



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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Village of Deerfield Awarded SolSmart Gold Designation

DEERFIELD, IL – The Village of Deerfield received a Gold designation from the national SolSmart program for encouraging the growth of clean, affordable solar energy at the local level.

The SolSmart program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, provides no-cost technical services to promote and facilitate the growth of solar energy in cities, towns, counties and regional organizations. By providing clear guidance and templates based on established best practices, SolSmart assists in implementing key actions across five categories: Permitting and Inspection, Planning and Zoning, Government Operations, Community Engagement and Market Development.

This initiative aims to reduce solar "soft costs," such as permitting, financing and installation, with a focus on making solar education and energy more accessible. The Village received the designation in recognition of adopting nationally recognized best practices to advance solar market growth such as offering a 50% discount on solar permitting fees, establishing a dedicated solar landing page and providing educational resources on solar incentives and financing options, among others.

The Gold Designation acknowledges the Village's dedication to promoting solar initiatives and encouraging residents to adopt renewable energy practices. In the coming weeks, the Village of Deerfield will be featured on the [SolSmart website](#) and presented with a Gold Designee plaque. This achievement is just one of many initiatives aligned with the objectives outlined in the Village's 2021 Climate Action Report.

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