

Chautauqua Wind – Case Study

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- **1st shoreline site proposed in NY**
- **Site of a major hawk watch**
- **2 nesting pairs of Bald Eagles**
- **Important Bird Area**

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NYSDEC - Division of
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Lessons Learned

- **No dedicated staff**
- **Local agencies reluctant to act**
- **Sponsor and DEC did not reach consensus on study design**
- **Staff had problems with study**
 - **Did not cover full migratory period**
 - **Radar was not run dusk to dawn**

Avian Risk Assessment (ARA)

- **1st use of an avian risk assessment**
- **Staff review took time**
- **Data not sufficient to support conclusions**
- **Avoidance-Mortality factor derived from 2 projects in dissimilar areas**

Conclusions

- **Location, location, location**
 - **Site contained several resources of concern**
- **ARA was a new and unproven tool**
- **A Power Purchase Agreement should not be a driving force for site approval**