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EQC Meeting Date: October 20, 2021

To: Members of the Environmental Quality Commission

From: Beth Kallestad, Program Coordinator

Staff Update.

Action Requested:

The EQC receives an update regarding staff activities.

Summary Report:

This update includes items not included as agenda items for this meeting.

Events/Education

- [EV Experience Expo event <https://www.recharge-minnesota.org/recharge-northfield-ev-experience-expo/>](https://www.recharge-minnesota.org/recharge-northfield-ev-experience-expo/) on October 23, 2021 from 10 AM - 1 PM at Greenvale Park Elementary School. EQC members can support by sharing information with networks and staffing City info table.
- The One-Stop Lighting promotion done in collaboration with Center for Energy & Environment in September was successful. So far, 13 business and multi-family housing complexes have had audits done and are implementing upgrades. Based on estimates from half the projects, the energy savings are 78,618 kW hours. Once all projects are complete, the number should increase. A full report will be provided in early 2022.
- There will be a training for sales people and installers of Air Source Heat Pumps on November 9 from 8 - 9:30 AM at the Northfield Police Department training room. This is being done in partnership with the Air Source Heat Pump Collaborative and with the cities of Red Wind and Faribault.
- **City Board & Commission Training Event** - October 27 at 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the Northfield Senior Center Dining rooms, 1651 Jefferson Pkwy, Meal provided. RSVP to email from City Communications

office.

Southeast Cities Community Engagement Cohort

Staff are working with University of Minnesota Extension to plan the workshop meetings for City partners to take place in the fall. First multi-city meeting was held on September 29. The group will be meeting monthly for the next few months.

Energy Transition Options planning work is underway with Nokomis Energy.

Staff attended the online Xcel Energy, Stakeholder workshop on the 2021 Integrated Distribution Plan, Docket No. E002/M-19-666. A report and comment period should be released on **November 1, 2021**. Staff and EQC can work together on suggested comments to bring to City Council for approval.

Staff took part in a panel discussion at the MnSEIA Gateway to Solar Conference in Minneapolis to share the experience Northfield is having with on-site solar and grid congestion issues.

UPCOMING EQC MEETINGS - due to construction at City Hall, the EQC meetings for November through January will be moved to the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall.

Alternative Options:

NA

Financial Impacts:

NA

Tentative Timelines:

NA