

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA'S CITY COUNCIL, TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING OF A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) TO ENSURE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE, HEALTHY AND RESILIENT FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Whereas, Minnesota is vulnerable to the effects of a changing climate such unpredictable and increasingly severe precipitation patterns along with rising air temperature that will have adverse effects on our residents, water, agriculture, and ecosystem and our economy.

Whereas, Minnesotans are already incurring the costs associated with a changing climate such as increasing insurance rates, heat-related health emergencies, and disruption to farming and other local industries.

Whereas, creating a more environmentally sustainable and resilient community strengthens the social, economic and physical health of Northfield residents, enhancing overall the desirability and quality of life of our community

Whereas, in 2005 the City of Northfield began the process of committing to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by completing the first milestone of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and other environmentally-focused efforts such as the Greenstep Cities program, have continued to reinforce our community's commitment to environmental stewardship.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Northfield City Council will create and implement a climate action plan (CAP) to reduce Northfield's community-wide greenhouse gases, to increase Northfield's community resilience in response to a changing climate and to ensure a livable planet for current and future generations.