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International City/County Management Association
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Theresa Perry
Interstate Renewable Energy Council
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Dear Mr. Annis and Ms. Perry:

On behalf of the Borough of Madison, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Madison’s dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for Madisonians 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.

Of several hundred towns in the Sustainable Jersey Certification program, Madison is highest rated town of our size, having achieved the highest level of certification several times. Along with several Sustainable Jersey actions, our independent municipal electric utility already has created a fertile environment for solar and is pursuing several municipal installations as well.

Madison will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Install solar energy systems on key local government facilities (Madison is completing feasibility studies for solar carport arrays on several municipal parking lots and buildings.)
- Identify potential improvements in our process for solar permitting or inspections (Madison has a solar building code ordinance and a web-posted permitting process.)
- Expand and communicate solar finance options.

The goals listed above demonstrate that Madison is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas.

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

Inquiries related to Madison’s SolSmart participation can be directed to myself at peter_fried@yahoo.com or to Madison’s Deputy Administrator and CFO, Jim Burnet at burnetj@rosenet.org.

Sincerely,

Peter Fried
Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee
Cc: James Burnet