

GOAL: STOP AS MANY WTFs AS POSSIBLE
(WTFs = Wireless Telecommunications Facilities)

STEPS:

- 1) Look up your state's public records act and find the word "INSPECT" or "REVIEW". Copy-paste this section and print it out. Highlight these words. Take with you to local offices.**
- 2) Visit local Planning Board / Dept. / Commission.**
 - a) Go with one or more persons. Take non-phone camera, other work to do and snacks in case it takes a while to get the documents. Be polite and professional.**
 - b) Request to INSPECT or REVIEW all wireless facility applications.**
 - i) If they say this is too much, then request all pending applications.**
 - ii) You can, if necessary, return another time for permitted applications.**
 - iii) If they say they haven't the staff to do it, just assure them you'll wait.**
 - iv) If they say you must make a formal, written public records act request for copies of documents, remind them this is just a request to INSPECT or REVIEW spontaneously, as allowed under your state law.**
 - v) If appropriate, show them a copy of the highlighted law.**
 - c) When you have the documents before you,**
 - i) Take a photo of every document in the file.**
 - ii) In case they challenge you on this, note that it is your right under most every state public records law to "copy" the documents by any means.**
- 3) When back at home, review the photos with other members of your community, noting in your WTF Excel chart: any application:**

- a) for a sensitive area near a home, school, healthcare facility, park, farm, and/or endangered species, as these are high-priority;
- b) that may not have a correct applicant name;
- c) lacking a dated applicant signature;
- d) lacking a correct address for the applied-for site;
- e) lacking a NEPA/NHPA review letter;
- f) lacking proof of need or even assertion of need;
- g) lacking assertion of purpose, e.g., internet or telephone service;
- h) lacking the frequency/ies of the applied-for facility;
- i) lacking the wattage (power) and gain of antennas;
- j) lacking antennas' make and model.

4) Prepare to challenge the problematic applications:

a) at the local agencies,

- i) by means of performing "Need Tests" that may prove lack of need by showing that no "significant gap in coverage" exists;
- ii) on any of the above bases, as incomplete, deficient, or even incoherent, e.g., if there is contradictory information.

b) at FCC, compiling a package of opposition documents, photos and videos with a cover letter to commence a "controversy".

5) Note any wireless facilities that appear to have been constructed without any permit, as a Compliance Officer, Enforcement Officer, or City Manager should order such illegal operations ceased and the illegal equipment deconstructed and removed immediately.

6) Submit Cease & Desist Letter to the Planning Board, Dept. or Commission, modified for applicability to the local situation

7) Get your community members well trained.

8) Make sure all public communications are thoroughly prepped and

vetted before presentation or mailing.

a) All public presentations in local hearings are written and should include:

- i) a statement at the start such as “I attest and affirm that the following statements are true, accurate and within my personal knowledge”;**
- ii) vetted content including only facts and laws;**
- iii) substantiating evidence for the facts and laws;**
- iv) a conclusion stating the substantive nature of the remarks and accepting the oath of office; and**
- v) signature with date.**

b) Public presentations may also include ADA/FHA requests, which need to be prepared alongside someone who has training in ADA.

9) Respond in a timely manner to official responses received, with well-vetted content.

NOTE: Many other possibilities may come up along the way: the above is just one possible path.