

“Partnership Activity” draft concepts under development

At the Q1 meeting, the CEP Board requested the development of 2-3 “Partnership Activities” for each priority category: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Inclusive Financing. At the Q2 EVAC meeting, the Planning Team conducted a brainstorming session with EVAC to help generate potential activity ideas. The Planning Team considered EVAC’s ideas and further developed some ideas, in addition to Planning Team ideas, into the draft Partnership Activity concepts listed below by Board priority. EVAC reviewed and provided feedback on these concepts at their Q3 meeting. The Planning Team requests the Board’s review and feedback on the following list via discussion at the Q3 Board meeting.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY	Climate Action Plan link*
<u>Study & Act on High Residential Gas Usage</u> : Conduct a research effort to identify high residential natural gas users and the contributing factors of high usage. Develop and pilot individually customized strategies and more accessible marketing materials to dramatically increase residential energy efficiency with a focus on building envelope upgrades.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% EE in Residential Buildings by 2025 (Goal) • 75% of homes have energy retrofit by 2025 (Strategy)
<u>Align Benchmarking Data with Utility EE Resources</u> : Create a commercial office building sector cohort to realize significant energy conservation by targeted and measurable outreach efforts to buildings with the highest energy use intensity <u>and</u> highest energy use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% EE in Commercial and Industrial Buildings by 2025 (Goal)
<u>Pursue City Facilities “Performance Path”</u> : Pursue new “Performance Path” to Energy Efficiency for City facilities by providing discrete bundles of service according to progression in energy management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5% annual reduction in City facility GHGs (Goal) • 20% EE in C/I Buildings by 2025 (Goal)
RENEWABLE ENERGY	Climate Action Plan link*
<u>Conduct Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Pilot</u> : Conduct an Xcel EV Infrastructure pilot with City fleet vehicles and maximize renewable electricity consumption based on actual and modeled renewable resource production.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City infrastructure is model of RE technology (Strategy) • Provide EV charging at City facilities (Strategy)
<u>Achieve 100% RE for City Enterprise and Community Pathway</u> : Create a pathway for meeting the City’s 100% renewable electricity enterprise goal after the current Renewable*Connect tranche subscriptions expire while meeting the City’s priorities. Include a potential to expand citywide, helping to reaching the community-wide goal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate large-scale RE for municipal government and/or residents (Strategy)
<u>Align Low Income Solar*Rewards with 4D Criteria</u> : Add 4D NOAH participation as eligibility criteria to upcoming Low Income Solar*Rewards program with a focus on Minneapolis outreach and promotion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of electricity from local and directly purchased renewables by 2025 (Goal) • Citywide 100% RE Goal
INCLUSIVE FINANCING	Climate Action Plan link*
<p>Advocate for inclusive financing at the State Legislature and/or Public Utilities Commission, if inclusive financing is determined to be feasible and can reasonably favor customers.</p> <p>Develop an inclusive financing pilot project, if it is determined to be legally feasible and reasonable for the implementer and their customers.</p> <p><i>“Inclusive financing allows direct investment in resource efficiency upgrades on the customer side of the meter through an on-bill approach regardless of the customer’s income, credit score, or renter/owner status. Under this definition debt is not accrued by the customer.”</i> (Defined at Q2 Board Meeting)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% EE in Residential Buildings by 2025 (Goal) • 75% of homes have energy retrofit by 2025 (Strategy) • Develop tools to finance EE and RE retrofits that have low barriers to entry (Strategy)

*All activities drive toward Minneapolis’ community-wide GHG emissions reduction goals