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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Item Details

Presenter(s): Amanda Grogan, Director

Department(s): Budget & Performance Management

Requested Motion

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and Triangle J Council of Governments (TJ COG) and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the Town.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

Solarize the Triangle is a campaign developed by the Triangle Sustainability Partnership including 3 counties and 8 municipalities (Durham, Raleigh, Apex, Cary, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and Morrisville). The TJ COG and Solar CrowdSource are facilitating the launch and administer the program. The Town will provide appropriate representation to the Partnership and will actively participate in the Partnership's activities. The objectives of the regional program include:

- **Making solar energy more affordable:** lower the cost of solar energy through the power of group-purchasing and reduced acquisition costs. Savings passed to residents of the Triangle region;
- **Making solar energy more accessible:** contractor(s), materials and pricing will be highly vetted for best practices using a competitive bid process;
- **Education and community engagement:** widespread community engagement, education and outreach activities;
- **Promoting solar-positive policies:** encourage local governments to adopt streamlined solar energy permitting policies and fair utility distributed generation policies; and
- **Giving back:** a portion of campaign proceeds will be used to donate a solar energy system to a deserving local nonprofit organization and/or help to underwrite solar-energy systems for qualified low- and moderate-income families with high energy burdens.

Attachments

- Solarize the Triangle MOU

