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# *Public Revenue from Wind Farms*

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# Current Public Revenues

- Ppty Taxes:
    - Determined by municipality, no standard calculation
      - \$153,995 to Searsburg in 2001, PPM offered \$240,000 for proposed expansion
      - Sheffield will pay \$520,000 annually to mitigation fund, ppty taxes
  - H.520, Sec. 5402c: Fee based on production
    - \$0.00225 in fiscal year 2009
    - \$0.0025 in fiscal year 2010
    - \$0.003 in fiscal year 2011 and thereafter
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# Potential Public Revenue

- Capture economic rent on profits created not by producers, but by nature and the market
  - Different fiscal structures could be used
    - Economic analysis by energy economist would be needed to determine which would work best
    - Would need to not discourage production of wind energy
    - Instead of taxing production (which is a cost), take portion of economic rent (not a cost)
  - Revenue could go into a fund
    - Fund management would need to be discussed
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