

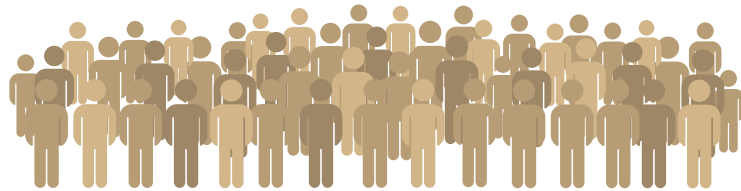


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How Benton County Created a Lasting Economic Impact with Wind Energy

Welcome to Benton
County, Indiana.

Population: 8,695



Wind farms offer economic development opportunity.

2006

wind ordinance

2008

first wind farm begins
operations

2022

turbines produce 1,288
megawatts, enough to
power 375,000 homes

Benton County is a rural
county proud of its
agricultural heritage.



Acres of farmland:
251,002

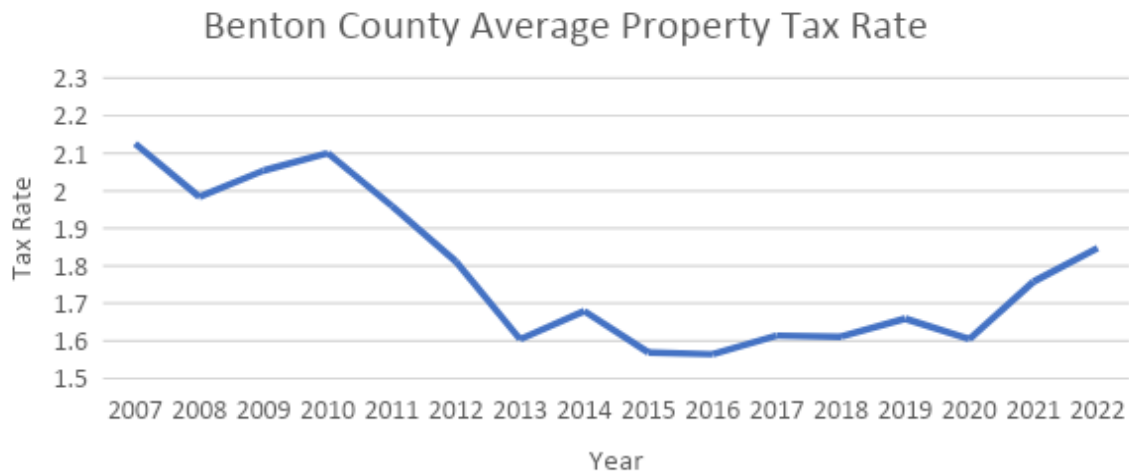


Percent of farmland
taken out of crop
production for wind:
less than 1%

In Benton County, all citizens benefit from the millions of dollars that have made their community a better place to live and work.

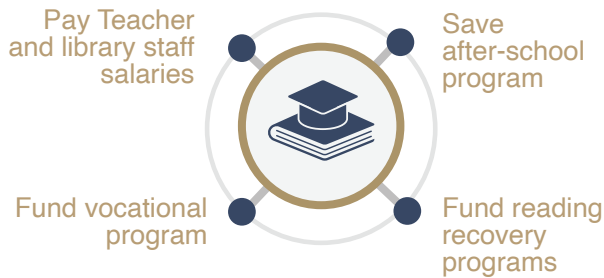
Lower Property Tax Rates

Since the first wind farm became operational, the property tax rate average in the county has declined from 2.1259 to 1.8476.



County Services Improved

SCHOOLS: \$3 million (2008-2018)



FIRST RESPONDERS: more than \$26 million



HEALTH CARE: \$883,000



ROADS: \$39 million

