

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2013

Community Sustainability Award

St. Paul's Episcopal Church & Renewable Energy Ventures



In 2012, **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** led by its sustainability committee, partnered with **Renewable Energy Ventures** to install a photovoltaic system designed to supply 85 percent of the Church's electrical power.

Prior to the project, St. Paul's performed two energy audits and implemented recommendations including new lighting and repairs to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

As a nonprofit organization, St. Paul's was unable to take advantage of federal tax incentives that make similar installations cost effective for individuals and for-profit companies. The partnership with Renewable Energy Ventures allowed St. Paul's to finance the project through a 25-year power-purchase agreement.

Project Achievement Area

- Climate Change & Energy Conservation
- Green Design
- Economic Sustainability

