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## **Program Offering**



#### **Full Plan**

Partners in Energy is a two-year collaboration with Xcel Energy to develop and implement your energy plan goals.

**Planning** (6 months)

Implementation (18 months)

#### **Alternative Plan**

Partners in Energy is launching streamlined planning for communities with limited planning resources or needs. Focus is on implementation support.

Planning (4 months) Implementation
(pending needs)





Engage with the communities we serve by providing them with tools and resources to develop and carry out their energy action plan.

Drives program participation

- Link of PiE tactics to EV offerings
- History has shown activity drops when PiE initiative ends

Builds deeper community relationships

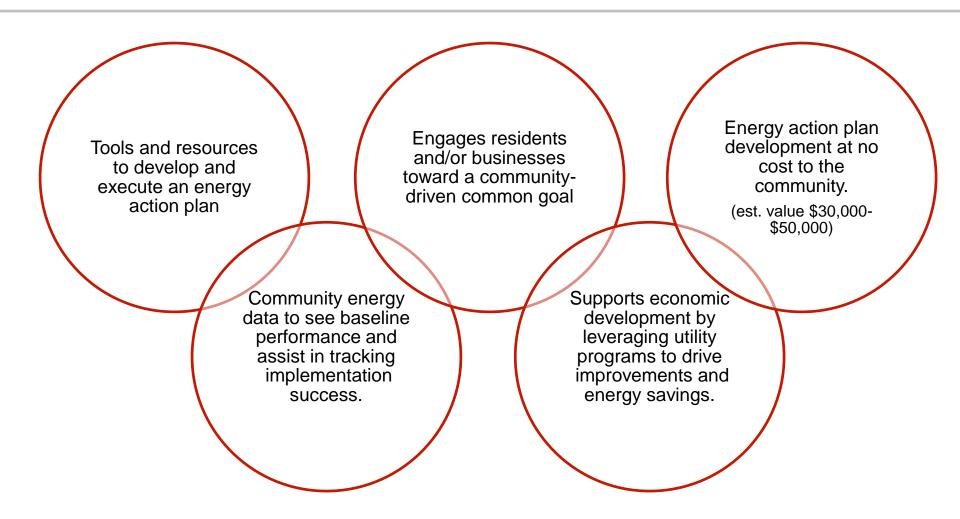
- · Communities engage utility in future planning .
- Xcel Energy gets broader exposure to decision makers in the community.

Provides
opportunities to
identify
opportunities for
program offerings

- · Communities want to innovate and lead.
- Access to new outreach and markets collaborating with trusted community leaders.

## **Community Benefits**





#### **How it Works**



- 1. Communities apply to participate.
  - a) Applications accepted two times a year
  - b) Xcelenergy.com/PartnersinEnergy
  - c) 1-800-369-4362
- Includes all of Xcel Energy's programs and services, not just conservation offerings.
  - a) Promote Xcel Energy's renewable
  - b) Supports education on energy information and billing options
- 3. Incorporates co-branding with communities and local partners.
  - a) Press releases
  - b) Email, direct mail, flyers
  - c) Workshops
- 4. Relies heavily on community resources.
- Vendor team:
  - a) Brendle Group prime, Colorado
  - b) Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) Minnesota
  - c) Vermont Energy Investment Corp (VEIC) online Exchange resources

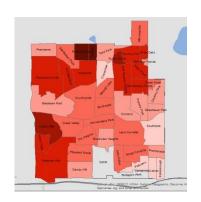
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Facilitation & Guidance



**Data** 



Project Management

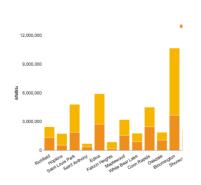
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Marketing and Communications



Data Tracking/ Measurement



Program Expertise



Project Management

# Tools for Successful Energy Planning



- Community commitment
  - Staff resources
  - Executive support
- Stakeholder engagement
  - Diverse planning group
  - Different perspectives
- Data
  - Energy consumption
  - Energy savings/Renewable energy
  - Community demographics
- Utility partnership

#### St. Paul Minnesota



Goal: Achieve carbon neutrality in city operations by 2030, and citywide by 2050.

Partners in Energy was the energy chapter of a Climate Action Plan.

## **5 Energy Action Plan Priorities**

Inspire a Culture of Energy Stewardship

Reduce Resident Energy Burden

Engage Major Institutions on Climate Leadership

Inspire through Municipal Leadership

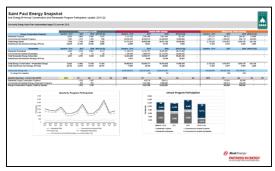
Engage the Multifamily and Large Commercial Sector

## St Paul Implementation Support



- Residential Survey
  - Design
  - Translation (Hmong and Spanish)
- Home Energy Squad
  - Seniors
  - Low income
  - Implementation of Previously Identified Measures
- Rental Rehab Loan Program coordination
- Race to Reduce
  - Benchmarking support
  - Webinar
  - Sponsorship
- Tracking and Reporting















# Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership

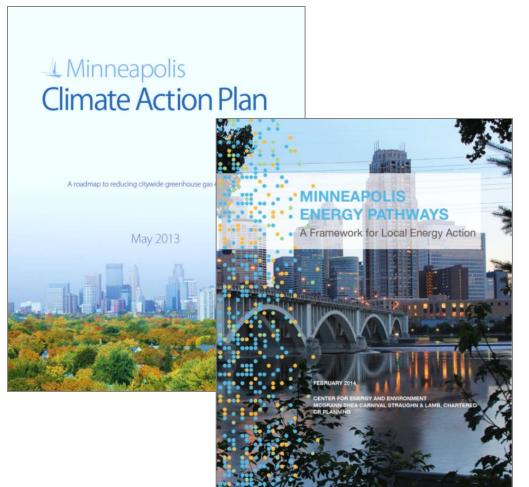
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### Help Minneapolis Achieve its Energy Vision



- Minneapolis CAP GHG goals:
  - 15% by 2015
  - 30% by 2025
  - 80% by 2050
- Advance equity in infrastructure and environmental benefits
- New Clean Energy
   Agreements with both utilities







#### **Partnership Structure**



- Partnership Board
  - Mayor
  - City Coordinator
  - Two City Council Members
  - Two (each) high-level utility representatives
- EVAC
  - 15 community representatives
- Planning Team
  - Staff from the city, Xcel Energy,
     CenterPoint Energy







## **Partnership Goals and Strategies**

#### **CEP Goals**

- Increase energy efficiency
- Increase renewable energy
- Develop strong city-utility collaboration

#### **CEP Strategies**

- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Data and information
- Policy levers







#### **Work Plan Highlights**

- All Partners collaborated to provide benchmarking training to building operators of multi-family buildings - complete
- Xcel Energy provides small business refrigeration program on-going and collaboration with city green cost share program
- Xcel Energy LED streetlight conversion complete
- Xcel to install electric vehicle infrastructure for City fleet in process
- Xcel responded to the city's Request for Information (RFI) as part of the City enterprise's ongoing planning for achieving 100% renewable electricity goal for City operations - complete
- An Xcel Energy RDF grant was approved by the PUC Grant recipient and City
  of Minneapolis have determined a Low-Income Community Solar Garden site
  on City property in northeast Minneapolis *in process*



#### Thank You

**Questions?**