Major wind energy developers from around the world are in Maine right now, looking at quiet little towns like yours to build their massive industrial complexes.

Some Maine municipalities can adopt local rules and land use ordinances. Of those that have examined industrial wind energy, 96% of them have passed zoning to prevent something as huge and harmful as an industrial wind complex from being built. Once they’ve learned the facts, 96% have said: “That doesn’t fit here.”

As in Maine’s organized cities and towns, the Unorganized Territory (UT) where you live used to require a zoning process when major development was proposed. You and your neighbors had an opportunity to say: “That doesn’t fit here.”

But not any more. Not for wind complexes. Seven years ago UT residents lost their say in how the land around them could be appropriately developed. Without your input the legislature re-zoned the UT as an “Expedited Area” so these 500 foot tall blinking, gyrating turbines now get rubber-stamped. But a wind energy complex isn’t quite the same as your neighbor building a dock or a barn. These are towers bigger than almost every skyscraper in Boston—erected high on hilltops. These behemoths can be seen for miles, and even if they are two miles away from your home, their noise and infrasound can keep you up at night.

Now you have a chance to get your rights back. But the state has only given you 6 months to act.

If you are willing to collect a handful of signatures from people in your plantation or township, Friends of Maine’s Mountains* can help ask the State to opt-out of the “Expedited Wind Zone.” We’ll even provide you with a list of every local voter in your township / plantation so you can easily coordinate the effort. All you have to get is a few signatures.

On July 1, 2016, this opportunity will cease. And your property and lifestyle could be threatened. So you must act now. Protect what you value.

To see how get your town out of the “Expedited Area” visit: www.tinyurl.com/GetOut2016 Questions? Email us: mainemountainfriends@gmail.com

*Friends of Maine’s Mountains is the nonprofit that leads the fight against industrial wind development because while wind is free, wind energy has tiny benefits but massive negative impacts. www.friendsofmainesmountains.org