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Complete Task

100%	Expansion of Solar installation at Cooperative
45%	Installation of Solar panels at City Hall
80%	Utility meter reading program
80%	Building of SolarYpsi.com website
60%	Solar educational outreach

Progress over the past two months

Progress has been slow during this reporting period, due to a combination of vacation schedules and equipment access. Recall that the solar expansion at the Cooperative is finished and we are focused on the City Hall installation. We have all the parts ready for installation, but have not been able to schedule a day to perform the work. When this project was first submitted, the then director of DPW had promised that we could use the City's lift for installing the panels. When I approached the current DPW directory and asked to schedule the lift, he checked with the City lawyer and he declined the offer. We will now have to rent our own lift. We have found one from a local rental company for \$240 per day. Initially with the City's lift we were planning a taking a few days for the installation, but now we will try and complete the installation in one day.

We have filled out the DTE Energy net-metering application and mail it in with the \$100 fee.

We continue to make improvements in the energy graphing program and have added a total energy consumption button.

We continue to give presentations about solar power. During this reporting period we presented to Whole Foods in Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Computer Society, Ann Arbor District Library, Whole Foods in Rochester Hills, and the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. We had a total of 60 at these talks.

Anticipated energy saving

The Cooperative is now benefiting from the additional solar panels on the roof. We also continue to benefit from monitoring our power usage. With the display system now up

and running in the store, we expect this to give even more positive feedback to the employees to conserve energy.

Expenditures compared to budget

We spent \$100 for the DTE Energy net-metering application.

Noteworthy Accomplishments

None at this time.

Risk to the project

None at this time.

Deviations from the Statement of Work

None.

Money Spent in the Past Two Months

\$100 – DTE Energy net-metering application for City Hall

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