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January 6, 2011 - 7:00 to 8:15 pm

Centerville Elementary School, 3601 Carriage Hill Drive, Frederick, MD 21704

Sugarloaf Conservancy, Friends of Frederick County, the Montgomery Countryside Alliance and Sierra Club are sponsoring an educational event on offshore wind power. The public is invited to attend and learn about the advantages and reality of offshore wind power. Speakers will discuss the status of wind power off Maryland's shoreline, a new backbone transmission project in the Atlantic Ocean and the state initiatives that are being planned to make wind power more economically viable.

## Did you know?

- 2/3 of Maryland's total energy needs could be supplied by wind power now. In the future over 100% could come from wind.
- Wind turbines are coming off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland.
- Maryland Wind Connection by Google: Transmission lines to be in the Atlantic Ocean by early 2016.
- Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia governors signed Memorandum of Understanding on Wind: November 10, 2009.
- Department of the Interior and 10 east coast states formed an Offshore Wind Energy Consortium: June 16, 2010.
- Department of Interior to "fast track" off shore wind power, November 24, 2010.

## Speakers include

Honorable State Senator Robert J. Garagiola

Bob Mitchell, CEO Trans-Elect, LLC (Mid Atlantic Wind Connection)

Keith Harrington, Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

Lise Van Susteren, National Wildlife Federation

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