

Residential Renewable Energy Assessment



Question

What would it take for Mr. Redfield to generate or save 20% of the electric energy requirements based on 2017's energy consumption?



Assumptions

- Energy saved is counted the same as energy generated
- \$0.14/kWh
 - Summer rate: \$0.18/kWh
 - Winter rate: \$0.14/kWh
 \$0.14/kWh is conservative





Energy Consumption



2017 Energy Consumption: 33,900 kWh/yr Savings Goal: 6,780 kWh/yr Calvin College

Agenda







Solar

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US Solar Radiation



Image Courtesy of NERL Resource Assessment Program



Site Locations



Image Courtesy of Google Earth



Final Site Location





Assumptions

- Use existing electrical infrastructure
 - Conduit
 - Breakers
- No change to taxable property value
- Tree removal by homeowner
- Total cost estimates
 o 30% Rebate on PV cells, inverter



Cost Includes

- Panel and Inverter
- Racking
- Labor (10%)
- Shipping (10%)
- 30% Rebate



Courtesy of pngmart.com



Key Variables

- Panel Type
- Quantity



Monocrystalline

Polycrystalline

Courtesy of ALBA Energy



Solar Option A (Poly 20)



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

12 years

6 years

\$11,500



Solar Option B (Mono 20)



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

12 years

9 years

\$11,800



Solar Option C (Poly 36)



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

10 years

6 years

\$17,200



Solar Option D (Mono 36)



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

10 years

9 years

\$17,700



Solar Option E (Mono 28)



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

Sept Oct Nov Dec 10 years 8 years \$14,800 31.2% Calvín № ...

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Side By Side Comparison

	A (Poly 20)	B (Mono 20)	C (Poly 36)	D (Mono 36)	E (Mono 28)
Total Cost*	\$11,500	\$11,800	\$17,200	\$17,700	\$14,800
Energy Production (kWh/yr)	6,700	7,000	12,100	12,600	10,600
Energy Production (% Total Use)	19.9%	20.6%	35.8%	37.1%	31.2%
Monetary Payback (Years)*	12.2	12.0	10.2	10.1	10.0
Energy Payback (Years)	6.1	8.9	6.1	8.9	8.2

*Includes: PV cells, inverter, 30% rebate, mounting rails, labor, shipping, wiring



Solar Options



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Additional Info

Sense Monitoring System - \$350





Additional Info

- Potential contractors include:
 - West Michigan Solar
 - Solar Winds
 - J & L Roofing



http://www.jlroofing.com/









Wind

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Wind Estimates for Michigan



Assumptions

- Cost breakdown estimates emulate a known wind turbine installation.
- Cost of set up is similar for all turbine options



Wind Turbine Cost Breakdown

- Turbine
- Conduit
- Permits
- Fence and Gate
- Weather Monitoring Instruments
- Wire
- Power and Comms Bore





Wind Option A - Aeolos 600W



- Rotor Height:
- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

Aeolos 600 W Oct Nov Dec 1.8 m (5.9 ft) 364.8 years 57.4 years \$38,000

2.2%



Wind Option B – WindSpot 1.5 kW



79 years

13 years

11.2%

- Monetary Payback Time:
- **Energy Payback Time:**
- **Capital Investment:** \$42,000
- % of 2017 Consumption:

Calvin

Wind Option C - WindSpot 3.5kW



87 years

14 years

\$43,000

Calvin

10.3%

- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:

• % of 2017 Consumption:

Wind Option D - Bergey 6kW



63 years

14 years

\$ 57,000

Calvín

19%

- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:

% of 2017 Consumption:

Wind Options





Power Curve Comparison





Wind Study

- Duration of 1 year of continuously logged data
- Should be conducted at location of turbine hub



courtesy of https://www.meteoblue.com/en/solarplus



Anemometers

Anemometer Options:

- Solar powered data logger
- AC powered data logger



courtesy of http://aprsworld.com/selfcontained/solar



courtesy of http://aprsworld.com/selfcontained/ac/



Wind Turbine Recommendation

• Windspot 1.5 kW



courtesy of https://www.alibaba.com/



Installation Recommendation (Windspot 1.5kW)

- Tower should be 10 meters higher than tallest obstacle
- Turbine should be at a distance twice the height of the obstacle



courtesy of http://usa.windspot.es/home-wind-turbines/products/106/faq#how-much-space-do-i-need





Hydro/Efficiency/Geothermal

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Options

- Hydro
 - Generator on a waterfall
- Efficiency
 - Reseal doors
 - Replace windows
- Geothermal
 - Replace the oldest heat pump





Efficiency Option A – Hydro Generator



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

156 years

37 years

>\$10,000



Efficiency Option B – Sealing of Doors



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

0.51 years 0.08 years \$25 1.02%



Efficiency Option C – Replacement of Windows



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

63 years 8.6 years \$38,000 10.8%



Efficiency Option D – Geothermal Replacement



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

10 years

5.5 years

\$10,000



Efficiency Options





Additional Info

- Different projects may not have additive savings
- A free professional consultation is available from Consumers Energy
 - Home Energy Analysis- Insulating pipes, installing free LED's, shower heads, thermostats
 - https://www.homeanalysisconsumersenergy.com/Schedule





Communications and Infrastructure

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Recommended Work Package



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

11 years

7 years

\$25,000



Addition 1: 8 Solar Panels



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

-.1 years

.6 years

\$2,900



Addition 2: Window Replacement



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

12 years

.3 years

\$39,000



Addition 3: Wind Turbine



- Monetary Payback Time:
- Energy Payback Time:
- Capital Investment:
- % of 2017 Consumption:

14 years

1 year

\$42,000



Comparison



Comparison



Connection to Grid





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Questions?



