

April 29, 2014

Dear Neighbors of the UMD Research and Field Studies Center,

You are invited to an informational session about an exciting new project at the UMD Research and Field Studies Center, within the UMD Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP) area along Riley Road.

A multidisciplinary group of faculty, staff, and students from sustainability, biology, geography, and engineering departments are working together on a project to install a small 5-kilowatt wind turbine in the center of the working UMD Farm along Riley Road. The project will provide research and learning opportunities for students and faculty, model a sustainable farm, and produce additional renewable energy for the UMD campus. The goals of the project include 1) demonstrate a new wind turbine technology, 2) increase small wind turbine efficiency through partnered research with the turbine developer, 3) educate the campus and community on a renewable energy technology, and 4) reduce the campus carbon footprint.

We invite you to learn more by attending an open house meeting on **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Riley Road soccer pavilions** (4951 Jean Duluth Rd., Duluth, 55803—turn left onto Riley Rd to park in the parking lots). There will be posters and information about the project, along with students and UMD faculty and staff who can discuss various aspects of the project. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you cannot make the meeting, but would like to learn more, you can visit our website at: [z.umn.edu/wind](http://z.umn.edu/wind) or contact one of the project leaders below.

Sincerely,

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