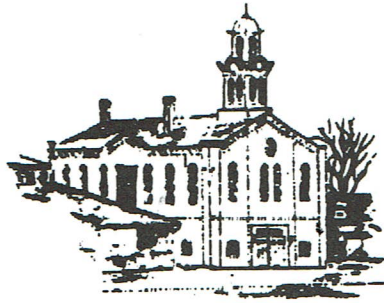


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Dear Andrea Fox and Philip Haddix:

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

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

- **Develop a streamlined process for solar permitting or inspections.**
- **Expand and communicate solar finance options for residential or commercial properties.**
- **Incorporate solar development goals and best practices in City Comprehensive Plan**

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 identified as community priorities in our **relevant plans or initiatives**.

In order to measure progress along the way, **The City of Athens** 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 Athens'** SolSmart participation can be directed to **Mayor Steve Patterson** at [spatterson@ci.athens.oh.us](mailto:spatterson@ci.athens.oh.us).

Sincerely,

**Steve Patterson**  
Mayor