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GLENCOE DESIGNATED “SOLSMART BRONZE” FOR ADVANCING SOLAR ENERGY GROWTH

(Glencoe, Illinois)—The Village of Glencoe officially received the *SolSmart Bronze* designation from the national [SolSmart](#) program at a recognition event at the Argonne National Lab on Friday, February 2. This designation recognizes the Village for taking steps to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to solar development.

The Village was part of the largest group of communities to move through the SolSmart program together since the program launched in 2016. In partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, 15 local governments from around the Chicago region worked collaboratively to make changes to their local processes, making it easier, quicker and less costly for residents and businesses to install a solar energy system.

“As a Village, we are pleased to expand our assistance to residents and businesses who strive to be more energy efficient,” said Village Manager Phil Kiraly. “This designation is an important step in the Village’s overall effort to promote environmental sustainability in the community.”

To prepare for the program, the Public Works Department evaluated Village’s permitting, planning and zoning procedures relating to solar installation. The department established clear processes for solar building permits, developed inspection requirements and created a “Guide to Going Solar” webpage, with information about the SolSmart program and a solar permitting checklist which can be viewed on the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org/solar.

About SolSmart

SolSmart is led by The Solar Foundation and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. More than 150 cities, counties, and small towns have achieved SolSmart designation since 2016. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus is a membership organization of the Chicago region’s 275 cities, towns and villages that fosters collaboration towards a common goal of improving the quality of life for the millions of people who call the region home.

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