

If you remember one thing ..

- **Local governments are a critical partner in the task of creating a self-sustaining solar energy market**



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Why is that?

Solar energy development is local development

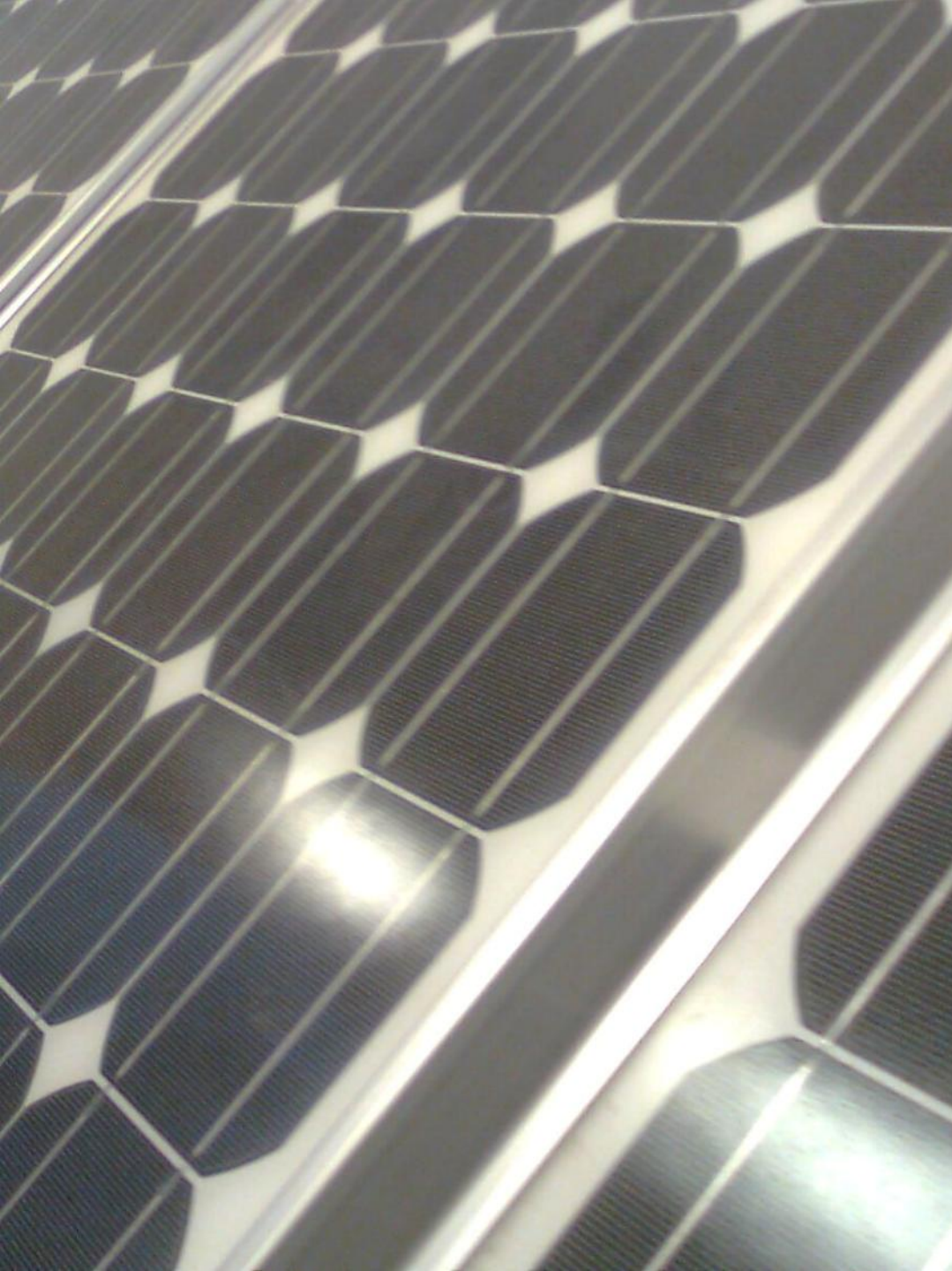
- ✓ Local government development oversight determines how, and whether, local solar resources are used



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Making our communities “Solar Ready”

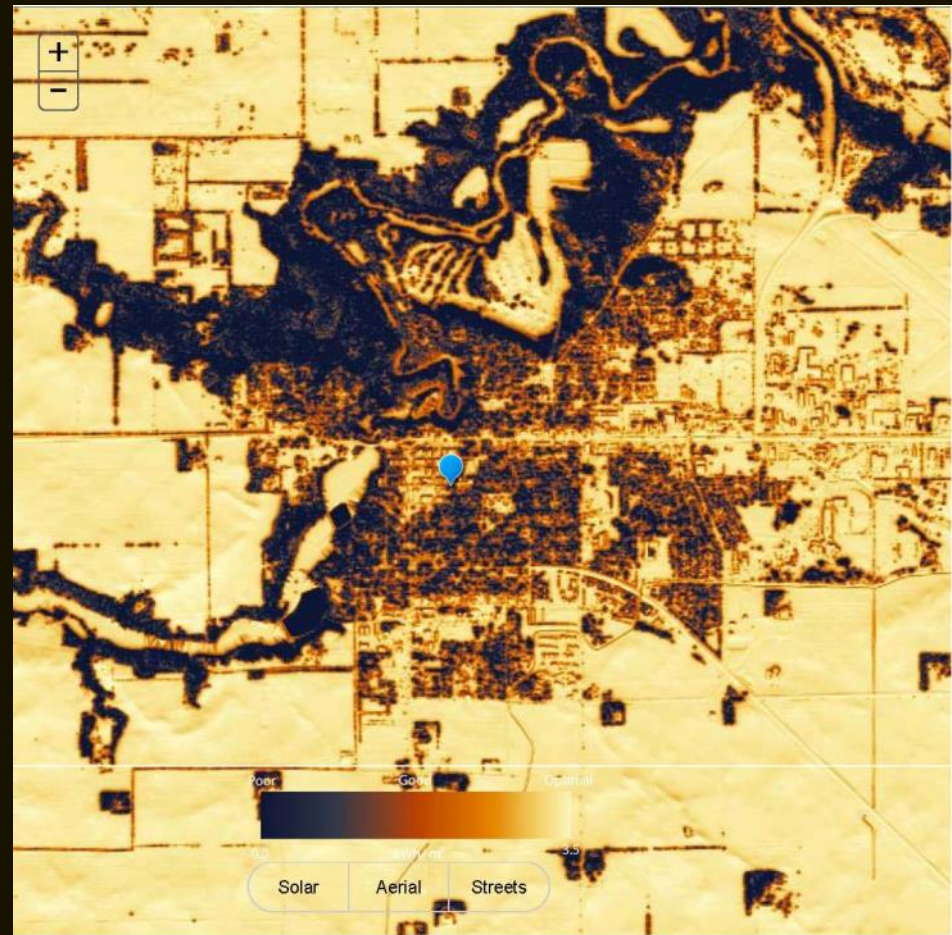
Solar Ready Communities!

- A. Comprehensive Plans** that acknowledge and address solar resources and development
- B. Development Regulations** that explicitly address solar development in its varied forms
- C. Permitting Processes** that are predictable and clear
- D. Public Sector Investment** in the community's solar resources

A. Comprehensive Plans

that:

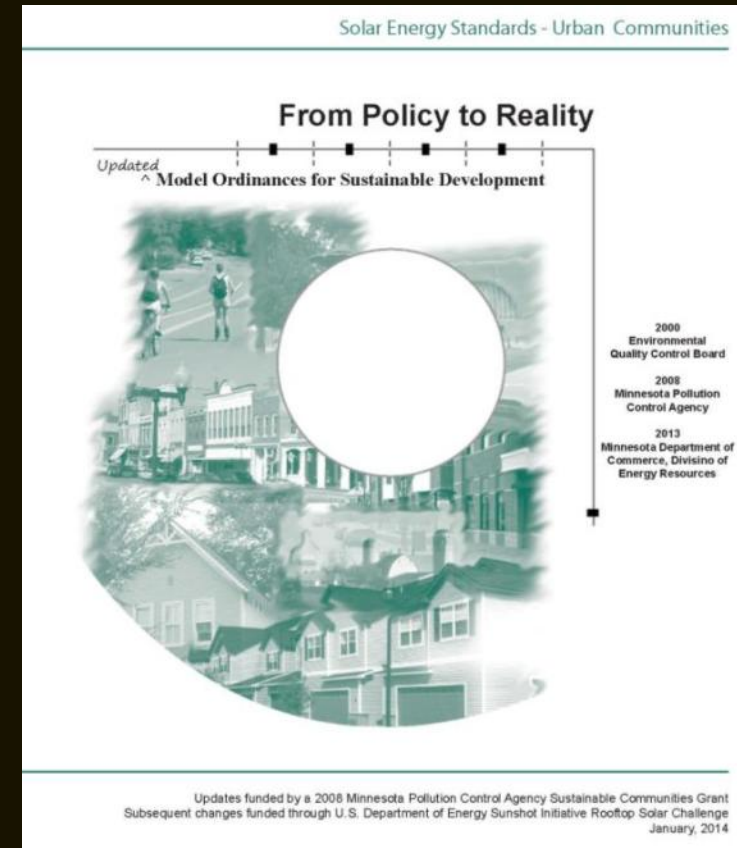
- ✓ address solar resources,
- ✓ acknowledge solar development benefits, and
- ✓ guide decision-makers on optimizing opportunities when resources are in conflict.



B. Development Regulations

that:

- ✓ explicitly address solar development in its varied forms,
- ✓ creates as-of-right installation opportunities, and
- ✓ sets clear and predictable standards for balancing solar resources with other resources.



C. Permitting practices that:

- ✓ Reduce time spent on acquiring permits and conducting inspections
- ✓ Make the permit process transparent and predictable to both staff and applicants
- ✓ Ensure the permit process reflects industry best practices
- ✓ Establish a permit fee that appropriately covers local government review and inspection costs



D. Public Sector Investment in the community's solar resources to demonstrate viability, community commitment, technological elements.



Resources, Training, Technical Assistance

Grow Solar Partnership: Minnesota!



Technical assistance, training, promotion, education addressing solar energy development for:

- a) Plans and planning processes
- b) Zoning and development regulation
- c) Permitting processes
- d) Financing opportunities
- e) Interconnection

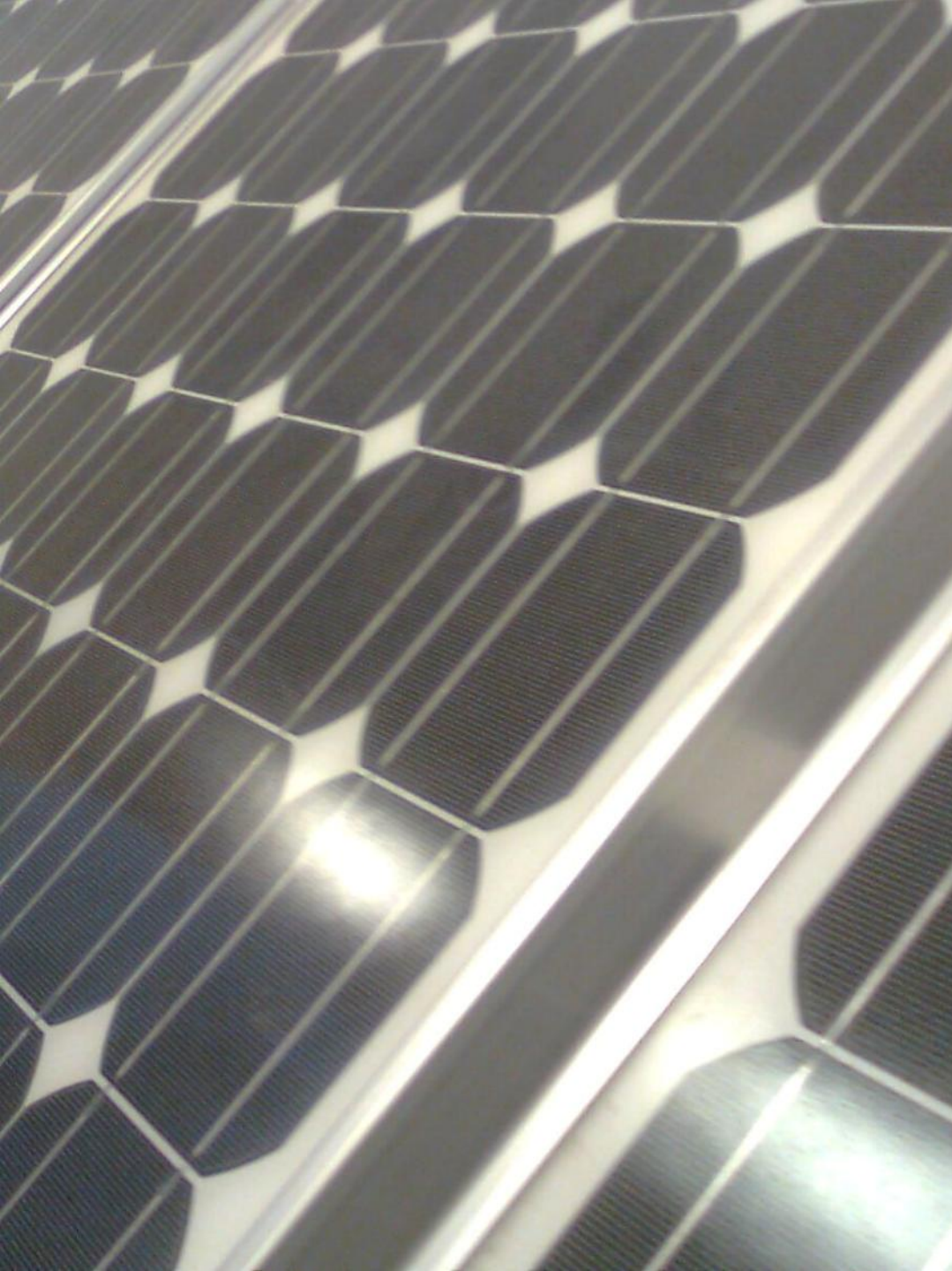
The Grow Solar Partnership

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1. **Midwest Renewable Energy Association**
2. **Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)**
3. **Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development (GPI)**





Thank You!

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