

**SUSTAINABILITY** 

# Newsletter September/October 2022

Public Works & Engineering Division









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## **Sustainability Tip of the Month**

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President Biden recently signed the historic **Inflation Reduction Act**, which puts \$370 billion towards climate and clean energy programs, which is projected to reduce emissions by 1 billion metric tons by 2030. **What can individuals expect from this law?** 



- Clean energy tax credits—The tax credit for installing solar, wind, or geothermal is now 30% through 2032, and includes solar placed in service any time after January 1, 2022.
- Clean vehicle credit—The \$7,500 tax credit on new Electric
   Vehicles will now be available at the time of purchase, and is extended through
   2032. Used EVs (<\$25,000) also qualify for up to \$4,000 or 30% of the vehicle
   sales price. Some limits apply—see more information here.</li>
- High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate—Homeowners at or below 150% of area median income can receive an up front rebate of up to \$8,000 to install heat pumps and up to \$1,750 for heat pump water heaters, as well as up to \$4,000 for electrical panel upgrades needed to support electrification. \$1,600 is available for insulation and sealing. Homeowners can collect up to \$14,000 in rebates.
- Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit—Starting in 2023, the tax credit for home improvements will be 30% with a maximum credit of \$1,200. Homeowners can earning over 150% of local AMI earn an additional \$2,000 for the cost and installation of heat pumps and heat pump water heaters.

#### Newsletter to be bimonthly going ahead

Starting this month, we will be distributing this news letter every other month to make sure we continue providing you with the most relevant content.

#### **World Car-Free Day**



World Car-Free Day is on September 22! Move Minnesota, Move Minneapolis, Metro Transit, and others are providing resources and planning events to help you replace a drive-alone car trip with walking, biking, or taking the bus!

Take the commuter pledge to do a car-free commute to work any day between September 1st and September 22nd and be entered into a drawing to win prizes like a Go-To card or an escooter!

The Car-Free MSP partners are hosting multiple events in September to celebrate. <u>Check out the website</u> for more information and resources to get started with taking alternative forms of transportation to work or errands! The Redford Center also released <u>a short video</u> about UMN's research into transportation happiness levels based on mode type.

#### **Free Electronics Recycling for Ramsey County Residents**

If you're looking to get rid of old laptops, televisions, cell phones, or other electronics, there's now a FREE and easy way to recycle them. Ramsey County Environmental Health has a new collection site where county residents can drop off unwanted electronics (e-waste) which will be refurbished or recycled into new products.



You can see the full list of accepted (and prohibited) items at this link.

Items can be dropped off at Repowered (formerly TechDump), 860 Vandalia Street Saint Paul, MN 55114.

#### **Volunteer Opportunity**



We're looking for volunteers to help monitor recycling and compostable waste stations at <u>Tapped & Uncorked</u>! Volunteer shifts are 2 hours each and include a discounted \$10 ticket to the event—and a free tshirt!. Volunteers must be 21+, no exceptions.

Volunteers also must attend one training session Thursday, September 22nd at 6pm. Both events are at the Roseville OVAL, 2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville MN 55113

**ZEROWASTE**Help us make the first Zero Waste Tapped & Uncorked event a success! Email <a href="mailto:noelle.bakken@cityofroseville.com">noelle.bakken@cityofroseville.com</a> for more information. Tapped & Uncorked is organized by the <a href="mailto:Friends of Roseville Parks">Friends of Roseville Parks</a>; ticket proceeds support the City of Roseville Parks.

### **Upcoming Sustainability Events**

<u>Wild Rice Festival</u>—Saturday, September 17th, 10am-4pm, Harriet Alexander Nature Center. A celebration of wild rice, the Minnesota fall season, and Native American culture. We will be there with some fun sustainability-related activities for both adults and kids!

<u>Tapped & Uncorked</u>—Friday, September 23rd, 6-10pm at the OVAL in Roseville. This year we are partnering with Eureka Recycling to make this special event Zero Waste! Enjoy local craft beer, wine, and spirits while raising money for your Roseville



parks. 21+ only—\$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Tickets <u>available online</u> or at the Parks & Rec office at Roseville City Hall.

#### Thank you from your Roseville Sustainability Team!

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