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International City/County Management Association
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Theresa Perry
Interstate Renewable Energy Council
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Albany, NY 12205

Dear Scott Annis and Theresa Perry:

I am proud to announce the commitment of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (PlanRVA) to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, PlanRVA'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 jurisdictions time and money by making solar installations a positive revenue gain through more effective siting agreements.

PlanRVA will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals, which are outlined in our Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Work Program:

- Identify, establish, and promote transparent planning and zoning approaches that strive to maximize siting options for solar energy systems.
- Educate and empower our citizens on solar installations and promote policies that support the equitable distribution of solar benefits.
- Develop technical tools and metrics to support community decision-making around solar siting, social and environmental impacts of solar.

These efforts demonstrate that our region is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market and supporting our member local governments in navigating solar development.

In these efforts, we call on our residents, businesses, non-profits, and others to get involved, and we invite everyone to stay tuned by visiting <https://planrva.org/environment/solar/>.

Inquiries related to PlanRVA's SolSmart participation can be directed to Nicole Keller at nkeller@planrva.org or (804) 924-7051.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Shickle".

Martha Shickle
Executive Director