



# BLACK OAK WIND FARM

Stearns County, MN

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Black Oak Wind Farm is a 42 megawatt wind farm under development in Stearns County, Minnesota. The project is a development of Black Oak Wind, LLC a fully-owned subsidiary of Geronimo Wind Energy, LLC, a utility-scale developer based out of Edina, Minnesota. The Black Oak Wind Farm's footprint spans Ashley and Raymond Townships, and represents a total investment of nearly \$65 million dollars once fully developed. Stearns County's excellent wind resource and existing power transmission availability make the Black Oak area ideal for wind development. Geronimo plans to construct up to 26 turbines to produce the 42 megawatts needed, and will work with local and nationally respected construction partners to bring the project to completion.

## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- Operational Capacity:** 42 MW
- Location:** Stearns County, Minnesota
- Project Developer:** Geronimo Wind Energy
- Number of Turbines:** up to 26
- Acres Signed:** 6,500
- Families Signed:** 23
- Landowner Payments:** ~\$4.3 million over 20 years
- Tax Payments:** ~\$2.7 million over 20 years
- Construction:** Start Q3, 2012
- Expected COD:** Q4, 2012

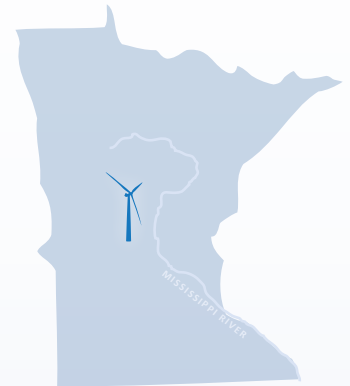
## PROJECT HISTORY

Since mid-2008, the project's developers have been working with landowners, businesses, contractors, legislators, and other members of Stearns County to make the Black Oak Wind Farm a reality. The Black Oak Wind Farm is currently in the process of obtaining its site permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and hopes to start construction by the end of 2012.

To learn more about the project, visit the project's website at [www.blackoakwindfarm.com](http://www.blackoakwindfarm.com).

## ABOUT GERONIMO WIND ENERGY

Geronimo Wind Energy is a Minnesota based utility-scale wind energy developer focused on developing wind farms in the Upper Midwest of the United States. With deep roots in agriculture, Geronimo prides itself on developing wind farms that are farmer-friendly, community-driven and beneficial for rural communities. Geronimo has two operating wind farms in Minnesota and an aggregate development pipeline of over 4,000 megawatts.



## STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Stearns County is located in central Minnesota, west of the Mississippi River.

The average wind speed in Stearns County, measured at 80 meters, is 7.2 meters per second, which is just over 16 miles per hour. The average wind direction is from the northwest.

For more information about Stearns County, visit <http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/>

