

## HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

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**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)  
**Subject:** 3Rs Road and US Wind comment  
**Attachments:** 3Rs road .docx

Hello

I write to submit a comment regarding the use of 3Rs Road to land cables from the proposed wind farm.

I attach a word version of my comments and insert the text below.

3Rs Road is not an acceptable place to land cables from the proposed Maryland offshore wind farm. US Wind chose 3Rs Roads as the cheapest place to land the cables and cross under Rt 1 without looking at how it would affect any of the surrounding area. 563 homes, three restaurants, one public marina, one private marina and two popular campgrounds with 355 campsites and 12 cottages are all within 1 mile of 3Rs Road along Rt 1. There are multiple parking areas, in the Delaware Seashore State Park, north of the Indian River Inlet that do not have any homes or businesses in such proximity

Our home is on Dune Rd, Bethany Beach, DE 19930 in the Tower Shores community of 224 homes and one restaurant. Tower Shores enjoys the closest privately owned beach to 3Rs Road.

The Delaware Seashore State Park starts at our back fence. 3Rs Road is less than 1/3 of a mile north of our back door and we can see the parking area from our balconies. Indian River Inlet is a mile north of our home. Indian River Inlet is the only outlet to the ocean for all the rivers and streams that feed both Indian River and Rehoboth Bays. Huge amounts of sand flow into the ocean through Indian River Inlet. Sand that washes out of the Indian River Inlet helps keep our beach wide and beautiful.

I am extremely concerned with the dredging and drilling procedures that are proposed to bring any power cables to land at 3Rs Road. A huge volume of material will be moved and displaced underwater to be able to bury any cables. Any materials stirred up by dredging and drilling will wash onto and affect the quality of our beach. We are assured that 3Rs road, parking lot and beach will be restored to current conditions after the project is completed. What about our beach? What steps will be taken to ensure that it will be protected and restored to current conditions.

Construction will affect many homes and businesses near 3Rs Road. I am immensely concerned that engine noise and exhaust fumes from construction equipment and sediment/sand displacement will greatly disturb the quality of life in our normally quiet and peaceful homes and communities.

What effects will the project have on the local wildlife? The strip of land between the bays and the ocean is narrow. We see many deer, fox, rabbits, and assorted birds and reptiles in the State Park between our home and the Indian River Inlet. Construction will disrupt and displace most of the local fauna which will have no place to go. All wildlife is caught in the small wild oasis between the ocean, the bay, the Indian River Inlet and houses.

Please do not let US Wind tear up 3Rs Road and the surrounding wetlands and beaches.

Thank You  
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