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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: PRESENTATION

Meeting Date: February 4, 2020

Item Details

Presenter(s): Anne Tazewell, Senior Special Projects Manager
NC Clean Energy Technology Center / NC State University
Department(s): Administration

Requested Motion

Presentation by Anne Tazewell to the Town of Apex in recognition of our achieving the Gold level designation under SolSmart, a program led by the International City/County Management Association and The Solar Foundation, along with a team of partners with deep expertise in solar energy and local governments that recognizes efforts to reduce barriers to development of solar energy.

Approval Recommended?

N/A

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For several months in 2019, members of our team worked, with assistance from the NC Clean Energy Technology Center, to document our efforts related to reducing barriers to solar PV deployment in Apex and make some improvements in processes and communication. This effort was in pursuit of designation from the national SolSmart program. As a result of these efforts and the leadership of the Town Council in eliminating fees, modifying ordinances, deploying solar PV on our buildings, among other efforts, we have been awarded the Gold level designation by SolSmart. In addition, due to our efforts to improve processes in Building Inspections and the interface between Electric and Inspections, we received a Special Recognition Award in the Inspections category where we earned 88% of all available points.

With our designation, there are now 7 designees (all three levels) in North Carolina, and we join Asheville, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Chatham County as one of only 5 Gold level designees. Nationwide there are 347 total designees and 127 Gold level. This puts Apex as one of the best in the state and nation in terms of encouraging solar energy growth.

Attachments

- None

