

2017-2018 ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY SUMMARY

XCEL ENERGY CENTER | SAINT PAUL RIVERCENTRE

Sustainability has been a top priority for Saint Paul RiverCentre and Xcel Energy Center for nearly a decade. With many successes and some challenges along the way, we continually strive to reduce the environmental impact of our operations and inspire others to join in our journey. Our Annual Sustainability Summary highlights our efforts and results.



WASTE

Our recycling rate for
2017-2018 was

62%

***OUR SECOND-HIGHEST
ANNUAL RATE TO DATE!***

Compost and food donations
now comprise over a quarter
of our waste stream.



ENERGY

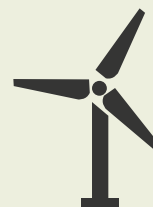
Our energy use increased by
4%

Though electric use was nearly flat,
our heat use increased this year.

The winter weather was nearly
20% colder than average,
accounting for most of our
extra heat use.

Our 25 year commitment to
purchase energy generated by a
SOLAR GARDEN began in
February 2018.

From February 1 - June 30, 2018
our garden share generated
693,000 kWh
of solar power – and our energy
savings were nearly
\$9,000.



CARBON FOOTPRINT

The carbon footprint of our
building operations is down over

91%

since our sustainability
program began in 2009 –
largely because we offset
nearly all of our electricity
use with

WIND POWER.

We remain the third largest
purchaser of
WINDSOURCE®
renewable energy in Minnesota.



PURCHASING

In 2017-2018, we made
green purchases for

82%

of office products and

72%

of all cleaning products.



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A record 66 employees participated in our annual Adopt-a-River Cleanup on the banks of the Mississippi River.

We collected over
3,000 lbs.
of material — almost as much as the previous **THREE** years combined!



Each April, we celebrate

EARTH DAY

with a staff gathering and the announcement of our annual **Sustainability Hero**.

Heroes have hailed from a variety of departments including events, operations, electrical and marketing.

Each Sustainability Hero has made a significant contribution to our organization's sustainability efforts.

CERTIFICATIONS



This year we
RECERTIFIED
the complex with APEX-ASTM, a venue-based framework for hosting sustainable events.



We also started work on
LEED
recertification, to be completed in summer 2019.



CARBON FOOTPRINT

Our latest survey shows that
38.4% of staff trips to work are by carpool, bus, or other high-efficiency method.



WATER

Water usage decreased slightly at Saint Paul RiverCentre with a small increase for Xcel Energy Center.

The increase is traced to additional events in summer 2017 when the arena temporarily hosted the WNBA

MINNESOTA LYNX
season.



COMMUNITY

We traveled to Bulgaria to represent the Green Sports Alliance and our sustainability programs at the

2018 EUROPEAN UNION SPORT FORUM.

