

# Community Events:

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**Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | 1pm–2pm CT**

## **Fresh Energy** Energy Demand, Jobs, and Growth: The Minnesota Model

Join the EFI Foundation for a free webinar with Minnesota energy stakeholders to **explore the growing electricity demands driven by data centers and AI**. With earlier projections showing energy use declining, new forecasts predict sharp increases—posing new challenges and opportunities. This event will spotlight Minnesota’s response and offer a roadmap for other states to ensure reliable, clean, affordable energy and good jobs in a time of rapid transition.

For further details and to register, visit:

<https://fresh-energy.org/event/webinar-energy-demand-jobs-and-growth-the-minnesota-model>

As reported by MN CERTS:

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | 3pm–6pm CT**

## **MnSEIA Member Meeting and Tour of Heliene Solar**



**MnSEIA**

Join MnSEIA for an exciting afternoon that kicks off with a short meeting and **small group tours of Heliene’s brand-new solar manufacturing facility in Rogers**. You’ll get a behind-the-scenes look at cutting-edge solar panel production and learn more about Heliene’s role in advancing domestic clean energy. After the tour, we’ll head to Short or Tall Eatery & Drink Hall for a relaxed networking happy hour with drinks and appetizers.

Free for MnSEIA members, **\$15 for non-members**

Location: 13225 Brockton Lane North, Rogers, MN

To learn more and register, visit: **REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.**  
<https://members.mnseia.org/ap/Events/Register/AnFo7znFVCdCN>

*Note: Individuals who have a heart pacemaker would not be able to tour the facility, as there is a risk of magnetic interference that could result in pacemaker malfunction.*

**Friday, May 30, 2025 | 11am–12:30pm CT**

## **Reporting on Food, Waste and Climate in America**



Five MIT journalism fellows share their experience reporting on climate solutions in the food, waste and agriculture sector around the U.S. For further details and a registration link to this free online event, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reporting-on-food-waste-and-climate-in-america-tickets-1345384263549>

**Thursday, June 5, 2025 | 3pm -5pm CT**  
**Clean Energy Ideas Exchange**



**Curious about net zero projects?** Join Prairie Island Indian Community and Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) for a Clean Energy Ideas Exchange! Connect with communities and resources from across the region, plus catch a special tour of the Prairie Island Net Zero Project.

Through this project, the Tribe is working to eliminate or offset carbon emissions produced across the community. Find out the combination of efforts they're using to achieve net zero.

You'll have a chance to connect with Prairie Island Indian Community, CERTs, and Community Energy Ambassadors. Plus GreenStep Cities and Tribal Nations, Resilient Red Wing, and Citizens Utility Board of MN will be on hand to share more about resources that can support clean energy efforts in your community.

Light refreshments provided. This free event is co-hosted by Southeast Clean Energy Resource Team and Prairie Island Indian Community. To register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clean-energy-ideas-exchange-with-certs-prairie-island-indian-community-tickets-1319407787209>

From Climate Action Now:

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | 2pm -3pm CT**  
**Monthly Does of Climate Hope! With Bill McKibben**

When it comes to climate change, doom and gloom stories are commonplace. But there are other stories about climate change that you don't hear as often- those of dedicated change makers, game-changing technological innovations, and smart policies that are already reshaping the future for the better!

This June, Climate Action Now will bring you one of these hopeful stories for your monthly dose of climate hope! You'll learn directly from Bill McKibben, a leading environmental activist and author, as he is interviewed by Sam Matey, Editor-in-Chief at Climate Action Now. Together, we'll explore the world's clean energy trajectory, including big plans for the nationwide Sun Day- an extravaganza of joyful renewable energy activism!

Bill McKibben helped ignite the global climate movement- he co-founded 350.org, catalyzed fossil fuel divestment, and has inspired action across generations through decades of writing, organizing, and advocacy. Come learn directly from Bill and bring your own questions to the discussion- because there is climate hope, and it's here, now!

To learn more and/or register for this free online event, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-dose-of-climate-hope-with-bill-mckibben-tickets-1368919357649>

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Hosted by Clean Energy Resource Teams:



**Friday, June 27, 2025 | 9am – 3pm CT**  
**Agrivoltaics Experience: Agriculture and Energy Cultivation Field Day**

Join the University of Minnesota for a series of informative presentations and solar site tours. These sessions will cover a variety of topics, including:

- Cattle and sheep solar grazing
- Solar site forages
- Grain crops under solar panels
- Solar developer perspectives

This field day will give attendees a comprehensive understanding of the various benefits, considerations and opportunities of farming in tandem with solar energy. Location: West Central Research and Outreach Center, 46352 MN-329, Morris, MN

To register, visit:

<https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/agrivoltaics-experience-agriculture-and-energy-cultivation-field-day>

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5pm- 7:30pm CT: Fresh Frolic:**  
**An all-electric party at The Trailhead at Theo Wirth**



Sip, savor, and be social! Celebrate summer and all things electric with Fresh Energy.

Join Fresh Energy supporters and business partners, clean energy enthusiasts, board, staff, and friends for a social evening of conversation and networking. You'll have the opportunity to **meet the Fresh Energy team and check out the latest electric gadgets,**

**equipment, and modes of transportation to help you electrify your life.** This event will take place both indoors and outdoors at The Trailhead, a unique venue located within Theodore Wirth Park.

Location: 1221 Theodore Wirth Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55422

Tickets: Adults \$25 Kids (12 and under) \$10

Ticket prices include appetizers and one drink ticket. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

To register, visit: <https://fresh-energy.org/event/fresh-frolic25>

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**Thursday, August 21 - Monday, September 1, 2025:  
Minnesota State Fair**



**MRES**  
MINNESOTA RENEWABLE  
ENERGY SOCIETY

Chapter members are invited to help the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society staff exhibits in the Eco Experience building. Signup at: <https://www.mnrenewables.org/volunteer>

**Sunday, September 21, 2025: Sun Day**



Plans are accelerating for the nationwide pro-renewable energy **Sun Day** event, with a goal of instigating legal and societal shifts to accelerate clean energy deployment across America! Proposed by Bill McKibben, it hopes to capture the energy of the first Earth Day.

It will happen on the weekend of the autumnal equinox. It will be a celebration of the fact that we can now run this world without fossil fuels: imagine EV and e-bike parades, green lights in the window of every solar-powered home, big concerts and rallies, joyful ceremonies as

new solar farms and wind turbines go on line. It's going to happen around the world. It's going to demand justice—above all, that we figure out how to finance this revolution around the world, so the people who need it most can take full part. And it's going to be beautiful. Host or attend an event!

To learn more, visit: <https://www.sunday.earth/>

Twin Cities  
**vegfest**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025  
from 10am – 4pm CT  
Twin Cities Veg Fest**

The festival will be held at Harriet Island Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. Over 5,000 people

attended in 2024 and this year will be even bigger! Our chapter will be tabling at the event. If you are interested in helping, contact Jason & crew at [info@climaterealitymsp.com](mailto:info@climaterealitymsp.com) . Watch for further details at <https://tcvegfest.com/> .