

# SOLAR OPTIONS



**PARK DISTRICT**  
of OAK PARK



In a single hour, the amount of power from the sun that strikes the Earth is more than the entire world consumes in a year.





# Solar Installations Are Adaptable

## Mounting Styles –

- Flat Roof (Fastened/Ballasted) Slanted South
- Sloped Roof (Asphalt, Tile, Metal, etc.) Facing South
- Wall Mount (Awning) Facing South
- Ground Mount South Facing

*\* Ideal angle for solar is about 30 degrees facing south*

*Things to consider: barriers to solar exposure, roof condition, structural load*



# Flat Roof Ballasted System

- ▶ No roof penetrations, less probability of leaks
- ▶ Simple install- Easy working conditions
- ▶ Increased weight load over fastened system.





# Sloped Roof Standing Seam

Racking system  
clamps to the  
standing seam

Quicker install  
Lower labor costs





# Wall Mounted Awning Type

Visible to public  
Simple install  
Provide shade  
and weather  
protection





# Ground Mounted System

- ▶ Need open land with no structures or shade.
- ▶ Can be ballasted system or with ground penetrating supports





# Solar Lease Option & Case Study



Ridgeland Common  
Solar System

# REALGY NO COST SOLAR PROGRAM



- ▶ Realgy is a licensed third party energy supplier in Illinois
- ▶ Realgy is looking to lease the hosts roof for a 24 year period in 8-year increments
- ▶ Realgy installs and operates the solar system. There is NO COST TO THE HOST
- ▶ The new solar system offsets a percentage of the facilities energy use
- ▶ The economic benefits to the host are lower electrical costs and displaced delivery costs



# 260,000 WATT SOLAR SYSTEM







# Performance Data

325,000 kWh Of Annual Electric Production

7.8M kWh Of Life Time Energy Production





# Benefits To The Community

182,000lbs Of Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction  
Equal To Planting 16,834 Trees A Year



# Annual Savings to the OPPD

Avoided Delivery Costs -	\$18,000
Reduced Energy Costs -	\$ 6,000
Reduced Demand Charges	\$10,000
Total Annual Savings -	\$34,000



# Websites

[www.realgyenergyservices.com](http://www.realgyenergyservices.com)

[www.eco-solar-solutions.com](http://www.eco-solar-solutions.com)



# THE REALGY PROCESS

- ▶ Newer roof surface
- ▶ Provide electric bills for the past year
- ▶ Have a site evaluation
- ▶ Sign the **Letter Of Intent**
- ▶ Contact and meet with host managers



# Keys to the Realgy Program

- ▶ Realgy owns, operates and maintains the solar system
- ▶ Realgy receives all the incentives associated with the solar plant
- ▶ This is a 24 year program with 3-8 year renewable term lengths
- ▶ Possible early opt-out is available to the host at the end of the first 8 year term



## Aurora Shade Report

### Customer

Skokie Park District

### Designer

Paul Szczesny

### Organization

Eco-Solar Solutions, LLC

### Address

9300 Weber Park Pl  
Skokie, IL 60077, USA

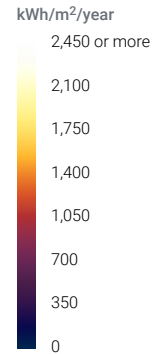
### Coordinates

(42.048840, -87.749780)

### Date

31 October 2019

### Annual irradiance



### Summary

Array	Panel Count	Azimuth (deg.)	Pitch (deg.)	Annual TOF (%)	Annual Solar Access (%)	Annual TSPF (%)
1	436	215	10	92	97	90
2	696	215	12	93	97	90
3	107	215	10	92	96	89
4	223	215	10	92	95	87
Weighted average by panel count	-	-	-	-	96.9	89.6

### Monthly solar access (%) across arrays

Array	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	94	96	97	98	98	98	98	98	98	97	95	94
2	94	96	97	98	98	98	98	98	98	97	95	93
3	92	94	96	97	97	97	97	97	97	96	93	92
4	88	91	95	96	97	97	97	96	96	93	90	87



**Customer:** Skokie Park District  
**Address:** 9300 Weber Park Pl  
Skokie, IL 60077

**System size:** 548.25 kW  
**Yr 1 Production:** 664,792 kWh  
**Designer:** Paul Szczesny  
**Date:** October 31st, 2019

## Site Assessment





# Green Mountain Energy's Sun Club Grant

- ▶ We have received \$100,000 funding from Green Mountain Energy's Sun Club from our pledge grant.
- ▶ Over 1,000 sustainable pledges for 18 action items!!!!!!
- ▶ \$55,000 - Solar
- ▶ \$35,000 - Rain Water Collection
- ▶ \$ 5,000 - Bees
- ▶ \$ 5,000 - Tea Composting
- ▶ \*Article written in NRPA Magazine



## 24.5 kW Solar PV Array

- 63 Panels installed on both flat roof areas
- 7 Panels installed on the building awning style
- This system offsets 37,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere annually





## Rain Water Harvesting System

- 4500 Gallon Capacity
- System Designed for year-round operation
- Rain water is also much better for the plants inside the Conservatory than treated city water.
- Visible cisterns to the public through the Desert Room.





## BEEEEEEEEES!

- Observation hives installed
- Two Langstroth Hives
- Designing interpretive signage in house
- New bee programs this year
- Honey to be sold in Conservatory gift shop






# Tea Composting

- Install system last Spring
- Will be used in our greenhouses on plants for our parks
- Promotes plant health in absence of fertilizers and pesticides
- Increased soil microorganisms
- Improved soil structure, water retention, rooting depth and plant growth





Q & A

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of blue, ranging from light sky blue to deep navy blue. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the frame, creating a modern, layered effect against the white background.