

Hello, my name is _____, from F & A Research, a national public opinion research firm. We are conducting a survey in this area and I'd like to ask some person in your household a few questions. May I speak with the youngest (man/women) 18 years of age or older who is home at this time?

Q1. Are you registered to vote at this address?

Registered (Ask Q2) 100%
Not Registered (Terminate) --
Not Sure/Don't Know (Terminate) --

Q2. And, do you think things in your area of Illinois are generally headed in the right direction or do you feel things in your area of Illinois are generally off on the wrong track?

Right Direction 34%
Wrong Track 50
Don't Know 14
Refused 1

Q3. Now, what would you say is the most important issue or problem that you would like to see the **DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County Board** do something about? That is, what issue or problem in **DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County** are you most concerned about? (**Open-Ended. Probe**)

Issues	Percent ¹
Taxes / Government Spending	24%
Jobs / Employment	12%
Roads / Transportation / Street Cleaning (Winter)	12%
Economy / Cost of Living / Stock Market / Bills / Energy Costs	8%
Wind Farms / Renewable Energy	8%
Education / Schools	7%
Development / Land Use / Population Growth	4%
Landfill (Pro/Con) / Garbage from Other Areas	3%
Health Care	3%
Housing / Property Values / Section 8	2%
Environmental Concerns / Water	2%
Crime / Drugs / Issues related to police/fire funding or police stations	2%
Miscellaneous Other	8%
No / None / DK / RF	18%

¹ Percentages in Q3, Q8, Q10, and Q11 may exceed 100% because they represent multi-coded data.

Now I would like to turn our discussion to some topics currently being discussed in Illinois and DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County.

Q4. Now, thinking broadly about these forms of electricity – coal, natural gas, wind, solar, and nuclear – which one do you think is the best way for Illinois to meet the power needs of the State?

Coal	5%
Natural Gas.....	10
Wind	44
Solar	9
Nuclear.....	18
Other (VOLUNTARY, DO NOT READ).....	5
Don't Know	8
Refused.....	--

Q5. And, do you feel it is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all for state and local governments to support the development of renewable energy sources to help meet Illinois' need for electricity?

Very Important	71%	Total Important	90%
Somewhat Important	19		
Not Very Important	3	Total Not Important	7%
Not Important at All	4		
Don't Know	2		
Refused.....	--		

Q6. And, generally speaking, do you feel that wind-generated energy should be a part of the state's overall electricity mix or should Illinois focus on other methods of generating energy?

Wind Energy Should be part of Mix	74%
Illinois Should Focus on Other Methods of Generating Energy	20
Don't Know	6
Refused.....	--

Q7. And, please tell me if you were very familiar, somewhat familiar, not very familiar or not aware or familiar at all with the proposed development of a wind energy farm in central DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County, in Clinton, Afton, Shabbona (SHAB-BONE-AH), and Milan (MY-LENN) townships?

Very Familiar (ASK Q8)	24%
Somewhat Familiar (ASK Q8).....	50
Not Very Familiar with It (ASK Q8).....	11
Not Aware or Familiar at All (SKIP TO Q9).....	14
Don't Know (SKIP TO Q9)	1
Refused (SKIP TO Q9).....	--

Q8. (ASK ONLY IF VERY FAMILIAR, SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR OR NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH IT IN Q7) And, what issues with the proposed development of a wind energy farm in central DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County, in Clinton, Afton, Shabbona (SHAB-BONE-AH) and Milan (MY-LENN) townships are you familiar with? That is, what do you know about the proposed wind energy farm in central DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County, in Clinton, Afton, Shabbona (SHAB-BONE-AH) and Milan (MY-LENN) townships? (OPEN ENDED. PROBE)

N=428

Issues	Percent
Acknowledges that there are complaints: Noise / Property Values / Too Near Towns / Ruin Farms / Ice / Lights / Crop spraying / Bird or Bat kills	42%
Knows there is a proposal / Generally knows a wind energy farm is proposed	36%
What they have learned via Newspaper / Radio	12%
Acknowledges that there are Positives / Lists benefits of Wind Energy / States that there are benefits	8%
Knows of or attended Town Meeting / Public Hearing	6%
Knows of other nearby Wind Energy Farms / Highway 39	5%
Other	3%
No / None / DK / RF	12%

Q9. And, as you may know, some people have proposed the development of a wind energy farm in central DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County, in Clinton, Afton, Shabbona (SHAB-BONE-AH) and Milan (MY-LENN) townships. Do you support or oppose the development of wind energy farms in central DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County, in Clinton, Afton, Shabbona (SHAB-BONE-AH) and Milan (MY-LENN) townships? (WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPOSE OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT OPOSE?)

Strongly Support (ASK Q10)	50%	Total Support	74%
Somewhat Support (ASK Q10)	24		
Somewhat Oppose (ASK Q11)	6	Total Opposed	15%
Strongly Oppose (ASK Q11)	9		
Don't Know (SKIP TO Q12)	10		
Refused (SKIP TO Q12)	1		

Q10. **(ASK ONLY IF STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT IN Q9)** And, what is the most important reason or issue that persuaded you to support the proposed wind energy farm in DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County? That is, why do you support the proposed wind energy farm in DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County? **(OPEN-ENDED. PROBE)**

N=373

Issues	Percent
Environmental Reasons / Clean Energy / Renewable	37%
Need Alternatives (to what we currently have) / Need a mix of sources	21%
Cost of Energy	16%
General Support	9%
Help the Towns / Economy / Schools / Jobs / Taxes	8%
Need the Energy	7%
Most Preferable way to Produce Energy / Safer / Not Nuclear	7%
Domestic / Energy Independence	5%
It's Windy Here	3%
Offers a Negative / Qualifier for Support	3%
Other	6%
No / None / DK / RF	1%

Q11. **(ASK ONLY IF STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE IN Q9)** And, what is the most important reason or issue that persuaded you to oppose the proposed wind energy farm in DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County? That is, why do you oppose the proposed wind energy farm in DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County? **(OPEN-ENDED. PROBE)**

N=78

Issues	Percent
Ruining Farmland / Crop Spraying	29%
Inefficient / Doesn't Address Energy Needs / Not Reliable	19%
NIMBY / Too Close to Towns	11%
Property Values	6%
Environmental Impact	6%
Unsightly / Ugly / Landscape	6%
Noise	1%
Other	33%
No / None / DK / RF	4%

Q12. Now, would you be **more or less likely** to support the proposed wind energy farm if you knew it will supplement the income of struggling farms, providing a steady source of income at a rate greater than any crop per acre, helping farmers stay on their land? **(IF MORE OR LESS LIKELY: WOULD THAT BE MUCH MORE/LESS LIKELY OR SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS LIKELY?)**

Much More Likely..... 48%
 Somewhat More Likely..... 28
 Somewhat Less Likely 4
 Much Less Likely 5
 No Difference (VOLUNTARY, DO NOT READ)..... 10
 Don't Know 5
 Refused..... --

Now, we're almost done and I have a few questions for statistical purposes only.

Q13. Now, I'm going to read you a list of information sources. After I read each one, please tell me if get information about local and County issues from that source. You just need to indicate **yes or no** if it is a source of information about local and County issues. **(READ LIST IN RANDOM ORDER)**

Q13_#	Source	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
1)	Local Newspapers such as the Daily Chronicle, Mid Week, or Northern Star.	85	14	--	1
2)	Major Chicago Daily Newspapers such as the Tribune or Sun Times	36	63	--	1
3)	Television News Reports	58	41	--	1
4)	Neighbors, Co-Workers, or Friends	67	32	--	1
5)	Radio News Reports	71	29	--	--
6)	Websites, Internet Blogs and Forums	31	68	--	1
7)	Official DeKalb (DEE-KALB) County Government Newsletters, Publications or Website	33	66	--	1

Q14. In which of the following age groups are you? **(READ LIST.)**

18-24..... 3%²
 25-34..... 6
 35-49..... 24
 50-64..... 33
 65 and over 33
 Refused..... 1

² Weighting has been applied to Age to bring this group into proportion with known demographics.

Q15. And, how would you describe your own political beliefs -- very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

Very Liberal	8%
Somewhat Liberal	20
Moderate.....	26
Somewhat Conservative	23
Very Conservative	16
Don't Know	4
Refused.....	2

Q16. And, how would you define your point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say you are mostly Democrat, leaning Democrat, completely Independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democrat.....	26%
Leaning Democrat	10
Completely Independent	22
Leaning Republican	12
Mostly Republican.....	24
None (VOLUNTARY, DO NOT READ).....	2
Don't Know	2
Refused.....	2

Q17. And, finally, are you or is any member of your household of Hispanic or Spanish speaking origin? (IF YES, RECORD AS HISPANIC. IF NO, ASK: WHAT IS YOUR RACE -- WHITE, AFRICAN AMERICAN, ASIAN OR OTHER?)

Hispanic.....	4%
White	89
African American.....	1
Asian	1
Other	2
Don't Know	--
Refused.....	3

The survey is now over. Thank you very much for your time. You have been very helpful. Have a good day/evening.

Non-Response Items:

Gender (By Observation):

Male 47%
Female 53

Region (By Sample):

Region 1 (North/NW) 14%
Region 2 (Sycamore / Cortland) 27
Region 3 (DeKalb) 37
Region 4 (Wind Corridor) 6
Region 5 (Southern/SW) 16

CB District 1 12%
CB District 2 8
CB District 3 13
CB District 4 10
CB District 5 2
CB District 6 2
CB District 7 4
CB District 8 12
CB District 9 7
CB District 10 12
CB District 11 11
CB District 12 7