

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING & ZONING



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February 8, 2022

To: SolSmart Program Administrators

International City/County Management Association
The Solar Foundation

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

Nelson County will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Review planning & zoning process and enhance siting options for solar PV while preserving community character and historic resources.
- Review current permitting processes and/or implement permitting solar permitting best practices.
- Support small-scale and community based local solar energy development

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas that will be identified as community priorities in our upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update.

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

Inquiries related to Nelson County's SolSmart participation can be directed to Dylan Bishop, Director of Planning and Zoning at dbishop@nelsoncounty.org or (434) 263-7090.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dylan M. Bishop".

Dylan M. Bishop, CZA, CFM
Director of Planning & Zoning