



Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Coordinators Office

Date: April 4, 2010

To: Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair, Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee

Subject: 2010 GreenPrint – Sustainability Report

Recommendation: Receive and File

Department Information

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Financial Impact

No financial impact.

Background

Attached is the 2010 Minneapolis GreenPrint – the fifth annual report on the City's sustainability activities related to the environment. Each of the twelve indicators has a target, trend analysis and recent City and community activities section, allowing us to measure our progress and align actions with goals. The report can be found on the City's sustainability website.

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability

Highlights of this year's report include that the City:

- Established new targets and added new indicators on local food and waste reduction/recycling.
- Met the target for no combined sewer overflows for the third year in a row.
- Continued to be the only city in the country to accept electronics from its residents at no additional charge.
- Expanded a pilot residential organics composting program to a second neighborhood.
- Engaged more than 100 residents in the Homegrown Minneapolis initiative focused on expanding efforts to grow, sell, distribute and consume more fresh, sustainably produced and locally grown foods.

The City also saw the completion of several important green infrastructure investments:

- The Xcel Energy Riverside Plant was converted from coal to natural gas.

- The downtown Marquette and Second avenues transit project now provides side-by-side bus-only lanes for less idling of buses in downtown, decreased stormwater runoff, more efficient lighting and new trees with improved growing spaces to let them live longer and grow taller.
- The new Northstar Commuter Rail service connects downtown Minneapolis and Big Lake, and a new Hiawatha light rail transit station opened in downtown.
- The Target Center green roof was completed. The largest in the state and the 10th largest in the world, it will capture 1 million gallons of stormwater each year.

A number of other important efforts are already under way for 2010, including the first map of the City's tree canopy using satellite imagery; residents investing more in solar power; a new hydropower plant at St. Anthony Falls, 600 kilowatts of solar power on the Convention Center roof and a public bike sharing system.

Completing this report requires a coordinated effort involving the City's Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee, Environmental Coordinating Team, numerous staff from departments including CPED, Communications, Health and Family Support, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Public Works and Regulatory Services, Mayor R.T. Rybak, the City Council, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, businesses, nonprofits, other organizations and residents working with us toward a sustainable city. A special thanks to the following staff leads: Emily Stern, Gayle Prest, Patrick Hanlon, Susan Young, Lois Eberhart, Don Pflaum, Shaun Murphy, Anna Flintoft, Kristin Klinger, Tim BrownMerland Otto, Ralph Sievert, Brette Hjelle, Elizabeth Haugen and Marlena Bromschwig.

Cc: Sustainability Steering Committee members, Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Attachment 1: 2020 GreenPrint Report