

Partners in Energy Kickoff Meeting

Northfield, MN | September 13, 2018



What is Partners in Energy?

Partners in Energy Scope



What is Partners in Energy?

- Partners in Energy is a *two-year* collaboration with Xcel Energy to develop and implement your energy plan goals
- Xcel Energy provides tools and resources to enable community-driven energy planning and implementation



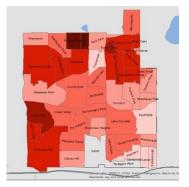
Resources for Planning



A variety of resources are available to support the planning phase.



Facilitation & Guidance



Data



Project Management

Plan Development Steps







Energy Action Plan

- Ultimate planning phase outcome
- Plan for pursing the Community's Energy Vision
- Guides implementation





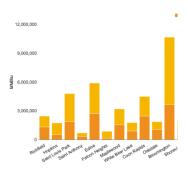
Resources for Implementation



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Marketing and Communications



Data Tracking/ Measurement



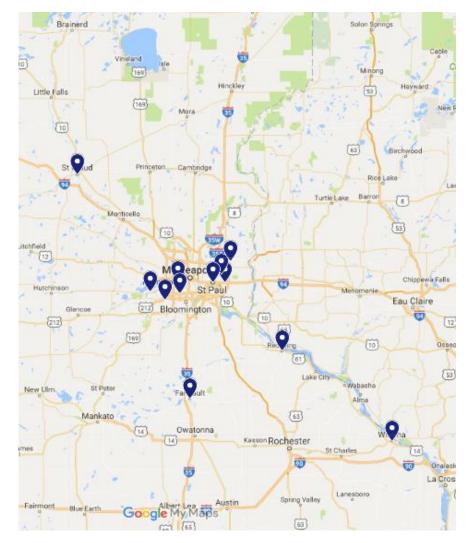
Program Expertise



Project Management

Other Minnesota Communities



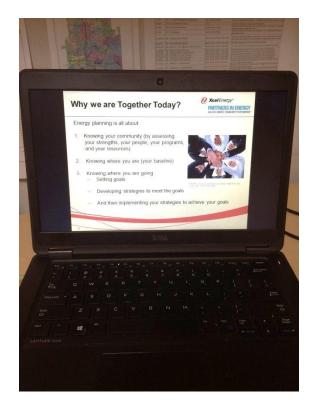


- Lake Street Corridor in Minneapolis
- City of Maplewood
- City of Saint Louis Park
- City of Edina
- Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department
- City of Faribault
- City of Saint Cloud
- City of Saint Paul
- City of Winona
- City of Eden Prairie
- City of Mahtomedi
- City of Shorewood
- City of Bloomington
- City of Rosemount
- City of Fridley
- City of Red Wing
- City of Hastings

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The Exchange

- Webinars and office hours
 - Opportunities to share with and learn from other participating communities developing and implementing their own Energy Action Plans





Xcel Energy's Goals



- Develop a better understanding of the energy needs of communities we serve
- Better align the services and programs we offer with customer needs to save energy and advance clean energy goals
- Strengthen relationships with the community and support the Xcel Energy philosophy of community engagement



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Xcel Energy Team Roles



- Provide facilitation for the Energy Action Plan development
- Gather, process, and share data
- Actively learn more about customers' goals and needs
- Provide customized access to Xcel Energy programs & resources
- Provide transition into and support during implementation

Partners in Energy Team



Xcel Energy			Community Facilitators	
Tami Gunderzik	Yvonne Pfeifer	Community Relations Manager	Marisa Bayer	Jamie Johnson

Community Lead



- Responsible for serving as a liaison and coordinator for community participants
- Anticipate spending up to 100 hours over the six month planning phase on the following activities:
 - Coordinating the recruitment of the Energy Action Team
 - Gathering community data to enhance the community's baseline
 - Keeping work moving between workshops
 - Reviewing the plan document
 - Facilitate the transition from planning to plan implementation

Energy Action Team











Energy Action Team Roles



- Represent your organization (Representative)
- Be a critical eye for credibility, transparency, and accuracy (Critical Thinking)
- Advise City Council and/or Sustainability Commission (Advisor)
- Be a conduit to your network (Ambassador)
- Attend planning workshops over six month period (Approx. 15-20 hours)

Energy Action Team Participants



- Relevance to the Plan
 - Utilities
- Ability to authorize and implement strategies
 - Workforce and educational providers
 - Faith-based leaders
 - Chamber members
 - Civic leaders

City staff

- Community development
- Economic development
- Land use planning
- Environmental staff

- Larger sources of emissions
 - K-12 energy managers
 - Large employers
 - Manufacturing
 - Hospitals
- Expertise
 - Energy policy, advocacy, or technical experts
 - Regional and state partners



Recipe for Success



Successful energy initiatives have six ingredients:

6 Ingredients	Questions		
Energy Opportunities	Where can energy be saved or renewable energy be sourced?		
Strategic Timing	When should actions take place?		
Doers	Who will take action?		
Communication Channels	What is going on?		
Political Support & Leadership	Why does this work matter to the community?		
Financial & Program Resources	How will the initiative be supported?		



Questions About Partners in Energy?

