

Construction and permanent jobs

Sparrows Point could become the East Coast hub for renewable wind energy. Baltimore County has applied for a federal grant to support infrastructure upgrades at the former Sparrows Point shipyard to accommodate assembly, fabrication and shipping for the offshore wind industry.

“It’s critical that we support sources of clean, renewable energy – for our health, to protect our fragile environment and increase energy independence. From an economic standpoint, Baltimore County can lead the way as the center for a new clean energy industry that builds, assembles and distributes offshore wind products,” said Baltimore County Executive Kamenetz. “We’re talking new jobs, new investment and leadership in a new American industry.”

If the \$26 million federal grant is approved, the WIND START project could bring as many as 1,200 construction jobs and over 900 permanent jobs to the Sparrows Point peninsula.

The project could jumpstart Baltimore County as the Atlantic hub for assembling and shipping the blades, towers, generators and cables necessary for offshore windmills.

The grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation makes the case for the WIND START intermodal transportation project on 15-acres of the Sparrows Point peninsula. Sparrows Point Shipyard LLC and their partner US Wind would upgrade piers and bulkheads, staging areas and ship-to-road access to support offshore wind development.

Clean energy in the Sparrows Point Partnership vision

“We’re competing for new business and jobs wherever we can. Clean energy has been part of our vision for Sparrows Point since 2013, when the County’s [Sparrows Point Partnership developed a blueprint](#) for maximizing the potential for this unique peninsula. No single East Coast location has the same level of waterfront, large storage areas and transportation access as the Sparrows Point peninsula,” added Kamenetz.

The Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development submitted the application for the 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation.