



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution supporting and endorsing Grow Solar Chicagoland 2023 as facilitated by The Midwest Renewable Energy Association.

- The Sustainability Program Manager presented an overview of the Grow Solar program on September 7, 2022.
- At the previous Committee meeting, Members requested that staff investigate any existing alternative group buy solar programs available in the County.
- The Sustainability Program Manager has created a resolution to support and endorse the 2023 Grow Solar Chicagoland program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lake County Regional Framework Plan encompasses several goals related to energy conservation, reducing emissions, promoting renewable energy, protecting natural resources, and implementing smart growth policies as a part of its commitment to strong environmental protection measures; and

WHEREAS, a Solar Group Buy program entails volume discounts through competitive selection of a solar installer and a limited-time consumer education program for homeowners, commercial property owners, and others interested in solar; and

WHEREAS, the greater number of properties that choose to install solar, the lower the price of all solar installations through the program; and

WHEREAS, Lake County recognizes that additional solar panel installations will diversify Lake County's power supply, provide stability during peak power needs (e.g., summer), save residents money on their electric bills, create local jobs and local investment opportunities, reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced each year to help limit global warming, and promote Lake County as a green powered community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Energy and Environment Committee of Lake County that:

Lake County will support and endorse the Grow Solar Chicagoland 2022 and 2023 Group Buy programs organized by the MREA by:

1. Assigning a Lake County representative to the 2023 Grow Solar Chicagoland Advisory Committee whose prime responsibility is to review RFP requirements for

solar installers, review and select the solar installer, and be available to advise on Group Buy performance; and

2. Allowing the use of Lake County's logo on promotional materials that state Lake County is a supporter of this project; and
3. Promoting project details through email, newsletters, website, flyers, social media, and other means as appropriate; and
4. Streamlining the solar installation permitting process for Group Buy participants; and
5. Allowing educational sessions (Solar Power Hours) to be held at County facilities.

DATED, at Waukegan, Illinois, on October 11, 2022.