



# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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## **SUMMARY OF TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON – SOUTH FORK WIND, LLC EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ONSHORE UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION CABLE FACILITIES**

South Fork Wind, LLC (formerly known as Deepwater Wind) has proposed the construction of an offshore wind farm to generate clean, renewable energy that will feed into the PSEG-LI/LIPA power grid at the Cove Hollow substation in East Hampton.

The proposed up to 15 turbines in the wind farm, with the capacity to generate up to 136 megawatts of power, would be located approximately 35 miles east of Montauk in federal waters.

In order to connect to the substation, the underground transmission cable for the wind farm energy will come ashore within the Town, and the Town Board and Town Trustees have negotiated easements and a lease to provide for the transmission cable to pass under the beach at the southerly terminus of Beach Lane in Wainscott, which is Town Trustees property, and various Town road rights-of-way to reach the Cove Hollow substation.

The Town's proposed easement agreement with South Fork Wind, LLC is specifically conditioned upon the transmission cable being installed, maintained, repaired, and ultimately decommissioned in accordance with numerous requirements to protect and preserve natural and historical resources, and also to ensure the public's safety and quality of life during the placement and operation of the cable.

The wind turbine project is subject to review and approval of the New York State Public Service Commission as well as review and approval of multiple federal agencies, and such reviews will include comprehensive assessments of the project's environmental impacts on both the federal and state levels.

The Town's easements for the transmission cable are specifically conditioned upon South Fork Wind not only entering into a Host Community Agreement with the Town and Trustees, but also obtaining all Public Service Commission, federal, and other State and local approvals for the wind farm project, as well as complying with detailed construction, restoration, operation, and other requirements set forth in the easement agreement.

Subsequent to hearing public comment upon the proposed easement agreement, Town Board approval and execution of the easement agreement shall be subject to a formal Resolution of the Town Board, to be adopted subject to a permissive referendum.