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REGIONAL
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIPS



- Save \$
- Engage community in collective action
- Environment
- Energy Efficiency requirements
- Renewable Energy Standard of 25% by 2025
- ... Federal opportunities? ... \$ will go to those who are ready



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- What's CERTs and how does it work?
 - What are Minnesota local governments doing to engage their community?
 - What does CERTs have to offer?
 - What are Minnesota schools doing to engage their students and communities?
 - What does CERTs have to offer?
 - A few resources
 - Throughout... your thoughts, comments, additions and questions
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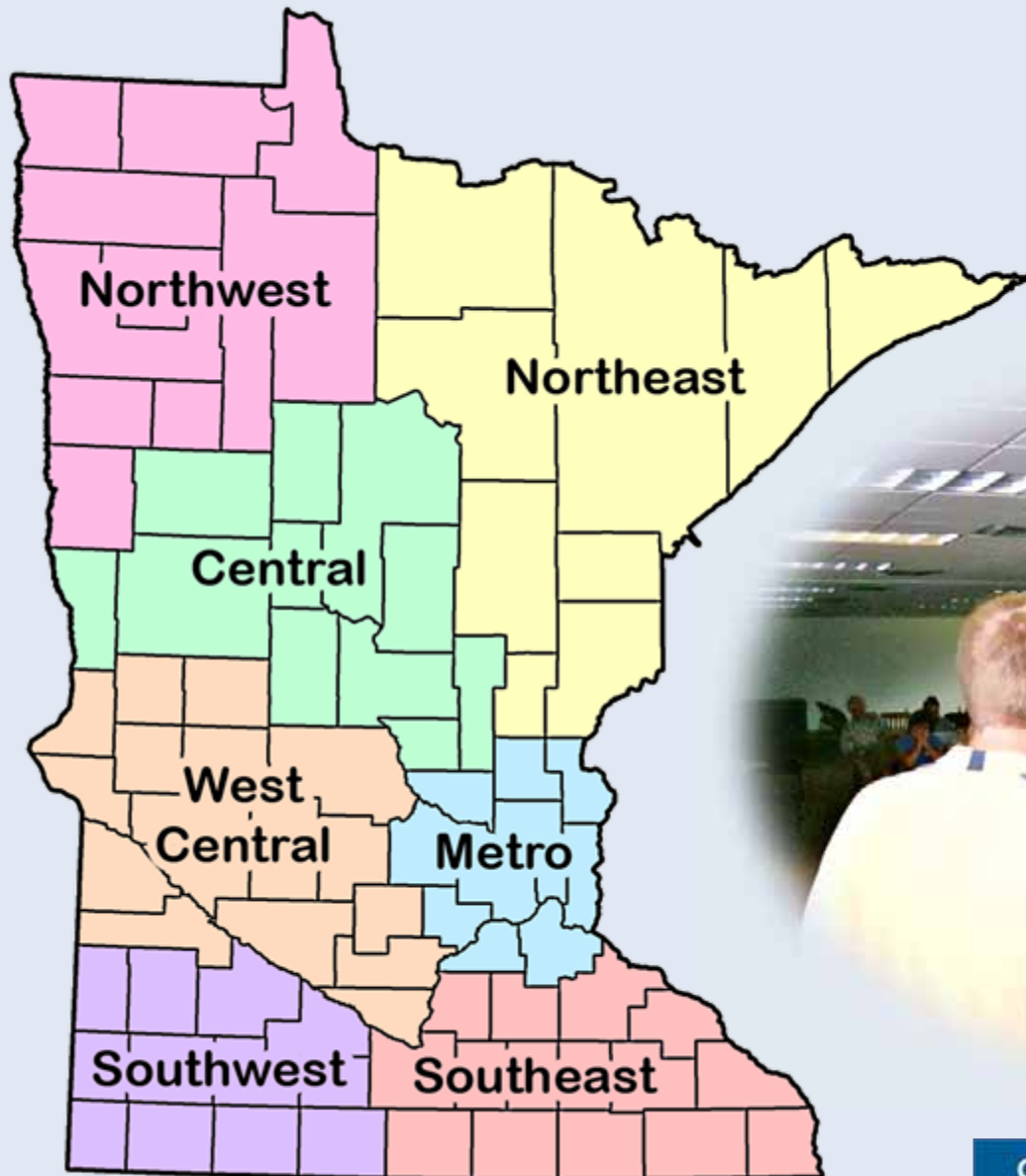
Give community members a voice in energy planning by connecting them with the technical resources necessary to identify and implement community-scale energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

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- **Community Members:** Local residents in all CERT regions
- **University:** U of M Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
- **Nonprofit:** The Minnesota Project & Green Institute
- **Government:** MN Dept. of Commerce, SW Regional Development Commission



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- **Steering Committees:** one in each region; function as the governing body for the regional team.
- **Regional Teams:** anyone can join, anytime
 - Team members have broad range of backgrounds, interests, skills
 - Regions have unique interests based on the energy potential in the region.
 - All conduct education and outreach around energy efficiency, renewable energy, and how people can make a difference in their own communities.

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Mahtomedi Environmental Commission & Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative (MAGI)

White Bear Commission on Environmental & Sustainable Practices



Images from:
<http://www.ci.mahtomedi.mn.us/>
and googlemaps.com

Energy Efficient Ely (E3): group of local business owners who meet each month to learn more about energy conservation and energy efficiency; now 2 members from City Council have joined their ranks



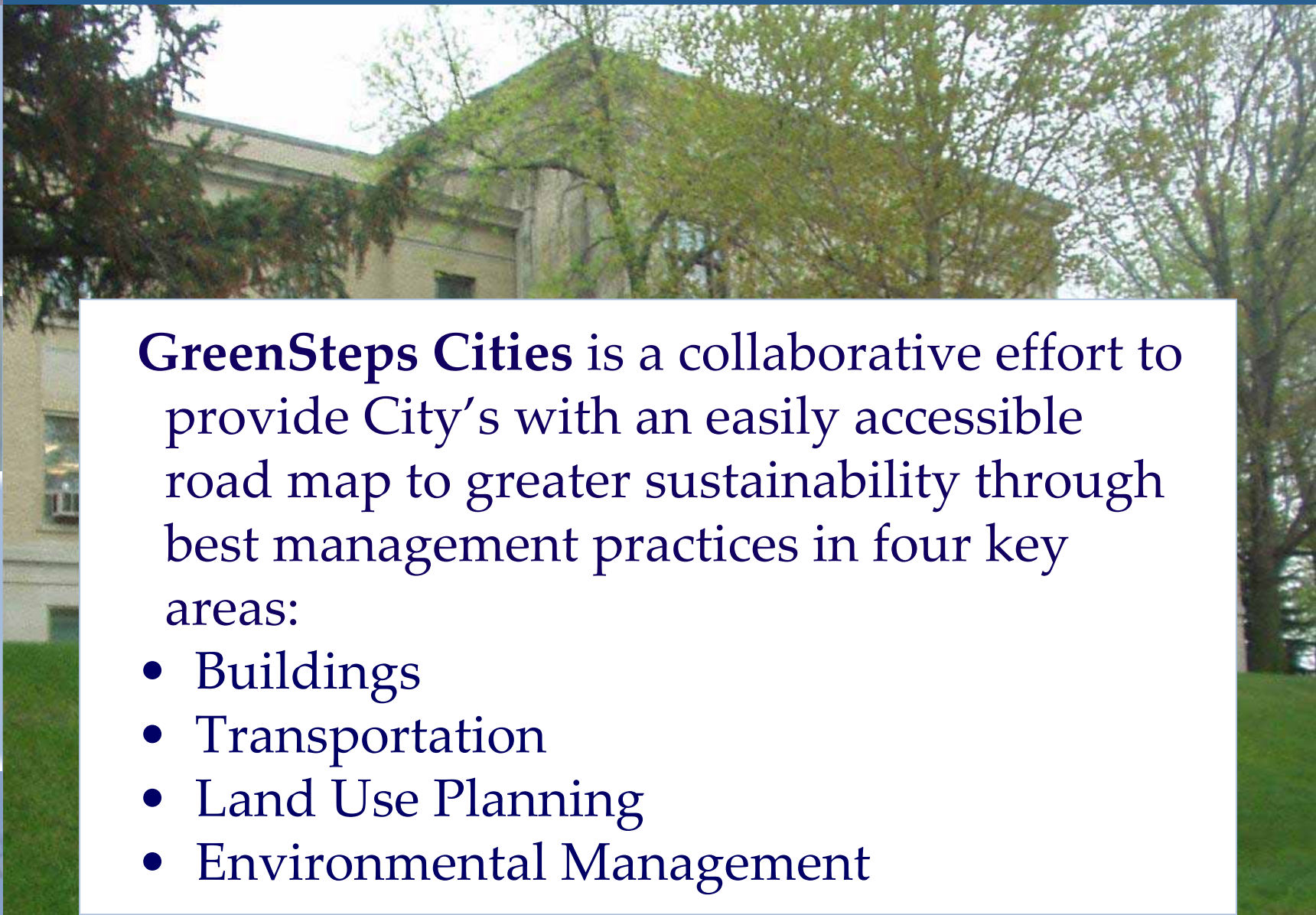
Virginia Sustainability Task Force: to develop and implement energy conservation and sustainability measure for the city and its citizens.



Sustain Winona: collaborative effort that combines local government (city & county) with local education institutions



- University of Minnesota Morris
- West Central Research & Outreach Center
- Stevens Forward



GreenSteps Cities is a collaborative effort to provide City's with an easily accessible road map to greater sustainability through best management practices in four key areas:

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Land Use Planning
- Environmental Management



Youth Energy Summit (YES!) involves teams of youth – 8-10 people per team – from local schools and community groups to engage in energy issues and TAKE ACTION on a project of their choice in their home community

Images from YES! event, Willmar report,
<http://www.prairiewoodselc.org/YES.html>

Surfing the Wind

Proctor has leaders – from from its Superintendent and Facilities Manager to its science teachers and DECA students – on board to create change in the school's and community's energy usage



Photos: NE CERT team meeting





Minnesota Schools Cutting Carbon is a three-year initiative to give Minnesota public high schools, colleges, and universities technical assistance and mini-grants to make their schools more energy efficient and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Over 100 schools signed up statewide
- Save \$ by improving building O & M
- Student involvement driving creativity
- Link ideas to utility incentives

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CERTs:

www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org

GreenSteps:

www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/greensteps

Minnesota Schools Cutting Carbon:

www.schoolscuttingcarbon.org

Do It Green, global warming community profiles:

www.doitgreen.org

Next Step Climate/Energy Citizen Participation:

www.nextstep.state.mn.us

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