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Grove Pointe Homeowners Association Installs EverLast® Induction Acorn Fixtures as part of "Green" Initiative

With energy–efficiency at the forefront of everyone's mind, it is no surprise that people are becoming more proactive when it comes to finding "green" alternatives. John Smith, President and Board Director of Grove Pointe Homeowners Association in Sarasota, Florida, was frustrated by the amount of money spent on replacing bulbs in the community's outdated, energy–inefficient high pressure sodium (HPS) street light fixtures so he decided to take matters into his own hands.

"As part of an initiative to 'go green', we the board of directors checked with local electric supply houses to find more energy-efficient light fixtures and were very discouraged by what was available," said Mr. Smith. "I found the EverLast induction acorn fixture on the internet and discovered that we could get a better quality of light that produces twice the light output of a high pressure sodium fixture and cuts our energy use in half."

In addition to energy efficiency, initial cost and maintenance were other main factors Mr. Smith took into consideration when choosing replacement area lighting fixtures. "The original light fixtures were more than 20 years old and it cost approximately $80 to replace a single light bulb. I personally feel that the quality and 10-year warranty period offered with the EverLast acorn fixtures will provide a huge savings to Grove Pointe Homeowners Association over the next number of years," stated Mr. Smith.

With a virtually maintenance free 100,000 hour lamp life rating, energy savings up to 70 percent, unmatched lumen maintenance, and a faster return on investment (ROI) than LED, HPS or HID technology, EverLast® Induction Acorn Walkway lighting fixtures meet the Department of Energy's high efficiency standards – making them today's smartest choice for illuminating parks, parking lots, residential neighborhoods, and other public spaces that require high definition area lighting.

"The aesthetic look of these acorn fixtures, which will enhance the walkways of our neighborhood for years to come, was another important factor," said Mr. Smith. "In previous years we have had our share of vandalism, but with the quality of full spectrum light produced by this fixture, I already see this problem eliminated."

EverLast® Induction Acorn Walkway fixtures are part of a new line of energy-efficient, Michigan-made induction lighting fixtures, called the EverLast® Smart Light Series. The fixture body of the new EverLast® Induction Acorn Walkway fixture is made of lightweight and durable polycarbonate, which allows for quick and easy installation. Step-dimming and on/off sensor controls are available for increased pedestrian safety and unmatched energy savings.

City of Utica, New York Installs Energy-Efficient EverLast® Induction Acorn Light Fixtures

In an effort to reduce energy consumption without taking away from the city's historic, architectural, and cultural charm, the City of Utica, NY replaced one-hundred 150w metal halide fixtures with 70w EverLast® Induction Vintage-Style Acorn Walkway light fixtures within the city's Scenic and Historic Preservation District. The fixtures were purchased with an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

"In addition to aesthetics, the city chose EverLast Lighting over all other brands and technologies because of the energy savings, U.S. components, 10-year warranty, and quality of light they produce," stated Michele Nizzi, Energy Advisor for Eastern Energy Solutions, Inc., the ESCO that sold the new fixtures. "I was an LED representative for two years and no other lighting product or technology can compare to EverLast. EverLast Lighting is by far the most innovative and energy-efficient lighting solution on the market."

EverLast® Type III and Type V Acorn Walkway Fixtures are a cost-effective retrofit for existing pole-mounted globe or acorn fixtures. In addition to the integration of the best quality and most efficient lamp system, the fixtures come with a water-clear, non-yellowing acrylic lens for superior optics. EverLast® Induction Acorn light fixtures reduce energy costs by 50-70% and virtually eliminate maintenance costs by utilizing an induction lamp that is rated for 100,000 hours.

"The total kWh savings is 54%, which will result in approximately $5,049 saved annually simply by switching to EverLast induction acorn fixtures," Nizzi stated. "The city and surrounding businesses are pleased by the color and quality of light produced by the new fixtures. The light distribution is greater and whiter than the previous metal halide fixtures."

The city of Utica was founded in 1832 and is located in a region known as the Mohawk Valley in Central New York. Its residents take pride in the city's historical properties and background. The historic structures that still populate the city are not only symbols of the City's proud past, they continue to contribute to its vitality today – as homes, businesses, meeting places, cultural centers and more.*

*http://www.cityofutica.com/pdf/SHDistBro.pdf