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## **Coon Rapids Adopts New Energy Action Plan**

**Goal: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions 35% by 2030.**

[COON RAPIDS, MN, April 3, 2023] The Coon Rapids City Council adopted a new Energy Action Plan (EAP), which aims to increase energy efficiency and support renewable energy. The EAP identifies near and long-term strategies to achieve the City's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 35% by 2030. The plan will involve residents, businesses and community groups working together to take action.

### **Highlights of the plan include:**

- Free or reduced cost Home Energy Squad visits and other incentives.
- Action steps to support renewable energy and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- Resources and outreach to assist residents, businesses and community groups be more energy efficient.

The EAP represents an important next step in the City's growing reputation as a sustainability leader. It was developed after months of planning by the Coon Rapids energy action team. The team included community stakeholders, members of the Coon Rapids Sustainability Commission, elected officials, City staff and representatives from Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy and Connexus Energy.

Over the past year, the energy action team worked closely with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy to develop the plan. Xcel launched Partners in Energy in 2014 to support communities as they generate formal energy programs. Coon Rapids is one of over 30 Minnesota communities to join the initiative.

"This Energy Action Plan will help guide City staff and the sustainability commission in making high-impact progress to decrease emissions from energy through efficiency-related projects," said Olivia Dorow Hovland, who is the sustainability planner for the City of Coon Rapids. "Partners in Energy can help unify City staff, elected officials, residents and the commission around a common goal."

"As we continue to lead the clean energy transition, working closely with the communities we serve is important to us," said Trisha Duncan, Director of Minnesota Community Relations for Xcel Energy. "We are excited to be launching the Energy Action Plan and look forward to continuing our partnership with Coon Rapids to support the City's sustainability efforts."

During the next several months, the City will launch a variety of programs and outreach opportunities to encourage residents and business owners to improve energy efficiency and promote clean energy in Coon Rapids.

**USEFUL LINKS:** [EAP Document](#) | [EAP website - coonrapidsmn.gov/EnergyActionPlan](http://coonrapidsmn.gov/EnergyActionPlan) | [CTN Video](#)

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