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## Plan for wind power in lake, report urges

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The state should begin planning for wind power development in Lake Erie, according to a University at Buffalo report released Friday.

If not, the report's authors say, the area runs the risk of uncoordinated, unwanted proposals.

"This would be the opportunity to have everybody involved in the public participation process to assess the potential environmental, aesthetic and economic development impacts of putting wind turbines in the Great Lakes," said Robert S. Berger, director of the Environment and Development Clinic at the UB Law School, which prepared the report, entitled "Creating a Public Plan for New York's Great Lakes Offshore Wind Power."

Using only 10 percent of the wind power potential of Lakes Erie and Ontario would be the equivalent of adding three plants the size of the Robert Moses hydroelectric plant in Niagara Falls.

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