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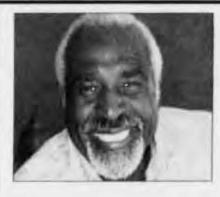
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The Portland Observer Sustainability



Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle champions sustainability and green technology during a demonstration of a solar project at the Beaverton Farmers Market that powers three electric vehicle charging stations.

Solar Beaverton Creates Jobs

Beaverton was showcased last future." week at the National League of Cities conference in Phoenix, Ariz.

"Through our public outreach efforts, we've heard that promoting and incentivizing green technology is a community priority," said Mayor Doyle. "This program is a shining example of how sustainability can create local jobs,

A solar energy program in our community towards a better installation of solar technology,

2010 as a pilot program with a goal of 50 installations, to gauge citizen interest in solar power.

The pilot ended successfully with 62 homes installing solar panels and more than 400 inquiries. The overwhelming interest from residents motivated city leadgenerate revenue, and help move ers to continue to promote the end of 2011.

promote the use of renewable Solar Beaverton began in March energy, while supporting local jobs and manufacturing in the community.

The Solar Beaverton program has been credited with creating 12 local living-wage jobs and increasing solar activity dramatically. The goal is to install 220 solar systems on homes by the

Airport Tests System to Collect Pollutants

struction, testing is now underway on the newly expanded Portland International Airport de-icing or the sanitary sewer system.

stormwater collection system. conducted to ensure flight safety deicing system captures deicing stormwater.

The expanded system increases

Following two years of con-runoff, and allows treatment of a discharge to the Columbia River

The \$74 million project includes Aircraft and airfield deicing is a new 3-million gallon concentrated runoff storage tank, two when the weather is cold, and the 6.5-million gallon dilute runoff storage tanks, and three pump chemicals that mixes with stations. Also included is a new treatment facility, more than six miles of underground piping, and the existing storage capacity for an outfall to the Columbia River.

"We thank our project partners portion of the runoff prior to for helping us design and construct what may be the most sophisticated airport deicing stormwater collection system in America," said Susan Aha, Port of Portland de-icing program manager. "We're proud that this system will allow us to continue operating PDX flights safely in cold weather, and at the same time protect the health of the waterways near the airport."