

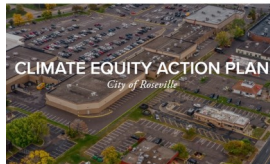


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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability Newsletter

Public Works &
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Sustainability Tip — Climate Equity Action Plan

The City of Roseville is beginning work on its first **Climate Equity Action Plan**, in partnership with paleBLUEdot and Ramsey County!

Thanks to an MPCA Local Climate Planning grant, we will be developing this important plan over the next year.

Together with residents and staff, we will set goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions and determine ways we can both reduce and adapt to the effects of climate change.

While our hope is to make sure all people who live and work in Roseville will thrive in our community for decades to come, we also know that some communities will experience the effects of climate change more severely than others, as we learned in our 2018 Vulnerable Populations Report. To ensure we are centering equity and justice throughout the process, we have formed a climate justice advisory group who will meet with us throughout the project.

Please **complete our community survey** to tell us what you are experiencing and how we can do better! We would also love to **hear your story** about your relationship to the environment and climate change. **If you have created art** as a way to work through your feelings about the changing climate, you can submit that as well! We're looking forward to imagining an equitable, sustainable, and resilient future in Roseville!

We hope to hold our first community-wide event in November, so keep an eye out for updates and learn more at CityofRoseville.com/Climate-Equity



HOW TO GET INVOLVED NOW:

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

[SHARE YOUR CLIMATE STORY](#)

Feedback wanted: Roseville's bike lane demo project

You may have noticed Hamline Avenue between County Roads B and B2 has a new look! As part of our upcoming bike plan that Roseville is completing thanks to a grant from MnDOT, we installed a protected bicycle lane demo project

We'd love to hear feedback on the bike lane, good or bad!

- Have you used it?
- How does riding in the lane make you feel?
- Did you cycle on Hamline before the lane was installed?
- Do you drive on Hamline Avenue?
- Has the bike lane affected your drive?



Please reach out to Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry at Jennifer.Lowry@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-7042 to let us know what you think!

Clothing Swap Recap



**ROSEVILLE JUST HOSTED
THEIR FIRST CLOTHING SWAP!**
SEE HOW IT WENT!



We are very proud of the results from the first ever Roseville clothing swap! Thank you to everyone in the community who donated clothes to make this event such a success.

Based on the success of this event, we plan to hold another clothing swap in 2026, so stay tuned!

View the video story from Nine North here:

<https://ninenorth.org/videos/roseville-clothing-swap/>



Thank You to **Waste Management** for providing recycling boxes to hold our donations!



Thank You **ReTold Recycling** for recycling the leftover clothing that could not be donated!



A portion of the remaining clothes were donated to **The Alley Shoppe**, based in Saint Paul. This donation-based program provides to families in need.



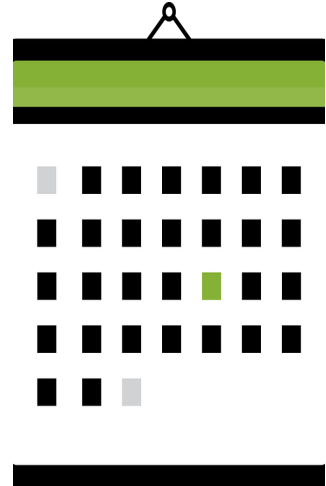
A portion of the remaining clothes were donated to **Sharing & Caring Hands**, based out of Minneapolis. This local non-profit seeks to improve the living conditions of unhoused and low-income individuals.

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Events, Resources, and Opportunities

Upcoming events:

- **Ramsey County Environmental Center Fall Open House—**
Tuesday, 9/23, 6-8pm, 1700 Kent Street Roseville. Join us to explore the new Environmental Center and connect with neighbors, county leaders and community influencers. Guests will hear updates from Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire, tour the center with staff experts, and take part in hands-on art activities.
- **Metro Transit G Line Virtual Open House—****Tuesday, 9/23, 6-7pm.** Engineering for the G Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is currently underway and preliminary station design plans are ready to share. Project staff want to hear from riders, station neighbors, and the public about the placement of shelters, pylons, and other amenities within each station area. Join an [online open house](#) to review plans and speak with project staff.
- **New York Times Climate Forward event—****Wednesday, 9/24.** You can register to join a free livestream to watch interviews as they happen throughout the day.
- **Wild Rice Festival—****Saturday, 9/27, 10am-4pm.** Join this zero-waste event to celebrate wild rice, the fall season, and Dakota and Ojibwe culture!
- **Do Good Roseville Community Impact Celebration—****Saturday, 10/11, 1-4pm at Roseville Area High School.** Celebrate 10 years of amazing work done by Do Good Roseville! There will be many ways to get involved and do good things for the community at this event, including collections for critical items like clothing and food, and many family-friendly service activities.



Positive Climate News



The walls of Minnesota's future houses grow in farmers' fields—Two castoffs of a typical Minnesota farm, straw and the stalks of hemp plants, are becoming valuable as sustainable materials that could be used in place of fiberglass insulation. Representative Katie Jones [used straw to insulate the house](#) she and her partner [built in Minneapolis](#).

Hundreds plunge in Chicago River for first official swim in nearly 100 years—The Chicago River was once the most polluted waterways in the world, and in 1900 the city [reversed the flow of the river](#) so it would not pollute Lake Michigan, the source of the city's drinking water. Thanks to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and tireless advocacy and restoration work since, the river is now so clean that wildlife has returned and swimmers can enjoy it.

An unexpected green roof benefit: purging urban rainfall of practically all microplastics—While they can also help reduce the "urban heat island" effect, a new study finds that the filtration the plants provide is equally beneficial—they can capture almost all the microplastics that contaminate rainwater.

As nature's 'ecosystem engineers,' beavers could help fight effects of climate change—Scientists at the University of Minnesota are researching how allowing beavers follow their instincts building dams could help improve our local waterways.

Climate progress is still happening: Meet the 2025 Grist 50—Grist profiles 50 people making a real impact when it comes to adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change. It's a great reminder that the work continues in big and small ways!

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Great news:
Kitchen food scraps
countertop bins are back!

Each Roseville household can pick up one bin at the City Hall front desk during business hours.

Thank you from your Roseville Sustainability Team!

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