



Tuesday, October 8, 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

Dear Scott Annis and Zach Greene:

On behalf of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Apex's dedicated staff members will continue to work to improve solar deployment 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.

SolSmart builds upon our community's recent efforts to streamline our permitting processes related to solar PV installation, our elimination of inspection fees related to solar PV installation, and our encouragement of voluntary zoning conditions in developments that require new buildings to have a conduit installed from the roof to the electrical panel to accommodate future a future solar PV system.

Apex will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Continue to refine our permitting and inspection process related to solar PV
- Review and modify (as needed) our development ordinances to reduce barriers to solar PV
- Be more intentional in our community outreach and education efforts related to solar PV

These efforts, along with our recent investment of nearly \$700,000 to install solar PV systems on government buildings, demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, work toward the goals outlined in a Town Council resolution committing to 100% renewable energy by the year 2050.

In order to measure progress along the way, the Town of Apex will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity the and number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related the Town of Apex's SolSmart participation can be directed Town Manager Drew Havens at [drew.havens@apexnc.org](mailto:drew.havens@apexnc.org) or 919-249-3301

Sincerely,

Lance Olive,  
Mayor