

Community actions to earn SolSmart designation

Solar Action	BRONZE							SILVER			GOLD					Total			
	Brookfield	Cook County	Darien	Glencoe	Hanover Park	Highland Park	Kane County	Urbana	Hawthorn Woods	Richardson Park	Schaumburg	Aurora	Beach Park	Chicago	Evanston		Park Forest	South Barrington	Will County
Permitting																		★	
Post permit checklist online	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Process permits in 3 days or less											1	1	1	1	1			6	
Simplify permit application	1		1	1	1				1		1	1			1	1	1	11	
Set reasonable permit fees	1			1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Streamline and expedite permit process			1		1			1				1	1					8	
Adopt standardized permit form			1						1		1			1	1			7	
Train permitting & fire staff	1		1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1			1	1	12	
Offer online permit processing						1											1	2	
Planning, Zoning & Development																		★	
Evaluate zoning rules that impede solar	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	
Consider zoning changes to advance solar			1				1			1		1				1		7	
Allow solar by right in all major zones									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	
Integrate solar into community plans	1				1	1	1	1				1		1			1	9	
Provide guidelines for historic districts	1			1							1	1		1				5	
Train planning staff	1	1	1	1	1		1											7	
Clarify zoning ordinance for PV systems	1							1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		10	
Inspection																		★	
Cross-train inspection and permit staff	1	1			1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	
Streamline & expedite inspection process					1	1							1	1	1	1	1	7	
Inspect PV systems within 10 days	1		1		1						1		1				1	6	
Offer online inspection process					1	1						1		1				5	
Construction Codes																		★	
Update & clarify construction codes for PV	1							1	1									4	
Solar Rights																		★	
Understand state policies on solar rights							1		1		1		1		1			5	
Provide consumer protection information				1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		10	
Utility Engagement																		★	
Engage with utilities on solar programs		1	1			1		1	1	1				1	1	1	1	11	
Collaborate with utilities & regional partners		1	1	1	1	1			1		1		1	1	1		1	11	
Community Engagement																		★	
Host a solar web page				1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		12	
Communicate with constituents about solar		1			1	1	1	1		1	1			1	1		1	11	
Participate in regional solar goal-setting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	
Post an community-level solar map		1			1		1	1			1		1		1	1		9	
Market Development and Finance																		★	
Connect to local solar installers					1						1		1		1	1		6	
Provide information about financing solar		1		1							1		1					5	
Assess feasibility of solar for public facilities		1			1		1				1	1				1		7	
Install solar on public facilities			1	1	1						1	1		1		1		7	

★ indicates special recognition for this category