

SOLAR STATEMENT



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International City/County Management Association
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The Solar Foundation
1717 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Washington, D.C. 20006

To: SolSmart Program Administrators

On behalf of the Town of Erie, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Erie's dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for Erie 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 the Town of Erie time and money.

The Town of Erie will work with and leverage SolSmart's expertise and assistance to achieve the following goals:

- Expand equitable and affordable solar options for residential and commercial properties.
- Develop a streamlined process for solar permitting and inspections
- Incentivize soft-costs associated with deploying solar for residential and commercial properties, especially with low to moderate income projects.

These efforts demonstrate the Town of Erie is committed to making it easier, and more cost effective for builders, homeowners and businesses to install solar systems and to drive continuous improvement in the local solar market. This action is consistent with and advances all the related areas identified as community priorities in the Town's Sustainability Master Plan and Energy Action Plan.

In order to measure progress along the way, Erie 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 residents, businesses, non-profits, and others to get involved, and we invite everyone to stay tuned by visiting <https://www.erieco.gov/1398/Sustainability-at-a-Glance>

Inquiries related to Erie's SolSmart participation can be directed to Tyler Kesler at tkesler@erieco.gov or 303-926-2880.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carroll
Mayor, Town of Erie

