

# PATH TO BRONZE >>>

## SAMPLE PATHWAYS TO SOLSMART DESIGNATION



### STEP 1 » COMMIT AND CUT CRITICAL RED TAPE VIA PREREQUISITES

- PR·1 Provide a statement of your community's solar goals, including commitments to earn designation and to track key solar metrics.
- P·1 Create and put your community's solar permitting checklist online.
- PZD·1 Review zoning requirements and remove PV prohibition if applicable. Commit to reducing other barriers during next review.



### STEP 2 » EARN 20 POINTS IN PERMITTING

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>P·4 Require no more than one application form for a residential rooftop PV project. <b>5 PTS</b></li><li>P·5 Review solar permit fees for residential and commercial solar. <b>5 PTS</b></li><li>P·9 Train fire and safety staff on solar PV. <b>10 PTS</b></li></ul> | OR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>P·6 Review permitting process for efficiency improvements and reduce processing time to 10 days or fewer. <b>10 PTS</b></li><li>P·8 Train permitting staff on best practices for permitting solar PV and/or solar and storage systems. <b>10 PTS</b></li></ul> |
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### STEP 3 » EARN 20 POINTS IN PLANNING, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PZD·4 Provide clear guidance for solar in historic and special-use districts. <b>10 PTS</b></li><li>PZD·6 Include considerations for active and passive solar in development regulations (e.g. providing guidance for orientation of structures in subdivision regulations). <b>10 PTS</b></li></ul> | OR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PZD·2 Allow solar by-right and as an accessory use in all major zones, and implement any zoning ordinance adjustments identified through the zoning review to improve solar-friendliness. <b>20 PTS, SILVER+GOLD PREREQUISITE</b></li></ul> |
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### STEP 4 » EARN 20 TOTAL POINTS IN SPECIAL FOCUS CATEGORIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CE·2 Create a solar landing page on local government website with goals and local resources for solar development. <b>10 PTS</b></li><li>U·2 Discuss community or shared solar programs with the local utility. <b>10 PTS</b></li></ul> | OR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SR·2 Provide consumer protection resources on solar. <b>5 PTS</b></li><li>I·4 Make inspection requirements for PV available online. <b>10 PTS</b></li><li>MDF·1 Provide resources on active solar installers and/or local incentives for solar. <b>5 PTS</b></li></ul> |
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THE SAMPLE PATHWAYS SHOWN HERE ARE FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES AND ARE NOT PRESCRIBED PATHS TO DESIGNATION. THERE ARE OVER 70 ACTIONS IN 8 CATEGORIES AND THOUSANDS OF PATHWAYS TO SOLSMART DESIGNATION.

**BLAZE YOUR OWN PATH TO BRONZE AT SOLSMART.ORG!**



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## THE PROCESS AND BENEFITS OF SOLSMART



### ACCESS CUSTOMIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Submitting even a partially complete Intake Form qualifies your community to receive no-cost technical assistance immediately. Our team of experts will help your community take actions on its path to designation.



### APPLY TO HOST A SOLSMART ADVISOR

A SolSmart Advisor is a program-funded temporary staff member hosted in a community for up to six months. An Advisor's sole job is to help the community achieve designation. If you believe your community could benefit from an Advisor, complete the Host Community Application!



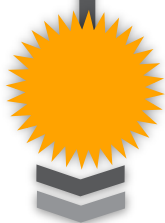
### DESIGNEES 36-300+ ARE AWESOME, TOO!

SolSmart is about improving solar market conditions in communities nationwide – making it faster, easier, and more affordable for residents and businesses to choose solar. National recognition and media opportunities are available to all communities, and special awards are available for superlative achievements.

### START

#### COMPLETE AN INTAKE FORM

It doesn't have to be perfect. Just check off the actions your community has taken, attach or link to relevant documentation, indicate the actions you'd like to take, and hit submit! Your SolSmart team will update your progress as you move toward designation.



#### THE FIRST 35 DESIGNEES EARN A SOLSMART PANEL

If your community is among the first 35 to achieve SolSmart designation at the Bronze, Silver, or Gold level, you will receive a SolSmart Panel to display in a public building for bragging rights and to help spread the word that your community is open for solar business!

