



METRO CERT: Providing Support & Encouragement

helping Minnesota communities determine their energy future

The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) connect you and your community members with resources to identify and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

IN 2007, THE METRO CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE TEAM (CERT) was created by the Minnesota Legislature to connect, support and increase the effectiveness of local efforts to implement community-scale energy efficiency and clean energy projects.

METRO CERT GOALS

- Create a network to support and encourage collaboration among Twin Cities community-based energy projects and planning efforts.
- Provide organizing support to help local efforts get off the ground.
- Connect local efforts with technical & financial resources.
- Help the State of Minnesota achieve its energy efficiency and renewable energy goals.



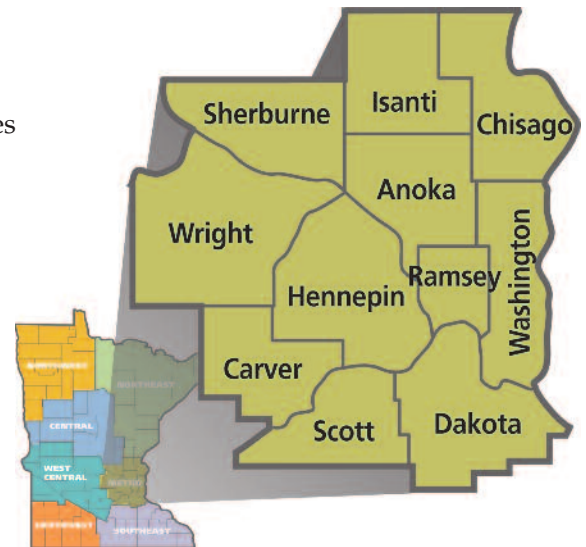
PROJECTS

GreenStep Cities: An action-oriented voluntary program offering a cost-effective, simple pathway for implementing sustainable best practices that focus on greenhouse gas reduction. Technical assistance will be available from state agencies, utilities, nonprofit organizations, and others. Cities will be recognized for past steps and new actions. More at www.mngreenstep.org.

Neighborhood Energy Service: A one-stop residential energy efficiency program providing both energy education and installation of basic energy-saving materials. Metro CERT is partnering with Neighborhood Energy Connection to offer this program in neighborhoods in Saint Paul.

CERTified Campaigns: A program that provides Minnesotans with clear and actionable ways to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in their community. More at <http://act.mncerts.org>.

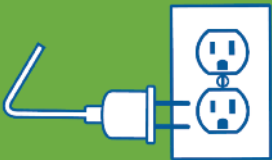
Seed Grants: CERTs awards seed grants to energy efficiency and clean energy projects across the state. In the Metro in 2010 we awarded nine grants for a total of \$40,000. More at <http://tinyurl.com/MetroGrants2010>.



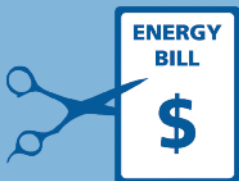
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HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

The Clean Energy Resource Teams are made up of diverse individuals—small business owners, farmers, members of environmental groups, local utility representatives, local, state and federal government staff and elected leaders, academics—who all want strong communities, more local jobs and secure, clean, reliable energy.

BECOME A CERT AFFILIATE!

Metro CERT invites your community to become more involved with our network as a CERT affiliate. CERT affiliates are community-based groups that are committed to taking action to reduce energy use and create clean energy. CERTs and affiliates will work cooperatively toward these goals. For more information about become a CERT affiliate please visit <http://metro.mncerts.org>.

ABOUT EUREKA RECYCLING

Metro CERT is housed and supported by Eureka Recycling—demonstrating that waste is preventable, not inevitable.



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