

Green Steps Cities & SE CERT

Clean Energy Teams of Southeast Minnesota

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Green Steps Cities

- ❑ Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- ❑ The Minnesota Project
- ❑ MN Office of Energy Security
- ❑ League of mN Cities
- ❑ Great Plains Institute
- ❑ CERTS: Clean Energy Resource Teams

Community Strategies toward Sustainability:

- Rochester Environmental Commission
- ReNew Northfield
- Pine Island Green Steps Cities
- Stevens Forward
- Sustain Winona
- Pine River Green Steps Cities

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Rochester Environmental Commissssion

- 7-member city-appointed commission
- responsible for reviewing and recommending energy-efficiency improvements to public buildings, steps to reduce pollution and developing incentives for builders and businesses to “go green”

RENew Northfield

- Nonprofit grassroots community organization
- Vision:
 - an energy self-sufficient community
- Values:
 - Community's energy needs met by non-polluting, renewable sources
 - economic benefits from energy production & use accrue to the community
 - all community member have access to affordable energy

Pine City Green Steps City

- “Greater Pine River Area Healthy Green Communities Partnership” - Collaboration of townships and cities pursuing **Green Steps Cities** and **Healthy Communities Partnership**
- www.pinerivergreensteps.org

Stevens Forward!

- 5 Stevens County communities working together:
Alberta, Chokin, Donnelly, Hancock & Morris
- + Townships, University of MN Morris, financial institutions & businesses
- **Destiny Statement drafted**
“We can make this county a shining example of innovation, progressive thinking and creative use of the resources we have.”

Sustain Winona

- Winona's largest public and private institutions have committed to collaborating in implementing sustainable environmental practices
- City of Winona
- Winona County
- Winona pPublic & Private Schools
- Winona State University
- St. Mary's College

Sustain Winona Initiatives:

- ❑ Community-wide ISO 14001 environmental management Certification
- ❑ Calculating Carbon Footprint of all partners
- ❑ City Shade -Urban reforestation initiative
- ❑ Community Wind turbine

Green Steps Cities and CERTS role:

- Introduce Green Steps Cities to communities in our regions
- Assist Cities - using checklist - to evaluate where are they, what next?
- Provide information & technical resources
- Lead special Energy-saving campaigns

CERTS

Vendor Miser Campaign

- Through May 1st, save up to \$130/year for each beverage vending machine by participating in statewide vending miser bulk-buy program (\$164)
- Plus, \$50 rebate from Austin Utilities, Owatonna Public Utilities, Blooming Prairie Public Utilities, Waseca Utilities, Wells Public Utilities

CERTS Website

- www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org
- www.certs-se.org
- www.southeastcerts.blogspot.com

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