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### **West Vincent Township installs 7 kilowatt Solar Photovoltaic System**

West Vincent Township's Environmental Advisory Council successfully completed its Clean Energy Community Campaign with the recent installation of a 7 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system at the township building.

In 2006, West Vincent Township became the first township in Chester County to commit to the Clean Energy Community Campaign when the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township announced their intention to purchase 20% clean energy by 2010 for all township buildings and facilities.

Committing to purchasing 20% clean energy by 2010 was the first threshold necessary for the township to qualify as a Pennsylvania Clean Energy Community. 7% of township residents had to purchase clean energy. That requirement was met by the Township residents in 2008. The Clean Energy Communities Campaign is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) and SmartPower, who have partnered to create a strong and sustainable voluntary market for clean energy throughout the PECO service territory.

West Vincent Township achieved the status of a *Clean Energy Community* in 2008 and had the option to receive a free 1kW solar energy system or a \$10,000 grant toward the installation of a larger system. The Environmental Advisory Council decided to accept the grant and seek other funding to install a larger system. They successfully found additional funding from the Sustainable Development Fund's Solar PV grant and initiated an "Adopt-A-Panel" program, which provided an opportunity for Township residents, businesses and non-profits to adopt the 32 panels that make up the 7 kW system.