

2019 Annual Report

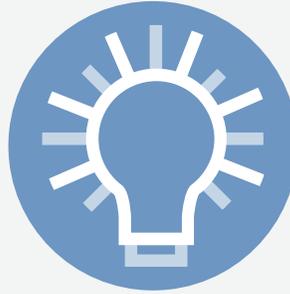
Highlights & Accomplishments



**Hosted 33 events
with over 2,700
attendees**



**Connected with
7,500 people at
315 forums**

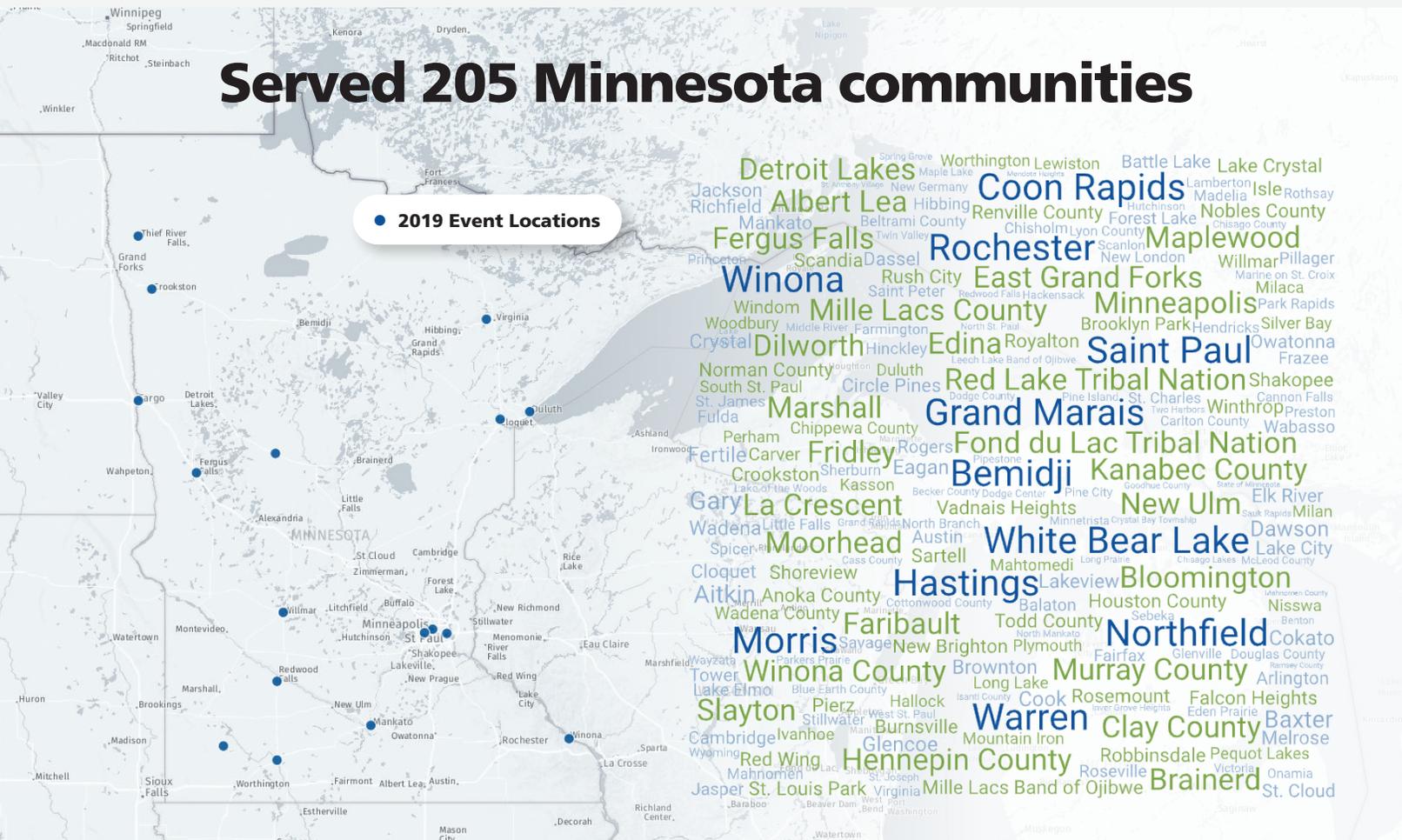


**Offset 48.4 billion
BTUs (same as
1.4M LED bulbs)**



**Wrapped up 42
Seed Grant
projects**

Served 205 Minnesota communities



Highlights by Audience

Governmental Units

- GreenStep program: *131 cities & 3 tribal nations*
- SolSmart solar-ready jurisdictions: *9 in Greater MN designated with CERTs assistance: Carlton County, Clay County, Crystal Bay Township; cities of Bemidji, Dawson, La Crescent, Mountain Iron, Warren, Winona*
- Cities Charging Ahead impacts: *6 acquired EVs (Bloomington, Burnsville, Eagan, Elk River, Morris, Woodbury); 5 installed EV chargers (Burnsville, Eagan, Elk River, Red Wing, Morris)*



Utilities

- Saving Watts & Drops: *Distributed 6,000+ energy saving items with 10 utilities: munis in Brainerd & New Ulm; Kandiyohi, Lake Region & Todd-Wadena co-ops; IOUs MN Power, Otter Tail Power & Xcel Energy; gas utilities MN Energy Resources & CenterPoint Energy*
- Hosted EV events: *Engaged 38 MN utilities at forums in Moorhead, Saint Paul, Windom & FarmFest*



Small Businesses

- Business Blitzes: *Visited 630+ businesses in 8 communities: Crookston, Morris, Mahtomedi, Rosemount, Lake Crystal, Arlington, Brownton, Winthrop*
- PACE: *24 businesses completed solar & energy efficiency projects; 5 counties signed JPA: Clay, Kanabec, Norman, Todd, Wadena*



Agriculture

- Site Assessments: *Conducted free solar site assessments for 29 farms*
- Solar Land Leasing Guidance: *Provided assistance to 25 farms and landowners*



Underserved Communities

- Programming: *6 Seed Grants & 6 Saving Watts & Drops efforts*
- MN Energy Resources: *Direct installs in 176 multifamily units, including low-income*



Cohorts

Cities Charging Ahead!

A cohort of 28 cities worked together across Minnesota to explore electric vehicle (EV) readiness. Participating cities received technical assistance focused on actions and best practices to accelerate the adoption of EVs.



Solar Possible

The Solar Possible initiative offered state agencies, local governments, and schools in Xcel Energy territory the opportunity to procure solar through a joint RFP process.



Key Tools

Clean Energy Job Board

The most popular resource on the CERTs website in 2019 was our job board, which featured 250 opportunities across technologies and sectors.



Air Source Heat Pump Guide

Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) use electricity to heat and cool, and are an emerging energy-efficient technology in Minnesota. This guide educates consumers and provides next steps.



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