



Clean Air Minnesota: Introduction

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We catalyze collaboration across perspectives, power, and systems for social equity and environmental health.



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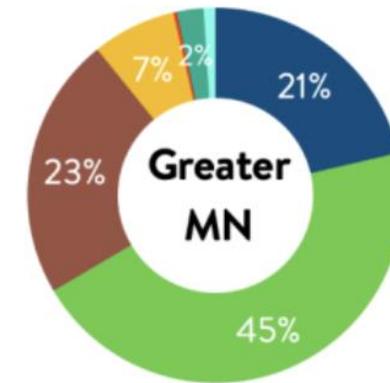
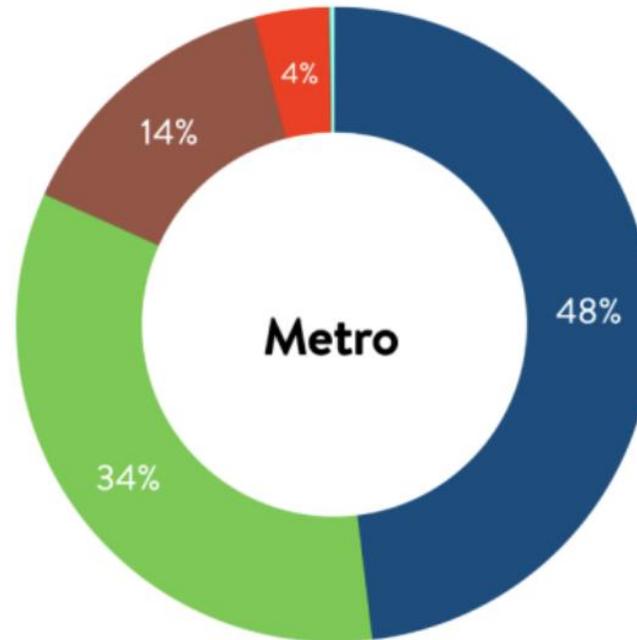
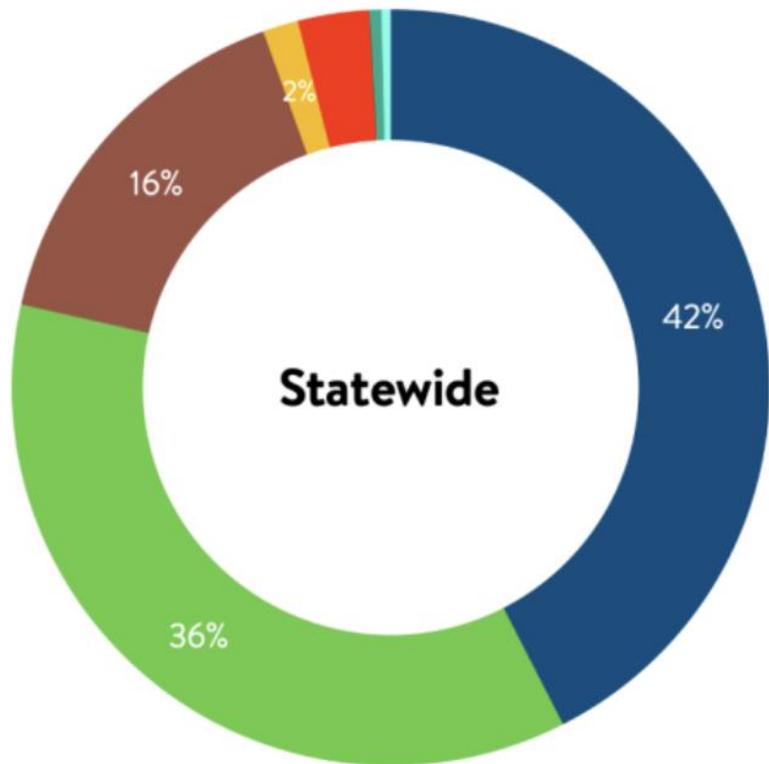


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Do you know how much of Minnesota's air pollution comes from power plants and factories?

Air pollution sources (MPCA)



- Transportation
- Permitted facilities
- Burning wood for heat or recreation
- Agricultural and yard waste burning
- Lawn and garden equipment
- Agricultural and farm equipment
- Boilers (commercial and industrial)

Clean Air Minnesota (CAM)

Clean Air Minnesota is a coalition of air quality leaders convened by Environmental Initiative who are working voluntarily and proactively to reduce man-made sources of fine particulate matter (soot) and ground-level ozone (smog).





Together, we:

- Identify and prioritize strategies to reduce air pollution.
- Develop, fund, and implement projects to improve air quality.
- Track emissions reductions achieved and share outcomes with the wider community.

Current partners and funders

- 3M
- American Lung Association in Minnesota
- Barr Engineering Co.
- Cars for Neighbors
- City of Minneapolis
- Environmental Justice Coordinating Council
- Environmental Law and Policy Center
- Flint Hills Resources
- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Hennepin County
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- The Lift Garage
- Marathon Petroleum Corporation
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Minnesota Power
- Minnesota Safety Council
- Minnesota Technical Assistance Program
- Newgate School
- Nghia's Auto Service
- North Central Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association
- Public Policy Project
- Ramsey County
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Washington County
- Ziegler CAT



On the ground projects

Our Projects

- Project Green Fleet
- Project Clean Air Repair (CAR)
- Project Stove Swap
- Clean Air Assistance Project



Project Clean Air Repair (CAR)

- National studies indicate 10% of cars and light trucks create 50% of overall vehicle pollution.
- Repairing faulty or broken emissions systems in cars.
- No-cost repairs through network of partner garages.



Project CAR accomplishments



950

Cars repaired



14

Partner garages

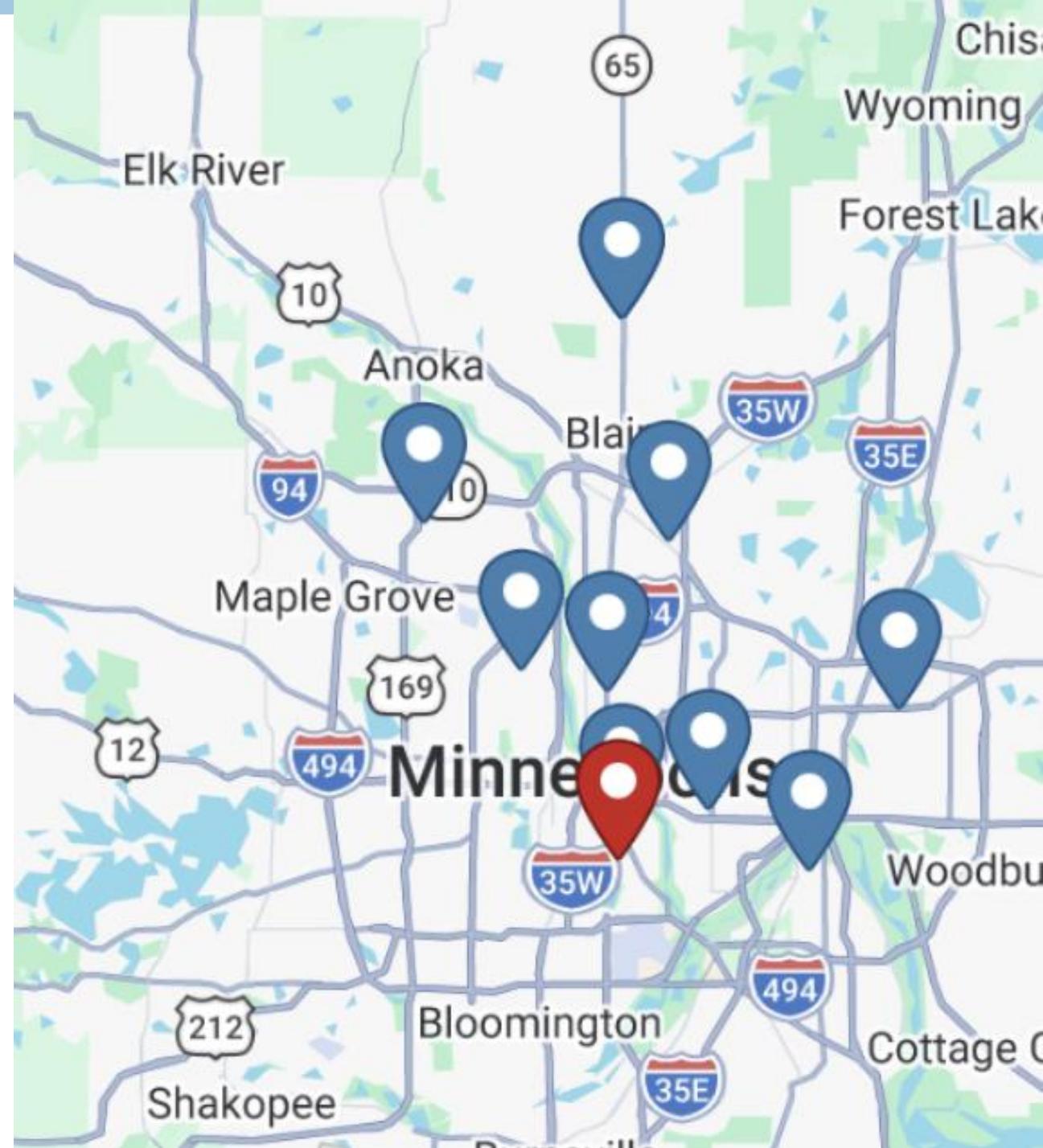


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Tons of emission
reductions

Our partners

- Cars for Neighbors (Meineke Car Care Center).
- Tran Auton & Transmission.
- Fleming's Auto.
- Wayne's Automotive.
- 4th St Auto Repair.
- Nghia's Automotive Services Center.
- The Lift Garage.
- Turbo Tim's Anything Automotive.
- Newgate School.
- Douglas Car Care.



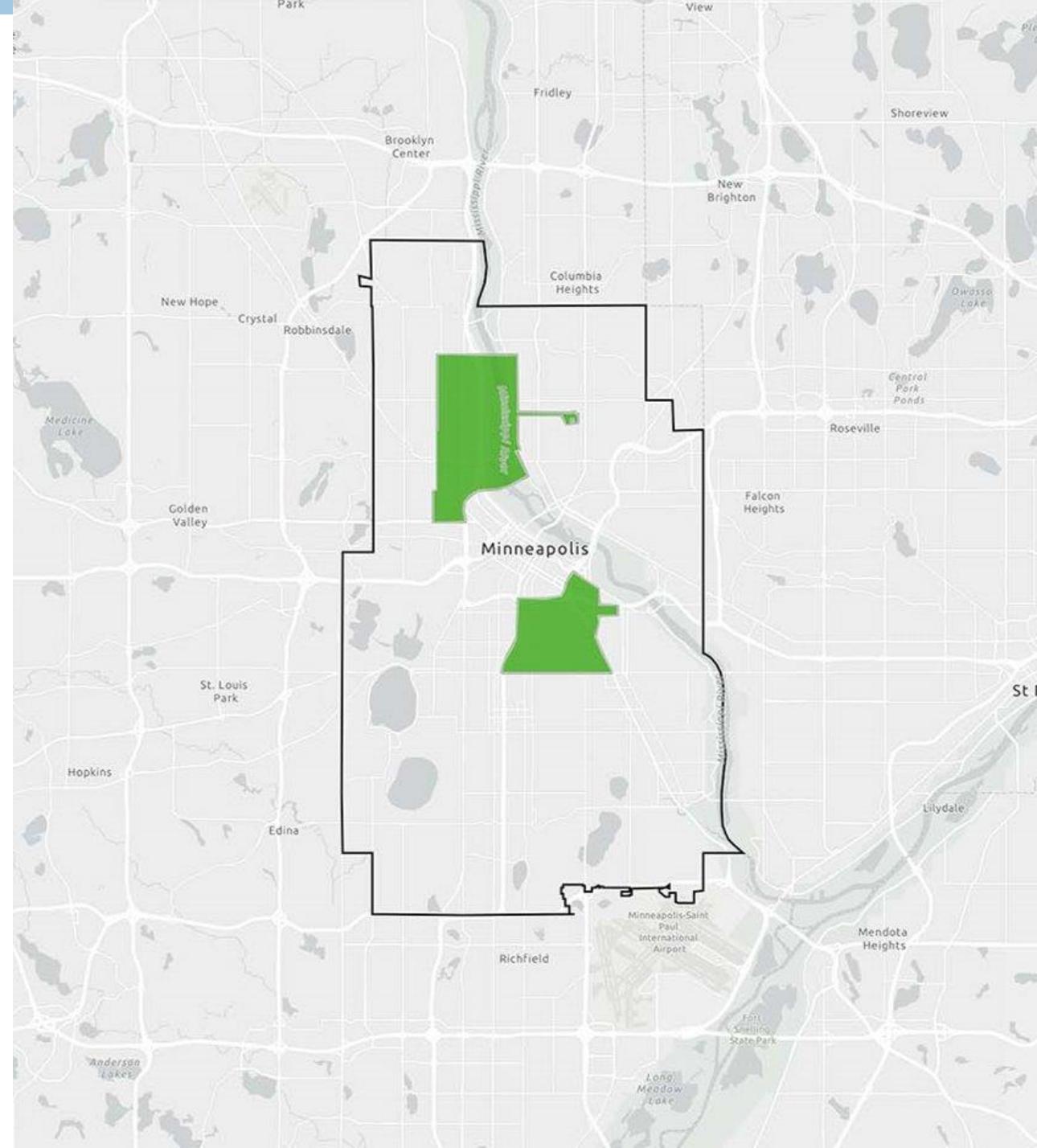
Clean Air Assistance Project

- Small businesses.
- Multiple pollutant focus.
- Neighborhood-scale.
- More dispersed and less regulated.
- Financial incentives for improvements.



Green Cost Share Program

- Funding to pay for property upgrades that improve the environment and save money
- Advances the city's climate action, public health, and equity goals
- 2,420 projects completed
- Over \$19 million invested
- 60% of that funding (\$9.6million) in spent on Green Zones and low-income projects





Getting started

- Environmental Initiative can provide no-cost support to:
 - Help identify project opportunities.
 - Assist with writing applications for Green Cost Share.
 - Provide advice and technical connections.
- We remove barriers to access this funding, especially in areas overburdened by pollution.



2025 Strategic refresh



How will Clean Air Minnesota mobilize cross-sector partners for scalable, voluntary clean-air action in our most impacted communities?

New focus areas



Activate local
capacity



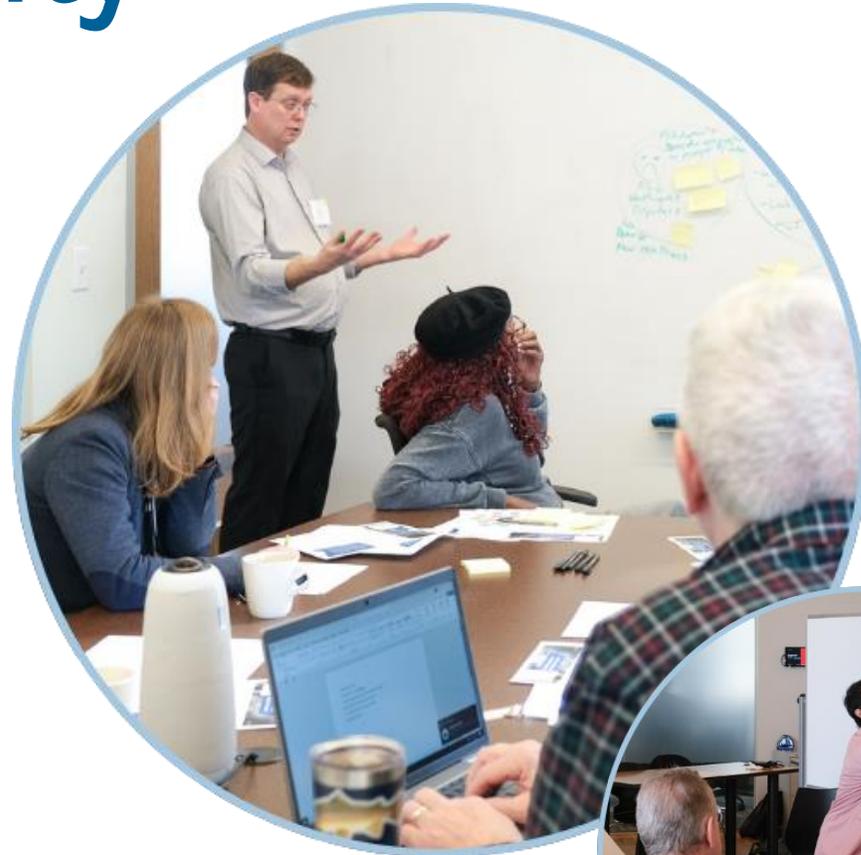
Recognize
business
leadership



Incorporate
indoor air
quality

Activate local capacity

- Collaborate with frontline communities to **co-design and deliver training, partner activation, and technical support** to plan and implement clean air projects in most impacted parts of the state.



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