



WEST PALM BEACH

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International City/County Management Association
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Dear Ms. Sparks and Mr. Haddix,

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

West Palm Beach 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.
- Install solar energy systems on key local government facilities.

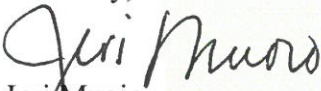
These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Sustainability Plan. We proudly achieved a 4STAR Certification this year with STAR Communities and have set a community wide greenhouse gas reduction goal of Net Zero by 2050.

In order to measure progress along the way, West Palm Beach will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and 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 landing page URL.

Inquiries related to West Palm Beach's SolSmart participation can be directed to Penni Redford at predford@wpb.org or 561.804.4994.

Sincerely,


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