

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Feasibility Study

DOE Tribal Energy Forum

October 25, 2006

Grand Traverse Band

- 3,988 Members
- 2,370 Acres Checkerboard
- Six-County Service Area
- EDC: 2 Casinos, Resort (424 Rooms), Gas Station, etc.
- Gov't: Administration, Housing, Medicine Lodge, Strong Heart Center, Day Care, etc.



GTB Energy Demand

- Total Cost: \$2.24 million/yr
- Electric Cost: \$1.6 million/yr
- Natural Gas Cost: \$570,000/yr
- LP Gas Cost: \$70,000
- Electric kW-hrs/yr: 24 million
- Natural Gas ccf/yr: 700,000 ccf
- LP: 60,000 gallons/yr
- Peak KW: 3,600

GTB Energy Vision & Plan

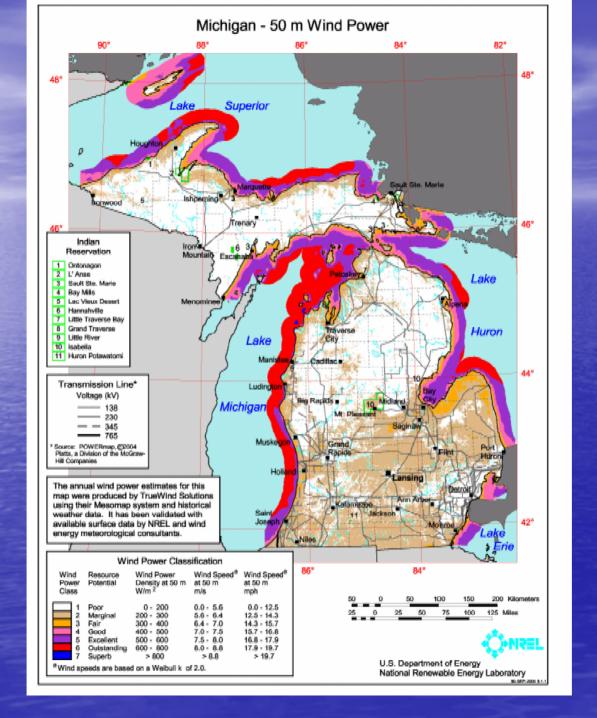
Three Focus Areas:

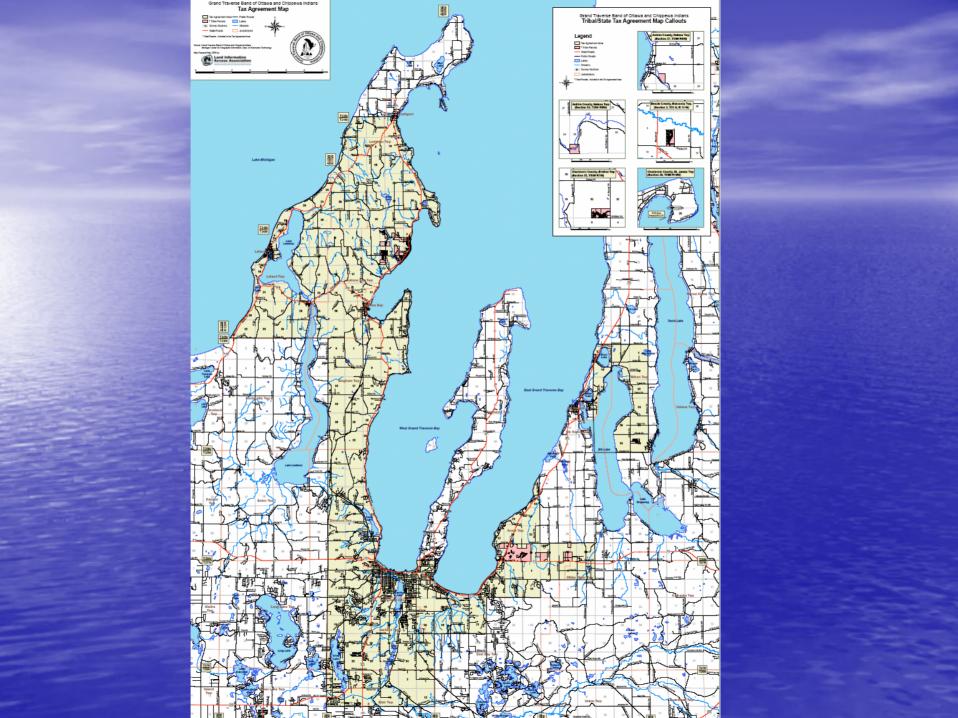
- Energy Diversity
- Environmental Quality
- Economic Benefits

Adopted 1/26/05

Action Plan

- Conduct energy diversification feasibility study
- Financing plan
- Public education campaign
- Distributed renewable power study





Project Participants

Project Director – Andy Knott

Principal Investigator – Steve Smiley

Project Advisor – Bob Gough

Project Partnership

Traverse City Light & Power (TCLP)

MOU between GTB and TCLP

Sharing wind energy monitoring and evaluation

Sharing electric utility expertise

Project Objectives

Project Goal: To conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost effectiveness and other economic, environmental, cultural and social benefits of maximizing the diversity of energy sources used at GTB facilities.

Technology Assessments - Options

- Solar (thermal and electric)
- Biomass (thermal and electric CHP)
- Wind (small and large)
- Energy efficiency
- Other

Feasibility Study Project Activities

- Energy Load Assessments
- Review Energy Efficiency Potential
- Power Market Assessment
- Site Specific Resource Monitoring
- Transmission and Interconnection Studies
- Technology Analysis
- Economic Analysis

Feasibility Study Project Activities (cont)

- Environmental Evaluation
- Benefit Assessment
- Preliminary System Designs
- Community Awareness/Support Activities
- Long-Term O&M Plan
- Business and Organizational Planning
- Financing Plan

Accomplishments

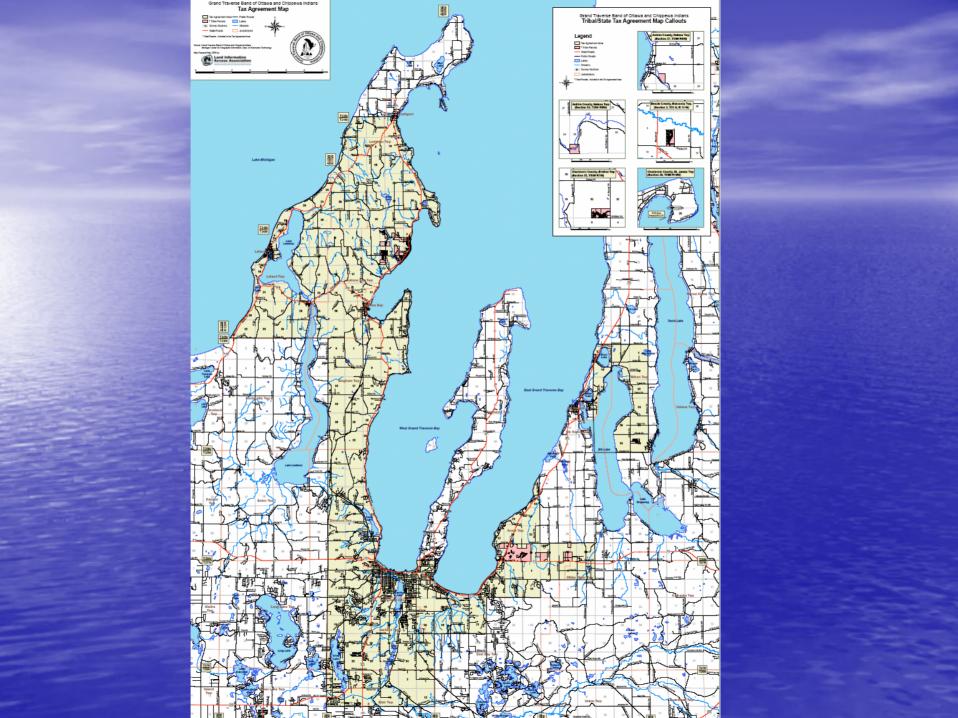
MOU with Traverse City Light & Power

Wind monitoring underway (May 2006)

50 Meter (164 ft.) Meteorological Towers







Accomplishments (cont)

- Outreach to Tribal Members & Outside Community
 - Articles in GTB newsletter, local newspaper, community forum
- Load Assessment Completed
- Extensive Biomass Evaluation

Accmplishments (cont)

Energy Efficiency Reviews Mostly Complete

Total Tribal non-residential cost of energy \$2 million

10% - 20% potential savings \$200,000 to \$400,000 per year suggest investment of \$1 to \$2 million easily justified

Top measures to consider:

- Lighting upgrades: T8's, controls, CFL's, LED's
- HVAC system retrofits

Accomplishments (cont)

 Technology and Economic Evaluation Underway

Power Market Assessment Underway

Transmission & Interconnection Discussions with Local Utilities

Future Study Activities

- Environmental Evaluation
- Benefit Assessment
- Preliminary System Design
- Long-Term O&M Plan
- Business & Organizational Planning
- Financing Plan

Technical Issues

Power Market Assessment

- Small scale: net metering
- GTB Self-supply
- TCL&P & MPPA green power supply
- Wolverine Power (Cherryland), CE, etc.
- Renewable Energy Production Incentive Payment (REPI) 10 yr - 2 cents/kW-hr
- Carbon credits, green tags, Native Energy
- Other markets...

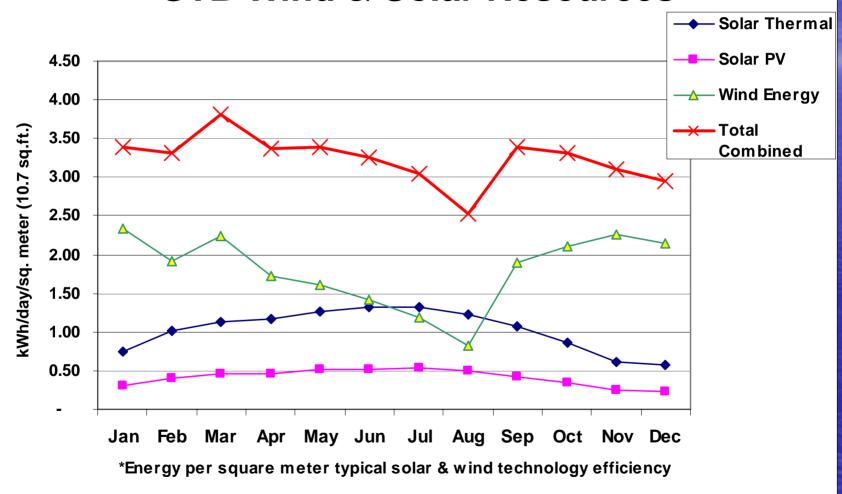
Site Specific Resource Monitoring

- Comprehensive site survey of all GTB properties underway
- Review of existing data: solar, wind, biomass
- On-site wind resource monitoring, and preparation of a regional GTB wind map
- Wind data sharing with TCL&P
- Survey of biomass resources
- Survey of solar resources

GTB Renewable Energy Options for Integration

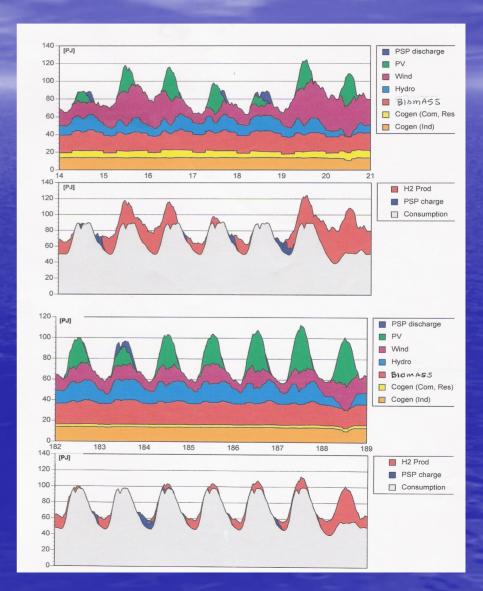
- Biomass (wood and crops) & District Heat
- Solar thermal
- Solar electric (photovoltaics)
- Passive solar buildings and designs
- Small scale wind power
- Large scale wind power
- Economic integration of renewable energy
- Energy efficiency & Combined Heat & Power





Integrated Renewables For GTB

- Integrating all the renewable energy sources such as wind, solar (thermal & electric), & biomass
- And enhancing them with efficiency, combined heat and power, and district heating systems
- And implementing them on a community basis-can meet our 100% renewable energy goal!



Commercial Scale Biomass District Heating

- 14 Million BTU Unit (Turtle Creek Casino, housing district, etc.)
 - \$825,000 Installed
 - Fuel Cost: \$2.80 per million BTU (mmbtu)
 - Total Capital, O&M & fuel cost: \$5.00/ mmbtu
 - Present cost of natural gas or propane is greater than: \$12/ mmbtu

Biomass District Heat System Studies

- Peshawbestown (Residential & Commercial)
- GT Resort & Turtle Creek
- Benzie
- Charlevoix

Wind Power Feasibility Studies

- 50 m Wind Monitoring Towers @ GT Resort & Long Lake – Section 2 (May '06 & August '06)
- Wind mapping & feasibility for all GTB regions including:
 - GT Resort & Turtle Creek
 - Charlevoix
 - Peshawbestown
 - Benzie
 - Antrim
 - Beaver Island

Wind Turbine Financial Assumptions

Wind Turbine Installed Cost Vestas: V-100 2.75 mW

Wind Turbine (without tower) \$2,250,000

80 meter tower \$450,000 Foundation \$200,000

Electrical \$50,000

Installation \$175,000

Shipping \$250,000

Engineering & Site Design \$75,000 Development: (legal, financing, permitting, etc.) \$50,000

\$3,500,000

Annual Service & Warranty Package \$30,000

V100-2.75 MW
The future for low wind sites



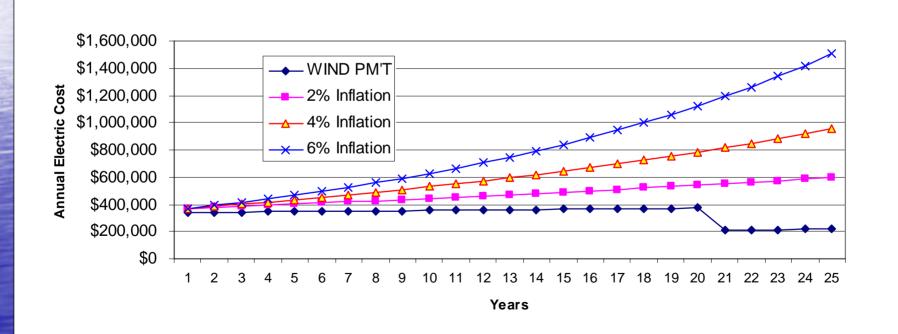
Vestas

Wind Power Economics for Sample Large Wind Turbine

- Total Installed Cost: \$3.8 million
- Annual Revenues: \$450,000
- Annual O&M Expenses: \$40,000
- Annual Electric Generation: 5 million kWhrs
- Lifetime: 20 25 years

One Large Wind Turbine: 25 year net revenues of between \$4 and \$12 million

GTB Wind Power Cost Comparison 2.75 mW; 5.2 million kW-hrs/yr Model



Future Plans

- Council guidance on what, where & when
- GTB energy organization?
- Set policy for:
 - Homes: Solar thermal, solar PV, small district heat, energy efficiency services
 - Government: Larger scale biomass district heat, solar PV, wind power, efficiency
 - Commercial: Large wind power, solar, biomass district heat. Begin wind permitting at GT Resort?
 - Economic Development: Commercial wind power, regional biomass district heat

