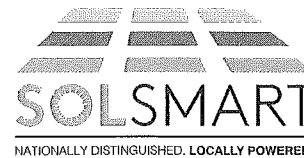


SOLAR STATEMENT



Thursday, January 26, 2017

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

The Solar Foundation
600 14th St. NW, Ste. 400
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Emily Dodson and Philip Haddix:

On behalf of the City of Eau Claire, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, the City of Eau Claire'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 Rooftop Solar Challenge I /and/or II, which resulted in assisting on the state's largest ever solar group buy, a new solar access ordinance, inspector PV training and education events and materials.

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

- Develop and execute a community solar program.
- Expand and communicate solar finance options for residential or commercial properties.
- Install solar energy systems on key local government facilities.

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Comprehensive Plan.

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

In these efforts, we call on our residents, businesses, non-profits, and others to get involved, and we invite everyone to stay tuned by visiting <http://eauclairewi.gov/departments/community-development/sustainability/solar-resources>

Inquiries related to the City of Eau Claire's SolSmart participation can be directed to Associate Planner at ned.noel@eauclairewi.gov or 715-839-8488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ned Noel".

Ned Noel
Associate Planner
City of Eau Claire

