

CERTs: Helping Minnesotans Build Clean Energy

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MISSION

We connect individuals and their communities to the resources they need to identify and implement community-based clean energy projects



How does CERTs help?



Hands-on assistance

For cities, counties, utilities, farmers, businesses, and other organizations looking to make a change



Practical steps to clean energy

Resources for getting started, moving forward, and completing projects



Learning opportunities

We host events, create resources, and highlight clean energy stories and jobs

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Support on clean energy in Greater MN



Farmers and small businesses can get assistance with:

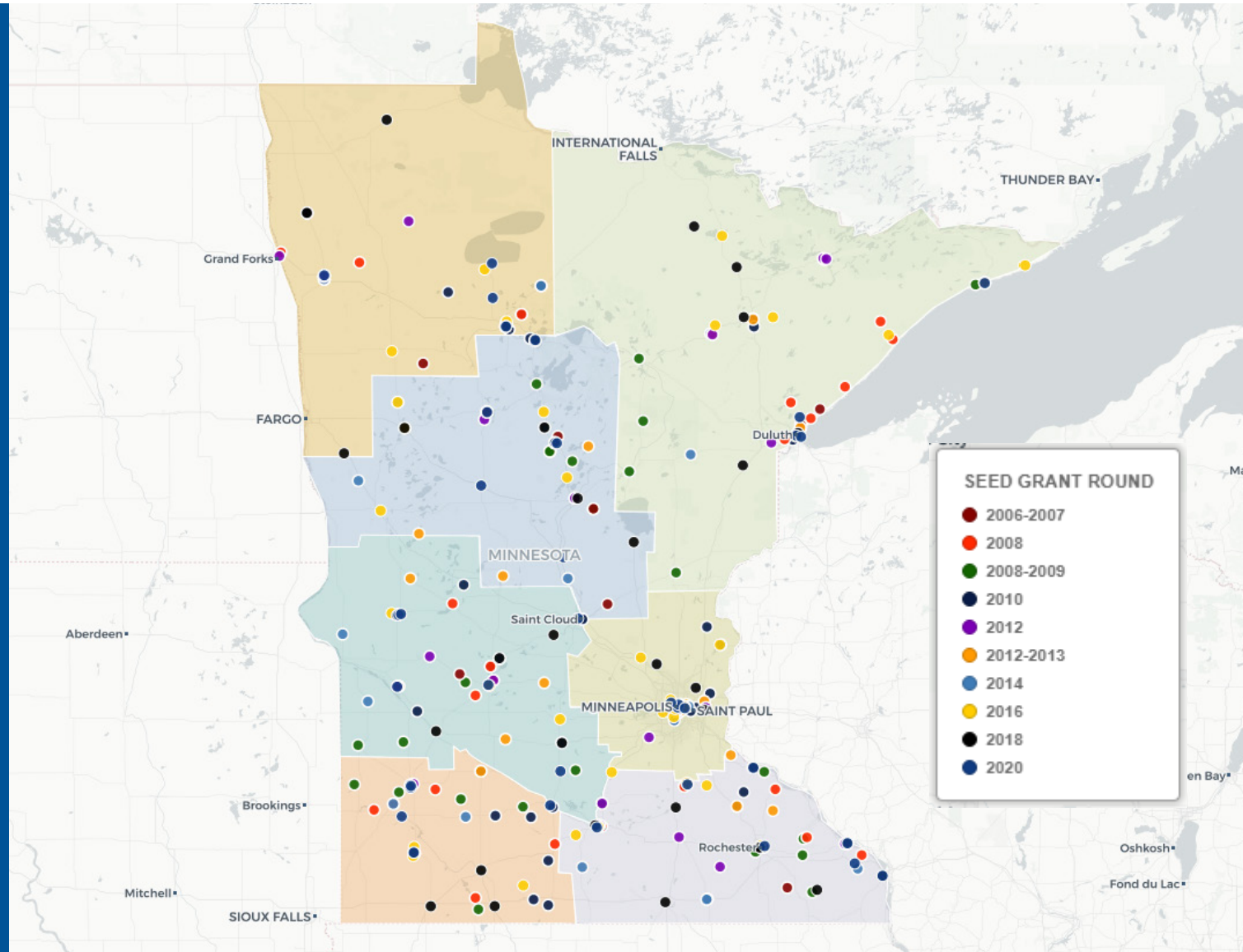
- Solar site assessments
- Support with financing like PACE and grants like USDA REAP
- Available utility incentives
- Guidance on federal tax credit, depreciation



Catalyzing projects with CERTs Seed Grants



- Awarded over \$1.3 million to 393 energy projects since 2006
- Pays for labor costs
- Must have a community component
- 6 projects awarded in the Central Region this round



Resources for cities, counties, and schools



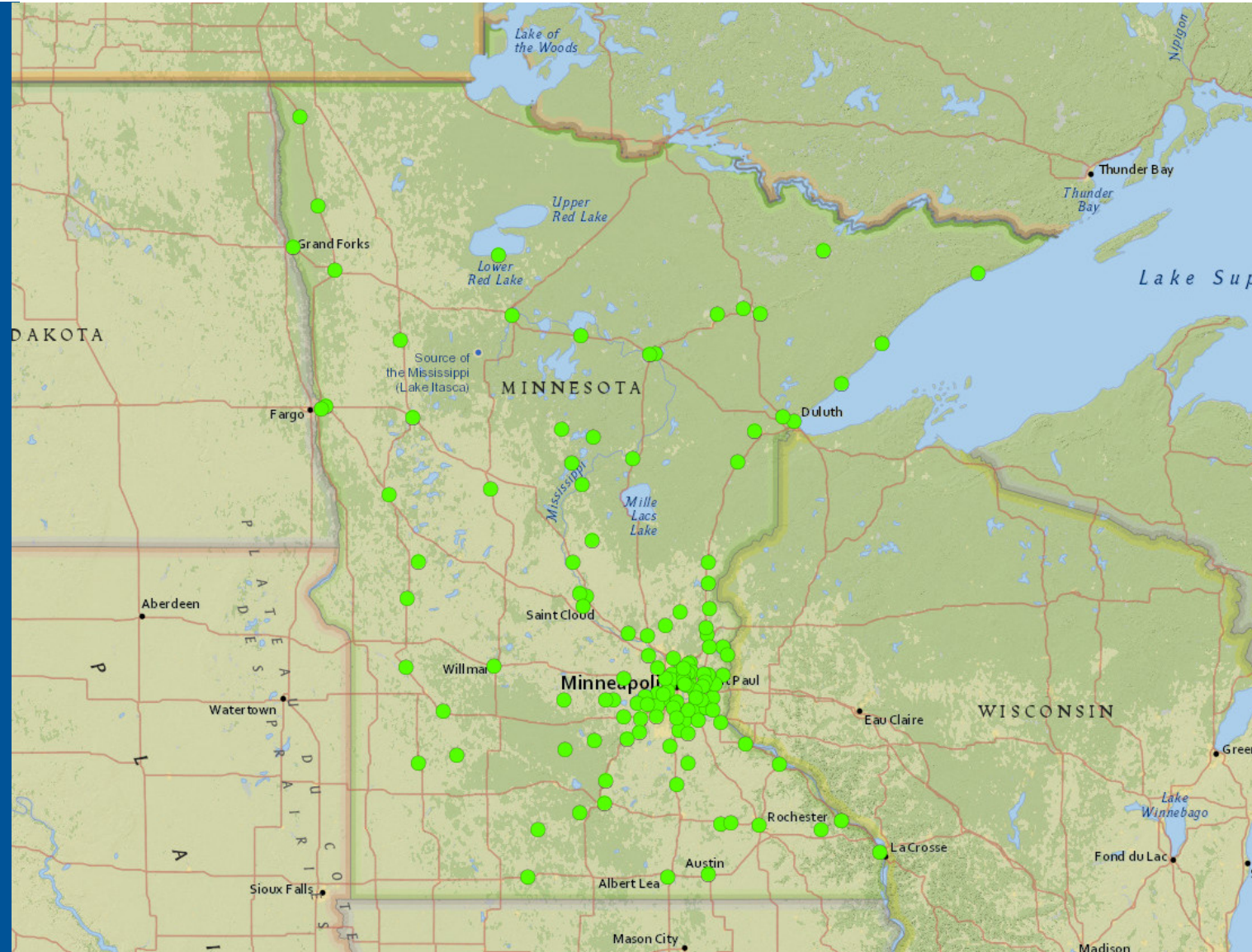
- Energy benchmarking and audits for public buildings
- Step-by-step guidance for going solar
- Hands-on assistance
- Financing options



Taking action with proven best practices



Minnesota GreenStep is an action-oriented voluntary program offering Cities and Tribal Nations a cost-effective, step-wise path to implement sustainable development best practices



The CERTs website is full of resources!



Tools & Guides

by Topic | by Audience



Biomass (1)



Community Planning (3)



Electric Vehicles (3)



Energy Efficiency (10)



Energy Storage (1)

[CleanEnergyResourceTeams.org](https://www.CleanEnergyResourceTeams.org)

How can CERTs help you build clean energy?



Visit CleanEnergyResourceTeams.org or
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