

CITY OF HUTCHINSON SOLAR STATEMENT

The City of Hutchinson is committed to participating in SolSmart, a national program to encourage solar energy development locally.

Our goal includes supporting sustainable solar development in the Hutchinson area by building upon current best solar practices, incorporating new ones, educating our residents and business owners on renewable energy solutions.

The City of Hutchinson is located in McLeod County, which recently entered into an agreement with the St. Paul Port Authority to provide a PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program which can be used as a solar pv funding mechanism. The City has constructed a 400 kW solar pv project on a closed landfill, further exhibiting our dedication to the expansion of our local solar market.

Our Planning Department in conjunction with the Engineering Department plans to oversee the tracking of solar metrics such as developments in the permitting application process, the establishment of community solar programs, and the creation of solar related planning documents.

Understanding that staff time and resources are vital to addressing solar best practice opportunities, The City of Hutchinson is committed to allotting time for staff to work with SolSmart representatives over the duration of the program development.