



Maryland Offshore Wind Project  
BOEM Scoping Meetings  
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# Maryland Offshore Wind Project



Construction and Operations Plan (COP) encompasses full buildout of the 79,707-acre Lease area.

- **MarWin**

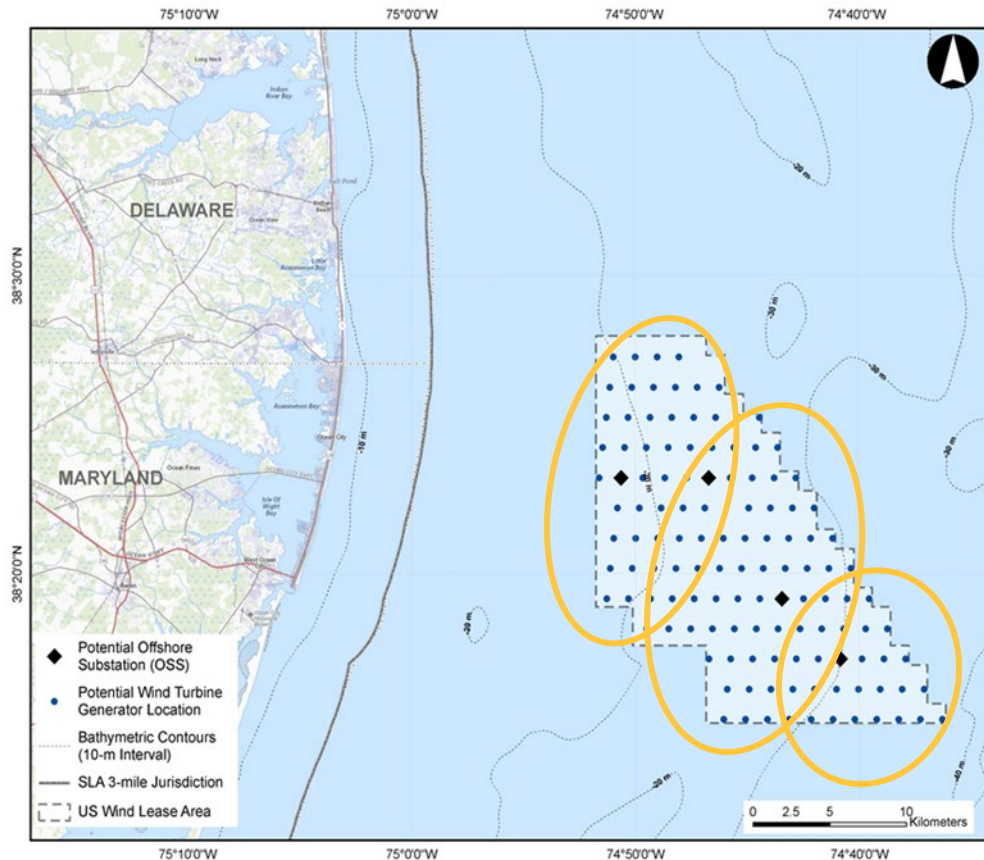
- Approximately 300 MW project awarded ORECs in 2017
- 913,845 MWh/year for 20 years
- Build starting in southeastern-most corner of the Lease area
- Maryland expects commercial operations to begin in 2025

- **Momentum Wind**

- Approximately 808 MW project awarded ORECs in 2021
- 2,513,752 MWh/year for 20 years
- Build starting immediately west of MarWin
- Maryland expects commercial operations in 2026

- **Future Development**

- Approximately 600-800 MW
- Ready to meet demand from entities seeking clean power contract(s)

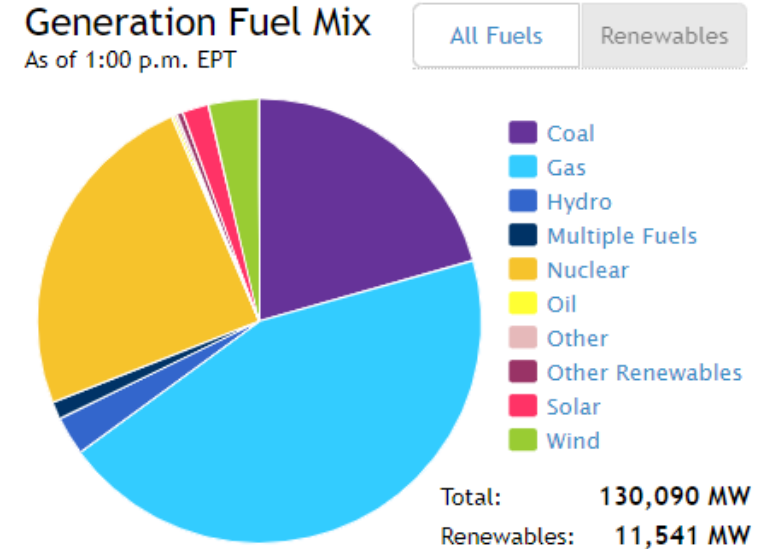


# Why the Maryland Offshore Wind Project?



- Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from electricity generation in the region while meeting electric demand.
  - President Biden goal of deploying 30 GW of offshore wind by 2030
  - President Biden goal of 100% emissions free electricity by 2035
- Maryland goals for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions and decreased reliance on fossil fuels
  - Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019
    - 2019 law targets a minimum of 1.2 GW of offshore wind operational by 2030
  - 50% renewable electricity by 2030, goal of 100% by 2040
- Maryland goals to capture economic benefits of emerging industry:
  - US Wind committed to at least 15% participation of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) in all phases of MarWin and Momentum Wind development
  - US Wind has labor agreements in place with the United Steelworkers, Baltimore/DC Building Trades Council, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

<https://www.pjm.com/markets-and-operations.aspx>

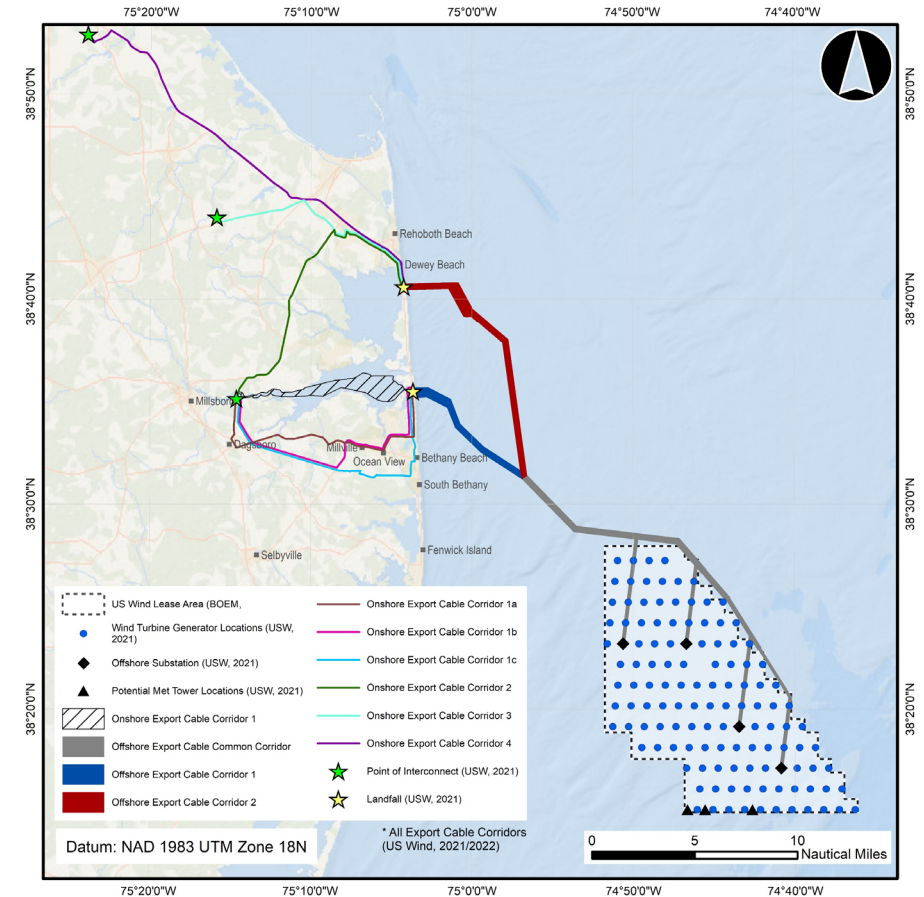
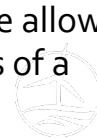


June 16, 1pm hourly generation online in PJM  
 Coal: 26,833 MW  
 Gas: 57,668 MW  
 PJM CO<sub>2</sub> emissions this hour: 55,141 short tons

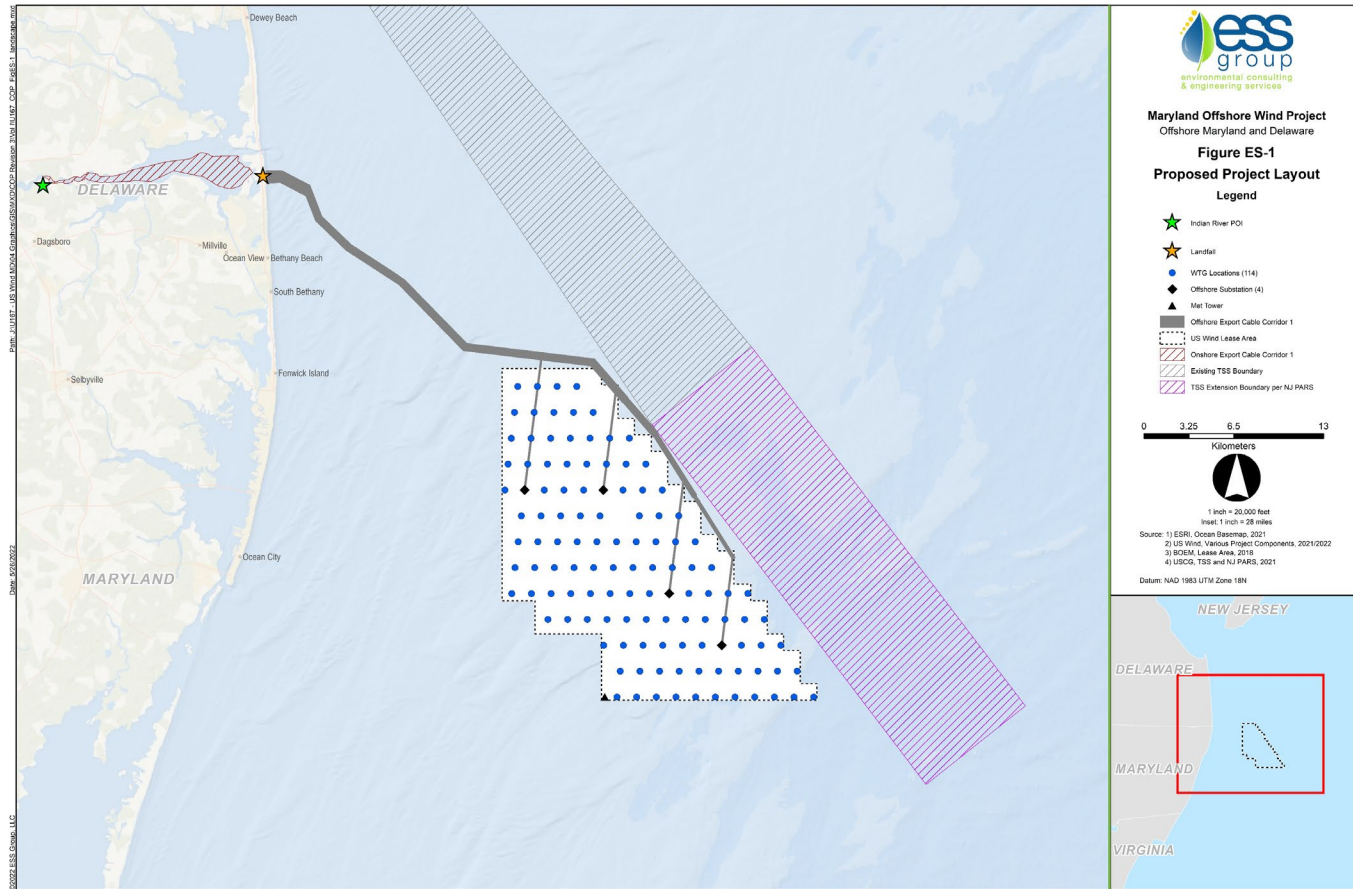
# Project Design Envelope



- US Wind has not yet made final selections regarding technology, like wind turbines, or spatial elements, like cable routes, landing locations, and grid interconnection points.
  - The Project Design Envelope, or “PDE”, is a permitting tool to provide flexibility in the design of energy projects.
  - Using a PDE for elements such as maximum wind turbine size allows BOEM and other agencies to evaluate the maximum impacts of a potential project.
  - Final selections fit within or “under” the design envelope.
- PDE includes:
  - Up to 121 wind turbine generators on monopile foundations
  - 4 offshore substations
  - 1 Met Tower, 3 potential locations
  - 2 offshore export cable corridors to 2 landing locations
  - 7 onshore export cable corridors to 3 interconnection points to the grid



# US Wind's Proposed Project

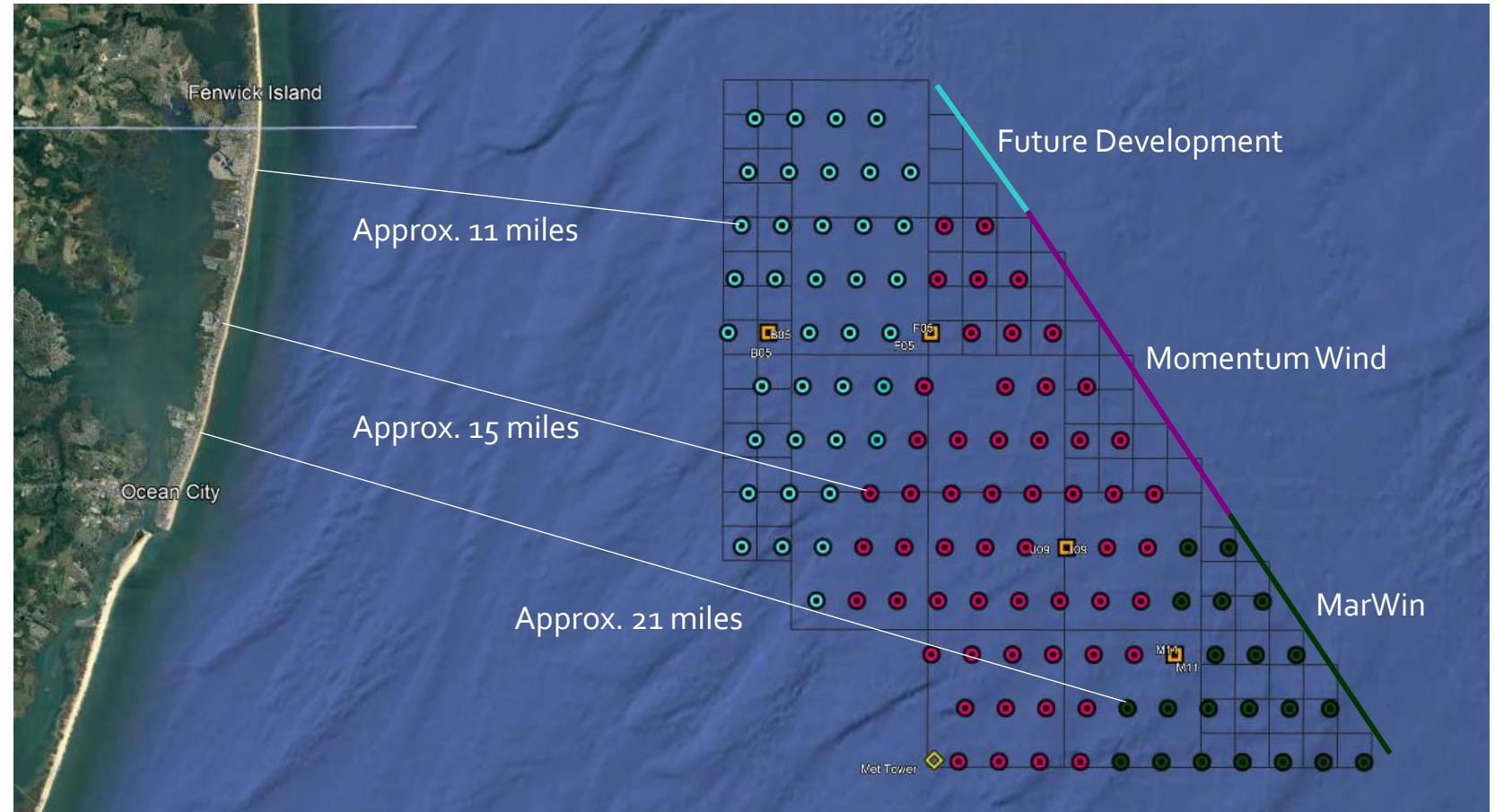


- Within the PDE, US Wind proposes a particular project layout:
  - Up to 114 wind turbine generators
    - Spaced 0.77 NM east to west 1.02 NM north to south
    - Monopile foundations
  - 4 offshore substations
  - 1 Met Tower
  - 1 offshore export cable corridor and 1 landing
  - 1 “onshore” export cable corridor through Indian River Bay
  - New US Wind substations interconnecting to Indian River Substation near the Indian River Power Plant
- **US Wind mitigation measure:** 1NM setback from Traffic Separation Scheme (shipping lanes).

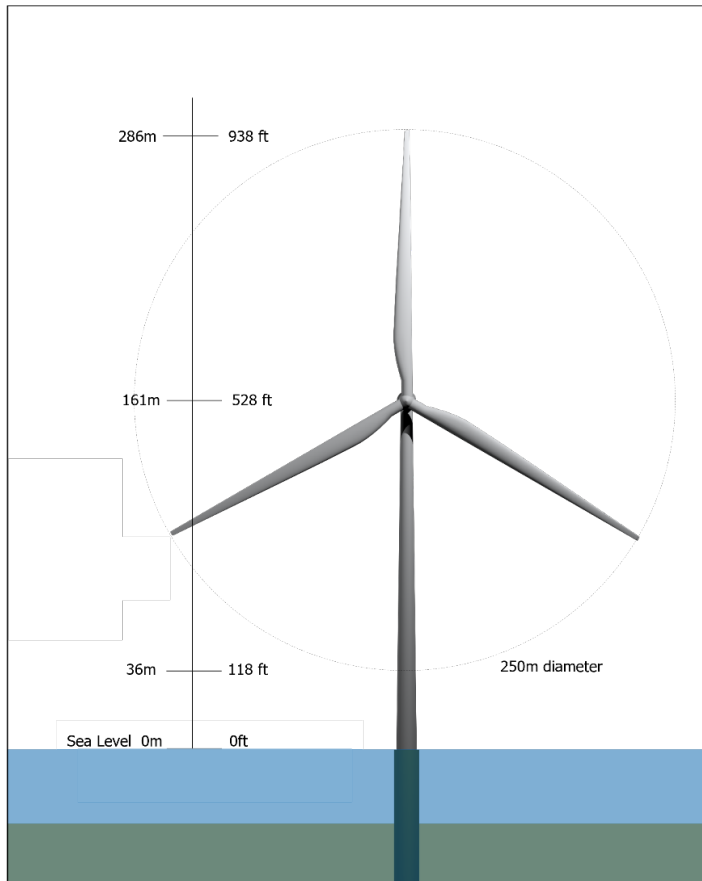
# Indicative Project Layout and Distances to Shore



- Preliminary layout and subject to change during the NEPA review and permitting process.
- Based on these preliminary layouts, the closest turbine to shore within each project is approximately:
  - MarWin – 21 miles
  - Momentum Wind – 15 miles
  - Future Development – 11 miles
- **US Wind mitigation measure:** Aircraft Detection Lighting System to illuminate FAA obstruction lights only when aircraft in immediate vicinity.



# Wind Turbine Generators and Installation



- Wind turbine in the PDE is hypothetical 18 MW turbine with 250-m rotor diameter.
- US Wind has not selected wind turbines. One model under evaluation is the GE Haliade-X 14.7 MW turbine with a 220-m rotor diameter.

## Pile-driving mitigation measures in COP

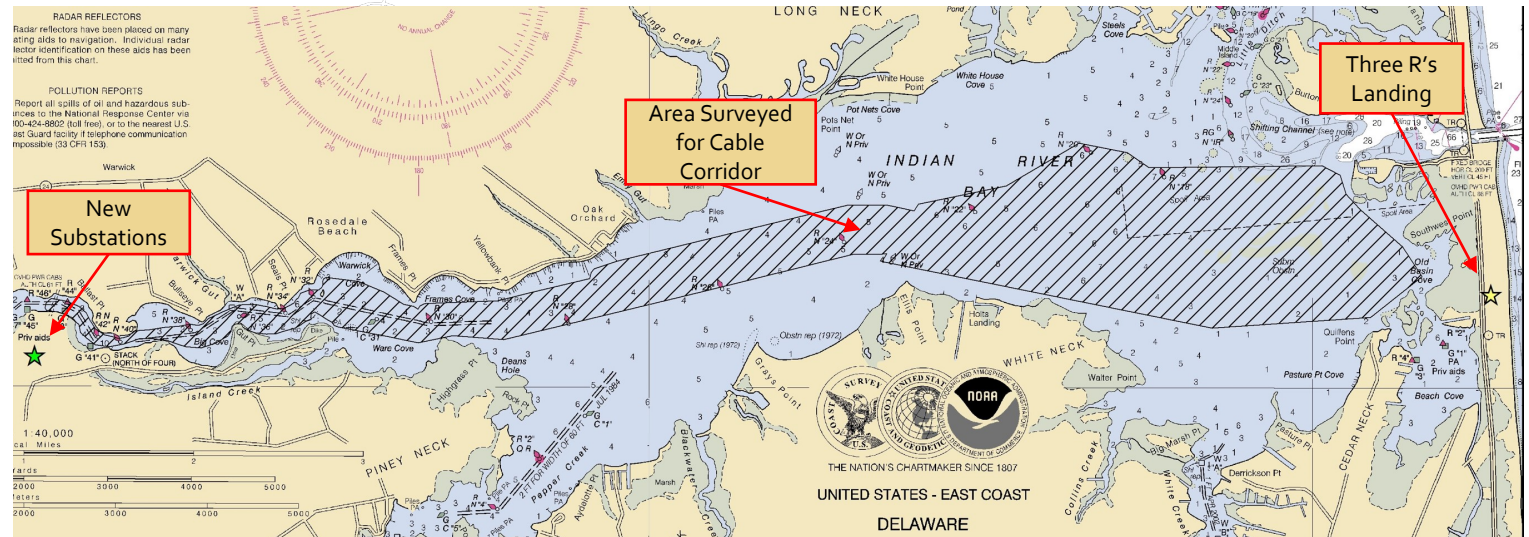
- Sound attenuation at least 10dB with target of 20dB through combination of near- and far-field methods, such as bubble curtains and sound dampening technologies.
- Pile driving planned between April 1-November 30, with additional mitigation planned if construction in April or November.
- Clearance and exclusion zones prior to soft-start and throughout piling procedures.
- No simultaneous piling.
- No more than 1 monopile per day.
- Daylight piling only.
- Piling will not commence less than 1.5 hours before sunset.



# Onshore Cable Installation



- All cables and cable vaults will be buried.
  - Up to 4 cables would be brought ashore via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to vaults under 3 R's Beach parking lot.
  - Cables would exit the vaults and enter Indian River Bay via HDD and be buried 3-7 feet below the bay bottom.
  - A cable storage barge would be equipped with a turntable, loading arm, and cable roller highway towards a cable installation barge that would install cables.
  - Cables would exit the bay via HDD to underground vaults and then enter new substations next to the Indian River Substation.





# Operations & Maintenance Facility

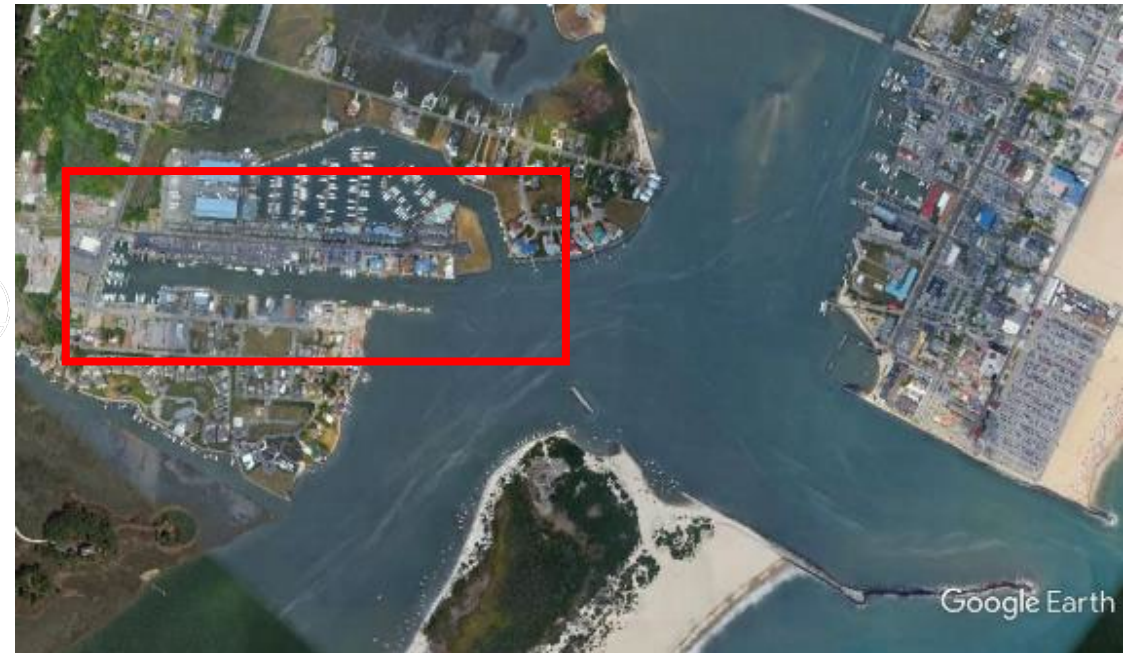


- **Ocean City Marine Coordination Center**

- Administrative building for 24/7 monitoring, control room, staff areas
- Crews would be mobilized to service wind turbines and offshore substations
- Wharf area for the loading of maintenance crews, replacement components and consumables onto approximately 3 crew transfer vessels



- US Wind evaluating properties in West Ocean City's inner harbor.
- **US Wind commitment:** Vessels will reduce speeds to 10 kts in required and voluntary slow zones for North Atlantic right whale protection.



# Seafloor and Sediment Surveys



- **Lease area**
  - High-resolution geophysical (HRG) survey – completed March 2022
  - Deep geotechnical borings at ~30 turbine and offshore substation locations – completed April 2022
- **Offshore cable routes**
  - Shallow geotechnical sampling ~3 miles from shore eastward – completed October 2021
  - HRG survey ~3 miles from shore eastward – completed April 2022
  - HRG survey <3 miles from shore – completed May 2022
  - Atlantic geotechnical investigations to support horizontal directional drilling (HDD) – *planned September 2022*
- **Inshore cable routes**
  - HRG survey in Indian River Bay – conducted 2016 and 2017
  - Refresh HRG survey in Indian River Bay – *completion anticipated mid-June 2022*
  - Geotechnical work along cable routes and at HDD locations within the bay – *planned September 2022*

# Environmental Studies



## Digital Aerial Avian Survey

- 2 years pre-construction, 2 years post-construction
- 10 flights/year to collect seabird information
- Whales, sharks, large fish, sea turtles and other creatures at the surface also identified and cataloged



## 2-years Metocean Buoy data

- Avian acoustic detectors
- Bat acoustic detectors
- Nano-tagged bird detectors
- Acoustic detectors for dolphins and porpoises
- Sensors for various species of tagged fish

## Protected Species Observer (PSO) data

- PSOs aboard US Wind's survey vessels gathered 14 months (and counting) of marine mammal and sea turtle observations

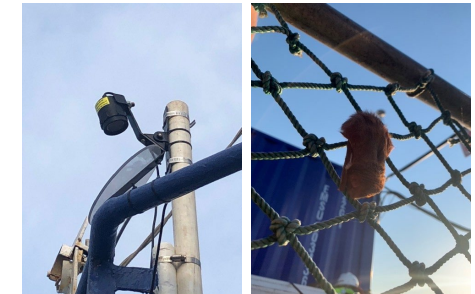


Courtesy of RPS Protected Species Observer Team



## Acoustic bat detectors on survey vessels

- Anabat detectors on survey vessels recorded bat calls that are analyzed and identified



## Benthic surveys

- Samples of seafloor sediments and organisms collected in 2021 and 2022

**US Wind commitment:** Reports and data will be hosted on a publicly-available database

# Outreach



- **Federal agencies**, like the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, NOAA Fisheries, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Department of Defense
- **State agencies**, like the Maryland Public Service Commission, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
- **16 Native American Tribes**, including the Lenape, Delaware Nation, and Upper Mattaponi
- **Maritime Community**, including the U.S. Coast Guard and the Mariners Advisory Committee of the Bay & River Delaware
- **Labor Unions**, including the United Steelworkers, IBEW, and the Baltimore-DC Building & Construction Trades
- **Minority, Women, Veteran, Disabled Person-Owned Businesses (MBEs)**
- **Local fishermen**
- **Local and national environmental organizations**
- **Coastal communities**, including the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, and Delaware coastal towns



Harbor Day at the Docks was a windy one, which helped Calvin Alexander and Ron Larsen of US Wind in promoting their offshore energy project.





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