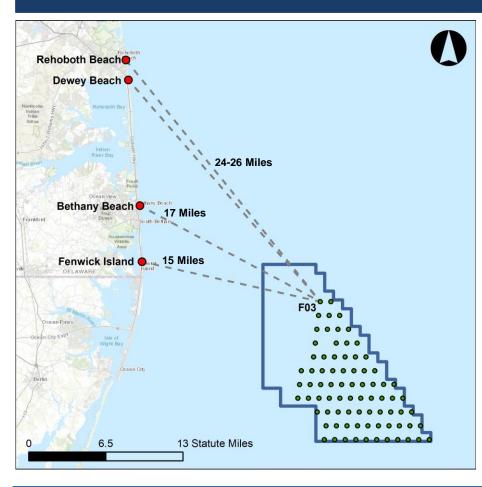


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### **US Wind Projects**





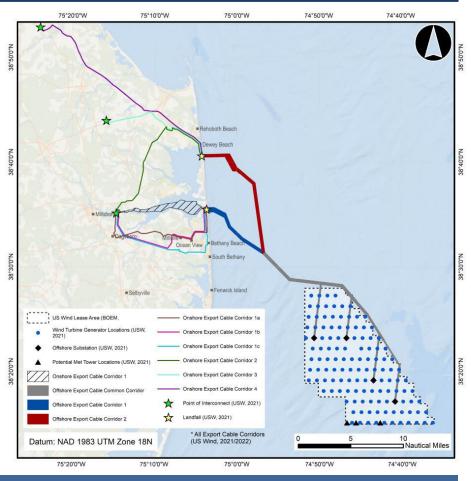
- 80,000-acre lease area, 12–27 statute miles from OC, MD
- Combined projects will deliver ~1,100 MW of clean energy to the grid. Will power ~340,000 area homes.
- Deliver with 76 turbines, 3
   offshore substations (OSSs).
   Scour protection will cover
   less than 1% of lease area
- Closest turbine 24 miles from Dewey, 26.2 miles from Rehoboth



#### Landfall / Connection to the Grid



- Two potential landfall locations
  - Tower Road Beach
  - 3R's Beach
- 7 onshore export cable routes to 3 interconnection points to the grid
- Cables buried; no above ground infrastructure
- Horizontal Directional Drilling used to avoid disturbing beaches, dunes, and wetlands
- Preferred path is least disruptive





## **Next Steps**



Construction & Operations Plan (COP)

COP is now public (BOEM.gov)

Environmental & Technical Review



Constructions,
Operations &
Maintenance

 BOEM deemed COP "sufficient and complete" on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Two-year public process
- Plans must meet or exceed all NEPA standards

- Begin 2024
- First 300 MW in 2025
- Next 800 MW in 2026



# **How Offshore Wind Benefits Delaware**



**Energy & Jobs** 

Local Investment

Address Coastal Flooding



# **Important Considerations**



- US Wind has been studying the lease area since 2014
  - Able to develop and operate safely with negligible to no negative impacts on local ecosystems
  - Significant ecosystem benefits over long term
- Offshore wind energy is very efficient full lifecycle energy and carbon payback in ~ 7.5 months or less
- Offshore wind energy is affordable US Wind's momentum project to cost average MD ratepayer \$0.76 / month





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