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Annual City-County Climate Action Conference

Meet with teams from 40 MN cities and plan collaborative next steps to advance low-carbon buildings, energy, transportation, green jobs, equity & resilience



THURSDAY, October 6 Two Options In-Person & Virtual Event on ZOOM

- **In-Person** at the Minneapolis Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN 55401 (transit access, on-site parking)

Convening City & county staff, commission & community volunteers and implementation partners.

Please RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-county-climate-action-conference-tickets-392722743297>

Zoom Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5156358735?pwd=K1FMVGdjVHJvVlc5UHhDSHpWNnhjUT09>

Session Speakers & Resources <https://rccmn.co/city-county-climate-action-check-in-events/>

In-Person Participants - please bring your laptop to participate in zoom break outs & share ideas in Chat & Jam Boards.

Questions? Contact: Sean Gosiewski, E.D. Resilient Cities and Communities, 612-250-0389 Sean@rccmn.co

Afternoon Sessions [Zoom Link](#)

11:00 a.m. **Optional Networking/ Lunch**

Noon **Video Keynote & Small Group Discussion**

Becky Alexander, [Regional Indicators Initiative](#), LHB

12:30p.m. **City and County Updates**

1:00 p.m. **Topic Sessions**

2:00 p.m. **County Clusters & Closing Remarks**

3:00 p.m. **Reception/Vendors**

Evening Sessions [Zoom Link](#)

5:00 p.m. **Social Hour/Networking**

6:00 p.m. **Video Keynote & Small Group Discussion**

Becky Alexander, [Regional Indicators Initiative](#), LHB

6:30 p.m. **Topic Sessions**

7:15 p.m. **County Clusters & Closing Remarks**

Topic Sessions [Zoom Link](#)

[Plan next steps to stay on track](#) to meet GHG targets

<https://rccmn.co/high-impact-actions/>

[25 High Impact Actions for Low Carbon Cities](#)

Efficient Buildings City Progress Key Actions JamBoard

- <https://rccmn.co/buildings/>

Clean Energy City Progress Key Actions JamBoard

- <https://rccmn.co/energy/>

Transportation City Progress Key Actions JamBoard

- <https://rccmn.co/transportation/>

Resilience High Impact Actions JamBoard

- <https://rccmn.co/resilience/>

Green Jobs High Impact Actions JamBoard

- <https://rccmn.co/green-jobs/>

Zero Waste City Progress Key Actions JamBoard

- <https://rccmn.co/zero-waste/>

County Cluster Conversations <https://rccmn.co/county-clusters/> [Zoom Link](#)

Anoka Co. Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/anoka-communities/>

NE MN Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/northeast-communities/>

Scott Co. Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/scott-communities/>

Dakota Co. Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/dakota-communities/>

Ramsey Co. Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/ramsey-communities/>

Washington Co. Packet JamBoard

rccmn.co/washington-communities/

Hennepin Co. Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/hennepin-communities/>

SE MN/ Rice Co. Packet JamBoard

<https://rccmn.co/rice-communities/>



Annual City County Climate Action Conference

<https://rccmn.co/city-county-climate-action-check-in-events/>

Thursday, October 6 with teams from 40 MN Cities [Please RSVP](#)

Two Options - In-Person & Virtual Conference [Zoom Link](#)

In-Person: Minneapolis Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN 55401

Afternoon Noon to 3:00pm or **Evening** 6:00pm to 8:00pm

In-Person Participants - please bring your lap top for zoom break outs.

We're inviting your city to share a recent inspiring action!

During our City and County Updates at 12:30pm

Benefits Connect with peers from other cities with experience taking the actions your city wants to take

- Learn how to make the most of new [Federal IIJA funds & IRA Tax Credits](#) for local priorities.

HIGH-IMPACT ACTIONS FOR LOW-CARBON MN CITIES

We're asking your City's GreenStep or Sustainability Coordinator to fill out our [short survey](#) in the next week to let us know **which high impact actions your city has already started** (and can share on) &/or is interested in

During Topic Sessions on Oct 6 for each [High Impact Action](#) ([25 High Impact City Actions](#))

- **Experienced cities** will share how they approved & are implementing the actions
- **Resource people** will share current resources & multi-city teams available to support cities
- **Together** we'll brainstorm ways to overcome barriers that would prevent cities from taking the actions
- **Learn how to join multi-city implementation teams** and **launch new teams** to support our cities' work

BUILDINGS www.rccmn.co/buildings/

- Action 1. **B3 public building benchmarking.** [GSC 1.1](#)
- Action 2. **Adopt an Energy Benchmarking Ordinance -**
[Efficient Buildings Collaborative](#) [GSC 2.3](#)
- Action 3. **Adopt a Sustainable Building Policy** [EBC](#)
- Action 4. **Update City's PUD Ordinance** [GSC 8.3](#)
- Action 5. **Truth in Sale of Housing Energy Inspections**
- Action 6. **1-Stop Residential/Commercial EE Funding**
- Action 7. **Low Income Access to EE Improvements**

TRANSPORTATION www.rccmn.co/transportation/

- Action 8. **Compact Development** [GSC BP#7](#)
- Action 9. **TOD Zoning Complete Neighborhoods** [GSC 8](#)
- Action 10. **Adopt a complete streets policy** [GSC 11](#)
- Action 11. **Fund bike/walk infrastructure.** [GSC 11](#)
- Action 12. **Reduce/eliminate parking minimums** [Guide](#)
- Action 13. **Adopt a TDM ordinance.** [GSC 14](#)
- Action 14. **EV standards for parking lots.** [E.V. Ready](#)

ENERGY www.rccmn.co/energy/

- Action 15. **City Purchasing Policies** for EE & RE [GS 15.2](#)
- Action 16. **Solar-ready community** [GSC 26.7](#) [Sol Smart](#)
- Action 17. **PACE for commercial EE/RE** [GSC26.3](#) [Pace](#)
- Action 18. **Residential & commercial solar** [GSC 26](#)

GREEN JOBS www.rccmn.co/green-jobs/

- Action 19. **Support MWBE businesses.** [GSC 15.3](#)

RESILIENCE www.rccmn.co/resilience/

- Action 20. **Adopt urban tree canopy goals** [GSC16.3](#)
- Action 21. **Adopt Tree** &/or **Landscaping** Ordinance
- Action 22. **Protect buildings & infrastructure** [GSC 29.5](#)
- Action 23. **Emergency Preparedness & Community**
Connections & Food Access [GSC 29.1](#) [GSC 29.3](#) [GSC 27](#)

ZERO WASTE www.rccmn.co/zero-waste/

- Action 24. **Reuse & organics collection** [GSC 22](#)
- Action 25. **Construction & demolition waste** [GSC 22.8](#)

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<https://rccmn.co/become-an-rcc-sponsor-partner/> **Contact:** Sean Gosiewski, E.D., RCC 612-250-0389 Sean@rccmn.co



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Oct 6 Keynote Presentation Noon and 6pm



MN Cities Progress in Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Emerging Opportunities

Becky Alexander, Senior Researcher,
Regional Indicators Initiative/ LHB
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=qh2RXCI_nAY

Small Group Discussion Questions (Groups of 3) 10 min
(please post your insights in the chat) Start with each person sharing for 2 min.

- Where are we making progress?
- Which GHG sectors pose challenges?
- Any recommended actions stood out for you?

Presentation Highlights

Efficient Buildings https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Efficient-Buildings.pdf

Transportation https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Transportation.pdf

Energy https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Clean-Energy.pdf

Zero Waste https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Zero-Waste.pdf

Regional Indicators Initiative TOOLS AND RESOURCES

[HTTPS://WWW.REGIONALINDICATORSMN.COM/RESOURCES](https://www.regionalindicatorsmn.com/resources)

In addition to providing city-wide data, the Regional Indicators Initiative offers tools and resources to assist local government elected officials, staff, and community members in climate planning and action.

Climate and Energy Planning Resources

- A **wedge diagram tool** for energy and greenhouse gas reduction planning with an associated menu of feasible city actions
- A brief guide on how to incorporate energy and/or climate resilience in a city's **request for proposals**
- An energy planning **guide** and **workbook** for use in comprehensive planning and/or energy planning efforts
- An **example analysis of energy existing conditions** documenting a city's energy use profile and available energy resources
- **Example local government energy goals**
- A **solar energy calculator** to assist in setting solar energy development goals

Climate and Energy Planning Webinars

- "Regional Indicators Initiative: Data and Tools for Community Climate Action" (September 2022): **Recording** and **Slides**
- "Tools for Local Government Energy Champions" (October 2017): **Recording** and **Slides**

Climate and Energy Planning Stories

- The **Minnesota Sustainability Index** - an overview of governmental units in Minnesota who have analyses, goals, and/or plans related to climate, energy, and equity

Oct 6 City and County Updates and New Resources 12:30pm to 1pm

We invite a representative from each city and county to share a one minute update on a sustainability action that you are excited that your city is taking. Everyone can also post exciting updates in the chat!

New Resources available to support your city to achieve its climate action goals on time

MN GreenStep Cities Gold Leaf Program Coming Soon!

https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2022-09/Gold%20Leaf%20Program%20Proposal_2022_2.pdf

An expansion for the Minnesota GreenStep Cities and Tribal Nations programs to challenge, assist, and recognize local climate action. **Kristin Mroz**, GreenStep Cities Coordinator, MPCA, (651) 757-2793 kristin.mroz-risse@state.mn.us

Met Council Climate Action Scenario Planning Tool Coming in early 2023!

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/MetCouncil_ClimateActionPlanningTool_Covered_Strategies.pdf

New Scenario Planning Tool to support cities to plan and prioritize actions to cut GHGs

Mauricio Leon, Met Council Indicators Mauricio.Leon@metc.state.mn.us

Efficient Buildings Collaborative

Open for participation by cities state-wide supporting cities to adopt and implement commercial energy benchmarking policies and sustainable building policies

The Efficient Buildings Collaborative brings together the county, cities and buildings owners to do energy benchmarking. Energy benchmarking is the process of monitoring and reporting the energy use of a building. It allows comparison of buildings' energy use to similar buildings or buildings' past performance.

Cities can get help from Hennepin County adopting an energy benchmarking ordinance. They can also get help developing and implementing the program.

<https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative>

Leah Hiniker Sustainability manager 612-543-1219 leah.hiniker@hennepin.us

Building a Strong and Equitable EV Charging Network in Your Community

Mon Oct 17 2022 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Wilder Center, Saint Paul

Partners in Energy event for cities included in the Xcel Energy Service Territory

RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-a-strong-and-equitable-ev-charging-network-in-your-community-tickets-399609612107>

Partners in Energy

Partners in Energy is a program from Xcel Energy that supports the communities we serve by helping them develop and implement these energy plans. Each community has its own unique energy needs and priorities, and Partners in Energy services are tailored to complement each community's vision.

Partners in Energy is for cities included in the Xcel Energy Service Territory [Application Form](#)

Contact Tami Gunderzik Tami.Gunderzik@xcelenergy.com or Deirdre Coleman dcoleman@mncee.org

<https://mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/partner-resources/municipalities/partners-in-energy>

Networked Geothermal Webinar Recording

<https://fresh-energy.org/event/how-networked-geothermal-can-help-get-minnesota-off-fossil-gas>

Networked geothermal for heating and cooling has been making waves recently among clean energy advocates, researchers, and utilities as the "next big thing" in the energy transition. On September 21, the Energy We Can't Afford Coalition and special guests from Minnesota to Massachusetts to dug into this new technology.

Given its potential for support across a wide range of stakeholders, geothermal microgrids and district systems could play a key role in de-carbonization of cold climates and provide an opportunity for larger scale implementation of geothermal by utilities. And the good news is that geothermal systems are already up and running right here in Minnesota!

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TOPIC Sessions - <https://rccmn.co/the-network/topic-teams/>

Buildings Topic Session

<https://rccmn.co/buildings/>

Facilitator - Kristin Mroz, GreenStep Cities Coordinator, (651) 757-2793 kristin.mroz-risse@state.mn.us

Buildings Background Slides

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Efficient-Buildings.pdf

Buildings High Impact Actions

http://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Buildings_High_Impact_Actions_Oct6.pdf

Buildings Jam Board

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1CfrDMDhIX9TLlqWxv1Vmva0NeRS_5Hs34V4nSPsssgo/edit?usp=sharing

Resource staff

Katie Jones, Community Program and Policy Manager, CEE 612-741-0596 kjones@mncee.org

- Overview on business energy benchmarking, sustainable buildings policies, TISH, etc.

Leah Hiniker Energy Manager 612 543-1219 leah.hiniker@co.hennepin.mn.us

- Update on Hennepin Co Efficient Buildings Collaborative next steps and how cities can get involved <https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative>

Luke Hollenkamp Mpls Sustainability office 612-673-2349 luke.hollenkamp@minneapolismn.gov

- Answering questions about Minneapolis policies & funding, benchmarking, TISH, SBP, Green Cost Share <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/>

Kurt Schultz, City of St. Paul, PED, 651 266-6590 kurt.schultz@ci.stpaul.mn.us

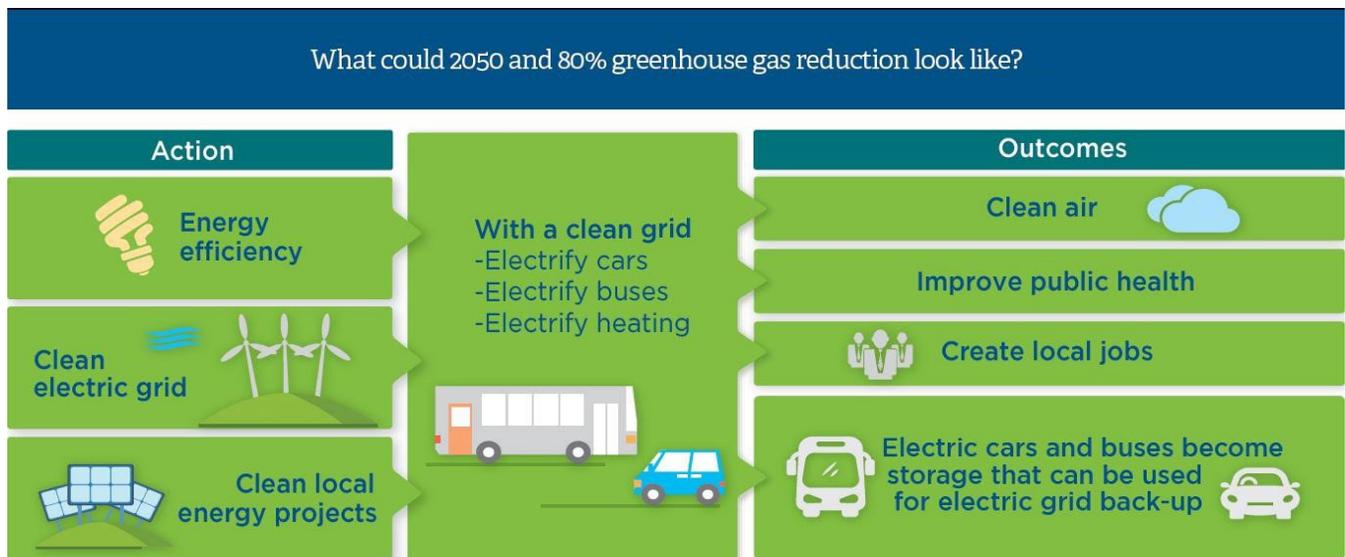
- Answering questions about St. Paul Sustainable Building Policies, benchmarking, large sites, TISH <https://www.stpaul.gov/sustainable-building-ordinance>

Buildings Topic Team Leader

- Kevin Brauer, 612 868-0365 kevin@homeperformancestrategies.net

NEXT MEETING

RCC Buildings Topic Team - Thurs Nov 17 Noon to 1pm on [Zoom](#)



Transportation Topic Session <https://rccmn.co/transportation/>

Transportation RII Background Slides

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Transportation High Impact Actions

http://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Transportation_High_Impact_Actions_Oct6.pdf

Transportation Jamboard

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/19cn0cczfv5zXa3GvGNjdw07PPUsqDswz-lDgHWJG-GU/edit?usp=sharing>

Facilitator - Frank Douma, Humphrey School 651-690-4344 douma002@umn.edu

Resource staff

KC Atkins, Hennepin Co Public Works. 612-596-0354 kc.atkins@hennepin.us

- Update on Hennepin County's initiative to reduce vehicles miles traveled <https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/business/work-with-hennepin-county/transportation-planning/comp-plan-2040-2-transportation.pdf>

Gina Mitteco Dakota Co Multi-Modal Transportation Manager 952 891-7114 gina.mitteco@co.dakota.mn.us

- How Dakota Co is partnering with cities on the Robert Street BRT and bike/ped trail connections <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/Transit/RobertStreet/Pages/default.aspx>

Abdullahi Abdulle MN DOT Transportation Equity (612) 607-4971 Abdullahi.abdulle@state.mn.us

- MNDOTs Transportation Equity Initiatives www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/advancing-transportation-equity/

Anna Johnson Policy & Public Affairs Fresh Energy 651 294 7145 Johnson@fresh-energy.org

- Update on Federal IIJA grants & IRA tax credits & relevance for EVs and more flexible transportation spending <https://fresh-energy.org/game-changing-policies-in-the-inflation-reduction-act>

Mauricio Leon, Met Council Indicators Mauricio.Leon@metc.state.mn.us

- Update on the new Scenario Planning Tool to support cities to prioritize actions to cut GHGs https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/MetCouncil_ClimateActionPlanningTool_Covered_Strategies.pdf

Peter Lindstrom CERTS, Met Council (651) 324-4831 plindstr@umn.edu

- How Met Council is coordinating with cities on VMT reduction, BRT and transit electrification <https://metro council.org/Transportation/Projects/Transit-Projects.aspx>

Connie Bernardy Active Living Ramsey Communities 651-748-2500 Connie.Bernardy@co.ramsey.mn.us

- Ramsey Co Public Works & Parks are partnering w cities in 3 to 4 conversations & bike/ped connections <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transportation/future-road-projects/transportation-improvement-program>

RCC Transportation Topic Team Leaders - **convening our next RCC Buildings Topic Team Zoom Call**

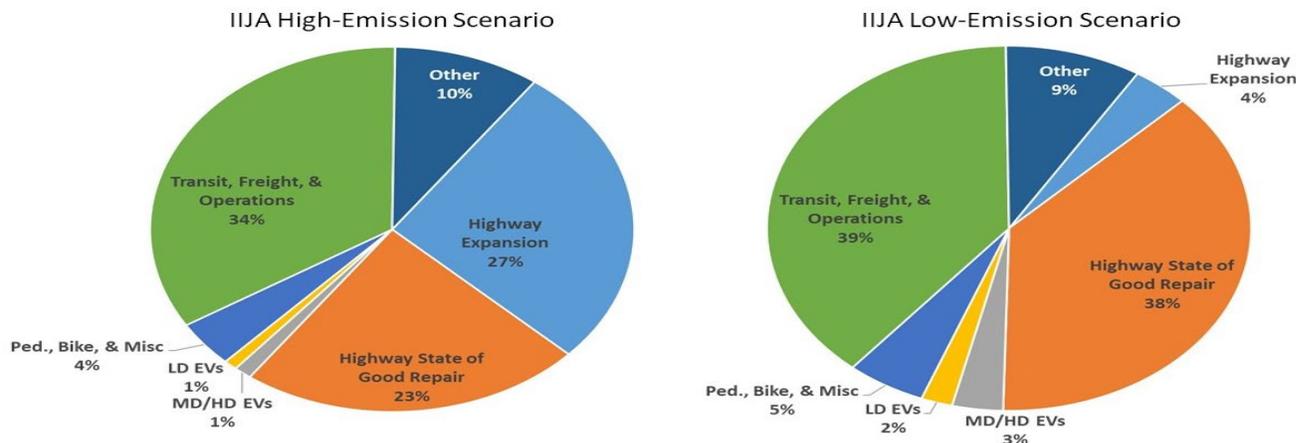
- Jim Erkel, (651) 353-5935 cjerkel@comcast.net Phil Muessig 612 437-8415 pmuessig@yahoo.com

Next Meeting Transportation Topic Team Thurs Nov 10 Noon to 1pm on [Zoom](#)

New Report: Estimating the Greenhouse Gas Impact of Federal Infrastructure Investments in the IIJA

<https://www.georgetownclimate.org/articles/federal-infrastructure-investment-analysis.html> James Bradbury, Georgetown Climate Center, james.bradbury@georgetown.edu

IIJA Analysis Inputs: Two investment scenarios for \$599 billion



Energy Topic Session

<https://rccmn.co/energy/>

Energy RII Background Slides

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Clean-Energy.pdf

Energy High Impact Actions

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Energy_High_Impact_Actions_Oct6.pdf

Energy JamBoard

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1k0YpSWK28YjyPnfWoNYGGOVhMxTPuuH5CQ-V63G-RM/edit?usp=sharing>

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Green Jobs Topic Session

<https://rccmn.co/green-jobs/>

Green Jobs High Impact City Actions

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/GreenJobs_High_Impact_Actions_Oct6-1.pdf

Green Jobs Jam Board

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1Knbtg9gJ7ib2fDNdG6cyapK257sl_5huoVptuibs4Ek/edit?usp=sharing

Facilitator - **Michael Krause**, (612) 229-7702 michaelkrause61@yahoo.com

Resource staff - Invited

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- Emilia Gonzalez Avalos, Unidos emilia@unidos-mn.org
- Robert Blake, Executive Director, Native Sun 612-669-1165 robertblake22@gmail.com (Governor's Workforce Dev. Board)
- Elena Foshay, Director of Workforce Development for the City of Duluth. elenafoshay@gmail.com
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- Scott D. Cole CEO / Co-founder, Collectivity 651-276-5775 scott.cole@collectivity.coop
- Minneapolis** Marie Larson - Industry Relations Training Manager 612.673.5292 marie.larson@minneapolismn.gov
- St. Paul** Russ Stark Chief Resilience Officer 651 266-8511 Russ.stark@ci.stpaul.mn.us (will be out of town)

Resilience Topic Session

<https://rccmn.co/resilience/>

Resilience High Impact Actions

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Resilience Jam Board

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Hennepin County Natural Resources Plan Update

<https://www.hennepin.us/natural-resources-plan>

Session Facilitator

- **Laura Milberg** MPCA (651) 757-2568 laura.milberg@state.mn.us

Resource staff

- John Evans** Hennepin Co E & E Assistant Director (612) 348-4046 john.evans@hennepin.us
- **Natural Resources Plan Update and how to get involved** <https://www.hennepin.us/natural-resources-plan>
- Matt Metzger**, P.E. Barr Engineering 952-832-2830 mmetzger@barr.com
- **Sharing examples of how Barr is supporting cities to develop climate resiliency and green infrastructure** <https://www.barr.com/Insights/Insights-Article/ArtMID/1344/ArticleID/386/Establishing-climate-change-adaptation-strategies>
- Eric Wojchik**, Met Council Eric.Wojchik@metc.state.mn.us [climate vulnerability assessment tools](https://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Planning/Local-Planning-Assistance/CVA.aspx)
- **and growing shade tool** <https://metrocouncil.org/News-Events/Communities/Newsletters/Growing-Shade-tool-2022.aspx>

Zero Waste Topic Session

<https://rccmn.co/zero-waste/>

Zero Waste RII Background Slides

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RII-Oct6_Breakout-Slides_Zero-Waste.pdf

Zero Waste High Impact Actions

https://rccmn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/ZeroWaste_High_Impact_Actions_Oct6.pdf

Zero Waste Jam Board

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Facilitator Lucy Mullany Director of Policy & Advocacy. 612 669-2783 LucyM@eurekarecycling.org

Resource staff

Ben Knudson (1pm) Hennepin County Energy and Environment 612 596-1176 Ben.Knudson@hennepin.us Update on Hennepin Co Zero Waste Plan Update <https://www.hennepin.us/climate-action/what-hennepin-is-doing/zero-waste-plan>

Kellie Kish (7pm). City of Minneapolis Recycling Coordinator 612-673-3536. Kellie.Kish@minneapolismn.gov Update on Minneapolis Zero Waste Plan <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/zero-waste/>

Zero Waste Opportunities

\$139,000 available for waste reduction and reuse grants The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is offering Environmental Assistance (EA) grants for projects working to expand waste reduction and reuse, rental, and repair efforts around the state. Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/grants-and-loans>

Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation

The Partnership on Waste and Energy, a collaborative effort of Hennepin, Ramsey, & Washington counties, is collaborating with the Product Stewardship Institute <https://www.productstewardship.us/>

<https://recyclingandenergy.org/partnership-epr-for-packaging/>

Update on Federal Funding Opportunities

<https://rccmn.co/expanding-funding/>

Resource People

- **Daniel Lightfoot** League of Minnesota Cities IGR Representative & Federal Relations Manager (651) 281-1295 gro.cml@toofthgild
- **Anna Johnson** Fresh Energy Senior Policy & Public Affairs Assoc, 651 294-7145 Johnson@fresh-energy.org

MNDOT

- Funding opportunities landing page <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dot-navigator/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-funding-opportunities>
- State Aid for Local Transportation <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/ijja.html>
- Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcements in 2022 <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>

US Department of Transportation

- USDOT Navigator <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>
- Competitive grant programs local governments can apply to directly https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant_programs.cfm

MN Department of Commerce

- Landing page for funding and resources <https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/energy/policy/federal-bipartisan-infrastructure-law.jsp#ijjasignup>

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

- IJJA broadband funding <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/infrastructure/>
- Infrastructure funding (state and federal) <https://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/infrastructure/>

White House BUILD Resources

- White House BUILD Guidebook <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>
- White House Technical Assistance Guide <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/technical-assistance-guide/>
- White House BUILD Rural Playbook <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/rural/>
- BUILD Tribal Playbook <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-tribal-playbook/>

Decision Hearing for the Inclusive Energy Efficiency Financing Pilot

You are invited to listen in and show support for your municipality!
City staff and leadership are invited to stand alongside their constituents!

Thu Oct 13, 2022, 10am – 5pm *** Ideally show up at 10:30 or 11 and stay for as long as you can. If you can swing by at a later time in this period, then that is great also! ***

MN Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th PI E Room #350, St Paul, MN 55101

If the MN PUC votes yes, then cities in CenterPoint territory can sign up to be part of this pilot project to expand access energy efficiency improvements to renters and more.

To RSVP, learn more, or for instructions to watch the hearing online, go to <https://bit.ly/TBIFhearing>



Our Shared Challenge
Together, we can do hard things.

SIGN UP TODAY

Virtual Benefit Breakfast with
Julian Brave Noisecat on October 13

<https://fresh-energy.org/benefitbreakfast>

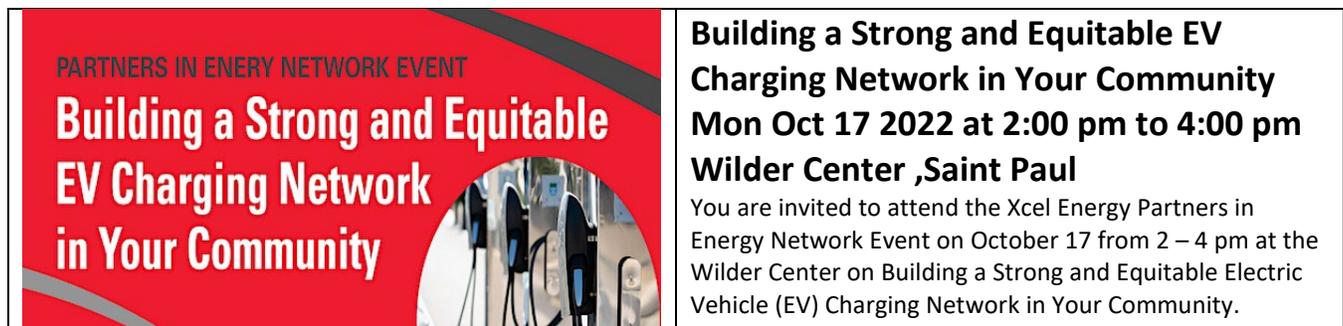
Reserve your spot today for Fresh Energy’s Virtual Benefit Breakfast taking place on Thursday, October 13. Join Fresh Energy and Julian Brave NoiseCat for an inspiring discussion about driving an ambitious—and seemingly impossible—agenda at this critical moment in human history.

Green Step Workshop - Wed October 19 9am to 11am

Local Outdoor Air Quality & Actions to Improve it

Learn more the best practices for decreasing air contaminates and improving air quality in your

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PARTNERS IN ENERGY NETWORK EVENT

Building a Strong and Equitable EV Charging Network in Your Community

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Mon Oct 17 2022 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wilder Center ,Saint Paul

You are invited to attend the Xcel Energy Partners in Energy Network Event on October 17 from 2 – 4 pm at the Wilder Center on Building a Strong and Equitable Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Network in Your Community.

Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy Event for communities in the Xcel Energy Service Territory

- An overview of the EV funding landscape in Minnesota and tips on how to leverage multiple opportunities for maximum impact
- EV charging stories, outreach resources, and lessons learned
- How to put it all together through EV project action planning

Register Today!
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-a-strong-and-equitable-ev-charging-network-in-your-community-tickets-399609612107>



Resilient Cities & Communities

Visionary People. Vibrant Places. Regenerative Futures.

Join our Resilient Cities and Communities Network! <https://rccmn.co/the-network/>

Our Focus - supporting citizens, commissions, cities and counties to work together to achieve our 2030 and 2050 climate goals on time while building equitable, vital, resilient communities.

1. **City Action Teams** RCC supports Citizen Coalitions and City Sustainability Commissions to partner with their City Staff and City Council to work effectively together to set and meet community-wide sustainability, energy and climate goals. <https://rccmn.co/city-action-teams-2/>
2. **County Clusters** help advance the work of your City's commissions & citizen networks and help strengthen city-county collaborative initiatives <https://rccmn.co/county-clusters/>
3. **Topic Teams** Add your expertise to a Topic Team - to support cities and counties in taking high impact actions <https://rccmn.co/the-network/topic-teams/>
 1. **City Teams** City Commissions, Staff & Elected Leaders Implementing Climate Action Work Plans
 2. **County Clusters** - City teams meeting quarterly by county to support one another's next steps.
 3. **Topic Teams** - Resource partners supporting cities & counties to implement high impact actions for Buildings, Energy, Green Jobs, Resilience, Transportation and Zero Waste
 4. **Policy Team** advance state & federal funding and policy solutions
4. **Peer Learning Networks** connecting through conversations, topic workshops, one on one calls to support one another <https://rccmn.co/peer-learning-networks/>
 - **City Commission Volunteers** [MN BIPOC Local Elected Leaders Network](#)
 - City Council Members & Mayors active with climate solutions – [MN Cities Climate Caucus](#)
 - **YOUTH Leader Network** [Natural Resources/Friends of Parks](#), [Human Rights Commissions](#)
5. **Business Partners** Individuals, Cities, Counties, Nonprofits and Businesses can become **Annual RCC Network Sponsors/Partners** (sliding scale based on organization's size) and connect and collaborate with cities, counties, nonprofits, agencies & businesses active with our RCC Network rccmn.co/business-partners-sponsors/ [Guidestar – Gold Transparency](#) www.guidestar.org/profile/20-5001106

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