

Environment DRAFT

Minneapolis supports strong environmental policies focused on improving air, water and soil quality. The City will partner with county, state and other jurisdictions to meet these objectives.

Energy

Maximizing energy efficiency and conservation initiatives, requirements and opportunities for all utilities and customers.

Renewable electricity that produces less pollution when compared to coal plants.

Increasing the amount of new renewable electricity sold by utilities supplying electricity to Minneapolis/Minnesota (gradually increasing to at least 20% of all electricity supplied by 2020).

Increasing our energy independence from foreign oil and energy sources outside the Midwest, in order to increase energy price security.

Slowing the pollution that causes global warming by reducing greenhouse gas pollution in the near and long term.

Renewable energy definition that include only hydropower plants that are small (less than 60 megawatts).

E-Waste

Minneapolis supports legislation to help the state, counties and cities deal with electronic waste (e-waste).

Legislation must included some shared responsibility amongst, retailers, manufactures and consumers for the cost associated with proper recycling and disposal of this hazardous waste.

Stormwater

Minneapolis supports increased state funding of stormwater management costs to local governments. This includes funds to help cities promote best management practices for storm water in new developments: costs associated with stormwater projects brought by impairments to water bodies through Total Maximum Daily Load or TMDL studies: and the costs associated with storm water permits or surcharges for excess inflow and infiltration.