



Solar Village 1974 - 2006

The Solar Energy Applications Laboratory was founded during the 1970s energy crisis by researcher George Oscar Löf. He designed four buildings known as the Solar Village. “Solar I” was the world’s first building designed to be cooled as well as heated by the sun. “Solar II” used an air heating system and an evaporative rock bed regenerative cooler, and “Solar III” featured solar heating and cooling using a liquid system. A “solar dog house” was also constructed to test different solar collection panels.