



NATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED. **LOCALLY POWERED.**

SolSmart Program

- SolSmart is a **national designation program** created to **recognize communities** that have taken key steps to address local **barriers to solar energy** and foster the **growth of mature local solar markets**.

- **Solsmart is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO).**
- **It provides no-cost technical assistance from a team of national experts to evaluate local government programs and practices that impact solar markets and to find opportunities for improvement.**
- **It seeks to increase installed solar capacity by reducing the "soft costs" of solar such as permitting, financing, and installation, thus making it easier for local residents and businesses to acquire solar .**

Solsmart BRONZE Designation



A community must meet the overall program requirements, earn 20 points each in the permitting, planning, zoning, and development regulation categories, and achieve an additional 20 points across all remaining categories.

Solsmart SILVER Designation



A community must first achieve the requirements for SolSmart Bronze, then meet additional requirements in planning, zoning and development regulations and inspection procedures, and earn 100 points total across all categories.

Solsmart GOLD Designation



A community must first achieve the requirements for SolSmart Silver, then meet one additional requirement in permitting and achieve 200 points total across all categories

- Cities that achieve any designation level will receive national recognition through the SolSmart website, media campaign mentions, and other means

Local SolSmart Communities

GOLD:

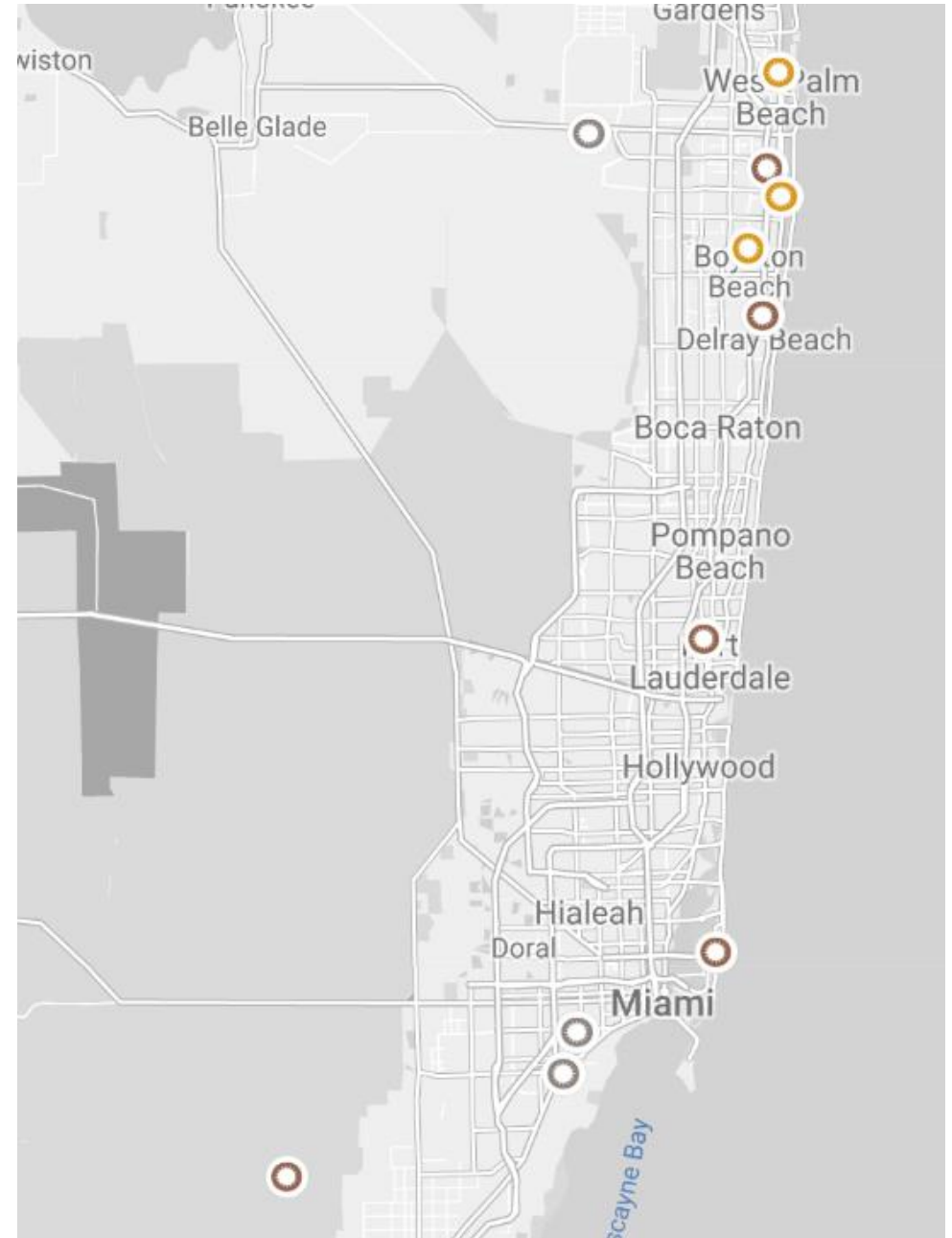
- West Palm Beach
- Lantana
- Boynton Beach

SILVER:

- Palm Beach County
- Pinecrest
- South Miami

BRONZE

- Miami-Dade County
- Broward County
- Miami Beach
- Delray Beach
- Lakeworth



Where We Are

- In the process of achieving Bronze
 - Fundamental Categories
 - 60 points for Permitting
 - 10 points for Planning and Zoning
 - Special Focus Categories
 - 60 points for Inspection
 - 20 points for Construction
 - 25 points for Community Engagement
 - 15 points for Market Development and Finance

Beyond Bronze Designation

- Either Silver or Gold designation would require changes to the Zoning regulations including:
 - Adding definitions of Solar Energy systems, including rooftop, large medium and small scale systems Solar photovoltaic and solar hot water,
 - Adding solar as an accessory use in all districts,
 - Allowing solar equipment to be visible from the street,
 - Providing and allowance or exempting solar equipment from maximum height requirements,
 - Allowing areas covered by ground mounted systems to count as impervious area in lot coverage calculations,
 - Allowing ground mounted solar systems to meet setback requirement of other accessory structures,
 - Adding language to treat solar installations as mechanical equipment,



"Capture a Miami Lakes Moment" Photo Contest - 2nd Place - Daniel Rodriguez