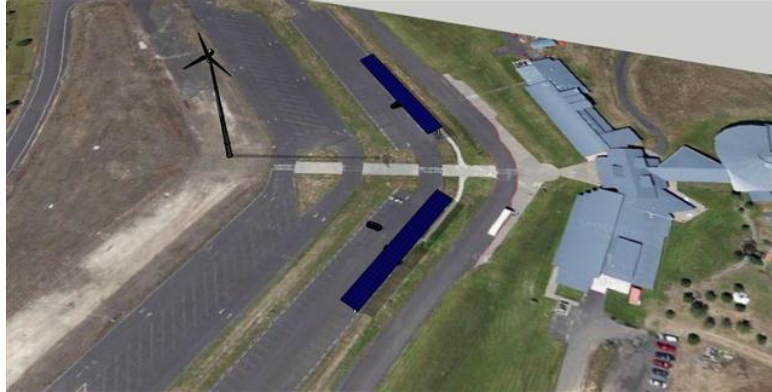


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Aerial rendering of carports

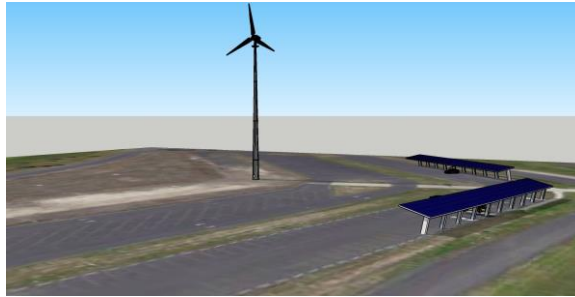
Solar Carport Under Construction at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute

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In their continuing quest to reach net zero energy consumption, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute in Pendleton, Oregon is building two solar carports in their parking lot. This follows installation of a wind turbine last year.

With a portion of a grant from Pacific Power [Blue Sky](#) of Oregon for \$350,000 and a cash award from the [Energy Trust of Oregon](#) in the amount of \$78,138, Tamástslíkt was able to start construction this week on two 123kW solar carports. The project should be completed by March 30, 2016.

The 432 Solar World 285 watt solar panels were manufactured in Hillsboro, Oregon and will produce about 140,000kW hours of electricity per year - enough to power thirteen average Northwest homes.



Rendering of carports in parking lot

Hire Electric, who installed the 50kW wind turbine at Tamástslíkt in early 2014, is constructing the carports. Hire Electric has been installing solar and small wind systems in eastern Oregon and Washington since 2003.

For more information, go to www.tamastslíkt.org.

About Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. A Blue Star museum, Tamástslíkt is one of the many museums across the nation that offers free admission to families of active duty servicemen and women year-round.

In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástslíkt operates a museum store, café, and offers meeting room rentals. Tamástslíkt is open six days a week, 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Kinship Café is open from 11am to 2pm on the same days the museum is open.

Tamástslíkt is located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástslíkt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the "Mission-LaGrande" sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331.

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