

SOLAR STATEMENT



Thursday, January 10, 2019

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 Zach Greene:

On behalf of Fitchburg, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Fitchburg'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.

The City of Fitchburg adopted resolution R-50-09 in support of the state of Wisconsin's energy independence goals for 2025. This resolution set a goal to generate 25% of electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025 (25x25 goals) and was signed in in 2009.

SolSmart builds upon our community's participation in the 25x25 goals which resulted in installing 362 KW of solar photovoltaics in 2017 on city buildings.

Fitchburg will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Develop a streamlined process for solar permitting or inspections.
- Expand and communicate solar finance options for residential or commercial properties.
- Develop and execute a solarize campaign.

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 the recommendations from the Dane County Council on Climate Change.

In order to measure progress along the way, Fitchburg 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 Solar Resources webpage at <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/2554/Solar-Resources>.

Inquiries related to Fitchburg's SolSmart participation can be directed to Ellen Geisler, Sustainability Specialist, at ellen.geisler@fitchburgwi.gov or 608-270-4274.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Marsh".

Patrick Marsh
City Administrator

