

# SolarReadyFlorida



# AGENDA

PROJECT OUTCOME GOALS (QUICK OVERVIEW)

HOW THE SWFRPC CAN ASSIST YOUR COMMUNITY

FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM MEISTER CONSULTANTS

IMPLEMENTATION - BMPS EXAMPLES FROM OUR REGION



SM3s  
(Solar Metrics)

BMPs  
(Best Management  
Practices)

Local  
Jurisdiction  
Support

Implementation



# PROJECT OUTCOME GOALS

## **Top 3 Best Management Practices**

- 1. Develop Solar Ready Guidelines**
- 2. Address Solar in the Zoning Code and Adopt a Solar Ordinance**
- 3. Create a permit checklist**

# SWFRPC ASSISTANCE

Implementation

Solar Ready website

Resource of local  
installers participating  
in program

Presentations

Video promotion

## ***Regional Strengths – provided by Meister Consultants Groups***

- Most solar permitting process times for the region were under 5 days, and in most jurisdictions required few departmental approvals. Additionally, tracking systems for permitting process times were in place in most jurisdictions with quick turn-around times.
- Inspections in many towns were consolidated. For most residential installations, only one comprehensive municipal inspection was required. This is in line with best practices. Wait times for inspection appointments were also short.



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



## DOE Sponsored Resources

MCG and our team can help you understand and evaluate local policies that can encourage or hinder solar PV development and identify opportunities for policy and process change. This is delivered via one-to-one technical assistance.

## Sample of Available Technical Assistance Activities:

### Produce tailored technical resources

- o Fact sheets and case studies
  - Examples of other municipal and community-based solar programs, lessons learned and best practices
- o Solar policy and financial payback analysis
- o High level **feasibility assessments** for solar projects

### Program and policy design, implementation and evaluation

- o **Request for Proposals** review and evaluation assistance for proposals to install solar PV
- o Develop and support implementation of a “Solarize” bulk-purchase and community outreach program.
- o Work with local governments to streamline bureaucratic processes that increase the cost of solar. Evaluate what these costs and processes are, how they can be improved and educate staff regarding best practices and lessons learned from around the country. Soft cost topics can include:
  - Permitting
  - Inspections
  - Zoning
  - Fire codes
  - Financing

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**Deadline:** March 2016

**Cost:** FREE

**How:** Contact SWFRPC

**Why:** Become Solar Ready

**Benefit:** Assistance from Experts



# Implementation - BMP EXAMPLES

In an effort to comply with the Solar Ready II grant requirements, the SWFRPC is requesting that each of our local jurisdictions implement one or all three Solar Best Management Practices.

<b>Punta Gorda</b>	<b>Charlotte County</b>	<b>Everglades City</b>	<b>Marco Island</b>	<b>Naples</b>	<b>Collier County</b>
8/26/2015 Webinar					
<b>Moore Haven</b>	<b>Glades County</b>	<b>Clewiston</b>	<b>Labelle</b>	<b>Hendry County</b>	<b>Cape Coral</b>
	8/13/2015 Solar Ready Permit Application		2/12/2015 Guidelines	5/20/2015 Guidelines	
<b>Bonita Springs</b>	<b>Fort Myers</b>	<b>Fort Myers Beach</b>	<b>Sanibel</b>	<b>Lee County</b>	<b>Long Boat Key</b>
4/2/2015 Guidelines & Checklist			In Process *Solarize		
<b>North Port</b>	<b>City of Sarasota</b>	<b>Venice</b>	<b>Sarasota County</b>		

\*New BMP implemented  
 Orange = Implemented  
 Green = Webinar

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