

GRAND PRAIRIE NEWS



North America LLC

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE ENERGY PARK FALL 2023



Get to Know the Grand Prairie Energy Park & UKA

Hi Everyone! If you're reading this, you likely live in or near Montgomery County. You may know that UKA has been working to create three wind energy projects in your community. We call this overall project the Grand Prairie Energy Park (or GPEP). Thanks to those of you who have welcomed us at our office in Farmersville, at our open houses, at your homes, at the several events we've sponsored and attended (like Irish Days), and elsewhere. It means a lot to each of us. We look forward to meeting many more folks in the months and years ahead. We created this quarterly newsletter to share what we're doing, introduce you to our team, and discuss the opportunities we hope to bring to you and your communities.

About UKA

The UKA Group is a leading international wind and solar energy developer across Germany, Europe and the United States.

With offices in Illinois, Texas and Florida, UKA is focused on developing wind, solar and/or battery energy storage projects across the country. Our expert team around the world is committed to honesty and integrity that landowners and communities can rely on from a project's inception through operations. We have been developing renewable energy for more than 20 years, contributing to climate change solutions.

In the coming years, Montgomery, Sangamon, Christian and Macoupin Counties will be home to new renewable energy projects — a combination of wind, solar and battery energy installations.

Mission and Core Principles

What makes the UKA Group unique is its combination of company values and a business model that takes into account the entire value chain of a renewable energy project. Our dedication to providing the highest industry standards paired with our desire to provide benefits for all stakeholders has laid the foundation for successful projects. UKA is dedicated to providing consumers alternative energy sources. UKA uses its expertise in developing renewable energy products to ensure the lowest power production costs.

Project Highlights

Grand Prairie Energy Park (GPEP) is a three-phase project we are working to bring to Montgomery, Macoupin, Sangamon and Christian Counties.

In total, GPEP will generate 350 megawatts of energy. This is enough electricity to power approximately 118,130 homes in Illinois. It will also contribute to local employment growth by creating more than 230 temporary construction jobs and up to 20 high-paying permanent jobs.



Meet the UKA Grand Prairie Team



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September 14 Open House in Girard

We'll share the latest updates about the Grand Prairie Energy Park, including initial placement of turbines for our first project in Montgomery County.

The Grand Prairie Energy team will be available to answer questions regarding project management, environmental studies, construction, operations & maintenance, and decommissioning.

WHERE:

**The Seed House @
The Rustic Venues**
24720 N Standard City Rd.
Girard, IL 62640
therusticvenues.com

WHEN:

September 14, 2023
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

WHAT:

**Presentations from UKA
team members, Q&A and
beverages served.**

Let's Talk!

We'd love to hear from you. Perhaps you have a question, an idea, a concern, a group or cause that you'd like us to consider supporting, have land you'd like to lease, or just want to say hello. Please reach out via email, phone, on our website or stop by our office.

LOCATION: 103 Elevator Street, Farmersville IL 62533

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: By appointment

WEBSITE: grand-prairie-energy.com

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UKA in the Community

Here's a list of some of the ways we're reaching out and participating in the community:

▲ We have held open houses in Farmersville (May '23) and Waggoner (July '23) and are holding one in Girard this September 14th.

▲ We are working with the Pitman Township Park District in Waggoner to try and secure grants to install solar panels for the Community Center building.

▲ We were a "Gold Sponsor" for the Irish Days community event in Farmersville last June.



UKA at the 2023 Irish Days Festival



Our Foursome at the T.E.A.M. Golf Tournament

▲ We were a "State Champs" sponsor for the T.E.A.M. Golf Tournament in Raymond in August, supporting athletic programs for Lincolnwood High School.

▲ We are supporting the FWAA Athletics group in providing upgrades to the youth ball field in Waggoner.

Myth Busters

MYTH #1

Wind Turbines are Noisy Neighbors

Today's wind turbines are designed and built to be as quiet as possible. Most of the noise they produce is made from the "whooshing" sound of the blades passing through the air, and a little from the hum of the generator.

The average noise level of a wind turbine is around 40-50 decibels (dB) at a distance of about 300 to 500 meters. By comparison, your refrigerator (50 dB), dishwasher (60 dB) and lawnmower (90 dB) are actually noisier. Wind turbine manufacturers are constantly refining their motors and blades to reduce the sound they make. Today's turbines are quieter than those from just five years ago. From refining blade design to optimizing turbine placement, the latest technology is making wind turbines even quieter.

Source: <https://climable.org/wind#>



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