

CITY OF LA CRESCENT - GREEN STEPS TEAM 2018-20

	<p>creating pollinator habitat in residential settings, presenters will cover basics of the Lawns to Legumes program, challenges associated with urban pollinator protection, tips for planning and creating pollinator habitat in your yard and more.</p> <p>Who should attend: Residents interested in Lawns to Legumes who want to learn more about project types and how to begin planning for a pollinator-friendly planting.</p> <p>Registration: Register here. This free workshop has a capacity of 40.</p>		
EV Test Drive, Electric Equipment Demo	Tom Ezdon & Jason Ludwigson		

NEXT MEETING:

MEETING 9. LOCATION: LA CRESCENT CITY HALL DATE/TIME: JANUARY, 22ND 2020

Present: **Guests:**

Notetaker:

Timekeeper:

Minutes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action/Decision	Person Responsible
Welcome New Members	Eric, Meghan, Isabel		
Guest Presenter Megan G. www.xrgconcepts.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Builder incentives - utility sponsored energy-efficiency programs for home builders in Minnesota 		

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<p>30 min</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential energy code - how it has evolved in Minnesota • Home Energy Ratings - how they work and why they are important • Green Building Certifications (Energy Star, LEED) - how they work and why they are important 		
<p>Celebrations/Successes 5 min</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SolSmart Silver Designation • MN Land Trust Recognition • CERTS Grant Award 		
<p>Carbon Free Energy Resolution 12 minutes</p>	<p>City council did not support some of the language. I have not read any resolutions without target dates. MN Next Generation Energy Act sets targets and dates.</p> <p>http://newtonclimateaction.org/text-of-the-resolution/</p> <p>Per Rocky Mountain Institute - What makes a good resolution...</p> <p>What makes a good 100% goal? This handbook highlights high-impact, no-regrets actions every city should take today, regardless of longer-term, robust planning efforts. But when a city is ready to set ambitious climate targets and develop plans to reach them, there are a few critical elements of success:</p> <p>Definition: clearly define what is in and what is out of</p>		

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	<p>scope for the 100% goal</p> <p>Deadline: pair a 100% goal with a target date that is appropriately ambitious</p> <p>Milestones: set intermediate milestones that secure wins along the way and provide checkpoints to ensure progress is on track</p> <p>Assessment: back 100% goals with a robust techno-economic assessment that supports science-based targets and policies and provides a real, detailed understanding of what it will take to achieve those goals</p> <p>Action Plan: develop a supporting action plan with specific implementation strategies</p> <p>Socialization: cultivate broad support from throughout the city (e.g., general public, businesses, impacted stakeholder groups) to ensure that an effort isn't undermined by lack of political or community will.</p>		
<p>Green Business Award 5 min</p>	<p>Meets GreenStep BP 25.6 - Create and award - annual? Name for award?</p>		
<p>Consideration of MN B3 Guidelines for New Building and Major Renovations in City 5 min</p>	<p>https://www.b3mn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/B3GuidelinesVersion31_20181112.pdf</p>		

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<p>Lawns to Legumes Program 5 min</p>	<p>Minnesota residents can now apply to be reimbursed for up to \$350 in costs associated with establishing pollinator habitats in their yards. Applications will be accepted through February 28. Applicants who qualify for reimbursement are expected to attend a workshop or webinar to better ensure project success. Funding decisions and all notifications will be emailed in March for Spring 2020 installations. For further program details, see BWSR's website.</p> <p>How to apply: Apply online at Blue Thumb's website</p>		
<p>CERTs Grant Awarded Time Permitting</p>	<p>\$3,000 awarded, next steps</p>		
<p>Smart Salting - Engage community - How? Time Permitting</p> <p>It takes only one teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.</p>	<p>https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/01/20/could-cutting-back-on-salt-save-downtown-minneapolis-trees</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/smart-salting-training</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/10-smart-salting-tips-protect-minnesota-waters</p>		