

SOLAR STATEMENT

July 9, 2019

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



To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart designated community. In partnership with local governments, and in consultation with the SolSmart team, the Town of Grand Rapids' dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making faster, easier and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also continue to streamline the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

The Town's Board of Supervisors is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Further define our guidelines for solar permitting and inspections to expand and communicate solar options for residential or commercial properties;
- Work with local partners to expand and encourage the development of long-range plans for clean, localized energy production that is based on proven resource availability; and
- Provide local businesses and residents with information regarding energy efficiency, renewable energy options and available grants, which may provide financial assistance to individuals and small businesses to purchase, install and construct renewable energy systems.

We also hope to use renewable technologies in Town facilities, when feasible, to reduce energy consumption.

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 relevant plans or initiatives.

In order to measure progress along the way, the Town of Grand Rapids will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as number of solar installations across the Town. We encourage our residents, businesses, and others to get involved, and we invite everyone to stay informed of our solar efforts by visiting <https://townofgrandrapids.org>. Inquires related to the Town of Grand Rapids' SolSmart participation can be directed to the Town Clerk at info@grandrapidswi.org, or by calling 715-424-1821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arne Nystrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arne Nystrom
Town of Grand Rapids Chairperson