

SOLAR STATEMENT



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Tuesday, June 5, 2018

International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation
1717 Pennsylvania AVE NW, Ste. 750
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Andrea Fox and Zach Greene:

On behalf of the City of Racine, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) serving as our SolSmart Advisor, the City of Racine's dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

SolSmart builds upon our community's participation in the Paris Accord, which was overwhelmingly supported by our City Council on April 16, 2018. By adopting this commitment, we demonstrate our support for sustainable solar development throughout our community today and in the years to come.

The City of Racine will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Increase our community solar installations and build on the robust success in our community of our local Southeast Wisconsin Solar Group Buy program.
- Expand and communicate solar finance options for residential or commercial properties, including WI PACE in Racine County in order to encourage access to capital for local solar development.
- Prepare options for installing solar energy systems on local government facilities, including City Hall, the Library, and a proposed new Fire Station.

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market. In this commitment, we are supported by many local environmental initiatives, including the Racine Sustainable Business Network, Greening Greater Racine, and our faith-based communities.

In order to measure progress along the way, the City of Racine will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related to the City of Racine's SolSmart participation can be directed to Thomas Eeg, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works at thomas.eeg@cityofracine.org or 262-636-9123.

Sincerely,

Cory Mason

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Mayor, City of Racine

