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## Town of Williamson takes steps to reduce carbon footprint

### Wastewater Treatment Plant produces Renewable Power

The Town of Williamson has completed the installation of a package of green infrastructure projects which will offset non-renewable energy with solar power, and conserve both energy and water.

Investing over \$700,000 in 2009 Federal stimulus funds administered through Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Innovative Grant Program the plant will save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year, reduce the Town's carbon footprint and contribute to the creation of local green collar jobs. The plant's energy and water conservation improvements are part of a long-term community sustainability plan developed by community leaders.

Town officials have scheduled an Open House and public ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, November 15th from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Williamson Wastewater Treatment Plant, 4390 Maken Road in Williamson. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m.

Projects to be unveiled include:

- A 60 kw solar (photovoltaic) array producing as much as 80,000 of kWh each year resulting in a savings of over \$8000.00 per year
- 1200 square feet of green roof reducing stormwater runoff, demand for heating and cooling and extending the life of the roof membrane.
- The installation of an below ground storage tank and yard hydrant which will recycle rainwater for non-potable uses such as equipment cleaning and irriga-



*Town of Williamson Supervisor Jim Hoffman and Chief Waste Water Operator John Manahan standing in front of the new solar array located at the waste water treatment plant. This was one of multiple upgrades made at the plant.*

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Town Supervisor Jim Hoffman noted, "The Town of Williamson looks forward to operating a net zero energy wastewater treatment plant in the near future. We will continue to identify resources for further green initiatives throughout the Town."

**Larsen Engineers of Rochester, New York prepared the state grant application, the green infrastructure design and co-ordinated construction.**

For further information contact Supervisor Hoffman at (315) 589-2038



*John Manahan showing off a sample of the new "green" roof on the main building at the plant. These will help the plant to collect run-off water and reuse it for washing out tanks and trucks.*