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Town of Hamilton Garage Gets a Boost from the Sun

Hamilton, NY - On August 30 the switch was thrown and the Town of Hamilton's Highway Garage, located on Cranston Road, started making its own energy, with a little help from the sun! Photovoltaic panels were installed through the Solarize Madison project (www.solarizemadison.com), and Hamilton took a step towards reducing the Town's carbon footprint and saving money.

Arista Power Inc. installed the 15.9kW system on the roof of the garage. With savings through Solarize Madison and with a NYSERDA rebate, the net cost of the project was \$39,375. The panels should produce 17,802 kWh per year and cover 96% of the garage's total electricity usage. The system feeds electricity to the garage, with excess energy feeding back into the grid, offsetting the cost of electricity used by the garage. Estimated monthly savings are \$302, and the system will pay itself back over 14 years. The equipment is guaranteed and has a lifespan of over 25 years. During that time it's estimated the town will save \$85,259, and move the Town of Hamilton towards a greener community.

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