

## **BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

Building

Zoning & Planning Division

Environmental Division

TO: Environmental Committee

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: June 26, 2024

RE: Solar Switch Summer 2024

Solar Switch is a program offered by nonprofits Midwest Renewable Energy Association and Citizens Utility Board in partnership with various northeastern Illinois counties including DuPage. The program includes Solar Power Hours held by CUB that teach residents about solar and how to take advantage of the incentives currently available to residents. It also touches on community solar and the Illinois Solar For All program which are other methods to secure solar.

Solar Switch connects residents with the opportunity to have qualified, vetted solar installers bid on their project which reduces installation costs. During the 2023 program, a total of 313 homeowners in the region opted to install solar with an average savings of \$4,965 on a standard-sized solar installation. The current program letting has launched and will be open through August 21, 2024.