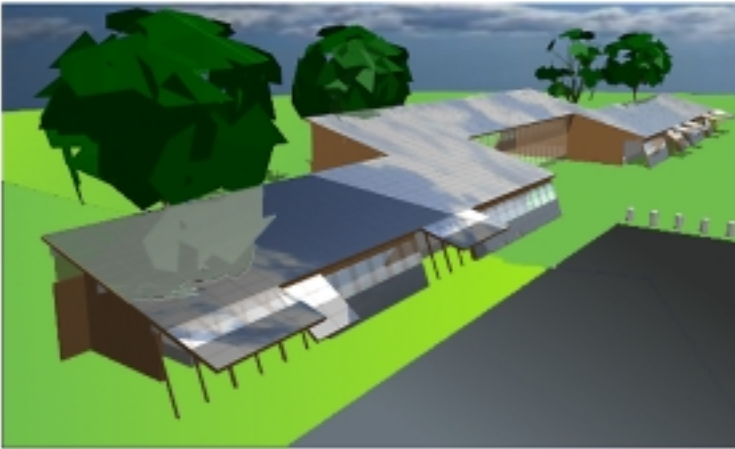




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environmental research  
and law center



This research and education center will help fulfill the desire of W. Haywood Burns — an activist, attorney, civil rights spokesperson — to realize the aspirations of underserved communities. The Center's mission includes both educating Albany residents about the environment using the nearby Tivoli Preserve as an outdoor classroom, and providing a facility for scientific and medical research into pollution-related issues.

The Center will also be home to the Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corporation, which provides technical assistance to the community in addressing environmental toxins. On a national level, legal professionals will use the Center to do research necessary to support the public's right to know about environmental dangers and to pursue legal remedies for pollution.

The new headquarters for the Burns Center will be an 8,000sf freestanding building on a prominent site at the main entrance to Tivoli Park. Construction is to be structural insulated panels (SIPs) integrated with a photovoltaic (PV) weathering surface. SIPs are a low-cost, energy- and resource-efficient construction material. Combining SIPs with PVs, the Burns Center will be the first world's first energy-exporting, low-cost office building. Pivoting wall panels along the south façade will enable the building to be opened to the breeze during appropriate weather. These will also extend the roof angle to provide interior shading and minimize heat gain.

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