

### From Project Execution To Outreach & Education

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## Town of Hempstead?



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- Located in western
   Long Island,bordering
   Queens, NY
- Established 1644
- Population: 760,000



### ENERGY PARK Information Gathering

- Motivated by Conservation
   Commissioner Ron Masters
- LIPA Feasibility Study on Wind
- Installed Anemometer Wind Data
- Informational Meetings:
  - Local Municipalities, Universities, Private Industry
  - Suffolk County, LIPA, National Grid, Merchant Marine Academy



## ENERGY PARK Location

#### **Conservation & Waterways**

#### Outreach for Community

Environmental facility with an environmental message

Model for Others
 Data Collection and Monitoring







## **ENERGY PARK: Location**





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#### •Long Island Power Authority Solar Pioneer Program \$4.50/watt

- •**RFP** process allowed us to consider both qualifications and price; conducted interviews with various solar contractors
- •Experience and Outreach were key factors for contractor selection
- •Energy Audit performed and lighting retrofitted











# 1ST SOLAR PV INSTALLATION

Data Display and Inverter Display

•Public Solar Seminars - LIPA, Renewable Energy Long Island (RELI) and local solar contractors















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Late 1970s - Growing Hard Clams to Re-Stock Hempstead Bay

- Prevents over-harvesting by local clamming industry
- Clams are filter feeders, can be **beneficial to water quality**
- Old facility was **energy intensive**, required pumping large volumes of water of long distances
- During growing system, required 24/7 energy reliability











**FINANCIAL** 

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) Grant - \$180,000

LIPA R&D Grant - Wind Turbine materials

**Town Cost Share** - hired master electrician with solar PV experience, data acquisition, wind turbine installation, pier/platform, electrical, plumbing, FLUPSY assembly

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

Wind Power - Southwest Skystream - 2.4 kW

Solar PV - 10 kW

**Battery Backup** - SMA Sunny Island system **Energy Efficient** - pumps with VFDs, lighting





















#### <u>Hydrogen</u>

•Produced on site with an Electrolyzer, which splits water into hydrogen and oxygen - requires electricity and connection to potable water system.
•Compressed, Stored at 6500psi & Dispensed at 5000psi

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

Tapped into existing Natural Gas infrastructure
Compressed, Stored and Dispensed

Hydrogen Compressed Natural Gas (HCNG) Blend
•20% Hydrogen, 80% CNG by Volume
•Blended on demand through blending equipment
•Dispensed through distinct dispenser





#### **FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS**

**NYSERDA Grant** - \$900,000

**National Grid** - \$55,000 towards HCNG bus and 50% cost share through NYS tax credit

**GLICCC** - Funded CNG Pick-Up Truck conversions

Toyota - Fuel Cell Vehicles

**Town Cost Share** - Site Preparation (concrete slabs, pile driving, electrical, fence, paving)

Technical Support - General Motors, LIPA, US Merchant Marine Academy

**Contractors** - Air Products, EmPower, Proton, PW Grosser, BAF Technologies, Hythane, Clean Vehicle Solutions

**Operation & Maintenance** - Town is slowly transitioning to take over some components of O&M, but without eliminating the original installers.













### NYIT SOLAR HOUSE









#### NYIT SOLAR HOUSE DOE Solar Decathlon - 2007 Entry

Town Labor - Moved from NYIT to Point Lookout,

Pile Foundation, Decking, Electrical, General Construction

Partnership w/ Local University, New York Institute of

Technology (NYIT) - opportunity for future outreach programs



## NYIT SOLAR HOUSE

## Represents various technologies incorporated into one system Geothermal, Solar PV, Solar Thermal, Controls System (BMS), Sustainable Materials











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- \$4,577,700 grant Assigned to Conservation & Waterways

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- Building Audits & Retrofits Lighting/HVAC Upgrades, Geothermal, Energy Billing Database, Marina LED Dock Lighting
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- Transportation Anti-Idling Demo Project
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#### Demonstrate Various Types of PV

- Ground Mounted
- Roof Mounted (South facing and East/West facing)
- Bifacial Panels
- Trackers (Single-Axis, Dual-Axis)
- Electric Vehicle Solar Carports

#### Total PV at Energy Park - 130 kW

Total PV in Throughout Town Facilities - 280 kW







### SOLAR PV TRACKERS



Turning towards the West late in the day

#### Facing East in the Morning

#### Single Axis Tracker

Follows location of the sun throughout the day

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#### Dual Axis Tracker

Follows location AND changes pitch throughout the Day/Season





### SOLAR PV BIFACIAL ARRAY

•Bifacial PV Panels - 23 kW

- •PV cells on both sides of the panel
- •Light passes through the panel, onto white surface below the structure, and reflects back underneath the panel
- Increases efficiency per square foot = more energy with less space



### ELECTRIC VEHICLE SOLAR CARPORTS

- 2 Carports one located at Energy Park, the other in Point Lookout East Marina
  Coulomb ChargePoint bollards DOE Grant
- Charge two vehicles per bollard. 3 bollards at East Marina, 1 at Energy Park
  Free and open to public
- •GLICCC Funding Chevy Volt









## **100 KW WIND TURBINE**







**100 KW WIND TURBINE** Northern Power - located in Vermont Tower Height - 120 feet Blade Length - 35 feet Grid Tied - Net Metering Commissioned - December 2011 - generated 225,000 kWh in first year (1 month down time due to Hurricane Sandy and other gr issu power25 homes for 1 year PROJECT ENERGY

## 100 KW WIND TURBINE











### GEOTHERMAL











## GEOTHERMAL

-Provides Heating & Cooling
-Ground Source Heat Pump
-Vertical Closed Loop
-55 degrees - Constant
Temperature

-C&W Admin Building

- 6 Loops @ 280 Feet
- -NYIT Solar House

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- 2 Wells @ 280 Feet





## **Energy Park Tours**

- NY Agricultural Women Nassau County Bar Association NYC Engineering Society Utilities
- Local Municipalities
- Middle and High Schools
- Universities
- Science Summer Camps



International Visitors - Tokyo Gas, Korean manufacturing company, Chinese Engineers, Engineers from Toyota HQ in Japan



## **Training Workshops** Hydrogen Safety Classes

- Provided by Air Products (fueling station) installer), and Toyota (fuel cell division)
- Trained local fire departments, Fire Marshall

### Hydrogen Curriculum for Teachers Provided by Nassa







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## NEXT STEPS FOR OUTREACH

Multimedia

- Website
- Social Media
- Videos
- Branding
- Brochures
- Signage (with Solar LED Lighting)

Formalize Curriculum and Tours

- Partner w/ local educational institutions
- Establish a team to give regular tours
- Develop Labs/Activities, Worksheets



### FUTURE ENERGY PARK PROJECTS

- **Desalination** through Reverse Osmosis provide potable water to NYIT Solar House
- Tidal Power
- Micro-grid Demonstration
- Build out of Data Monitoring & Acquisition



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#### THANK YOU!



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