

THE INSIDE STORY



Solar Array at Senior Housing Complex

In June 2008, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato unveiled the largest solar thermal array in Western Pennsylvania, a 1.74 million BTU/day domestic hot water system at the Ross Hill Senior Retirement Residence in Ross Township. The new solar water system, funded by a \$208,730 Energy Harvest Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, replaced a natural gas heating system. It heats 657,000 gallons of water and reduces carbon emissions by 38 tons annually. The system is saving residents of RossHill Senior Retirement Residence an estimated \$7,500 in energy costs annually.

a.m. Rodriguez and Sota Construction also committed to recycling and using environmentally friendly construction products to lessen the impact on the environment and to provide healthier homes for senior citizens. RossHill Retirement Residence has 94 apartments and serves residents 62 years of age and older.

Contact: Kevin Evanto 412-350-3171 kevin.evanto@alleghenycounty.us