

SOLAR STATEMENT



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International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation
1717 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Suite 750
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Zach Greene:

Wood County is very excited about participating in the SolSmart designation process. We look forward to showcasing the opportunities that exist in the world of solar energy production. We want to encourage the development of both residential and commercial applications within Wood County.

We are committed to tracking statistical data related to the future expansion of solar photovoltaics and other renewables within our jurisdiction. We also look forward to possible collaborations within our county with individual municipalities, universities, and colleges. We pledge staff time, as needed, to accomplish these goals.

Wood County will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Share solar best practices with municipalities within the county
- Create a solar landing page with solar resources
- Conduct feasibility analysis on county-owned buildings and land

The City of Wisconsin Rapids, located within Wood County, is a gold-level SolSmart community. The McMillan Memorial library in Wisconsin Rapids has a 235 kW solar photovoltaic array on its roof with real-time displays in the library and on its website.

Midstate Technical College offers an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree for Renewable Energy Technicians. They have plans to expand solar photovoltaics on their campus in Wisconsin Rapids and have plans for student involvement with installation of solar systems as community projects arise.

Within the county, individual homeowners have installed solar photovoltaic systems on their own and as part of group-buy programs supported by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association.

Inquiries related to Wood County's SolSmart participation can be directed to Nancy Turyk at nancy.turyk@ces.uwex.edu or 715-421-8445.

Sincerely,

Doug Machon
Wood County Board Chair

