



# Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Feasibility Study  
DOE Tribal Energy Program Review  
Denver, Colorado  
November 5-8, 2007

Final Report  
December 2007

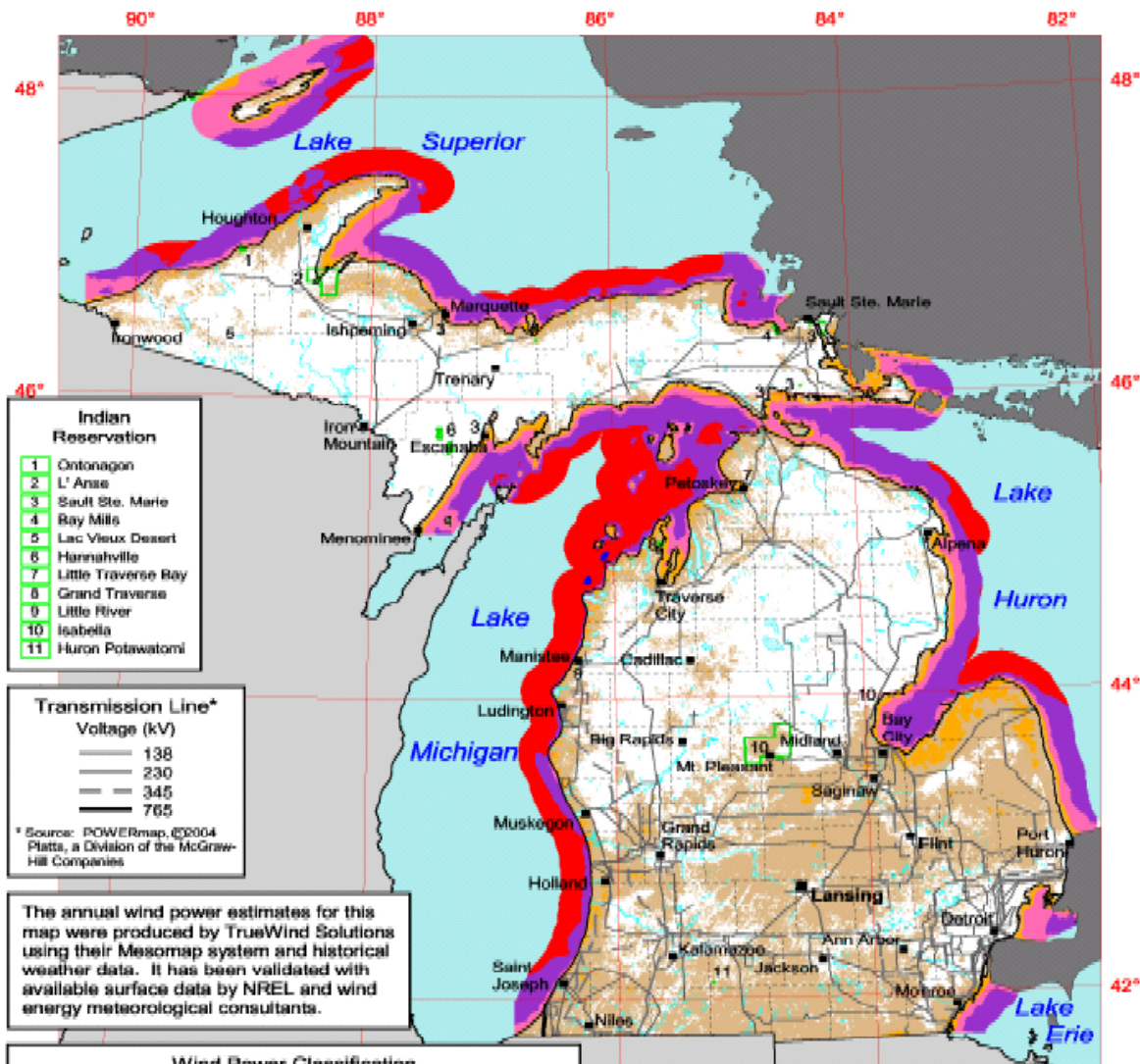
# Grand Traverse Band

- 4,023 Members
- 2,370 Acres – Checkerboard
- Six-County Service Area
- EDC: 2 Casinos, Resort (424 Rooms), Gas Station, etc.
- Gov't: Administration, Housing, Medicine Lodge, Strong Heart Center, Day Care, Natural Resources, etc.



Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

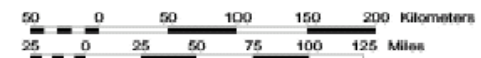
# Michigan - 50 m Wind Power



**Wind Power Classification**

Wind Power Class	Resource Potential	Wind Power Density at 50 m W/m <sup>2</sup>	Wind Speed <sup>a</sup> at 50 m m/s	Wind Speed <sup>a</sup> at 50 m mph
1	Poor	0 - 200	0.0 - 5.6	0.0 - 12.5
2	Marginal	200 - 300	5.6 - 6.4	12.5 - 14.3
3	Fair	300 - 400	6.4 - 7.0	14.3 - 15.7
4	Good	400 - 500	7.0 - 7.5	15.7 - 16.8
5	Excellent	500 - 600	7.5 - 8.0	16.8 - 17.9
6	Outstanding	600 - 800	8.0 - 8.8	17.9 - 19.7
7	Superb	> 800	> 8.8	> 19.7

<sup>a</sup> Wind speeds are based on a Weibull k of 2.0.



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National Renewable Energy Laboratory


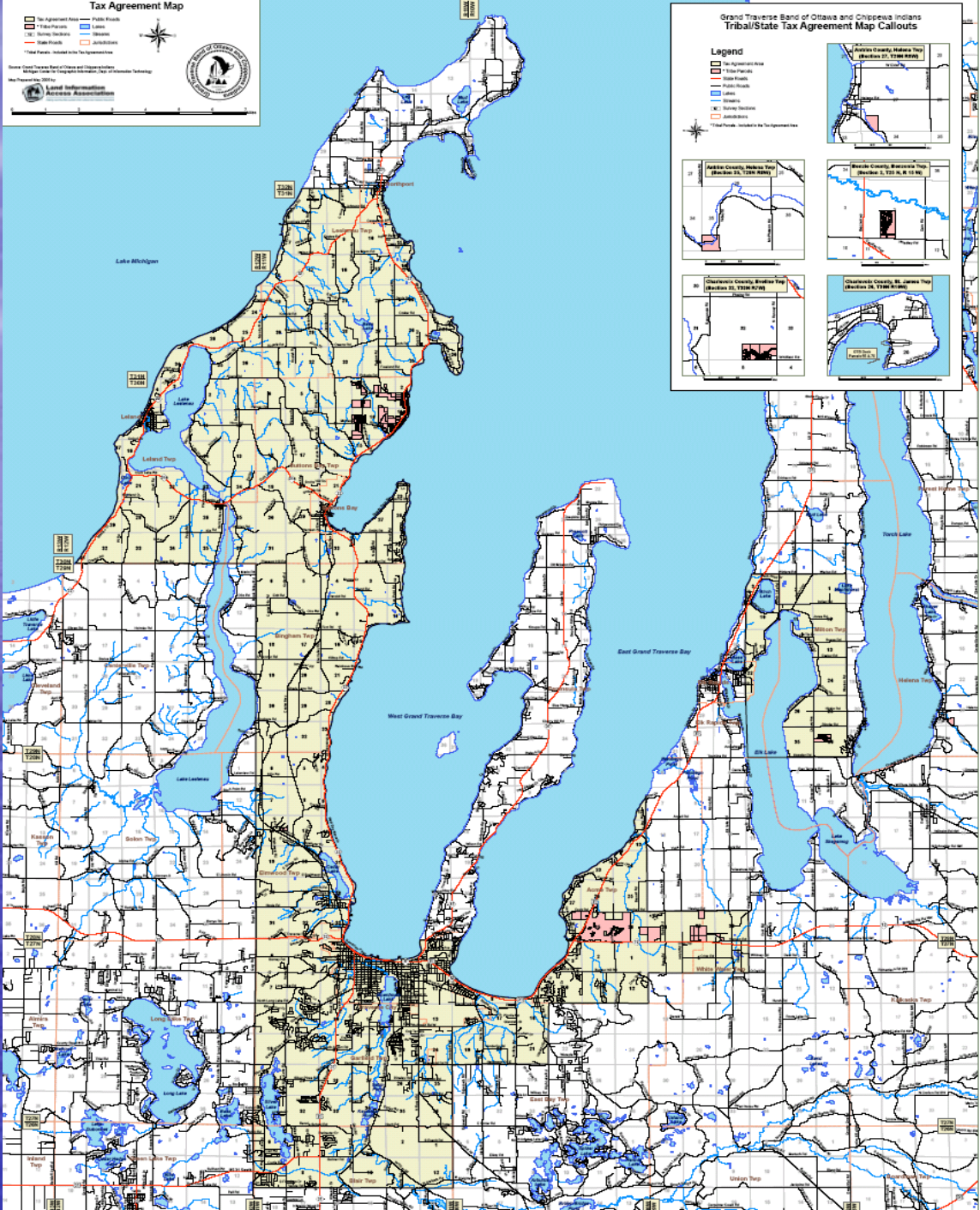
**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
Tax Agreement Map**

**Legend**

- The Agreement Area
- Townships
- Public Roads
- State Routes
- Water
- Other Features, including other Tax Jurisdictions

Source: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
Map Date: 2015

**Local Information  
Accession: 2015-000000000**

**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
Tribal/State Tax Agreement Map Callouts**

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# GTB Energy Vision & Plan

## Three Focus Areas:

- Energy Diversity
- Environmental Quality
- Economic Benefits

Adopted 1/26/05

# Action Plan

- Conduct energy diversification feasibility study
- Financing plan
- Public education campaign
- Distributed renewable power study

# Project Objectives

Project Goal: To conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost effectiveness and other economic, environmental, cultural and social benefits of maximizing the diversity of energy sources used at GTB facilities.

Grant Timeline: 9/15/05 to 12/31/07



# Project Partnership

Traverse City Light & Power (TCLP)

MOU between GTB and TCLP

Sharing wind energy monitoring and  
evaluation

Sharing electric utility expertise

# GTB Renewable Energy Options

- Biomass (wood and crops) & District Heat
- Solar thermal
- Solar electric (photovoltaics)
- Passive solar buildings and designs
- Small scale wind power
- Large scale wind power
- Economic integration of renewable energy
- Energy efficiency & Combined Heat & Power

# Site Specific Resource Monitoring

- Comprehensive survey of all GTB properties and energy consumption
- Review of existing data: solar, wind, biomass
- On-site wind resource monitoring, and preparation of a regional GTB wind map
- Wind data sharing with TCL&P
- Survey of biomass resources
- Survey of solar resources

# GTB Energy Demand

- Total Cost: \$4.67 million/yr
- Electric Cost: \$2.25 million/yr
- Natural Gas Cost: \$1.75 /yr
- LP Gas Cost: \$674,000
- Electric kW-hrs/yr: 30 million
- Natural Gas ccf/yr: 1.8 million ccf
- LP: 673,000 gallons/yr
- Peak KW: 3,600 (Commercial/Public)

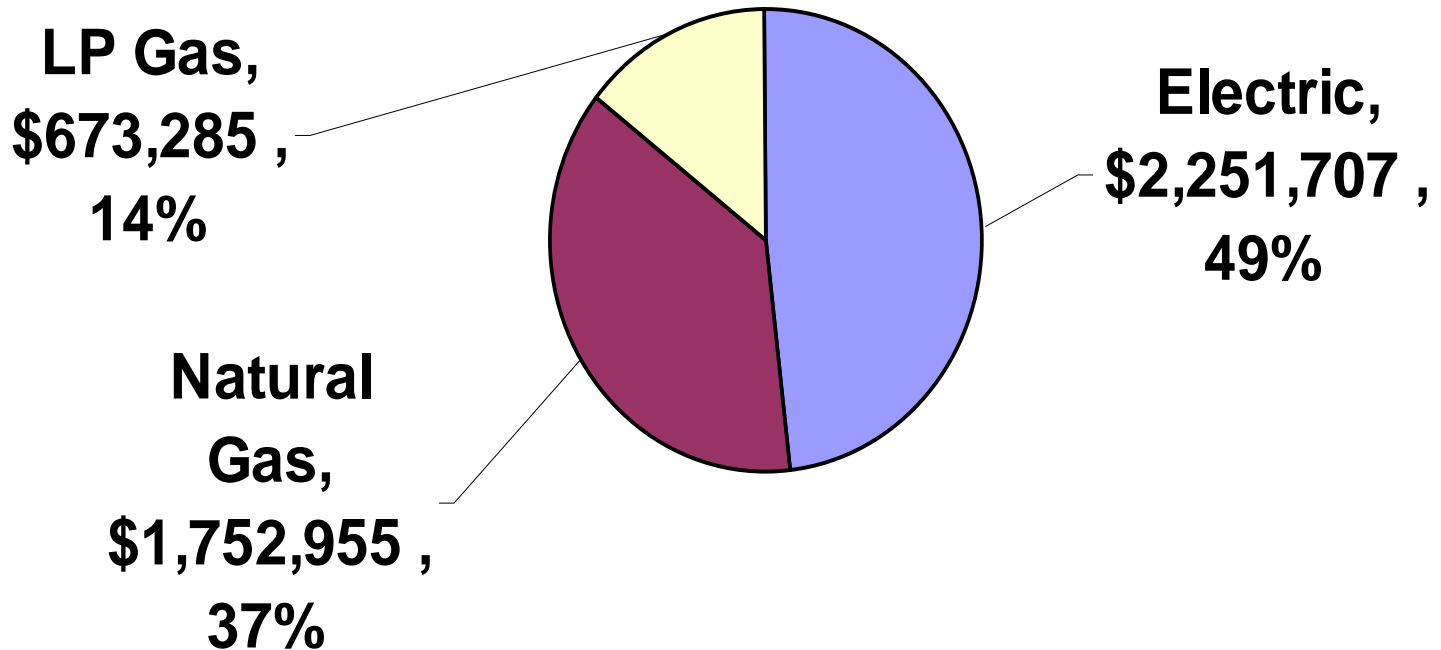
# Wind Accomplishments

- MOU with Traverse City Light & Power
- Wind monitoring completed (June 2007) on GTB GT Resort "Hoxie" property
- TCL&P monitoring in Long Lake Twp completed August 2007
- Resource & Economic Feasibility for wind power

# GTB Energy Breakdown By Fuel

Public, Commercial & Residential

(Does not include wood heat)



# THE POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES WORLDWIDE

**hydropower**  
 $4.6 \times 10^{13}$  kWh

**biomass**  
 $152.4 \times 10^{13}$  kWh

**energy of the  
waves & sea**  
 $762.1 \times 10^{13}$  kWh

**wind  
energy**  
3,084.4  
 $\times 10^{13}$  kWh

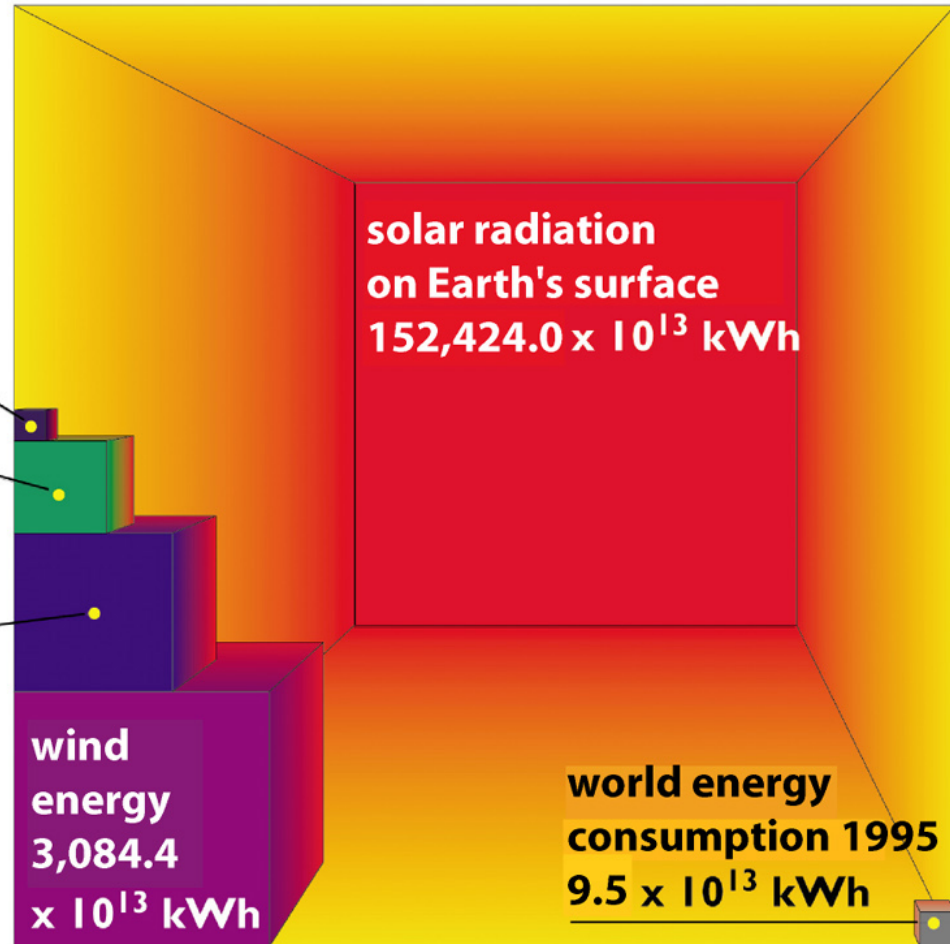
**solar radiation  
on Earth's surface**  
 $152,424.0 \times 10^{13}$  kWh

**world energy  
consumption 1995**  
 $9.5 \times 10^{13}$  kWh

Source:

Eurec. Agency/Eurosolar,,WIP:

Power for the World – A Common Concept



# GRAND TRAVERSE BAND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR GT RESORT & TURTLE CREEK

ACME & WHITEWATER TOWNSHIPS, MICHIGAN

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**GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT**

**Energy Loads**  
 Electric: 12,600 mWhrs<sub>yr</sub>  
 Natural Gas: 15,528 mWhrs<sub>yr</sub>

**Natural Gas Heating Load**  
 53,000 MCF Natural Gas/yr  
 53,000 Million BTU/yr  
 56,000 Giga-Joule/yr  
 Annual Gas Cost US\$455,396

**Electric Loads (with Air conditioning)**  
 Electric Supplier: Consumers Energy  
 12,600,000 KW-hrs/yr  
 2,600 Peak KW  
 1,432 Average KW  
 Annual Cost US\$752,715

**Total Annual Cost: US\$1,208,111**

Question: How do we make GTB 100% renewable heated and electric powered?  
 Can we use TOL&P, WPSC or CE for sale of green power to leverage economic feasibility?  
 \*Note: Wolverine Power Cooperative had an RFP for the purchase of green power, mostly wind, but also biomass electric generation.  
 Request was for between 25 & 100 million KW-hrs/yr  
 Delivery date is December 2007.

**Golf Course**

**Wind Turbine Area "Hoxie Property"**

**GTB Land**

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 Room for 2 WTG's  
 2 - 6 mW Peak Cap.  
 4 - 12 million kWh/yr

**Sub-station < 5 MVA Consumers Energy**

**Wind Turbine Area**

**Wind Turbine Area**  
 GTB Land  
 Room for 4 WTG's  
 4 - 12 mW Peak Capacity  
 8 - 25 million kWh/yr  
 23% - 25% Capacity Factor

**GTB Waste Water Plant**

**Existing Turtle Creek Casino**  
 Electric Loads: 3,000 mWhr<sub>yr</sub>  
 Thermal Loads: 1,260 mWhr<sub>yr</sub>

**LP Gas Heating Load**  
 45,733 Gallons  
 4,300 Million BTU/yr  
 4,500 Giga Joule/yr  
 Annual LP Gas Cost: US\$70,000

**Industrial Zone**  
 Room for Biomass Plant (CHP?)

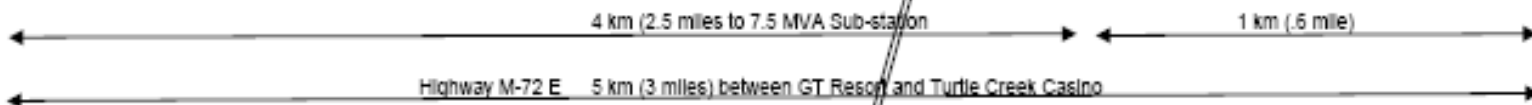
**Sub-station 7.5 MVA WPSC 69 kV line**

**GTB Land**

**NEW TURTLE CREEK CASINO**

**Heat & Electric Plant?**

**Electric Supplier: Cherryland Coop Generation Cooperative: (WPSC)**  
 3,000,000 kW-hrs/yr  
 605 kW Peak  
 346 kW Average  
 Annual Electric Cost: US\$216,464  
**Total Annual Cost: US\$286,464**  
 Note: Plans to expand by factor of 2



**Acme Village**  
 Population: +/- 2,000  
 Low Density Residential Business District  
 Small shops, strip malls  
 Total Township pop. 3,400

**Acme Township - New Town Center (Planned)**  
 Min: 400,000 sq. ft. of Business and Residences (37,000 m2)  
 To be built in next 3 - 6 Years.

Note: Wood Fuel Supply available at \$20/ US ton 4,500 BTU/pound  
 Or approximately US\$ 2.50 per Giga Joule  
 Natural Gas: US\$10 per Giga Joule (+/- 30%)  
 Can deliver fuel by truck or rail  
 Solar thermal?  
 Dump low marginal cost wind to heat?  
 Energy Storage?  
 Absorption cooling?





# Accomplishments:

## Technology and Economic Evaluation

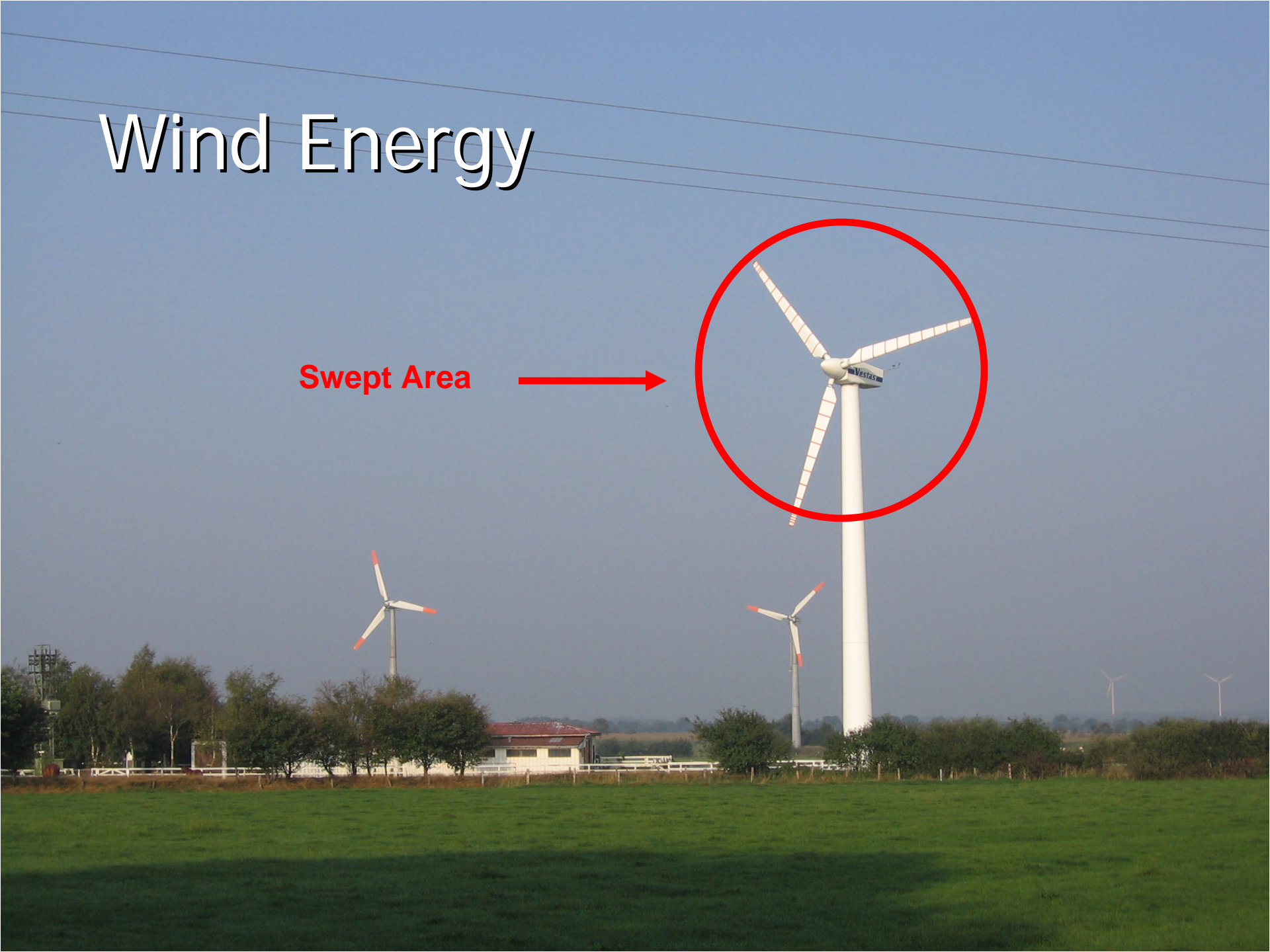
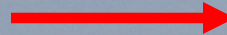
- Wind Power (small and large)
- Biomass (heat and power)
- Solar Thermal (hot water)
- Solar Electric (photovoltaic)

# 50 Meter (164 ft.) Meteorological Towers



# Wind Energy

Swept Area



# GT Resort Site - Large Wind

- Annual wind speed average at 50 m (164 ft)– 4.8 m/s (10.8 mph)
- Annual wind speed average at 100 m (328 ft) – 6.3 m/s (14 mph)
- Shear factor approximately .2

Energy Per Swept Area in kilowatt-hours per square meter per year

- Wind Turbine Annual kW-hrs/sq.meter/year 80 m – 719 kW-hrs/m<sup>2</sup>/yr
- Wind Turbine Annual kW-hrs/sq.meter/year 100 m – 790 kW-hrs/m<sup>2</sup>/yr

Reference Note:

- Existing TCLP V-44 600 kW-hrs/sq.meter/year – 522 kW-hrs/m<sup>2</sup>/yr
- Percent increase in energy for GT Resort 100m vs. V44 in Elmwood – 51%

## Wind Power Economics for Sample Large Wind Turbines (1500 kW)

- Total Installed Cost: \$2.2 million
- Annual Revenues: \$ (200,000 w/ REPI)
- Annual O&M Expenses: \$24,000
- Cost of energy \$.054/kWhr w/ REPI  
\$.035/kWhr
- Annual Electric Generation: 4 million kWh
- Lifetime: 20 years

# Wind Briefing Paper –Summary

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians  
(GTB)

Peshawbestown, MI 49682

January 2007

Commercial Wind Power Project

Capital Cost: Range from \$1.2 million to \$24 million

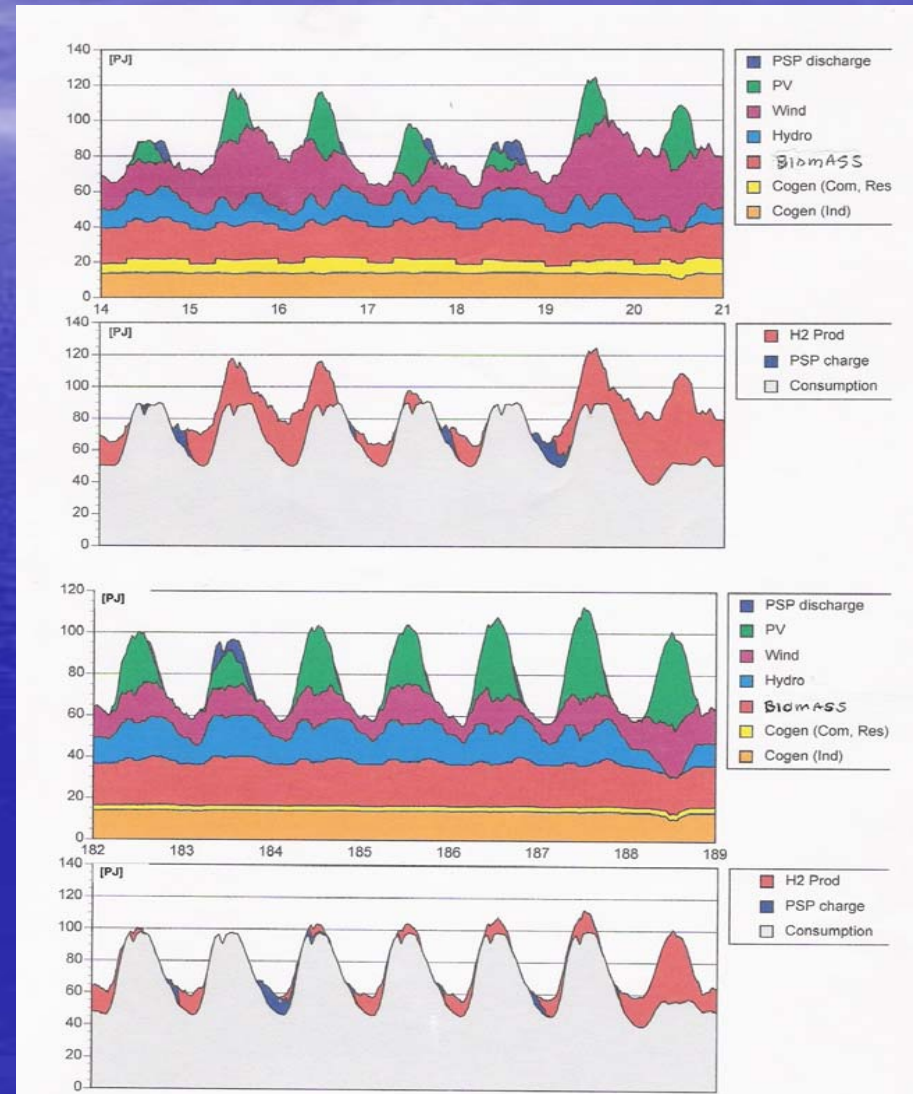
Capital Cost: Single wind turbine (minimum recommendation) \$1.2 million.

Capital Cost: To meet 100% net electric needs of the GT Resort/New Turtle Creek Casino with wind power:

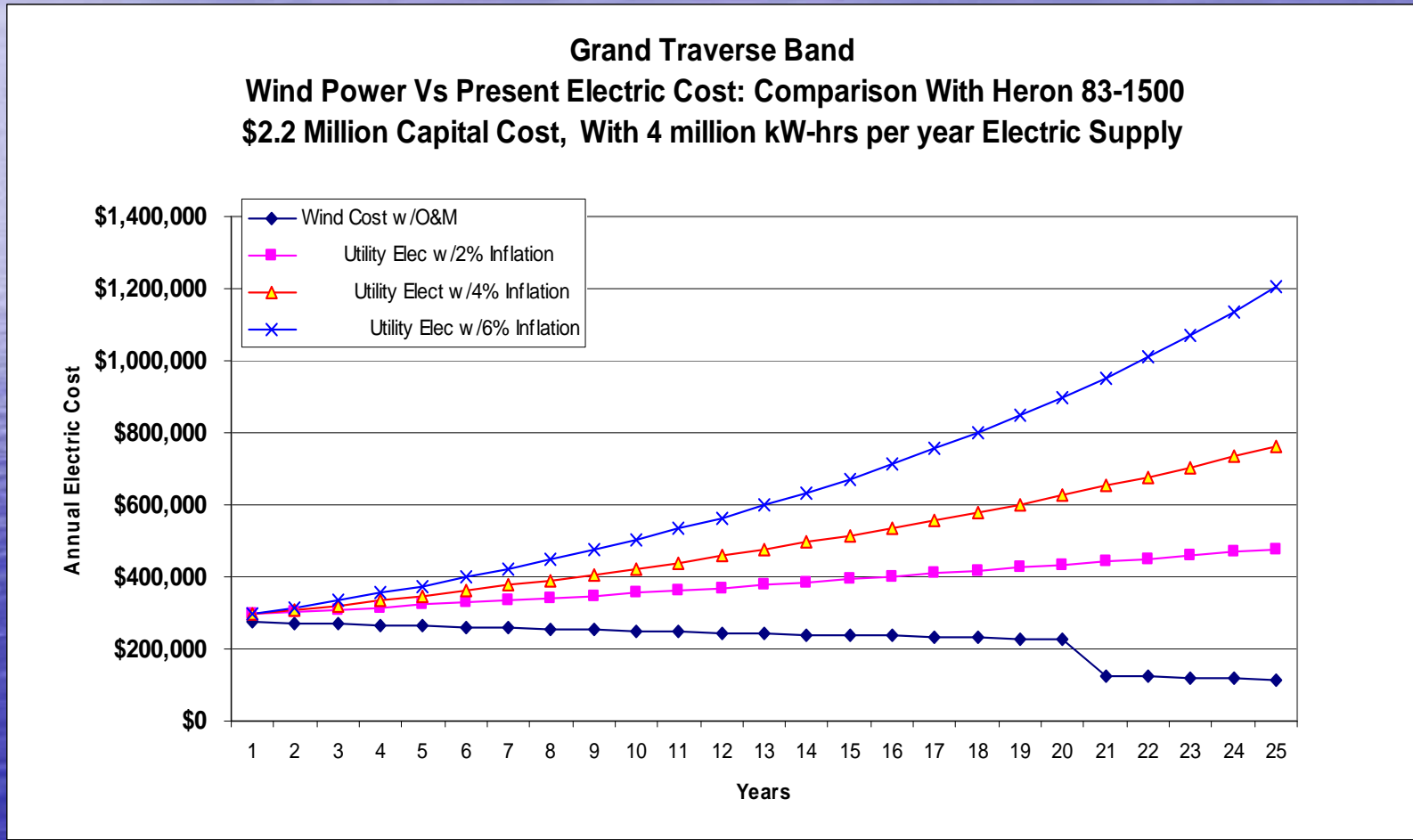
Capital Cost: \$14 million to displace \$1.3 million annual electric cost and 18.6 million kW-hrs per year.  
Capital Cost: To account for 100% of GTB commercial, public and residential electric use with wind power - \$24 million.

# Integrated Renewables For GTB

- Integrating all the renewable energy sources such as wind, solar (thermal & electric), & biomass
- And enhancing them with efficiency, combined heat and power, and district heating systems
- And implementing them on a community basis-- can meet our 100% renewable energy goal!



# One Large Wind Turbine: 25 year net revenues of between \$4 and \$12 million





# Accomplishments:

## Biomass

- Extensive Biomass Energy Evaluation
  - Sustainable harvest of biomass
  - Supply sources far exceed project demands
  - Present supply, distribution and markets well developed

# Why Burn Wood? Biomass is:



- Humanity's Oldest Fuel
- Locally Available
- Often a Waste Product
- Can Be Low Cost
- Low In Sulfur, Nitrogen, Mercury and Other Pollutants
- Carbon Dioxide Neutral
- **A Renewable Resource**
- **GTB Woodlands Are Sustainable**
- **Low Cost Fuel \$20/ton (\$2 vs. \$10 natural gas per MMBTU)**

# District Heat Distribution System

- Buried Supply and Return Pipelines
- Pre-Insulated Twin-Pipe
- Use Sidewalks and Some Roads
- Individually Metered



Photo courtesy of Force Technology

# Residential Connection



Photo courtesy of Force Technology

# Biomass District Heat Study Options

- Peshawbestown (West & East)
- Charlevoix
- Benzie
- New Turtle Creek
- GT Resort, New Turtle Creek, New Acme

# Preliminary Residential Biomass Feasibility

- Up to 100 homes in district
- \$16,676 per home
- 100% wood space & hot water heat
- 12 year simple payback
- Added O&M savings, social & environmental benefits

Peshawbestown District Heating Loop	
<b>COST ESTIMATE</b>	
	<b>BUDGET</b>
HURST HOT WATER BOILER, 600 GPM ~ 130F IN TO 180 F OUT	\$411,825.00
FREIGHT TO JOBSITE	\$25,000.00
FOUNDATION	\$9,000.00
FIELD ERECTION	\$125,000.00
START-UP & OPERATOR TRAINING	\$9,500.00
FUEL HANDLING	\$95,904.00
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$62,909.00
<b>TOTAL BOILER COST, INSTALLED AND RUNNING</b>	<b>\$739,138.00 BUDGET</b>
\$525.00 AIR HANDLING UNIT COST \$200.00 AIR HANDLING UNIT INSTALLATION--GUESS ONLY \$725.00 TOTAL COST PER INSTALLED AIR HANDLING UNIT 120.00 AIR HANDLERS REQUIRED	
<b>\$87,000.00</b> TOTAL AIR HANDLING UNITS COST	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>PIPING COST</b>	
<b>\$650,000.00</b> PLACE HOLDER ONLY. NEED SITE SPECIFIC DETAILS ON INSTALLATION.	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>ENGINEERING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
<b>\$200,000.00</b> PLACE HOLDER ONLY	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>TOTAL INSTALLED COST</b>	
<b>\$1,676,138.00</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>WOOD FUEL COST</b>	
4500 BTU/LB WOOD HEAT CONTENT	
4350 POUNDS PER HOUR OF WOOD REQUIRED	
2.175 TONS PER HOUR OF WOOD CHIPPED AND DELIVERED	
<b>\$18.00</b> DOLLARS PER TON FUEL COST	
\$39.15 FUEL COST PER HOUR FOR 120 HOMES	
\$0.200 PER THERM WOOD FUEL COST	
<b>NATURAL GAS FUEL COST</b>	
80,000 BTUH PER HOUSEHOLD	
0.8 THERMS PER HOUSEHOLD	
<b>\$1.20</b> PER THERM NATURAL GAS COST	
100 HOMES	
85.00% NATURAL GAS FURNACE EFFICIENCY	
\$112.94 FUEL COST PER HOUR FOR 120 HOMES	

# New Turtle Creek & GT Resort District Heat

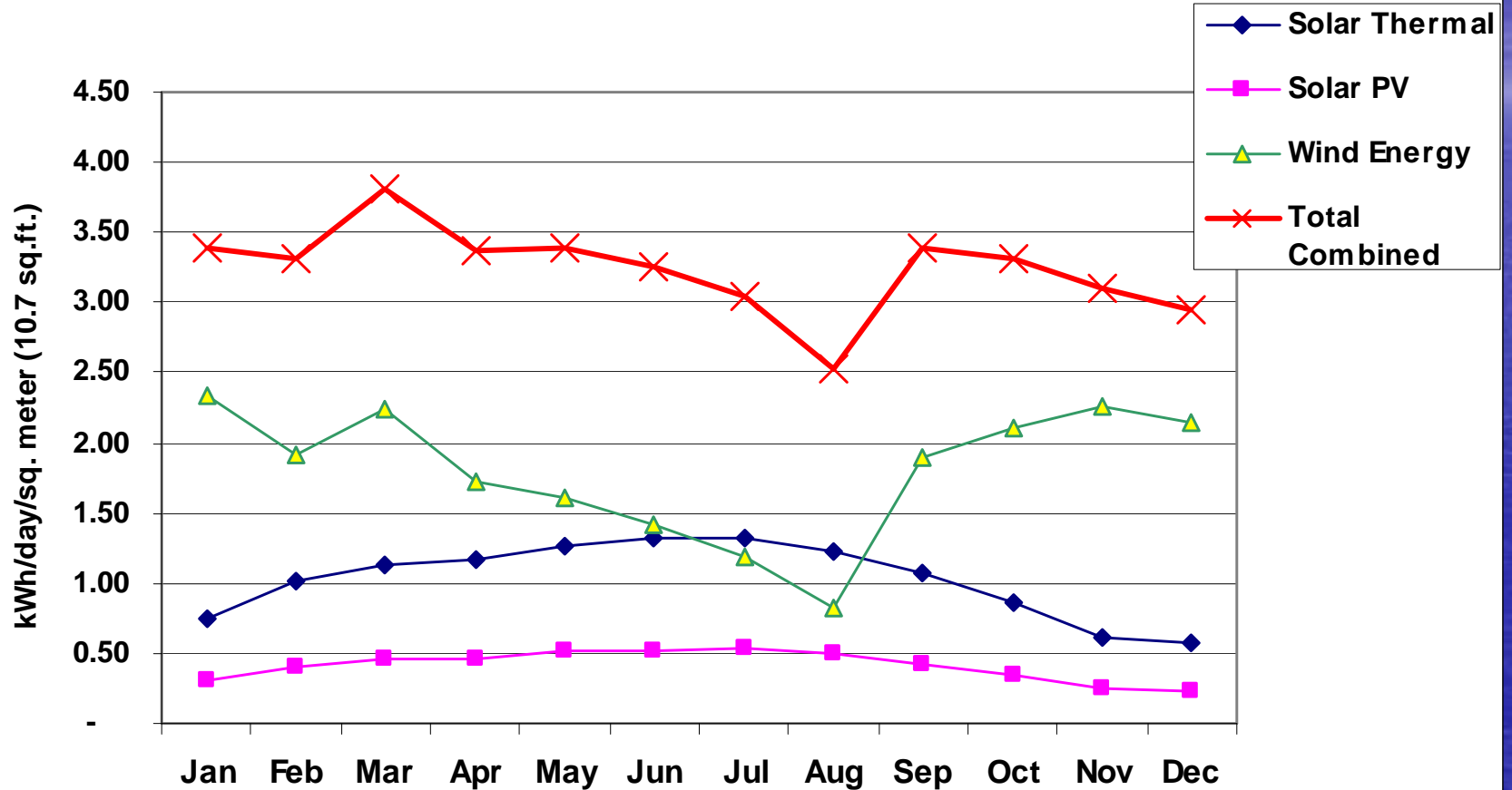
100% Biomass Heat  
 70% CHP Electricity  
 Additional heat &  
 electric sales  
 Net \$1 Million/yr  
 savings  
 \$11 Million +/-  
 Capital Cost

GTB RESORT & SPA & TURTLE CREEK 5000 KW CHP		GTB RESORT	53000
Wood Fired Steam CHP		New Turtle Creek	10000
			0
Peak Wood Heat Output (million BTU)	50 mmbtu	Annual Heat Load Requir. (mmbtu)	63,000
Wood Fuel Cost per ton	\$ 20.00 /US ton	Heat Output mmbtu/year	89,352
Peak Electric Capacity (kW)	5,000 kW	Heat Cost per mmbtu \$	2.23
Electric CHP Operating Capacity Factor %	34% CF	Total Heat Fuel Cost/yr \$	199,625
Utility Electric Sale Price \$/kW-hr	\$ 0.050 /KW-hr	Heat Only \$/mmbtu (w/capital & O&M)	\$ 8.34
Local Electric Sale Price (to self) \$/kWh	\$ 0.060 /KW-hr	Heat Energy \$/mmbtu (fuel only)	\$ 2.23
Thermal Heating Capacity Factor %	NA CF	N. Gas Cost \$/mmbtu @75% eff.	\$ 10.00
Thermal Heating Sales Price \$/mmbtu	\$ 5.00 mmbtu		
<b>CAPITAL COSTS</b>			
Wood Fired Unit at Site w/ Boiler & storage	\$6,500,000	Thermal Heat Sales @75%NG Cost \$	670,140
Mechanical Interconnection	\$4,000,000	Total Electric Expense per/yr \$	572,437
Steam Turbine	\$0	Electric Output kW-hrs/year	14,892,000
Building Retrofit & Prep	\$200,000	First Year Electric Cost per kW-hr \$	0.038
Utility Interconnection w/transformer	\$200,000	Electricity kWh/yr Available for Sale	(3,708,000)
Engineering & Development	\$80,000	Value of Excess Elec/yr at \$.06/kwh	\$(222,480)
Legal & Financial Expense	\$20,000		
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL COST</b>	<b>\$11,000,000</b>	Local Consumption Electric kWh	18,600,000
<b>COST SUMMARY ANALYSIS</b>			
Installed Capital Cost	\$11,000,000	Percent Local Electric to Total Gen.	125%
First Year Fuel, O&M & Admin Cost	\$472,577	Natural Gas Cost/CCF \$	1.00
First Year Capital Recovery Cost	\$770,000	Energy Cost to Electric kW-hr Price \$	572,437
First Year Expense (Debt & O&M)	\$1,242,577	(assumes thermal energy sold at 75% NG)	
Installed Cost per KWe	\$ 2,200	Excess Heat and Electric Sales \$	447,660
Installed Cost per kW-hr/yr	\$ 0.739 /KW-hr		
First Year Cost per kW-hr w/o REPI	\$ 0.038 /KW-hr		
First Yr Cost per kWh w/REPI	\$ 0.020 /KW-hr		
<b>First Year Operating Cost Data</b>			
		Percent	
Fuel	\$ 332,708	26.8%	
Rent	\$ -	0.0%	
Admin	\$ 29,784	2.4%	
O&M	\$ 89,460	7.2%	
Taxes	\$ -	0.0%	
Insurance	\$ 20,625	1.7%	
Capital Recovery	\$ 770,000	62.0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,242,577</b>	<b>100%</b>	
100% Total O&M & K Cost less Excess Sale		\$	754,917
Present Total Cost/yr & T.Ck & GTR		\$	1,866,000
Net Annual Savings		\$	1,071,083

Note: Discount Rate for Present Value Calc.

6.0%

# GTB Wind & Solar Resources\*



\*Energy per square meter typical solar & wind technology efficiency



# Accomplishments (cont)

- Energy Efficiency Review

Total Tribal non-residential cost of energy \$2 million +

10% - 20% potential savings \$200,000 to \$400,000 per year  
suggest investment of \$1 to \$2 million easily justified

Top measures to consider:

- Lighting upgrades: T8's, controls, CFL's, LED's
- HVAC system retrofits

# Accomplishments (cont)

- Outreach to Tribal Members & Outside Community
- Articles in GTB newsletter, local newspaper, community forum
- Educational Brochure: "Sovereignty" The Path to Energy Independence

# Accomplishments (cont)

- Power Market Assessment - Muni's & Cooperatives
- Transmission & Interconnection Discussions with Local Utilities

# Technical Issues

## Power Market Assessment

- Small scale: net metering
- GTB Self-supply
- TCL&P & MPPA green power supply
- Wolverine Power (Cherryland), CE, etc.
- Renewable Energy Production Incentive Payment (REPI)  
10 yr - 2 cents/kW-hr
- Carbon credits, green tags, Native Energy
- New policy initiatives: Feed-in-tariffs (FIT)
  - Renewable priority to the grid
  - Each renewable technology priced to make a market
  - Long-term (20 year) guaranteed prices
  - Added costs spread over entire customer base

# Accomplishments (cont)

- Environmental Evaluation
- Benefit Assessment
- Preliminary System Design
- Long-Term O&M Plan
- Business & Organizational Planning
- Financing Plan

# Future Plans

- Council guidance on what, where & when
- GTB energy organization?
- Set policy for:
  - Homes: Solar thermal, solar PV, small district heat, energy efficiency services
  - Government: Larger scale biomass district heat, solar PV, wind power, efficiency
  - Commercial: Large wind power, solar, biomass district heat. Begin wind permitting at GT Resort?
  - Economic Development: Commercial wind power, regional biomass district heat



Thank you!

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