

Renewable Energy Facility Siting Clinic

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Teaching Team



What is the MIT Renewable Energy Clinic?

- Mission: Supporting communities in navigating complex energy challenges
- Focus: Training students in conflict resolution, stakeholder engagement, and consensus-based facilitation, focused on energy infrastructure
- Commitment: Neutral, third-party facilitation

Proposed Goals for our Time Together

How will the clinic work in Barnstable?

- Conduct interviews to learn about community perspectives on offshore wind
- Develop a stakeholder assessment report
- Perform research on topics relevant to this project
- Potentially hold working sessions with the community to discuss paths forward
- Support the council on questions related to the project
 - Potentially including local and state regulatory landscapes

Case Study - Copake

- Interviewed community, government, regulatory, and businesses to develop a stakeholder assessment report.
- Led research on topics of interest to stakeholders including host community agreements, power purchase agreements, and agrivoltaics.
- Facilitated a community workshop to discuss research and paths towards a host community agreement that reflects community concerns.

We Need Your Input!

- Stakeholder groups we should involve
- Suggestions for meeting venues and formats
- Learning from previous wind project experiences in Barnstable

Next Steps + Contact

- We'd love to hear from you!
 - <https://renewable-energy.mit.edu/>
- Questions + feedback
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