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Town of Rhinebeck Awarded Three New York State Energy Conservation Grants

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has awarded three energy conservation grants to the Town of Rhinebeck for projects totaling approximately \$355,000. The projects to be funded are:

1. Solar Panels for the Highway Garage
2. Solar Panels for the Transfer Station
3. Lighting efficiency retrofit for the Highway Garage

The Town has through March 2012 to complete these energy conservation projects. The funds that the State will provide will come from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The grants will cover 80% of the cost of these projects and the Town is obligated to pay 20% of the cost. It is estimated that the Town of Rhinebeck will save \$10,650 per year in reduced energy costs. At that rate, the Town's investment will be paid back in less than seven (7) years.

The Town Board worked with Hudson Valley Clean Energy, Terrapin Bright Green and architect Susan Sie to prepare six grant applications (three of which were funded), with numerous site visits and quotes provided by Bottini Fuel, Marvin Windows, Steve & Weber Plumbing and Heating, Williams Lumber and Home Center, Window Master Inc., and Ms. Sie, among others. The Town Board sincerely thanks these firms and the individuals and architects involved for volunteering their time and efforts on behalf of the Town of Rhinebeck.