



## Village of Beach Park

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International City/County Management Association  
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation  
600 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

**RE: SolSmart Solar Statement for the Village of Beach Park, Illinois**

Dear Ms. Dodson and Mr. Haddix:

While the Village has entered the application process a little behind our other Metropolitan Chicago communities, we highly appreciate the invitation and opportunity to still be a part of the core group of communities that will be enrolling and participating in the SolSmart Program administered through the Solar Foundation. Lake County Illinois has always strived to be a leader in sustainable living, building and environment and as such the Village of Beach Park views the SolSmart Program as the avenue to help us reach the goals of promoting renewable energy and making it more efficient for our residents and businesses to install PV/Solar energy systems.

The Village of Beach Park would greatly appreciate it if you would accept this letter of our intent to enroll the Village in the SolSmart community designation program. The Village will commit our time and effort, along with the technical assistance and input from the Solar Foundation and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, so that we may achieve the following action items and qualify for at least the bronze level designation by January 2018:

1. Evaluation of our current codes, permit and plan review processes and make improvements to all as needed; and
2. Provide educational opportunities and sessions for elected and appointed officials and staff on best practices, designs, easements, and impacts; and
3. Provide information on available solar opportunities, resources, and financing; and
4. Obtain community and technical input on market needs and reasonable regulation(s); and
5. Provide continual evaluation of progress of our program through various evaluation tools including key metrics related to solar/PV use such as number and location of solar installations, capacity of the installation, installations by zoning district and type of use.

It is the intent of the Village of Beach Park that with this designation, we can encourage the residents and the business community to view the installation of solar energy as an investment in renewable energy and a more sustainable community and environment. If you should have any questions regarding the program administration then please feel free to contact our Community Development Director, Jerry Nellessen. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

John Huckler, Mayor  
Village of Beach Park

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