2023 Climate Action & Resilience Report **Bemidji State University**





Mapping Our "What"

Jan 17 - Energy

Jan 24 - Water

Jan 31 - Transportation

Feb 7 - Materials & Waste

Feb 14 - Economic Opportunity

Feb 21 - Housing

Feb 28 - Health & Wellness

Process Goals:

- Cultivate a shared sense of direction for each indicator with a 3-5 year lens.
- Identify a **what** for each

Experiential Goal:

Imbue participants with a shared sense of ownership for directing the work.

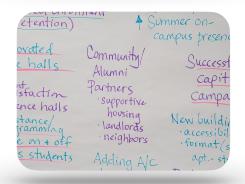




- Increase programming opportunities, especially collaborations with community partners and summer offerings
- Explore major fundraising or bonding opportunities for oncampus housing renovations
 - Consider Net Zero performance for renovations or new construction
- Conduct feasibility study for on-campus child care
- Increase and empower off-campus rental transparency
 - Gauge interest for a renter's association
- Continue to provide students learning opportunities
 - Implement organics diversion in all residence halls
 - Inspire sustainable living, both on and off campus
 - Reduce unnecessary energy consumption
 - Educate and empower students to make informed decisions as renters
- Continue to adapt, look forward, and provide hope for a better future









The CURRENT REALITY for this work

Strengths

- themed residence halls floors
- there's a spark to start it
- great spaces for community building
- First Year Exp &
 Community Academic

 Network already
 established
- RA's & PAAS are solid
- campus security and public safety
- proximity, walkable campus
- long-standing history as a residential campus
- BSU energy team updates to residence hall
- at least 2 LEED cert. staff
- tallest building in Beltrami County
- Hobson Forest
- City Council connection
- NorthStar Promise
- Location, furthest north
- NTC Early Childhood
- NTC Housing Partnership
- on campus connection/ core

Weaknesses

- lack of funding
- only 1 residence hall with AC
- aging infrastructure, accessibility
- deferred maintenance
- access to resources
- recovering from Covid; rebuilding community and motivation to have it
- movement toward online learning
- cost of life
- professors/staff are landlords
- funding challenges/ financial limitations
- to improve on-campus halls
- to live in halls
- heading home on the weekends is easy
- culture shift for metro students
- challenges with local rental market
- liability rules

Opportunities

- with lower numbers easier to make adjustments
- MN State bonding opportunities
- Landlord Association?
- connecting with the greater community
- funding through Inflation Reduction Art-> Citizens Climate Lobby
- Parks & Rec for the Lakefront
- City re: policies on rental units
- OtterTail Power/Franklin Energy; rebates
- Fresh Start
- Legislative policy free college?
- professional alumni athletes
- Naming Rights
- City Council/ City Parks & Rec
- Community Events (We have the facilities)

Consequences of our Success

- landlord pushback
- turning people away from the opportunities
- more students on campus, might increase in classes
- increased competition for living spaces
- higher energy use; more waste
- increase carbon footprint
- condition of lake, shore line
- fewer single room options
- maintaining everything vs. onetime funding
- potential for negative press
- more people/more problems
- cost increases: housing, tuition
- construction is hard to live through
- time-prioritizing what to focus on
- balancing on/off campus support