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**TO:** Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission  
**FROM:** Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer  
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**RE:** Staff Report

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**Geothermal Urbana-Champaign**

The geothermal bulk purchase program has secured 6 contracts totaling 28 tons of capacity.

**Landscape Recycling Center (LRC)**

The LRC is accepting food scrap for composting on a pilot basis from pre-consumer, commercial generators. Currently the hauler has one generator and hopes to add more soon.

**Solar Urbana-Champaign**

The solar bulk purchase program has selected solar installer GRNE for this year's program. Power Hours are being scheduled and a press release will be published soon.

**Solar Energy System Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment**

City Council passed a revised version of the Solar Energy System amendment on May 23. It will add a new section XIII-9 "Solar Energy Systems" to the Special Development Provisions Article of the Zoning Ordinance to add definitions and establish use provisions for principal and accessory use solar energy systems. It would permit principal-use solar energy systems ("solar farms") as a special use in the agricultural district; B-3, B-4, B-4E business districts; both industrial districts; the conservation/recreation/education district; and R-4, R-5, and R-6 residential districts. It would also establish guidelines for ground-mounted accessory use solar energy systems ("solar arrays") and allow them in all zoning districts, regulating them as accessory structures rather than as a mechanical system.

**Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting**

September 6 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.