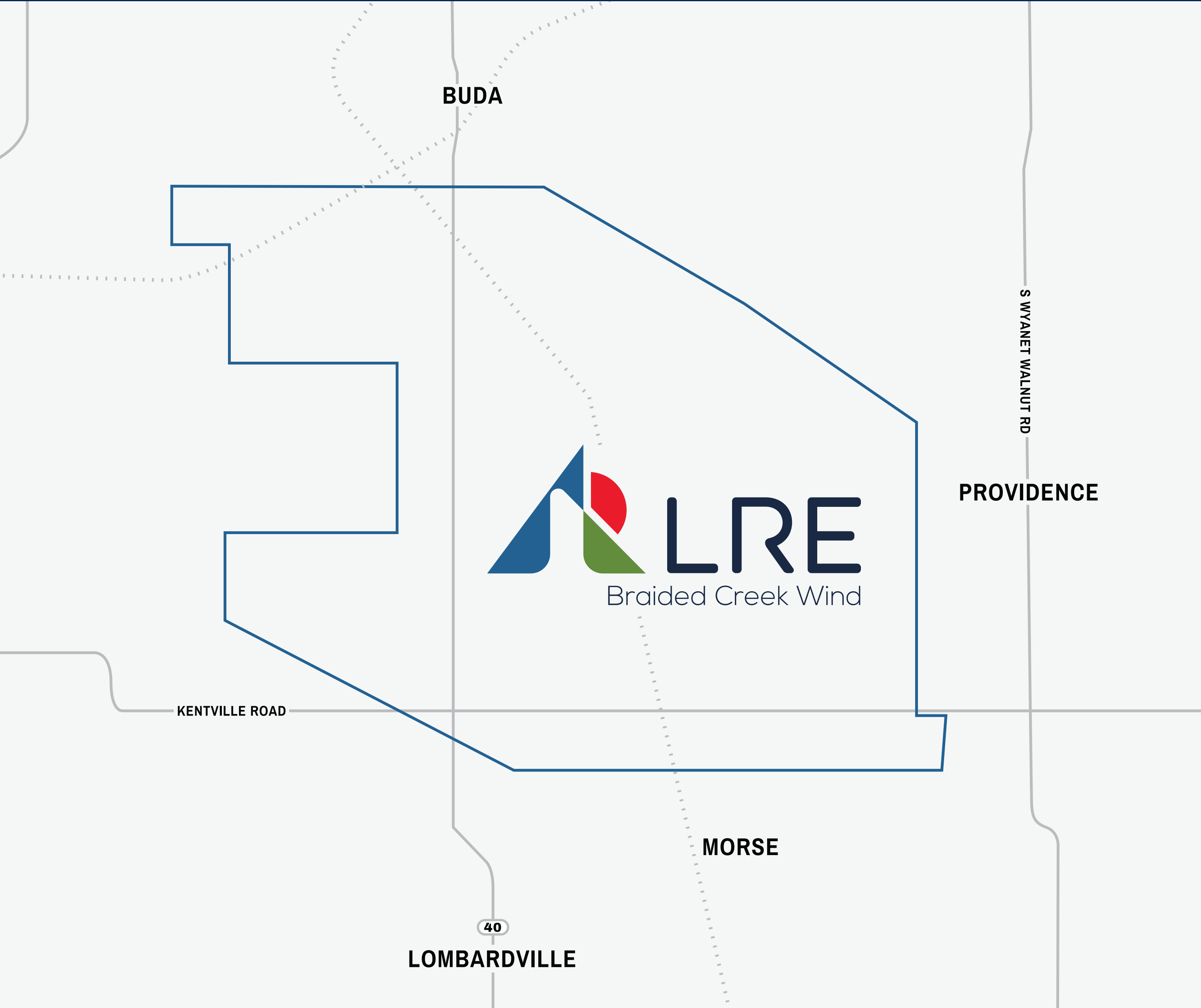


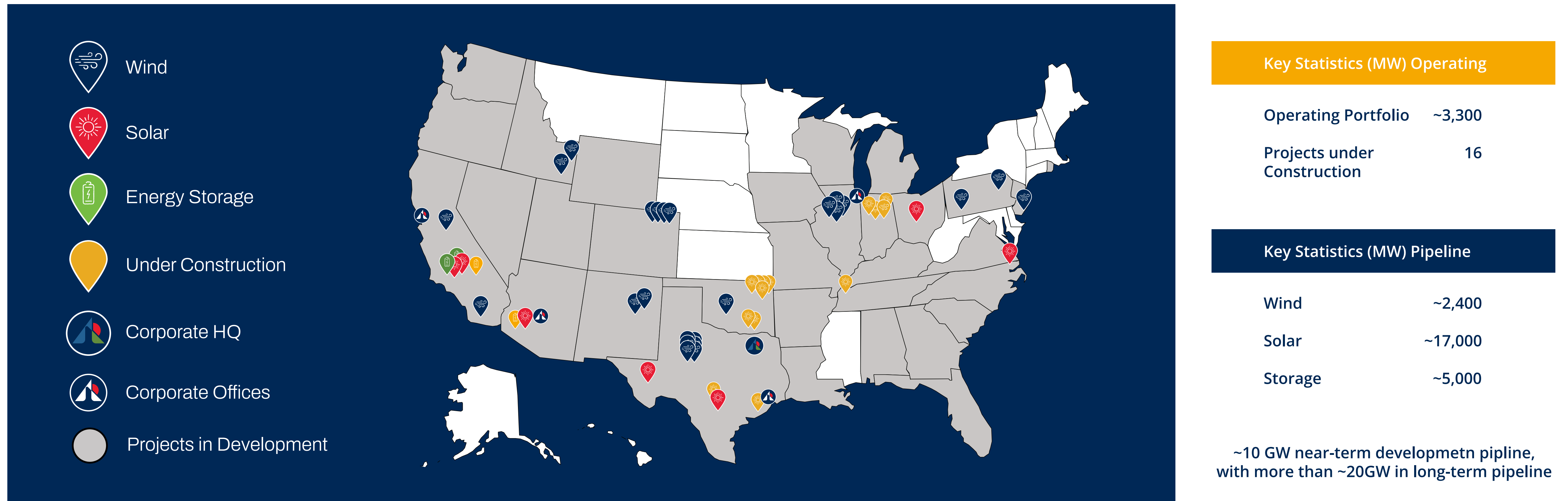
WELCOME



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE



ABOUT US - LRE



- Braided Creek Wind, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC. (LRE). LRE is a high-growth renewable energy company spearheading economic growth and energy independence in communities across the U.S.
- The company owns and operates a portfolio of 31 wind, solar, and energy storage facilities stretching from California to New Jersey totaling approximately 3 gigawatts of generating capacity.
- LRE is actively developing and contracting a robust pipeline of new renewable energy projects across the U.S.

WIND PROJECT LIFECYCLE

SITE SELECTION

- Proximate access to electrical transmission system & available capacity
- Suitable acreage – size, topography, etc.

ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION

- Multi-year study process resulting in an interconnection service agreement and ultimately back feed of power to the grid.



POWER OFFTAKE

- Long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with credit-worthy counterparties (e.g. utilities, large industrial users, etc.).
- PPA guarantees a revenue stream that enables financing of the project.

DECOMMISSIONING

- At the end of the project's life, wind turbines will be removed at the company's expense.
- Coordination with local officials to hold decommissioning cost in escrow starting in year 1 of operations.



CONSTRUCTION

- Construction will last approximately 9-to-18 months from start to finish.

OPERATIONS

- Braided Creek Wind is expected to operate for 30-to-55 years.

KEY FACTS

PROJECT SITE SELECTION

- Suitable, flat acreage with minimal environmental and cultural sensitivities.
- Near existing electrical infrastructure.
- Strong regional demand for new, low-cost renewable power.
- Adjacent to existing wind farms that LRE has operated for years.

PROPERTY VALUES

- Wind energy is a low-intensity, passive use of the land.
- Will not generate substantive amounts of traffic, dust, odors, or other nuisances.
- Enhanced setbacks will help mitigate visual impacts – 50% greater setbacks from non-participating homes than is required by Bureau County.
- Well-developed wind projects do not have a negative impact on property values.

PROJECT DECOMMISSIONING

- The above-ground equipment will be removed at the company's expense at the end of the project and the land will be restored to its original condition.
- Decommissioning cost will be held in escrow during commercial operation.

KEY FACTS

MINIMAL IMPACTS

- No operational GHG emissions or noxious odors.
- No need for permanent water or sewer systems.
- Negligible operational traffic.
- Minimal land usage change; Turbines typically occupy less than 1 acre of property and at least 98% of the land can remain in farming operations.
- Negligible noise beyond the project boundary.
- LRE has committed to Aircraft Detection Lighting System (ADLS), limiting turbine lighting to only when aircrafts are in the immediate vicinity of the project.

PROPERTY DRAINAGE

- Drainage will not be negatively impacted by the wind project.
- Drain tile review to be completed prior to final design and construction.
- Damaged tiles will be rerouted or repaired by local experts.
- LRE is responsible for maintaining current drainage capabilities

PRELIMINARY LAND USE MAP



PRELIMINARY SITE LAYOUT, SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON DETAILED DESIGN

PROJECT FACTS

OVERVIEW:

- 147-megawatt wind energy facility under development.
- 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.
- Up to 41 wind turbines depending on design parameters.
- Estimated operational life: 30-55 years.
- Approximately \$344 million capital investment in Bureau County.

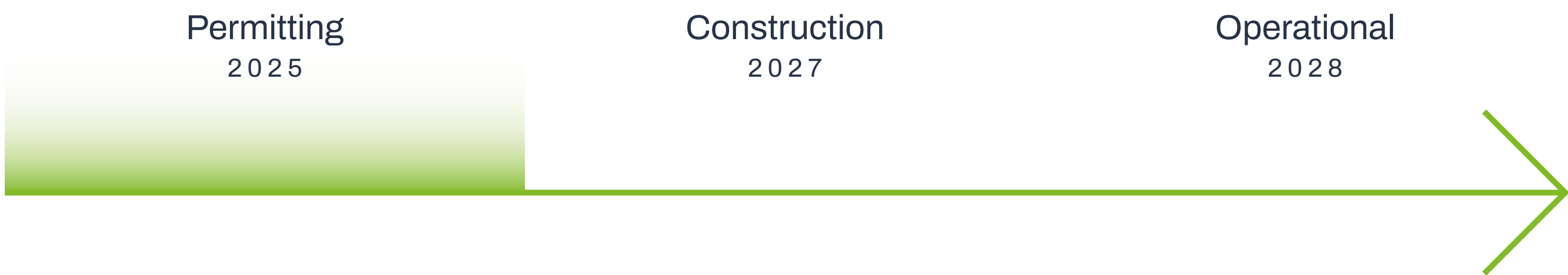
LOCATION:

- Bureau County, Illinois between the Village of Buda, Kentville Road, and LRE’s operational Crescent Ridge Wind and Lone Tree Wind farms.
- Located on privately-owned land and 98% or more of the leased land will remain untouched and farmable.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

- Construction estimated to create approximately 400 direct and indirect jobs, and more than \$110 million in total economic output.
- More than \$48M in new property taxes over the 30-year life of the project.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



PERMITTING STUDIES & REPORTS



Economic Impact Analysis



Television Interference Analysis



Communication Interference Analysis



Soil Condition / Soil Borings



Noise Study



Shadow Flicker Study



Decommissioning Study



Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement



**Review and Recommendation from the IL.
Dept of Natural Resources (IDNR)**



**Review and Recommendation from
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)**



Desktop Cultural Resources Review



Fire/Emergency Management Plan

LOCAL BENEFITS

INCREASED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

- Significant capital investment in the County (Est. \$344M).
- More than \$48M anticipated in new property tax revenue over the 30-year life of project.
- Adding low impact, assessed value to the region.
- Construction estimated to create approximately 400 direct and indirect jobs, as well as significant induced and indirect economic activity.
- 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.

MINIMAL STRAIN ON LOCAL SERVICES AND LOW IMPACT USE OF LAND

- Limited water consumption and no sewer needs.
- No additional burden on school system or public services.
- Land remains locally owned and retains agricultural zoning, which allows the land to be reverted to prior use once decommissioned.
- Land not occupied by turbines remains in prior use.
- Once operational, the wind facility is a passive use of land - no substantive amounts of traffic, dust, odors, or other nuisances.
- At the end of operations, the equipment is removed, and the land is restored to its prior use.

RECIPIENTS OF THE BRAIDED CREEK WIND TAXES

Estimated total new tax receipts for each entity over the 30-year-life of the project.

SCHOOLS

Illinois Central Community College #514	\$123,942
Black Hawk Junior College #503	\$142,953
Bradford Unit #1	\$1,175,422
Kewanee Unit #229	\$1,221,390
Princeton High School #500	\$1,605,971
IVCC Junior College #513	\$1,916,187
Princeton Grade School #115	\$2,498,764
Bureau Valley Unit #340	\$25,716,153

MUNICIPALITIES

MTA #13	\$82,763
Indian Township	\$722,775
Macon Township	\$3,783,740
Bureau County	\$4,427,956

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Neponset Fire	\$38,713
Bradford Fire	\$285,308
Tiskilwa Fire	\$641,991
Buda Fire District	\$3,566,169

ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS

Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$10,785
Bradford Public Library	\$53,902
Tiskilwa Library	\$191,256
Mason Memorial Library	\$678,655

OPERATIONS AND DECOMMISSIONING

- Typically, 3-10 full-time O&M employees are on site during normal working hours; remote monitoring at night and during off hours.
- Access road network within the project will be maintained by on-site crews.
- Components are disposed and/or recycled at the end of the project's useful life, per federal and local requirements.
- Site will be restored to its previous condition at the end of the facility's life.
- Decommissioning and restoration costs will be held in escrow starting in year 1 of project operations.





THANK YOU

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