

2021 Annual Report

Highlights & Accomplishments



Hosted 34 events with over 1,600 attendees



Connected with nearly 6,000 people at 424 forums



Offset 37 billion BTUs (same as 1 million LED bulbs)



Published over 150 clean energy stories

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Served 278 Minnesota Communities

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Highlights by Audience

Governmental Units

- Empowering jurisdictions through connections and engagement: 20+ in Community Energy Network; 130+ GreenStep Cities with tools & guides
- Preparing schools to harness solar: 22 districts; Roseville Public School's 296 kW solar RFP; curriculum tools & stories
- Advancing local projects: EV charging stations in 9 cities;
 EVs for 6 fleets; City of Morris & Hutchinson Utilities solar RFPs

Utilities

- **Program implementation:** 16 business blitzes with Otter Tail Power and Minnesota Power; manufactured home energy efficiency with 7 utilities
- Convening for innovation: 2 collaborative utility research projects with East River Power Cooperative and Great River Energy
- Advancing EV programming and adoption: Muni EV cohort spurred publicly available EV chargers; peer learning; Roseau EV ride & drive

Small Businesses

- Expanding reach: Latinx-owned businesses in Austin, St. Paul, Willmar, & Worthington; seed grant to certify NE MN electricians to install solar
- Assisting with funding options: St. Paul Port Authority & Rural MN Energy Board PACE; Minneapolis Green Cost Share program

Agriculture

- **Expanding reach:** farm energy events in Osakis & Staples; efficiency, renewables, & funding technical assistance
- Advancing agriculture-energy synergies: renewable energy siting event; Murray County strategic solar siting; windto-green-ammonia study to enable local production

Underserved Communities

- Supporting home energy efficiency & Energy Assistance Program: Home Energy Guides in English, Spanish, & Somali; community-based outreach
- **Piloting strategies for manufactured homes:** 13 parks serving 800+ homes; how-to videos for do-it-yourself repairs in English & Spanish
- Advancing access to solar: community solar resources and project to explore new models; Solar for Vouchers pilot program

Cross-Cutting Efforts

Workforce: youth engagement

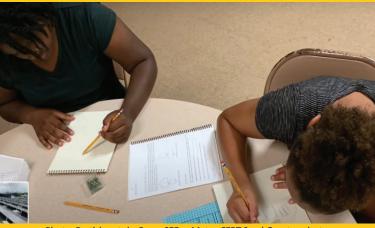


Photo: Participants in Camp SEE, a Metro CERT Seed Grant project.

Beneficial electrification: ASHP stories



Photo: Cold-Climate ASHPs in Saginaw, MN

Storage options: sparking discussions



Photo: Red Lake Nation's Government Center, an energy producing & energy storage unit.