



City of Cambridge

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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 Emily Dodson and Philip Haddix:

On behalf of the City of Cambridge, I am pleased to confirm the City's commitment to becoming a federally designated SolSmart-community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Cambridge's dedicated staff members will continue to work to improve local solar market conditions and to making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. We expect these efforts to increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may also save our local government time and money.

Cambridge will work with SolSmart to pursue achieving the following goals:

- Developing a streamlined process for solar permitting and inspections through our Inspectional Services Department;
- Analyzing and if necessary strengthening the existing provisions for solar-by-right in our zoning ordinance; and
- Standardizing and documenting solar approval processes and guidelines for historic districts.

The City's pursuit of these goals demonstrates that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market and removing barriers for community members interested in renewable energy generation.

To measure progress along the way, Cambridge staff will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related to Cambridge's SolSmart participation can be directed to Meghan Shaw at mshaw@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-5323.

Sincerely,

Louis A. DePasquale
City Manager
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