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**Innovative  
Industry**

**Congratulations Leadership  
Dalton-Whitfield Class of 2012**



#### Green Energy At Work

This 12 solar panel sun tracker along with 442 solar panels located on roof, collects radiation from the sun and converts usable energy to power our fleet of electric lift trucks.

All together it generates 100 K Watts, enough to power 10 homes.

Our contribution to the environment.

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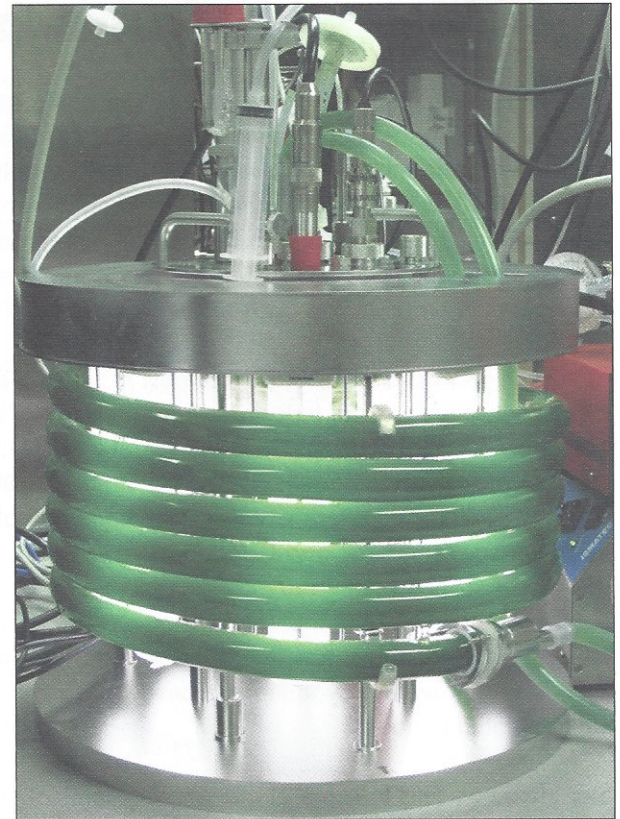
## Innovation and Success

Dalton Utilities, in partnership with Georgia Power, has created a solar plant located on Dalton Utilities' property. All of the renewable energy credits will become the property of Dalton Utilities. The initial phase of the plant, located on Looper Bridge Road in Dalton, went on line in 2011. Construction on the second phase was completed in late March. The first two phases consist of more than 3,100 fixed-tilt solar panels and provide a combined capacity of approximately 700 kW, enough energy to power 95 homes.

Dalton Utilities has not stopped with just solar energy. The utility company is currently partnering with the University of Georgia to make algae even "greener." The partnership was born two years ago in an effort to determine the effectiveness of algae in removing nutrients from wastewater. In the process, a multi-faceted benefit was discovered – algae is effective in removing nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen from the wastestream and algae is a great source for the creation of biodiesel. If everything goes as intended, Dalton Utilities plans to build a full-scale production plant on its property with the ultimate goal to produce enough biodiesel to power the Utility's diesel fleet.

The innovation of local businesses has resulted in many new ideas, methods and products, both then and now. As Cofield stated, "Anything we lack in education is made up with pure innovation."

Innovation is thriving in Greater Dalton and it is all around us, whether we realize it or not.



Algae from Dalton Utilities testing facility goes through a sorting process pictured here.



**Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce**

# Business Expo 2012

NorthWest Georgia Trade Center  
Thursday, July 12 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Cookout on the Hill 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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