Incorporating Sustainability and Resilience into Faribault’s Planning Efforts

Planning for Sustainability and Resilience in SE Minnesota Communities
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Shared Community Vision / Values

- Shared vision
- Core values
- Strategic priorities
Journey to 2040

- Overarching guiding principles based on community values
- Additional principles of sustainability
Planning for Sustainability and Resilience in SE Minnesota
Sustainable Industries Cohort
Sustainability tied to leading global industries in Faribault
Xcel’s Partners in Energy
Faribault Energy Action Plan

- HES
- Energy Breakfast
- Business Blitz
- Manufactured Home Communities

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Climate Plans

- Funded through MPCA
- paleBLUEDot
- Completed Population Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Framework
- Working on Climate Adaptation Plan
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Solar Possible

Cities Charging Ahead

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Other Sustainability Efforts
Challenges

- Staffing / time / budget
- Need to strengthen a shared awareness and understanding of the issues
- Need to strengthen a shared compelling vision
- Role of government
- Short-term vs long-term costs and benefits
Lessons Learned

- Plant the seeds / nurture / persist
- Promote collaboration
- Promote champions
- Listen and communicate to broad audiences
- Psychology of sustainable behavior
Thanks!

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