

The price of power

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Studies have shown wind turbines do not have much impact on property values. A 2009 article in the Toronto Star ("Turbines don't affect home value, study says") quoted the coauthor of a U.S. Department of Energy study as follows: "No matter how we looked at the data, the same result kept coming back -no evidence of widespread impacts."

And the amount consumers have to pay for wind power is on a downward trajectory. A recent article in Scientific American states: "Power from wind turbines already costs about the same or less than it does from a new coal or natural gas plant, and in the future (ie 2020) wind power is expected to be the least costly of all options."

What's expensive is coal and nuclear power -both in terms of dollars and human health.

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