



RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP

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Renewable Energy Projects are Economic Development Projects

- Increased Assessed Valuation
- Decreased Tax Rates
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Jobs = Lease Payments

Important Development Agreements

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**Economic
Development
Agreement**

02

**Road Use &
Ditch
Maintenance
Agreement**

03

**Vegetation
Plan**

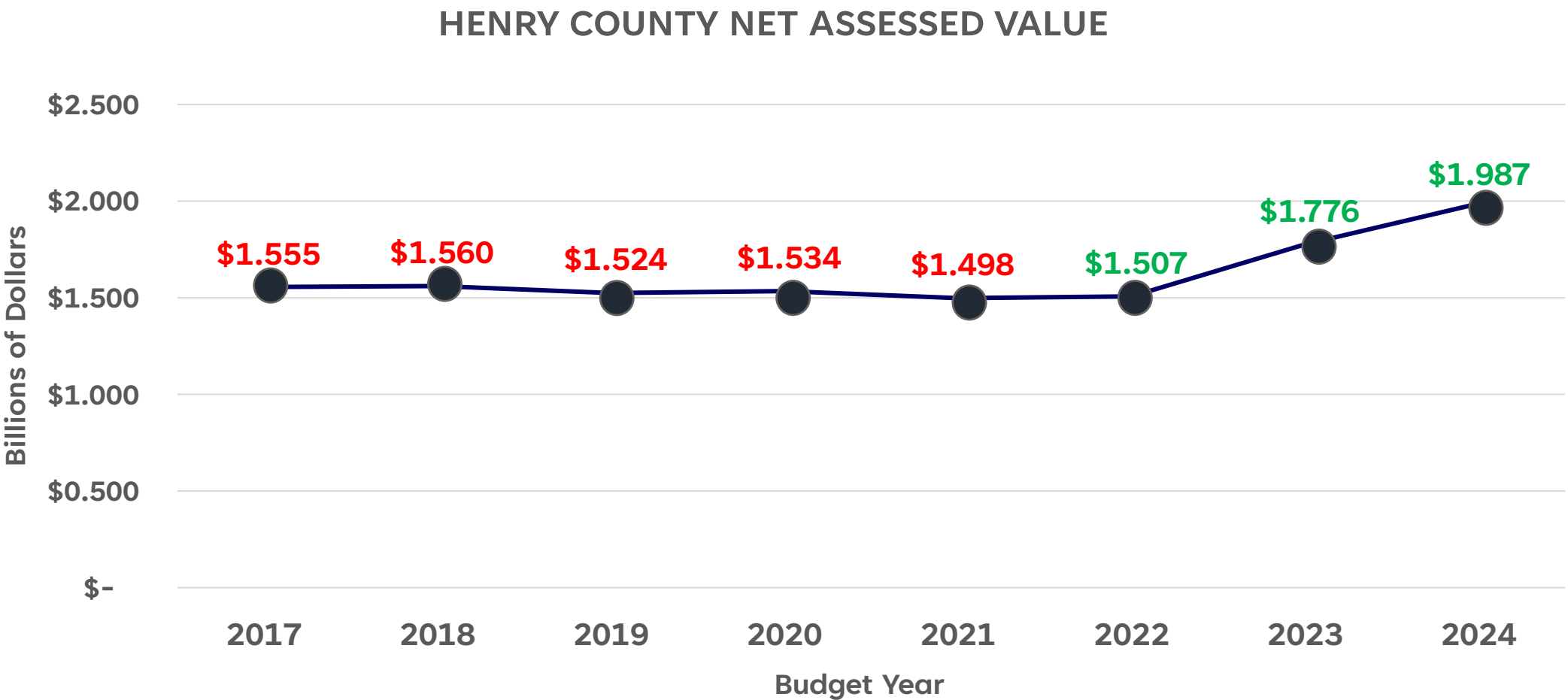
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**Decommission
Plan**

Economic Development Payment Versus Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

*There is a difference on how
the county can use the funds.*

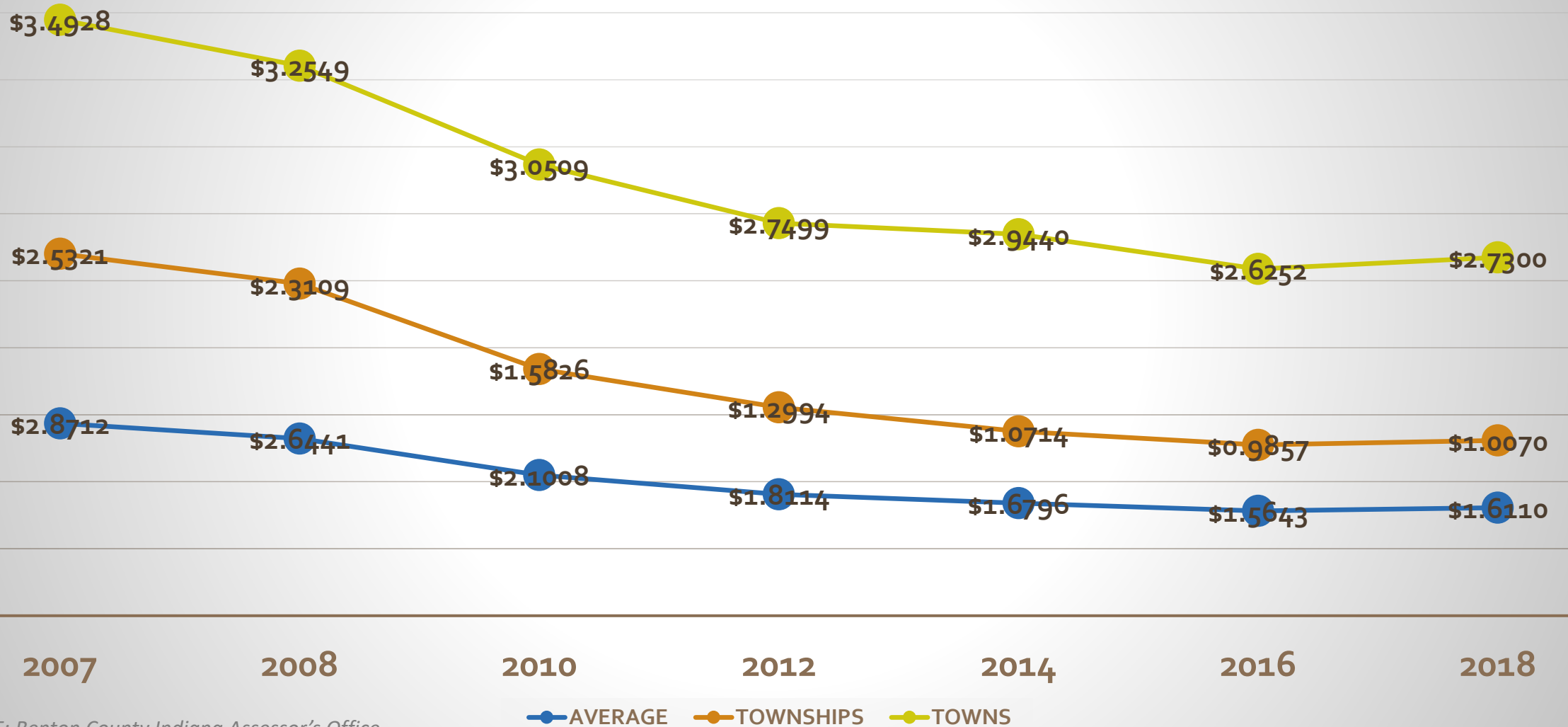
Renewables Can Help Restore Assessed Value



Henry County's assessed value dropped **\$57 Million from 2017 - 2021**

SOURCE: Indiana Gateway

Property Tax Impacts – Benton County



SOURCE: Benton County Indiana Assessor's Office

White County – Cost of Community Services



Residential

\$1.105



Business

\$.811



Agriculture

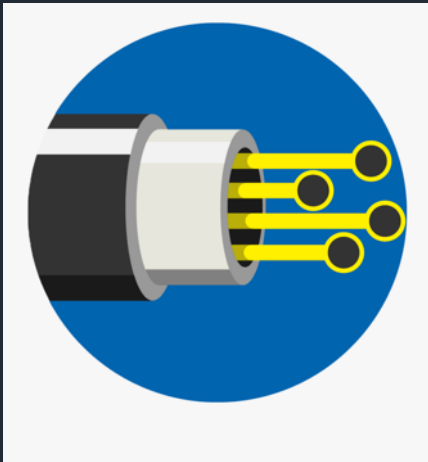
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The Cost of Community Services Study For Indiana Counties and School Corporations identifies the cost to provide services compared to each dollar of revenue collected.

SOURCE: Larry DeBoer – Purdue University – Department of Agricultural Economics

Big Broadband Benefit

Three county project
in western Indiana
delivering fiber direct-
to-home for 75% of
the population.



SOURCE: Hoosiers for Renewables Videos www.hoosiersforrenewables.com

Students and Schools Benefit from Renewable Investments



REMODELED PLAYGROUND



LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION (IN PROGRESS)

Over 10 years, Randolph Southern Schools benefit with \$1,000,000 from renewable energy projects

- Elementary school bleachers and gym floor replaced
- Running track resurfaced and sealed
- Playground and Locker Room remodeled
- New school roof and chiller

Randolph County Wind and Solar Economic Development Payments

Over 10 years, Randolph County has invested over \$11.4 million in economic development payments in local projects



- \$298k Sheriff/EMT vehicles
- \$3.2m Infrastructure (Roads, sewer, water, bridges)
- Courthouse HVAC \$1.4m
- 4H Memberships for 5th Graders

Source: Randolph County Auditor

Economic Growth for White County

The Meadow Lake Wind Farm has operated for 15 years and generates **801 MW** of electricity from **414 turbines** equivalent to the power consumption of more than **215,000 Indiana homes**.

- **58+ permanent jobs** in White County
- **\$1.4 billion** in capital investment
- **\$21.8 million** to local government thru 2022
- **\$26 million** to landowners (2020-2023)
- **100+ miles** of renewed county roads





Saving the Beach

Solar Panels Made in Indiana

- **Canadian Solar Inc, Ontario – Jeffersonville**
5 GW Solar PV cell – announce \$800m production facility at River Ridge Commerce Center
- **Crossroads Solar – South Bend**
50 MW production facility in operation
- **Hightec Solar – Michigan City**
100 MW production facility in operation

Solar Panel Recycling



Hurricane Milton - Florida - Oct 2024



THANK YOU

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