



Carbon Reduction Fund

2023 Annual Report

History



- Carbon Reduction fund Established in 2021
- Funded by direct budget appropriations in the City annual budget, from the Franchise Fee collected from Xcel Energy
- 8% of the annual revenues collected up to a cumulative annual \$100,000 collected
- Expenditures for the support of actions and goals of the City of Northfield Climate Action Plan

Carbon Reduction Fund (2023)



- In 2023 the Carbon Reduction Fund received **\$94,459.33** in revenue from franchise fees
- 2023 Beginning Budget Balance - **\$131,964.10**
- Expenditures 2023 - **\$66,591.17**

Professional Services

- Sustainable Building Policy- CEE/LHB
- District Energy Study - Ever Green Energy
- City Hall Charging Station Infrastructure - Guth Electric, INC
- City Attorney Services - Flaherty & Hood

Programs & Public Services

- Northfield Earth Day Sponsorship
- Printing & Marketing Material - By All Means Graphic
(Green Book, EE Rebate Post Card, No Mow May Signage)

Transfer Out

- \$5,611.11 HRA rebate reimbursement- Residential Energy Efficiency

- 2023 End Balance - **\$169,570.83**

CAP Expenditure



- In order to fund some of the strategies in the Climate Action Plan, especially those focused on carbon sequestration, the Carbon Reduction Fund allows for an alternative source of revenue for projects without additional burden on the general operating fund.

Other Related Expenses to come from the CRF:

- Funds are reserved annually to process rebate applications through the Energy Efficiency Program (HRA). These funds are paid by the HRA budget and reimbursed by the Carbon Reduction Fund.
- Tree planting/maintenance expenses. Funds may be used to provide some match or enhance the amount of work that can be done with current tree planting grant or to support work around Emerald Ash Borer management.
- Modeling and planning for clean energy transition options
- District Energy Study
- Sustainable Building Policy technical service provider through LHB. LHB provides assistance to guide developers, builders and City staff.
- Education and marketing of the Carbon Reduction Fund and Energy Efficiency Rebates
- Reserve fund set aside for electric charging stations and electric vehicle fleet transition.
- Sponsorship of Northfields Earth Day event & activities

Questions



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