



Stakeholder experiences:  
**Strengthening local infrastructure**

One way our renewable energy projects support a community is through local government revenues paid by EDP Renewables North America’s (EDPR NA) wind farms and solar parks. So far, we have provided more than \$308 million<sup>1</sup> in new tax revenue to local governments, supporting essential infrastructure such as schools, roads, and fire departments.

In many project areas, EDPR NA’s wind farm or solar park is the biggest taxpaying entity in the county, providing critical funding to services relied upon by residents. These payments give local rural governments the funds to grow, innovate, and enhance the quality of life for residents.



“The township has benefited from the extra tax revenue [from the wind farm]. And the county. Everybody.

In the county, they are able to operate the courthouse five days a week instead of four. The county put in a new jail and didn’t have the money to fund it—now they have the money to fund it.

When I was on the local school board, we had enough to just do the basics.

Now we can offer the people something more than just the basics. Our children will benefit from it in the long run.”

– Mike Brady, landowner  
 Payne, Ohio



“The economic part of the wind farm for the county is good. Especially for the school systems. Most of the money goes to the school district.

The wind farm tax revenue allows us to be able to give pay raises and put more money into our infrastructure.

The wind farms have helped the struggling school districts tremendously.”

– Windle Hardy, County Commissioner  
 Tuttle, Oklahoma





“If someone was thinking about leasing their land for a wind farm, they should look at the benefits that you offer the community.

**That money comes back to school districts, road improvements, and government agencies.**

Getting this wind energy money into their treasuries helps them function in a better way to serve the community.”

– Karl Mielke, landowner  
Antwerp, Ohio



“The money that EDP Renewables pays the county annually goes toward road maintenance and the county’s three school districts.

When school districts have additional income besides that from the state and the federal government, you can look beyond to the larger projects you want to do. Particularly in our school, I would like to see our science department renovated.

**A steady income lets us keep up with the technology and the curriculum that allows individuality.**

Tax dollar-wise, the wind farm will definitely have an impact for us as a county.”

– Kim Ensminger, principal of Marmaton Valley School District  
Moran, Kansas



“I know that the schools, the townships, and the county all benefit from the tax revenue.

I personally think it’s been a very good thing for Hardin County and

**I’m looking forward to the next wind farm being built, because that’s more revenue for a lot of people.”**

– Keith Everhart, Hardin County Sheriff  
Ada, Ohio

“I think any company that comes in to put in solar projects, the tax base they bring in will be a big help to our county’s economy.

They can do a lot of repairs on roads and improve the school system, so

**it’s really a big win for everybody.”**

– Roddy Mixon, landowner  
Charleston, South Carolina

<sup>1</sup> Payments issued through 2019.  
Some quotes included have been edited for clarity and length.