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Open house set for solar electric project

Oakland University recently completed a 10 kilowatt photovoltaic (solar electric) project. The project, jointly funded by OU and a grant from the state of Michigan, consists of locally manufactured photovoltaic (PV) shingles used as an example of a building-integrated PV design on the University Student Apartments community house.

To help further the goal, demonstrating solar PV to the public, the university is holding an open house on Friday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the community house.

The open house is scheduled in conjunction with the Eighth Annual National Solar Tour organized by the American Solar Energy Society. The nationally coordinated event offers additional sites for viewing on Saturday, Oct. 4. Participants are invited to tour local homes and businesses to see how people are lowering their electric utility costs and enjoying more comfortable, light-filled spaces.

Solar Tour participants have the opportunity to see firsthand the successful use of passive solar designs and solar-electric generating systems in buildings. Strategies for integrating solar energy into buildings and the benefits, such as lowering or eliminating electric utility costs and increasing comfort for building residents, also will be discussed.

For a detailed description on the OU project, visit the [OU Energy Management](#) Web site. For more information on Michigan area tours visit the [Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association](#) Web site or the [American Solar Energy Society](#) Web site.

SUMMARY

OU recently completed a solar electric project and is holding an open house on Friday, Oct. 3, to demonstrate the project to the public.

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