

ENERGY OPTIONS



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Lanny Joyce, Cornell University's manager of engineering, planning, and energy management, on April 6 discusses Cornell's plans for wind energy on Mount Pleasant.

Council to discuss CU wind-power proposal

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ITHACA — Cornell University's proposed wind project in Dryden will continue to be the center of discussion as the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council takes up the topic at its meeting tonight.

Hoping to learn more about Cornell's methods and intentions, the EMC will hear a presentation by Lanny Joyce, Cornell's manager of Engineering, Planning and Energy Management. Joyce will speak at 8 p.m. at the Ithaca Tompkins Transit Center on Willow Avenue.

His talk will center around plans for two large hills in the Mount Pleasant area of Dryden where Cornell is implementing wind and weather studies to test the feasibility of up to eight wind turbines.

"The study was prompted by students from Kyoto NOW!! who asked us to do the study," said Simeon Moss, director of the Cornell University News

Service. "We're looking to see if it would fit in with all our sustainability initiatives and if it would be efficient."

Neighbors of the site under consideration are largely against the project. They have organized a petition that now has an estimated 300 signatures urging the Town of Dryden to change zoning laws so they ban commercial-size wind turbines, such as the ones Cornell is investigating.

"I believe in alternative energy. I just think this isn't the place for a 400-foot wind turbine," said John Semmler, a 10-year resident of the area.

Steve Nicholson, chair of the EMC, said he expects the council's energy committee to consider the presentation and come up with a resolution to present to the Tompkins County Legislature.

There will be a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m.

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