



September 20, 2018

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

The Solar Foundation  
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Zach Greene:

The Village of Deer Park is committing to earn SolSmart designation and will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems.

We will dedicate staff and efforts to work with the SolSmart team, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), and a solar advisor to achieve SolSmart designation by July 2019.

As a signatory to MMC's Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2), we formally support the following solar goals and will work to achieve them both in our own communities and collaboration throughout the region. These high-level goals are:

**Energy Goals**

- Advance renewable energy
- Enact policies that support clean energy
- Engage the community in clean energy practices

The GRC2 Framework, a companion tool to the Greenest Region Compact 2 pledge, aligns with SolSmart program guidelines. We will focus on the following objectives and strategies common to both the GRC2 Framework with SolSmart objectives.

With the help of SolSmart and an Advisor, which may become available through the MMC, we will review zoning requirements and act to remove barriers to solar development. We will also create and distribute a checklist detailing the steps of our permitting process for solar development consistent with GRC2 Framework objectives E13; E13a; E25.

In order to measure progress along the way, we will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as the number and location of solar installations and their capacity.

We are anxious to begin on the path towards SolSmart designation and look forward to working with the SolSmart team and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Sands".

Dale Sands  
Village President