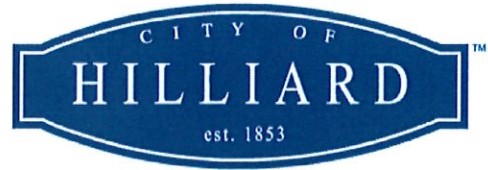


SOLAR STATEMENT

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Washington, DC 20002

Interstate Renewable Energy Council
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To: SolSmart Designation Program Administrators:

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

The City of Hilliard will leverage SolSmart to target the following priorities:

- Streamline the processes for solar permitting and site inspections.
- Educate ourselves about the benefits and opportunities provided by solar to best prepare our community for solar installations.
- Enact necessary changes in City Code to accommodate solar development.

These efforts demonstrate Hilliard's commitment to driving continual improvement in our solar market. By pursuing SolSmart designation, we will further address community sustainability goals as identified in the 2011 Hilliard Comprehensive Plan. To measure progress on these priorities, we will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as the City's total number of solar installations and total installed solar capacity.

In these efforts, we call on the Hilliard community to get involved, and we invite everyone to stay updated by visiting our solar landing webpage at <https://hilliardoh.viewpointcloud.com/projectTemplate/6>.

Inquiries related to Hilliard's SolSmart participation can be directed to the Assistant City Manager / Director of Community Development, Dan Ralley, at DRalley@hilliardohio.gov or (614) 527-4165.

Sincerely,

Dan Ralley
Assistant City Manager / Director of Community Development