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## City of Tucson Udall Park Goes Solar

**Tucson, AZ – December XX, 2016:** City of Tucson Udall Park, located at 7200 E Tanque Verde Road in Tucson, is now getting its power from the sun! Installed by Technicians For Sustainability (TFS), Udall Park's solar energy system will help to greatly reduce the environmental impact of running park facilities while generating over \$200,000 in financial savings for the City of Tucson over the next 20 years.

The City of Tucson's decision to implement solar supports their commitment to providing Tucson's residents with a healthy public recreation space to enjoy time amongst the natural elements of our city. The City sees the new solar electricity system as not only a financially responsible investment to help the save money over time, but as a way to further give back to the community in Tucson through a significantly reduced carbon footprint. The newly installed solar energy system will fully cover the electrical energy needs to operate the park's Senior Center, while providing additional clean energy to power other facets of the park's infrastructure.

Udall Park's 578 kW solar energy system, consisting of over 1,500 solar panels, will generate an average of 963,360 kWh of clean energy per year, Udall Park's solar energy system will offset the release of over 2,000,000 pounds of CO2 into the atmosphere, and the consumption of 465,000 gallons of water that would otherwise be used for the generation of electricity from fossil fuels. Furthering the environmental benefits of Udall Park's solar energy system, TFS planted mesquite trees along footpaths, to provide shade for future walkers. The additional trees planted will in time add to the total CO2 offset of their solar energy system, which already amounts to an equivalency of 46,300 trees planted. In addition to the environmental offsets, the solar energy system will provide shaded coverage to 116 parking spaces at the park's Senior Center, including 18 handicapped spaces.

City of Tucson Energy Manager Jason Laros says, "Technicians for Sustainability and the City staff have done an outstanding job coordinating this renewable energy project. The City government now gets nearly 15% of its electricity from renewable resources. Looking forward, we are planning a heavy focus on energy efficiency and will consider building more solar projects over the next five years as part of our energy management plan."

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## About City of Tucson Udall Park

Udall Park, located in the northeast part of Tucson, is a popular attraction for its diverse activities at the park as well as in the surrounding area. The 172-acre park includes picnic and parking areas and multi-use fields. Before the site became a park, it had been the location of the Geological Survey Magnetic Observatory since 1909. This is a public park that features a Senior Center and recreation center (indoor basketball and volleyball) with fitness facilities, indoor jogging track, and heated outdoor pool.

## About Technicians For Sustainability

Technicians For Sustainability (TFS) is a locally owned, mission-driven business, committed to walking their talk. They provide businesses, public institutions, and residential homeowners with high-quality, clean, renewable energy systems, helping to translate environmental values into a practical reality. The company employs proven technologies to meet customer's specific needs, including solar electricity and solar hot water heating. TFS has installed over eighteen megawatts of solar power in Southern Arizona. For more information about Technicians For Sustainability visit [tfssolar.com](http://tfssolar.com)

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