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Small scale wind energy for your home, business or farm

A small scale wind energy for your home or business presentation will be offered by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) on Tuesday, June 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cummington Community House. Chris Vreeland, a registered professional engineer, will be the featured speaker. Pre-registration is required and a donation of \$10 is suggested. Participants may check in for the workshop beginning at 6 p.m.

With rising fuel prices and concern about the effects of fossil fuels on our health and environment, many businesses and homeowners are trying to conserve and seek local, clean sources of energy. Interest in small-scale wind systems for homes, farms, schools and businesses in both the Berkshires and the Pioneer Valley continues to grow. Grants and tax incentives are available to help offset the cost of investing in wind energy and other renewable technologies.

This workshop is designed to help homeowners, farmers and businesses determine if a small-scale wind turbine would be a good fit for their situation. Attendees will learn the basics about how wind turbines work, the components of a wind energy system, how to determine what size system is needed, whether they have a good site and how to gain additional benefits through energy efficient improvements.

Vreeland will provide an overview of financial incentives available from Massachusetts and the federal government and will summarize a rebate program offered by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to help homeowners and small businesses pay for renewable energy systems.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Hilltown Sustainability Group.

If you are interested in attending, or have questions about the workshop, contact CET at 413-586-7350 ext. 25, or tomasin@cetonline.org.

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