

SOLAR STATEMENT

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

SolSmart builds upon our community's achievement of gaining Green Community designation through the Department of Energy Resources for our commitment to improving energy efficiency and increase the use of renewable energy in public buildings, facilities, and schools.

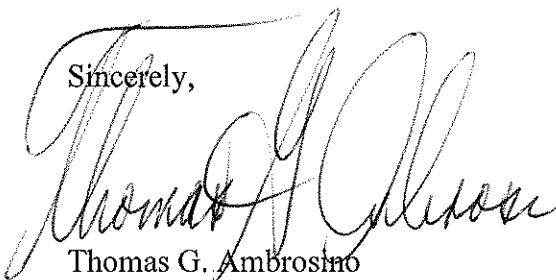
The City of Chelsea will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Allow residential rooftop solar energy systems as a by right use under zoning laws;
- Increase transparency and guidance to streamline the permitting and inspection process for residential solar energy systems; and
- Provide consumer information and resources available to residents who are interested in incorporating solar energy systems on their property or want to learn more about the technology.

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market and increasing awareness and education for residents in all areas identified as community priorities in our Energy Reduction Plan.

We urge all residents, businesses, non-profits and other stakeholders to get involved in the City's solar efforts. Any inquiries related to Chelsea's SolSmart participation can be directed to Frank Nitti at fnitti@chelseama.gov or 617-466-4200.

Sincerely,



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