

## **BSBO Speaks Out About Wind Turbines**

**The Lake Erie Marsh Region is known globally for migratory birds and is home to a large number of breeding Bald Eagles. Large numbers of migratory songbirds, shorebirds, and waterfowl stop here to feed and rest every spring and fall during their migrations.**

**There are currently no regulations regarding proper siting of noncommercial midsize wind turbines to control where they are installed in relation to bird and wildlife sensitive areas. Only local zoning can dictate policy and local officials may be unaware of the bird migration that takes place in north-west Ohio. The Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO), OOS and Greater Mohican Audubon Society have created a petition that seeks to introduce a three-year moratorium on any additional wind turbines along the Lake Erie coast in Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie Counties until further research can be conducted on the potential impacts that wind turbines have on birds and bats. If you are interested in supporting this petition please go to <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/924/482/794/>**

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