



GENERAL SERVICES

CITY OF DURHAM

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City of Durham
General Services Department
2011 Fay Street
Durham, NC 27704

Dear Scott Annis and Zach Greene:

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

SolSmart builds upon our community's previous participation in Solarize NC, which resulted in 33 residential solar contracts from 2013-16.

The City of Durham will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Perform a cost-benefit analysis of City-owned potential solar sites.
- Increase solar investment in our community, promoting economic development and new jobs.
- Decrease our community's carbon footprint by increasing the amount of electricity generated by clean, renewable energy.

These efforts demonstrate that our City is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our relevant plans and initiatives, such as our Sustainability Roadmap.

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

Inquiries related to the City of Durham's SolSmart participation can be directed to Paul Cameron, Energy & Sustainability Analyst, at 919-560-4197 x 21244.

Sincerely,


Steven Hicks

Director, General Services Department

