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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:

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is committing to earn Sol Smart 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 Sol Smart designation by January 2018.

As a signatory to MMC's Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2), we formally support the following solar goals and will to 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 Sol Smart program guidelines. We will focus on the following objectives and strategies common to both the GRC2 Framework with Sol Smart objectives.

With the help of Sol Smart 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 Sol Smart designation and look forward to working with the Sol Smart team and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela O. Newton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "N".

Pamela O. Newton
Chief Operating Officer
Village of Hawthorn Woods