



## The Assembly of Gentlemen

With the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal to overturn the lower court's approval of the Ostrand-er Point industrial wind turbine project because of its threat to the endangered Blandings Turtle, the Assembly of Gentlemen have initiated a Blandings Turtle breeding program.

According to a senior member of the group, their plan is to expand the specie's population and donate pairs of Blandings Turtles to Ontario municipalities under threat of IWT development. "We're trying to accomplish a couple of things with the program," according to the AoG member who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on behalf of the group. "First, increase the numbers of an endangered species and maybe get them removed from that list; second, give them a home in habitat threatened by IWTs elsewhere in Ontario so those communities can have the same weapon we have had that led to the recent court decision. Now we just have to find the turtles; they're pretty scarce."

It was pointed out by an enlightened member of the group that the Blandings Turtle doesn't normally breed until about 18 years of age hence results won't be seen anytime soon, the spokesman replied, "Many of our members will never witness the success of the program. We currently view this as a legacy project"

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