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International City/County Management Association  
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Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation  
600 14th St. NW, Ste. 400  
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Dear Emily Dodson and Philip Haddix:

The Village of Park Forest 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. Park Forest 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) the Village formally supports the following solar goals and will to work to achieve them within the community and in collaboration throughout the region. These high-level goals are:

- 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. Park Forest 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, the Village will review zoning requirements and act to remove barriers to solar development. The Village will also create and distribute a checklist detailing the steps of our permitting process for solar development consistent with GRC2 Framework objectives.

The Village of Park Forest will also address these additional objectives common to both Sol Smart and the GRC2 Framework:

- Educate the community about solar energy through our Village website, community events and our environmental commission.
- In collaboration with MMC, the Village will also participate in staff training for inspectors and first-responders.
- In order to measure progress along the way, the Village will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as the number and location of solar installations and their capacity.

To date, the Village has taken efforts to integrate solar power by placing a solar battery-charging system on the newest ambulance and fitting the Aquatic Center with solar panels to provide heat for the pool facilities.

The Village of Park Forest is anxious to begin on the path towards Sol Smart designation and looks forward to working with the Sol Smart team and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TK Mick', written in a cursive style.

Thomas K. Mick, Village Manager  
Village of Park Forest