

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG  
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

Al Larson  
Village President

February 28, 2017

Ms. Emily Dodson  
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Dear Ms. Dodson:

The Village of Schaumburg, IL is committing to earn SolSmart designation and will strive to improve solar market conditions by making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. The Village will dedicate staff and efforts to work with the SolSmart team, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), and a solar advisor to achieve SolSmart designation by January 2018.

As a signatory to Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2), the Village supports initiatives at the municipal level and throughout the region that advance the deployment of renewable energy; support clean energy; and engage the community in clean energy practices. The GRC2 Framework, a companion tool to the Greenest Region Compact 2 Pledge, aligns with SolSmart program guidelines. The Village will focus on goals and strategies common to the GRC2 Framework and SolSmart objectives.

In January 2016, the Village amended the Zoning Code and removed many barriers related to solar development in Schaumburg. With the help of SolSmart and an Advisor, which may become available through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Village will create and distribute a checklist detailing the steps of our permitting process for solar development.

We will work to address additional objectives common to both SolSmart and the GRC2 by educating the community about solar energy through Schaumburg's website, community events and the Village of Schaumburg

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Environmental Committee. In collaboration with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Village staff will participate in staff training for inspectors and first-responders related to solar development. Additionally, Village staff will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment; such as the number and location of solar installations and their capacity; to measure progress along the way,

The Village is anxious to begin on the path toward SolSmart designation and looks forward to working with the SolSmart team and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Dooley, Landscape and Sustainability Planner via phone at 847.923.3855 or via email at [mdooley@villageofschaumburg.com](mailto:mdooley@villageofschaumburg.com).

Sincerely,

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