

Wind farm plan gives way to Mercer County's historic churches

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ST. HENRY — Developers are pulling plans to put a wind farm in an area of western Ohio known for its cross-tipped churches.

NextEra Energy Resources, a Florida-based development company, said that it will look to build elsewhere in the area after residents of Mercer County complained that the dozens of wind turbines would block views of the region's celebrated Roman Catholic church spires, according to The Lima News.

The rural area about 50 miles north of Dayton is home to dozens of Roman Catholic churches built in the late 1800s and early 1900s and now on the National Register of Historic Places.

The churches soar high above the flat farm fields and are topped by crosses.

A development company official said it became clear the churches are important to the community.

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