



“a multi-sector coalition of wind energy stakeholders working to facilitate the sustainable development of wind power in the bi-national Great Lakes region”

GREAT LAKES WIND COLLABORATIVE



Affordability

- ☛ Wind is free
- ☛ There are no “hidden” environmental costs
- ☛ Costs of turbines have gone down
- ☛ Efficiency of turbines has increased

Wind energy offers a cost effective option.



Reliability

Variable does not mean unreliable

Wind “value chain” has fewer risks—wind doesn’t need to be extracted, processed or transported

Investments in transmission and improved coordination among RTOS can improve reliability and balance power to maximize the timely delivery of clean, renewable energy, including wind.

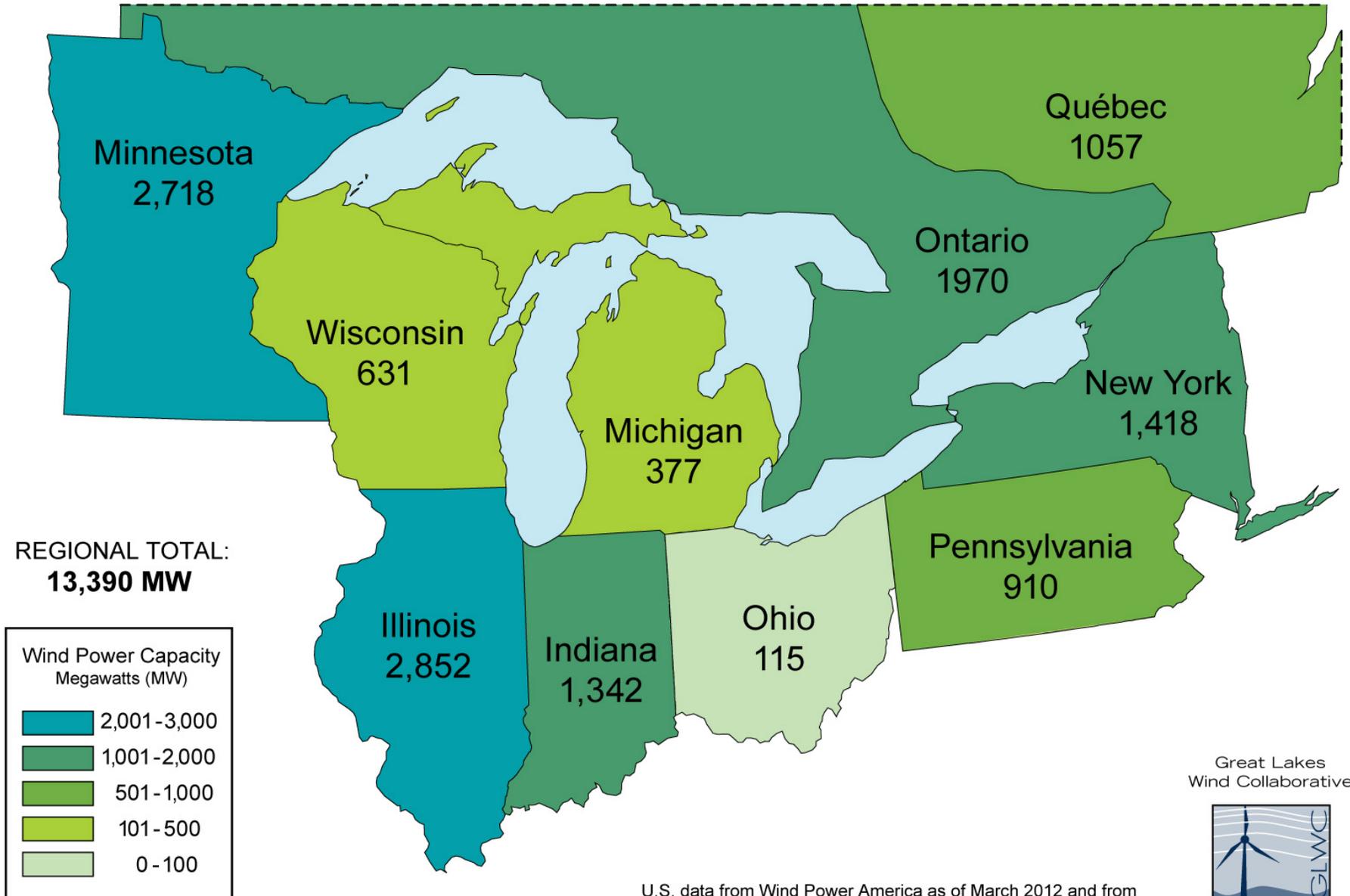


No Regrets

- Energy is needed to convert the fossil fuel into power using water
- Water is free, *now...*
- Wind doesn't require fuel—it is the fuel?
- Does Michigan want a water-dependent energy portfolio?

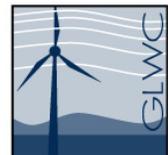
Energy choices should consider all of the impacts today, and tomorrow.

Great Lakes Current Installed Wind Power Capacity (MW)



U.S. data from Wind Power America as of March 2012 and from the Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) as of June 2012.

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