



Climate Stories: City of Fridley

Met Council Committee of the Whole
April 19, 2023



About us

- Inner-ring suburb
- Thriving job force
- Park focus
- Mississippi River community
- 2021 Survey- 97% of residents rated quality of life good or excellent





About us

- GreenStep City
- Partner in Energy
- SolSmart Bronze
- Tree City USA
- Pollinator Friendly City
- 2022 "Excellence in Sustainability Award" by APWA



Why Address Climate Change?

- **We believe in a Fridley** that is a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.
- Focus on Fridley
- Look at co-benefits
- Responsibility to protect our assets



Approach to Addressing Climate Change

- Gather buy-in
- Plan
 1. Development (Comprehensive Plan)
 2. Energy (Energy Action Plan)
 3. Transportation (Active Transportation Plan)
 4. Localized Flooding (Local Water Plan)
 5. Natural Resource (Pollinator Friendly Fridley and Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Plan)
 6. Solid Waste Management (Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan)
- Implement as funding allows





Development (Comprehensive Plan)

Programs

- Strategic development
 - TODs
 - ADUs
 - 40-ft lots
- Depaving of parking lots





Energy- Education

Programs

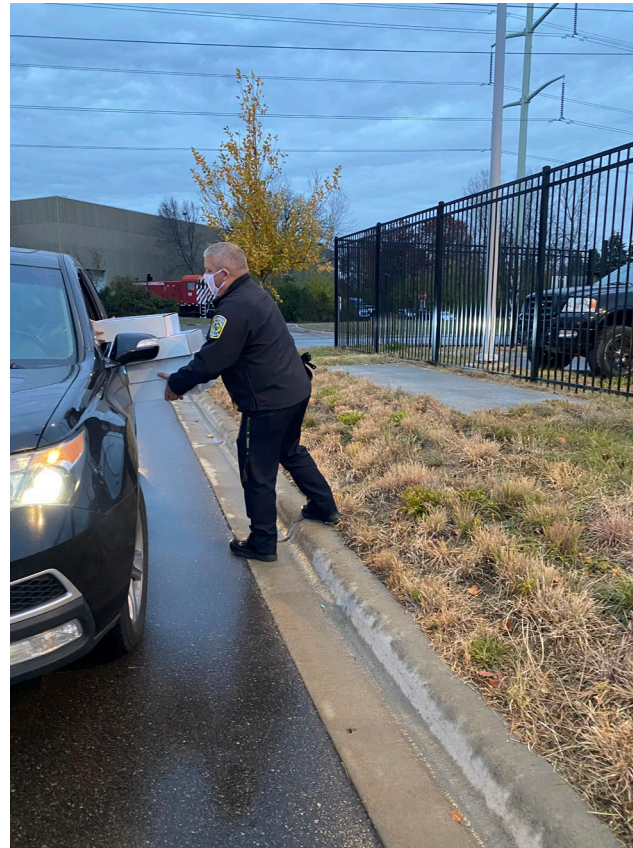
- Citywide communication
- Direct outreach
- Targeted events



Energy (Incentivization)

Programs

- Buy downs
- Energy efficiency kits
- Free charging



Energy (Regulation)

Programs

- Solsmart
- Recodification
- Xcel Programs



Energy (Internal)



Energy

Funding

- Two MPCA VW Grants
- Partners in Energy Program
- Fridley HRA
- Increasing awareness of other sources

Transportation (Active Transportation Plan)

Programs

- Trail gap elimination
- SRTS
- PEL Study



Transportation (Active Transportation Plan)

Funding

- Regional Solicitation Grants
- MnDOT (LRIP and Active Transportation)
- Developers





Localized Flooding (Local Water Plan)

Programs

- Living Streets Worksheet



Localized Flooding (Local Water Plan)

Programs

- Park System Improvement Plan



Localized Flooding (Local Water Plan)

Programs





Localized Flooding (Local Water Plan)

Funding

- CWF
- Watershed Districts
- MPCA Resiliency Grant
- Met Council
- Stormwater Utility Fund



Natural Resources (EAB/Pollinator Friendly Fridley)

Programs

- EAB Mitigation Plan
- Tree and Native Plant Sale
- Pollinator Plantings



Natural Resource Management (EAB/Pollinator Friendly Fridley)

Funding

- DNR EAB Grants
- BWSR L2L Program
- BWSR HELP grant
- SHIP Grant (fruit trees)

Solid Waste Management (Metro SWMP)

- Landfill
- Organics Recycling
- Recycling Drop-Offs
- Reuse events
- Education



Solid Waste Management (Metro SWMP)

Funding

- Anoka County SWAAT Funds
- Utility fees

What does success look like for us?

- Residents/businesses are aware of and empowered to access programs
- Barriers are identified and dismantled
- Projects snowball
- Climate works becomes default

Questions?

