

# **Engaging Local Communities**The Role of Stakeholder Processes

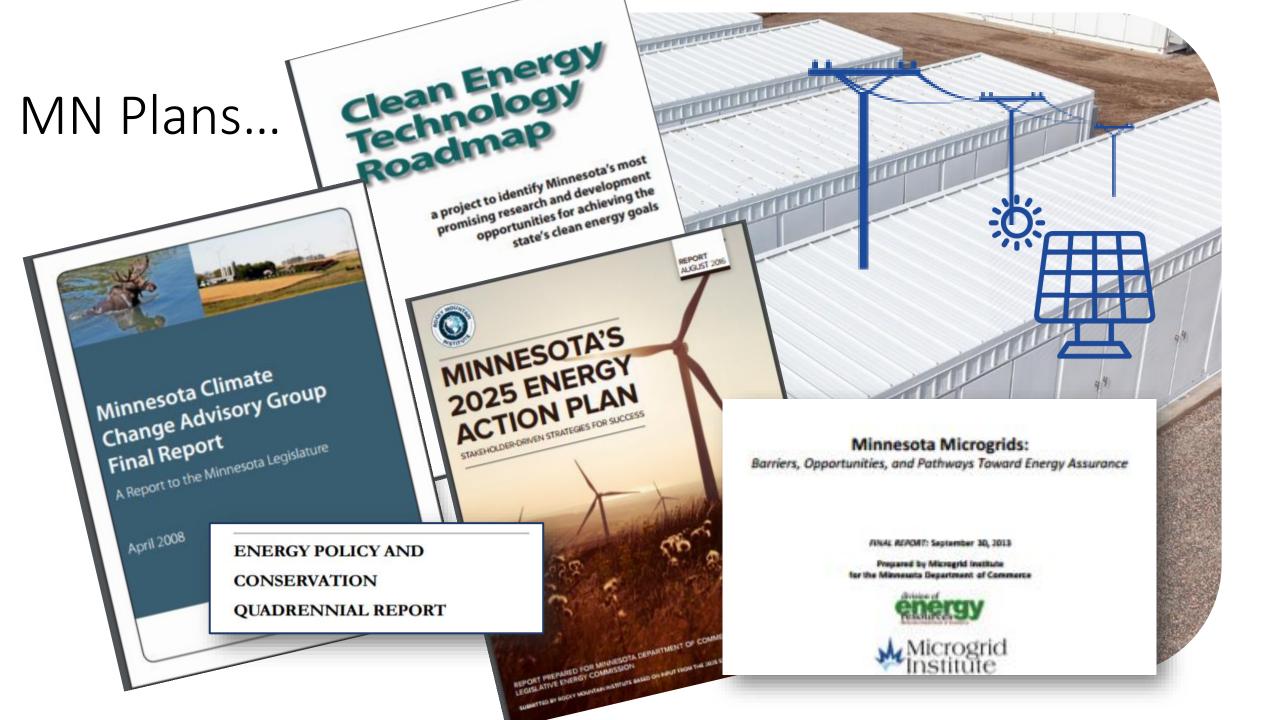
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## MN Department of Commerce: Divisions







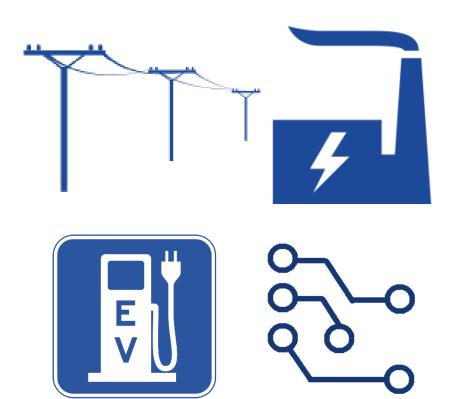
#### Executive Order 19-37: Climate Change Subcabinet

Put Minnesota back on track to meet or exceed our goals to reduce statewide GHG emissions Enhance the climate resiliency of Minnesota's natural resources, working lands, and communities

## Regulatory Activities

#### **Policy Dockets**

- Grid Modernization
- Interconnection Standards
- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure & Rates
- Fuel Switching in CIP
- Baseload Commitment & Scheduling



## Energy Sector – Current Commitments

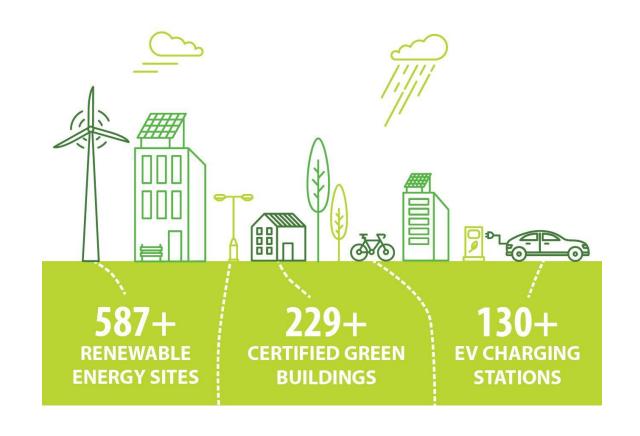
- Xcel Energy:
  - retire all coal for 80% carbon reduction by 2030
  - 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050
- Great River Energy: 95% carbon free by 2023
- Minnesota Power: 70% renewable by 2030,
   coal-free by 2035 & 100% carbon-free by 2050
- SMMPA: 80% carbon free in 2030
- OTP: 30% renewable energy &
   40% carbon reduction by 2022



#### GreenStep Cities

#### By the numbers:

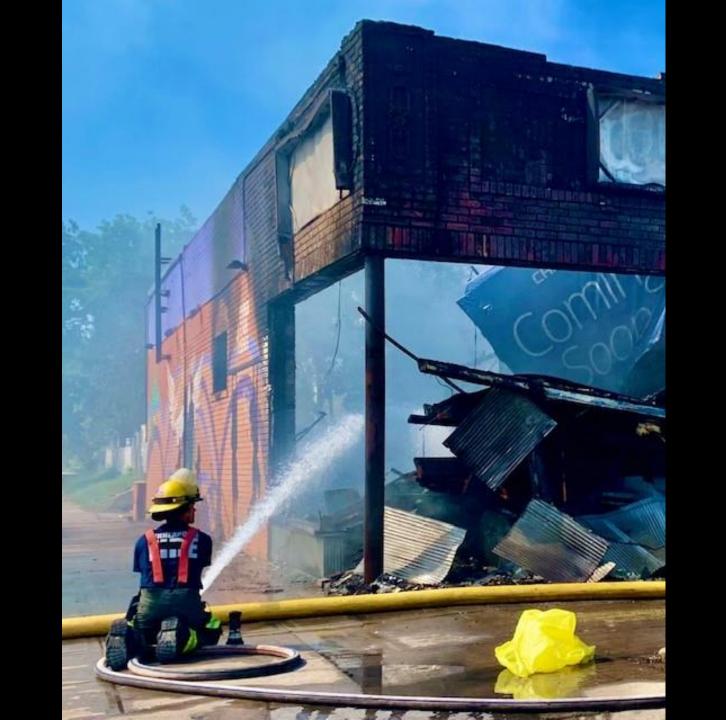
- > 141 participants
- Covers 49% of Minnesota's population
- 35% are small cities(5,000 people or fewer)
- Achieves more than \$8 million savings per year on energy costs



#### Local Climate, Resilience, and Energy Goals

City	Climate Goals	Renewable Goals
<b>Grand Marais</b>	Climate Action Plan (2019): Carbon Neutral by 2040	Achieve energy resilience 100% renewable for city operations
Northfield	Climate Action Plan (2019): Carbon free by 2040	10% in-boundary renewable electricity (20 MW) Carbon-free electricity by 2030
Rochester	Energy Action Plan (2017): Supports state goal to reduce GHG emissions 80% by 2050	Mayoral proclamation: <b>100% renewable</b> electricity by 2031
St. Louis Park	Climate Action Plan (2018): Carbon neutral, community-wide by 2040	100% renewable electricity by 2030 10% in-boundary (37 MW) City ops currently at 100% renewable
St. Paul	Climate Action and Resilience Plan (2019 draft): Reduce emissions 50% by 2030, carbon neutral by 2050, community-wide	10% in-boundary renewable electricity (200 MW)
Minneapolis	Climate Action Plan (2013): 80% reduction in emissions from 2005 by 2050, community-wide	100% renewable electricity by 2030 community-wide 100% renewable electricity for city ops by 2022

Source: Great Plains Institute



## Community Resilience

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Mitigate, Recover, or Adapt

Sustained Ability

The sustained ability to utilize available resources to withstand, adapt to, and recover from disruption.

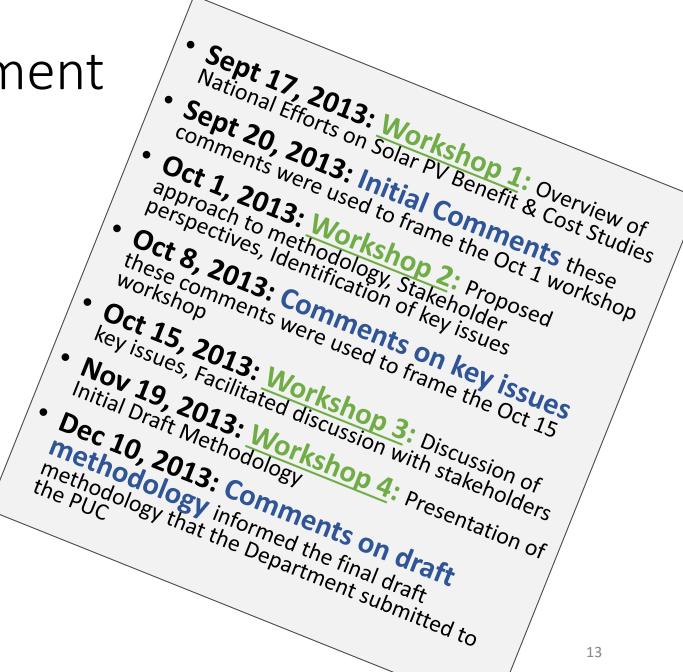
Adequate Resources

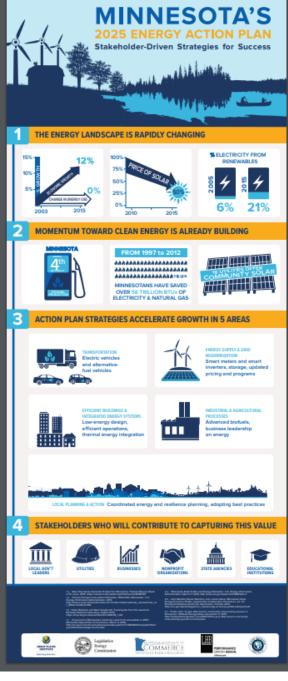




## Stakeholder Engagement

- 4 workshops
- 3 comment periods
- Final action plan or methodology

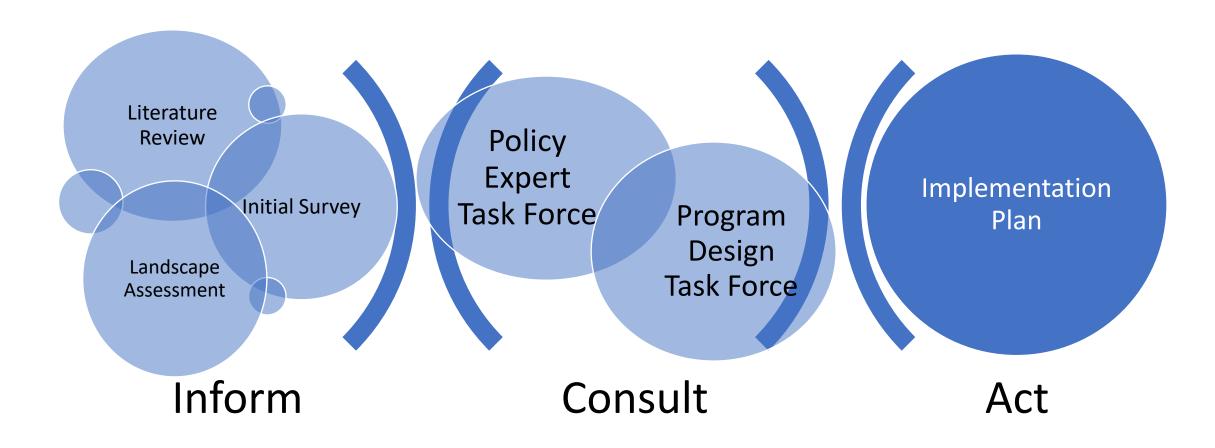




## MN's 2025 Energy Action Plan: Goal

- Improve understanding of the state's energy landscape
- Advance a clean, reliable, resilient, and affordable energy system for Minnesota
- Meet Minnesota Statute 3.8852:
  - develop a planning strategy for a sustainable energy future
  - establish strategies to meet state's energy goals (e.g. RPS, EERS, fuel standards)
  - prepare for next steps beyond existing goals

## Traditional Engagement Processes



#### **Energy Assurance and Resilience Planning WEALTH** Income Distribution POLITICAL ACCESS Access Information Relationships Mitigation Biases Resources **IMPACTED COMMUNITIES RESOURCES** HISTORIC **VULNERABILITY INEQUALITY** Geography Race **Housing Stock** Gender Health Historic Wealth **IMPACT** Most powerful Most impacted

#### Engagement Continuum

Ignore
Develop without
community

Inform
Provide
Information

Consult
Gather input

Ensure community needs and assets

are integrated

Involve

Ensure capacity of leadership role in implementing decisions.

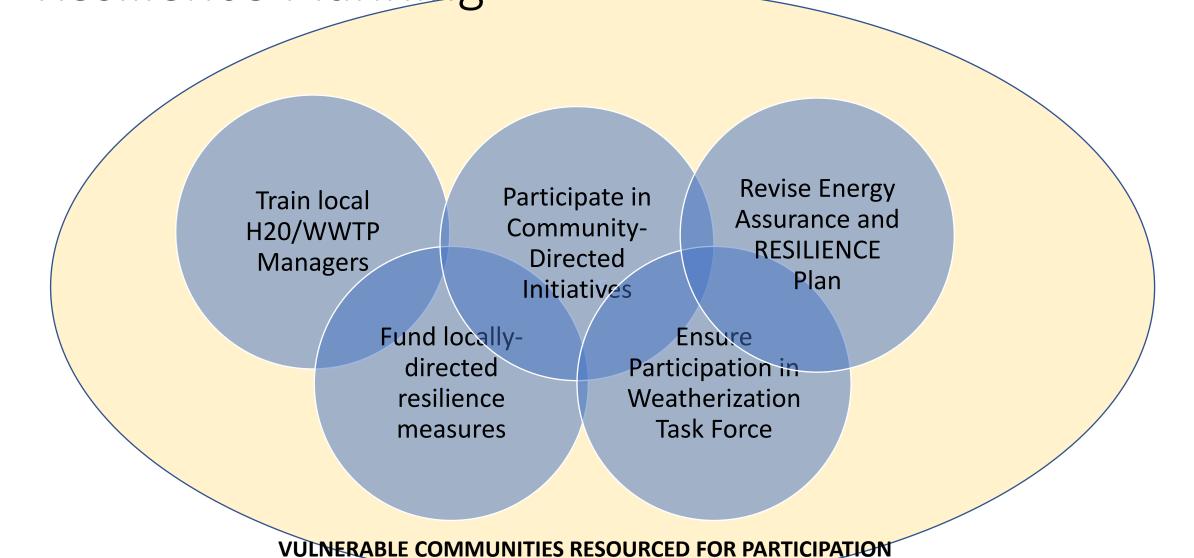
Collaborate

Empower Foster

Foster democratic participation/ equity



Examples of State-Led, Community-Resilience Planning





#### ~ Questions & Discussion~

