

FELLOWSHIP VILLAGE TURNS TO THE SUN

Fellowship Village is a senior living facility located in the Liberty Corner section of Basking Ridge. The community has a Conservation-Environmental Committee, composed entirely of Fellowship Village residents, which actively promotes environmentally-friendly practices and works to increase conservation awareness among its 400 fellow residents. With the Committee's support, the facility has carried out a number of energy initiatives over the past few years, including replacement of all incandescent bulbs with fluorescent bulbs, and installation of a 668-kilowatt solar panel system.

The photo-voltaic (PV) solar array, installed in late 2009, comprises over 3000 flat black panels, and covers more than 40% of the community's rooftops. At the time, the system was the largest of its kind (a residential pitched roof solar array) in the state.

The system is expected to produce over \$5 million in savings over the life of the array, and to eliminate carbon emissions equal to operating 180 automobiles each year. By reducing sun exposure on the roof shingles, the system should also help to extend roof life. Said CEO Brian Lawrence, "We embarked on this endeavor as a means of reducing expenses for the residents we serve and to do our part in supporting a greener earth. We believe this is a sound environmental investment that will benefit Fellowship Village as well as our extended community."