



Minnesota Climate Change Corps



Minnesota communities are well-positioned to address climate change and energy issues. More and more cities and their residents are taking action in ways that both protect the environment and also lead to cost-savings and other economic benefits.

Does your city or county need assistance to take the next step to address climate change, energy efficiency, and reduce costs? Call the Minnesota Climate Change Corps for free assistance!

What is the Climate Change Corps?

The Minnesota Climate Change Corps is composed of four skilled, retired or semi-retired professionals who can help you reduce energy costs and create a more sustainable community. Cities, counties, and other communities are the Minnesota Climate Change Corps' priorities for assistance.

Who are the CCC members?

Clarence Chaplin worked as account manager, production manager, financial analyst, and product distribution manager for the DuPont Company for 32 years, and has a degree in chemical engineering. He is a member of the Minnesota Retired Engineers Technical Assistance Program which focuses on energy assessments of public and commercial buildings. Clarence also works with his congregation's environmental team to reduce energy and waste.

Michael Orange has an MA in Urban and Regional Planning from MSU Mankato and served the City of Minneapolis as a city planner and environmental manager from 1976 to 2006. Michael wrote the first draft of the Minneapolis Sustainability Plan, and has prepared comprehensive carbon baseline assessments for the cities of Minneapolis and Falcon Heights, as well as a sustainability assessment for the City of West St. Paul.

Examples of assistance

- Sustainability assessments and advice on sustainability planning
- Recommending cost-saving energy conservation and waste reduction initiatives
- Carbon baseline assessments
- Assisting and advising GreenStep Cities participants
- Accessing additional resources

Rick Person was Program Administrator of Waste Management and Recycling, and Right-of-Way Management for the St. Paul Department of Public Works for 29 years. He coordinated the City of St. Paul's Environmental/Economic Partnership Plan, and the city's Urban CO2 Reduction Project. Rick was a member of the city's Sustainable Saint Paul Working Group. He also currently is a member of the City of St. Louis Park's Planning Commission.

Lyle Salmela worked for 33 years for Northern States Power/Xcel Energy and has a degree in engineering from the University of Minnesota. He is a Registered Environmental Manager with extensive experience in environmental compliance, auditing, and waste management. Lyle has served as community co-chair of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Restoration Advisory Board, and has contributed a sustainability section to the City of Arden Hills' comprehensive plan.

Minnesota Climate Change Corps will customize its assistance to meet your needs. For more information, contact **Paul Moss**, *Minnesota Climate Change Corps coordinator*, at paul.moss@state.mn.us or 651-757-2586.

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