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FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire

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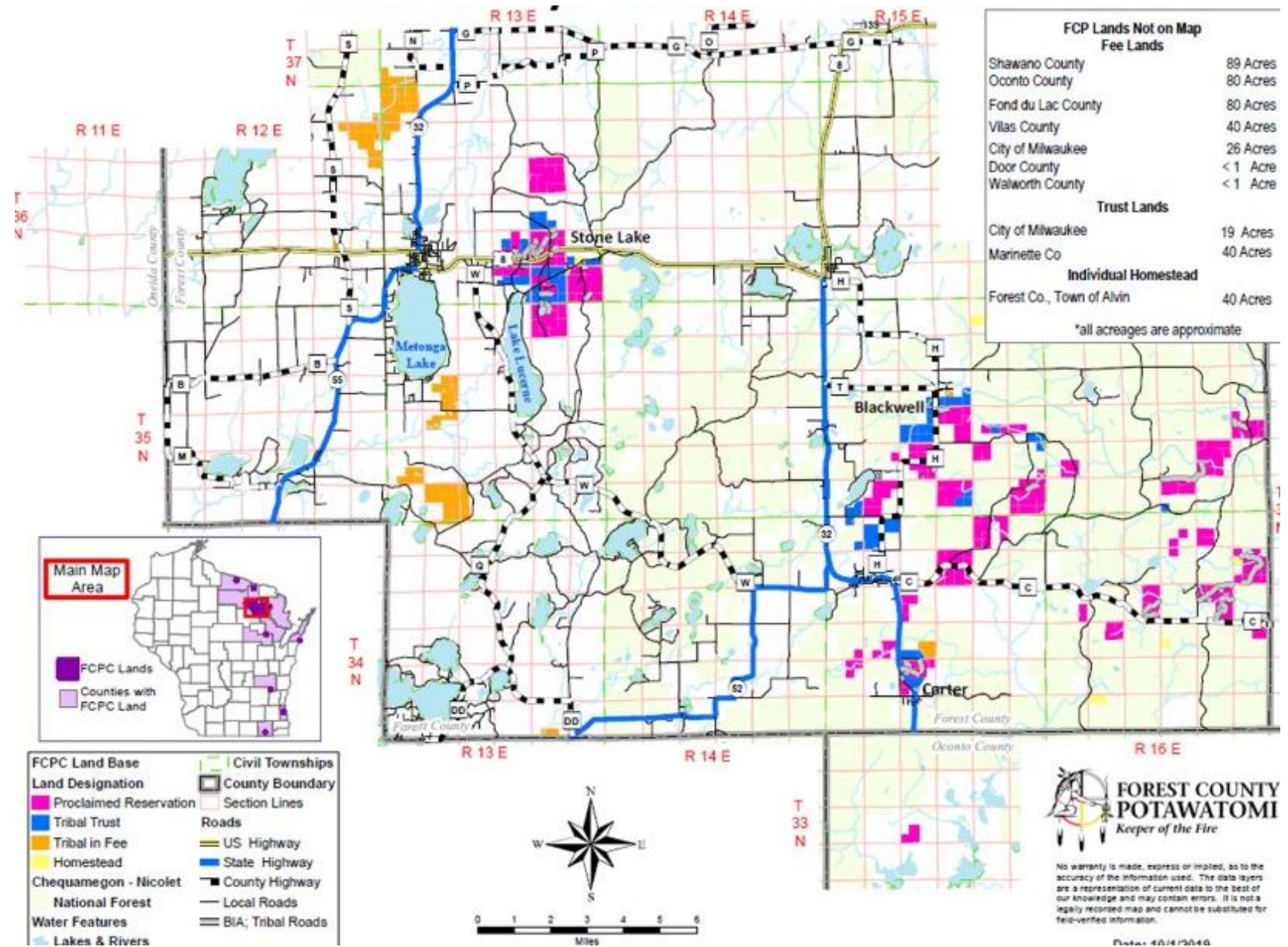
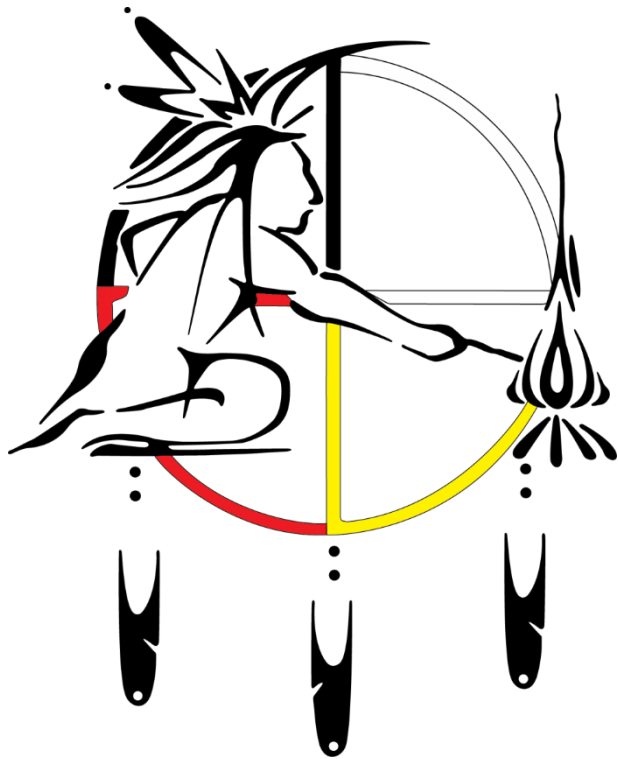
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The Potawatomi were once a part of a historical confederacy made up of the Ojibwa, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations known as the Council of the Three Fires.

- Ojibwa: “Older Brother” and “Keeper of the Faith”
- Odawa: “Middle Brother” and “Keepers of the Trade”
- Potawatomi: “Little Brother” and “Keeper of the Fire”







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Environmental Mission Statement

The traditional values of the Forest County Potawatomi Community teach us to **respect all living things**, to take only what we need from mother earth, and to preserve the air, water, and soil for our children.

Reflecting these values, we take leadership in creating a sustainable and healthy world. We resolve to reduce our own environmental impacts and to take steps to remedy the impacts of others.

We encourage others to do the same. We also seek legislative and policy changes that protect the environment for all people, including generations to come.

(Adopted November 20, 2008)

Project 1:
**Community
Scale Solar**

Background

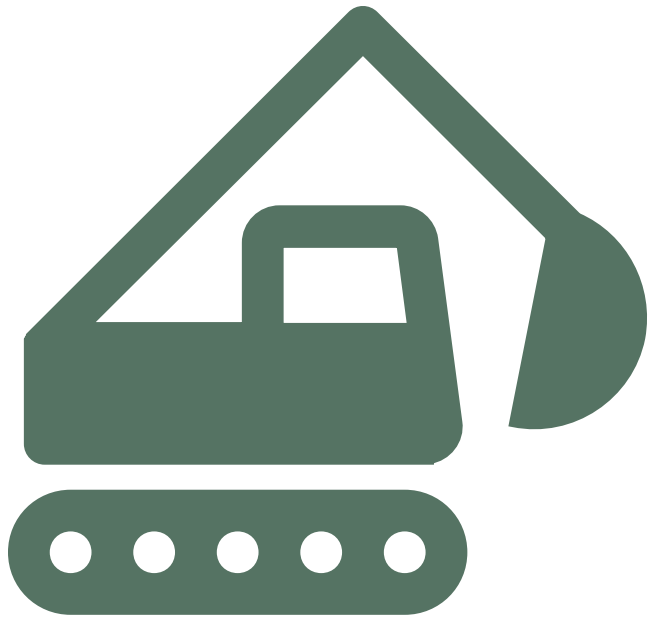
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Community Scale Solar

FCPC's solar PV projects have developed over 2 MW of behind the meter generation at individual sites.

On the reservation in Forest County Wisconsin, the majority of government buildings have energy use offset by solar between 17 and 99.9%

The new grant is providing additional 1.1 MW of solar PV energy for 9 buildings



Project Revisions

- ▶ Site adjustments due to tariff issues, zoning concerns, engineering challenges, and construction schedules
- ▶ New sites were added to absorb over 334 kW of PV at the FCPC RG facility including the Carter Convenience Store and the Stone Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility, and the Community Center along with the Wgema Gym and fleet garage.
- ▶ Other sites were enlarged.
- ▶ Regulatory challenges in Milwaukee forced the movement of 334 kW to other sites.

Solar Sites and Install Capacity

| Solar Array sites | Current kW Solar to Install | Second Change to kW Solar to Install | First Change to kW Solar to Install | Original kW to Install | Change Notes | Mount Type |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| FCPC Bingo 1721 W Canal St. Milwaukee, WI | 323.1 | 323.1 | 323.1 | 280 | Increased kW | Roof |
| Potawatomi Carter Casino & Hotel (PCCH) 616 Highway 32, Wabeno, WI | 227 | 339.9 | 249.9 | 197 | Increased kW | Roof |
| Carter Wastewater Treatment Plant 3909 Industrial Park Rd, Wabeno, WI | 40.3 | 40.3 | 40.3 | 20 | Increased kW | Roof |
| Stone Lake Church 5132 Jaeger Rd, Crandon WI | 9.43 | 9.43 | 9.43 | 8 | Increased kW | Roof |
| (Modified Site) Aquaponics 3389 County Highway H, Laona, WI | 60 | 133.7 | 85.3 | 60 | Stayed the same | Roof |
| (New location) Carter C-Store 614 WI Highway 32, Wabeno, WI | 63.2 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 0 | New location | Roof |
| (New location) Stone Lake Wastewater Treatment 8138 Mish ko Swen Dr., Crandon, WI | 97.4 | 97.4 | 41.9 | 0 | New location | Roof |
| (New location) Community Center The Place Where Everyone Comes To Play Rd, Crandon, WI | 273.9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New location | Roof |
| (New location) Fleet Garage The Place Where Everyone Comes To Play Rd, Crandon, WI | 24.9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New location | Roof |
| (New Location) Wgema Gym | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New location | Roof |
| Removed site Wgema Campus | 0 | 0 | 334.9 | 255 | Removed site | Ground |
| (Removed Site) Carter Church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | Removed site | Roof |
| (Removed Site) FCPC Renewable Generation Biodigester Facility | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | Removed site | Ground |
| Total kW Solar to be Installed (Net Increase of ~80 kW) | 1176.23 | 1,007 | 1,148 | 1,068 | | |

PROJECT GOAL

- ▶ Install 1.1 MW of solar generation at 9 sites.
- ▶ Tribe anticipates substantial energy offset, ranging from 4.2 – 99.9% grid electricity reduction at the selected sites.
- ▶ This focuses on the Tribe's goal of achieving 100% carbon-neutrality.
- ▶ This project further instills tribal energy sovereignty.



Steps Taken



RFP for solar installer/contractor circulated in 2019.



Contractor chosen and construction is underway.



Installations are planned and approved with minor modifications.



NEPA review is complete.



Interconnection agreements are completed but for the carter casino.



Site specific permits have been obtained.



8 Solar sites have been completed.

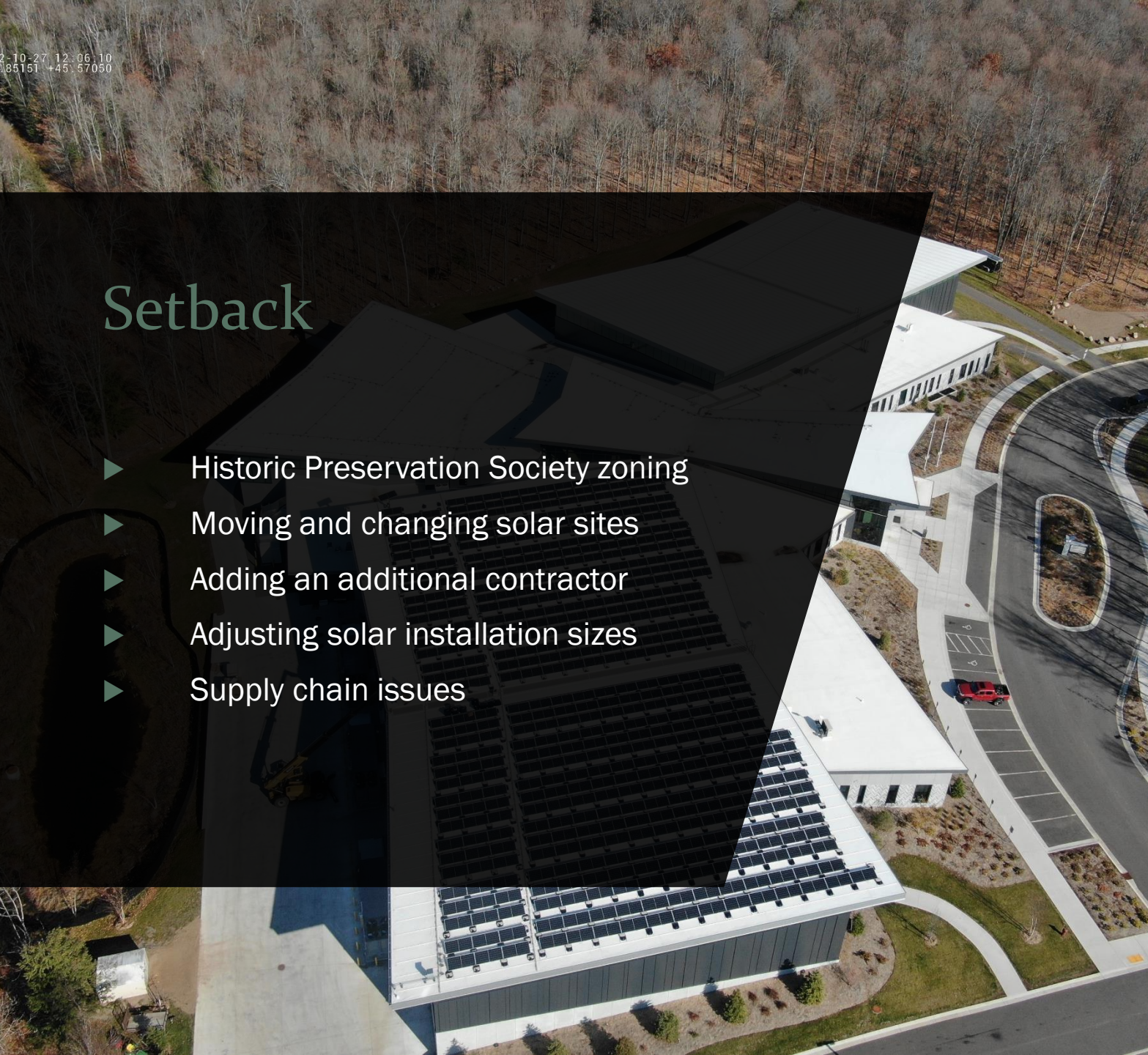


4 sites are currently under construction

3 of the 4 sites are having supply chain issues receiving service panels

Setback

- ▶ Historic Preservation Society zoning
- ▶ Moving and changing solar sites
- ▶ Adding an additional contractor
- ▶ Adjusting solar installation sizes
- ▶ Supply chain issues



NEXT STEPS

1. Work with the Contractor and Sub-contractor on finishing the work by spring 2024.
2. Work with distributors to source parts that are caught in supply chain issues.
3. Conduct quality control inspections of the solar installations.
4. Monitor the solar generation

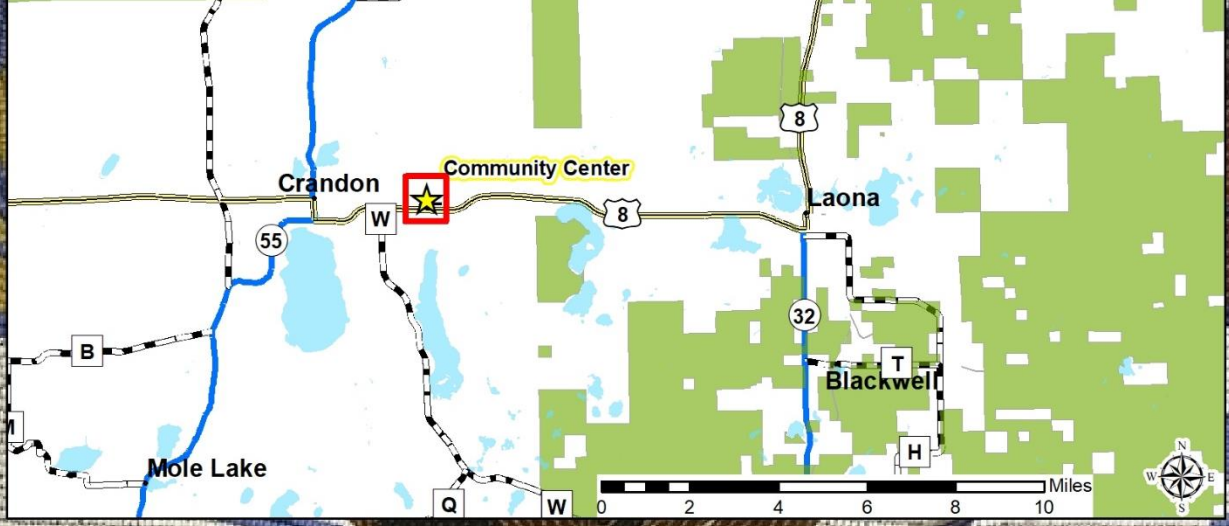




When life gives you lemons,
we made lemonade in the
form of 400 kW of solar that's
been installed on the
Community Center instead of
the original 200 kW

Project 2:
Community Center
Solar and Energy
Efficiency Measures
(EEMs)





Project Goals

- Based on the Tribe's environmental mission and FCPC values, the Tribe set specific project goals for options selection, such that each option must:
 - Minimize building energy demand;
 - Pay for itself over its lifespan;
 - Be technologically deployable within the construction timeline; and
 - Be grant eligible.
- In addition, any renewable energy generation system selected must:
 - Preserve the landscape; and
 - Must not discourage Tribal members from visiting the community center.



Decision Making

| Improve / Add | Measure # | Option | Annual therms Saved | Annual kWh Saved | Cost | 30 Yr Cost Savings | Payoff Year |
|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Walls | 1 | R-21.85 | 610 | | 4,545 | 10,914 | 13 |
| | 1 | R-28.1 | 929 | | 9,090 | 14,454 | 16 |
| | 1 | R-34.35 | 1,103 | | 13,383 | 14,571 | 18 |
| Windows | 2 | U-0.20 | 6,677 | | 158,146 | 11,071 | 29 |
| Roof | 3 | R-37.5 | 454 | | 12,087 | -581 | 31 |
| | 3 | R-40 | 883 | | 24,584 | -2,206 | 32 |
| | 3 | R-42.5 | 1,261 | | 49,168 | -17,210 | 39 |
| Under Slab | 4 | R-10 | 13,537 | | 43,900 | 299,173 | 6 |
| | 4 | R-20 | 18,049 | | 87,800 | 369,622 | 9 |
| Edge / BG | 5 | R-15 | 198 | | 5,159 | -141 | 31 |
| | 5 | R-20 | 441 | | 9,055 | 2,121 | 27 |
| Boiler | 6 | Condensing | 7,419 | | 31,750 | 156,272 | 8 |
| Pool | 7 | 70% ERV | 55,000 | | 19,250 | 1,374,634 | 1 |
| Light | 8 | Controls | | 103,120 | 20,000 | 268,659 | 4 |
| Solar PV | 9 | 200 kW | | 216,449 | 188,674 | 522,304 | 10 |
| Total | | | 89,950 | 319,569 | 577,226 | 2,702,044 | 8 |

An aerial photograph of a large, modern building complex with multiple interconnected structures. The roofs are covered in snow, and the surrounding landscape is a dense forest of bare trees, also covered in snow. A parking lot with several cars is visible in the foreground. The image is presented in a vertical orientation on the left side of the slide.

Progress

200 kW Solar PV System

- FCPC received 3 competitive bids.
- Final contractor has been selected.
- Contract has completed a legal review and next the contract will be signed approved by Executive Council.
- Design is complete, working
- Interconnection agreements are completed.
- FCPC received \$35,648 in incentives for EEMs from the state run energy efficiency program – Focus on Energy and is expecting to receive \$46,000.00 for the 200 kW of solar to be installed.
- Completed the installation of 200 kW more solar to the building for a total of 400 kW to produce 100% of daytime energy needs
- **The building and solar installations have been completed**

Lessons Learned

- Aligning the grant application with a tight new building construction schedule is very difficult.
- Difficultly separating incremental prices of EEM upgrades from general construction budget.
- Getting the inverters to talk with other systems via the net is very challenging.

Reasoning for the need of the Community Center

▶ https://www.facebook.com/fcpotawatomi/videos/207965054712974/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOS_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing

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ENERGY
EFFICIENCY
PROJECT 3
2023



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY

Milwaukee Hotel and Casino HVAC Efficiency Upgrades

TOPIC AREA 1.B

Project Summary

The Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) project will install nine energy efficiency measures focused on the HVAC system at the Milwaukee Potawatomi Hotel and Casino (PHC), which is the Tribe's largest energy demanding facility. The project goal is to promote FCPC energy sovereignty through the installation of cost-effective energy efficiency measures. This goal would be achieved through the following objective: Save 959,040 kWh and 263,000 therms in the first year of operations after the installation of all 9 EEMs.

| EEM | Est. Life (Yrs) | FCPC Cost (\$) | Annual Savings (\$) | Proj. Pay-back (Yrs) | FCPC Pay-back (Yrs) | FCPC Net Lifetime Savings (\$) | FCPC ROI (%) |
|--|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Operate Snowmelt Based on Weather Forecast | 7 | \$1,200 | \$17,680 | 0.34 | 0.07 | \$122,560 | 10,213% |
| 2. Implement Chilled Water Supply Temperature Reset | 7 | \$4,600 | \$5,600 | 4.11 | 0.82 | \$34,600 | 752% |
| 3. Cycle Hot Water Coil Pumps Based on Mixed Air Temp. | 7 | \$6,200 | \$9,300 | 3.33 | 0.67 | \$58,900 | 950% |
| 4. EndoTherm Hotel Heating & Cooling | 12 | \$18,000 | \$46,060 | 1.95 | 0.39 | \$534,720 | 2,971% |
| 5. EndoTherm Casino Heating | 12 | \$31,200 | \$111,800 | 1.40 | 0.28 | \$1,310,400 | 4,200% |
| 6. EndoTherm Casino Cooling | 12 | \$42,000 | \$29,000 | 7.24 | 1.45 | \$306,000 | 729% |
| 7. Install Event Center Occupancy Sensors | 25 | \$55,400 | \$16,420 | 16.87 | 3.37 | \$355,100 | 641% |
| 8. Implement Ultralow Temperature Heating | 25 | \$98,200 | \$51,540 | 9.53 | 1.91 | \$1,190,300 | 1,212% |
| 9. Install Boiler Economizer to Preheat Domestic Hot Water | 25 | \$123,200 | \$29,682 | 20.75 | 4.15 | \$618,900 | 502% |
| Measurement & Verification | - | \$19,400 | - | - | - | -\$19,400 | - |
| Travel | - | \$9,844 | - | - | - | -\$1,969 | - |
| Total | 21.3 | \$401,369 | \$317,084 | 6.33 | 1.27 | \$4,510,111 | 1,124% |

Key Personnel/Organizations

Applicant: Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC), a federally recognized Indian tribe
Project Manager: Jerald Hauber ● 715-478-4704
Business Contact: David Emmerich ● 414-817-8056

Budget

Federal funds requested: \$1,605,475
Cost-share proposed: \$401,369
Total Project Costs: \$2,006,844

Project Outcomes

After the implementation of all 9 EEM's, FCPC anticipates a project lifetime energy savings of 13,488 MWh and 4,288,000 therms, resulting in a lifetime carbon reduction of 22,684 metric tons (MT) of CO₂e. Over the lifespan of the EEMs, the project would save the Tribe \$4,510,111, and has a total project payback of 6.33 years and an FCPC payback of 1.27 years. The deployment of the EEMs will assist FCPC in reaching its goal of energy sovereignty through the use of 100% carbon neutral renewable energy, by reducing the load required to offset.

Level II HVAC Energy Audit Results

| Energy Saving Strategy | Electrical Savings (kWh) | Demand Savings (kW) | Gas Savings (therms) | Emission Savings (tons CO ₂ e) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| Obtain Specifications for Implementation: | | | | |
| Operate Snowmelt Based on Weather Forecast | 22,000 | 0 | 18,000 | 100 |
| Implement Chilled Water Supply Temperature Reset | 56,000 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Install Event Center Occupancy Sensors and Implement Scheduling | 61,000 | 10 | 12,000 | 100 |
| Cycle Hot Water Coil Pump Based on Mixed Air Temp * | 93,000 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Implement Ultralow Temperature Heating * | 180,000 | 0 | 39,000 | 400 |
| Install Boiler Economizer to Preheat Domestic Hot Water * | (22,960) | 0 | 43,000 | 200 |
| Install Magnetic Bearing Chiller to Improve Part Load Efficiency * | 290,000 | 100 | 0 | 200 |
| Total for all measures above recommended for implementation or study: | 679,040 | 110 | 112,000 | 1,100 |
| Additional Opportunities: | | | | |
| EndoTherm Casino Heating * | 0 | 0 | 130,000 | 800 |
| EndoTherm Hotel Heating and Cooling * | 280,000 | 0 | 21,000 | 300 |
| EndoTherm Casino Cooling * | 290,000 | 0 | 0 | 200 |
| Upgrade Cooling Tower to Fluid Cooler * † | 700,000 | 0 | 0 | 500 |

* Further study required, † Incremental cost used, TBD = to be determined

EndoTherm-Hydronic Additive

- ▶ Additive for HVAC loops that reduces surface tension and improves heat transfer.
- ▶ Organic and non-corrosive additive, around 1% of total volume.



| Chemical name | Concentration | CAS no. | EINECS no. |
|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Glycoside | ≤ 10% | 68515-73-1 | 500-220-1 |

3.2 Mixture

Type of formulation: Soluble Liquid (SL), concentrated product, to be diluted in use
Further information: $ATE_{mix} \geq 10,000$ mg/kg bw (not classified)
M-factor = not classified

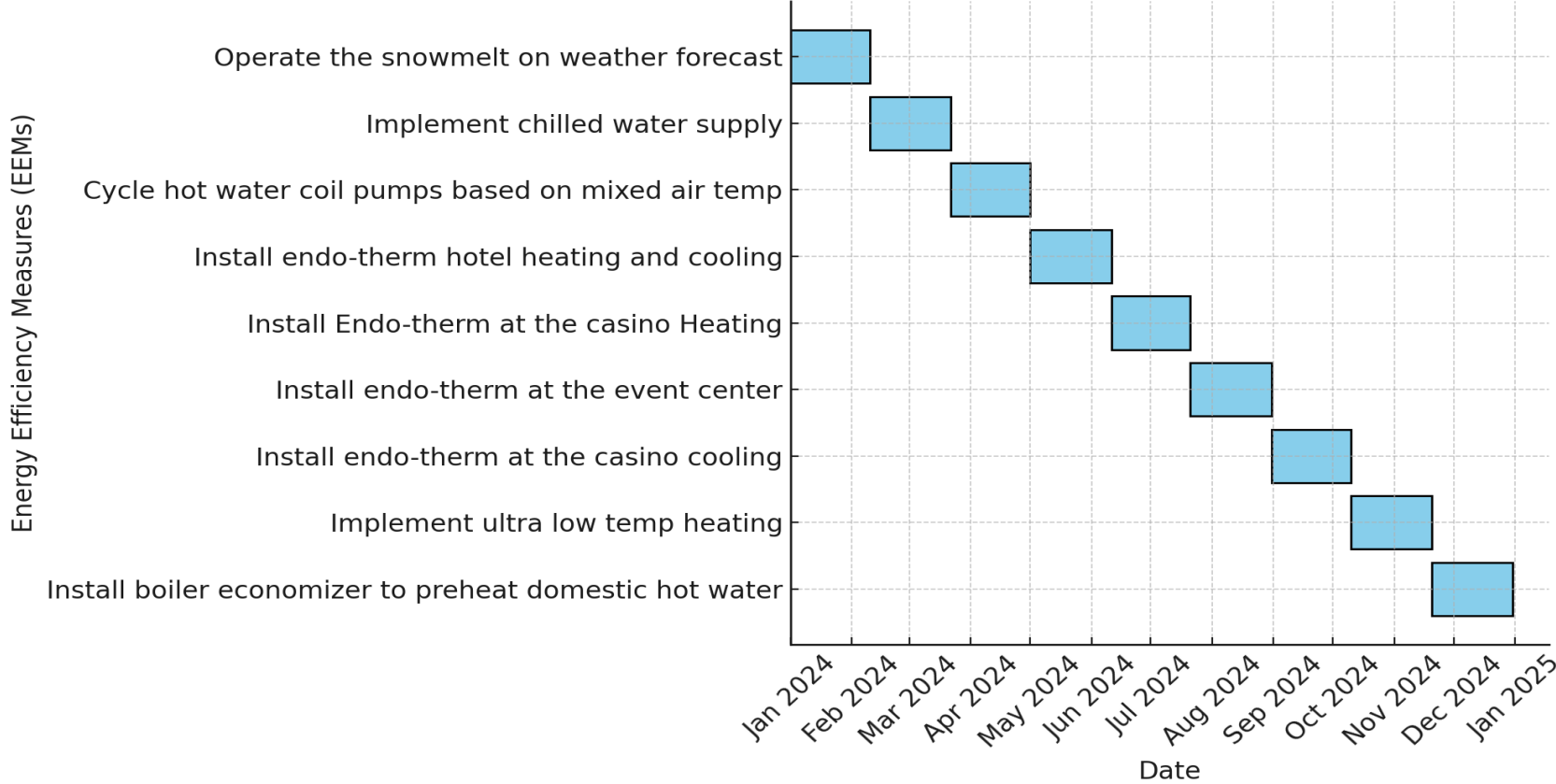
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| water | 231-792-2 | 7732-18-5 | 90-95 |
| glycoside | 500-220-1 | 68515-73-1 | 5-10 |

Options Selection and Economics

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Gantt Chart for EEMs Implementation

Gantt Chart for Implementation of EEMs at Milwaukee





Thank You!