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## Windsource Offers Clean, Renewable Energy Option

Residents Can Take Part Each Month for Less Than the Cost of a Latte

Residents, business owners and the City of Edina are taking advantage of renewable resources to power the community with carbon-free energy.

One of the low-cost, easy ways to take advantage of renewable energy is to subscribe to Windsource through Xcel Energy. Residents and business owners can pay a little extra every month to get some or all of their energy from wind.

"The Energy & Environment Commissioners and other residents have been working hard to get the message out to their neighbors," said City of Edina Sustainability Coordinator Tara Brown. "From a film series, to hosting 'Energy House Parties,' to the Home Energy Fair coming this October, residents want to empower one another to help Edina become a leader in subscribing to renewable energy."

Residents can select how much energy they'd like to purchase through Windsource each month. For an average home using 800 kWh in a month, it would cost about \$6.80 per month to be 100 percent wind-energy powered – which is little more than the cost of a latte.

To make it easy, the Windsource subscription is added to the Xcel Energy bill. The program is certified by Green-e Energy and regulated by the Public Utility Commission so participants are able to claim they're using renewable energy.

"You don't have to be a homeowner or invest in expensive equipment to be carbon free," said Brown. "Anyone with an electricity bill – renters and businesses included – can sign up to source their electricity through renewable energy subscriptions such as Windsource."

There are currently close to 900 Windsource subscribers in Edina. With resident and business contributions, the community goal is to have 675 additional subscribers by March 2018.

For more information, visit [EdinaMN.gov/Windsource](http://EdinaMN.gov/Windsource) or call Brown at 952-826-1621.



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## Gotcha!

Children enjoy the view from behind bars on an early August evening at the annual "Night to Unite." Edina neighborhoods joined forces with communities statewide for the crime prevention event. Neighbors were encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. The goal of Night to Unite is to get to know one another in your neighborhood, build neighborhood involvement with police and bring awareness to crime prevention.

## Home Energy Fair to be Held Oct. 7

Commission, Xcel Energy are Event Sponsors

The Edina Energy & Environment Commission (EEC) and Xcel Energy will host a Home Energy Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Braemar Golf Course Clubhouse, 6364 John Harris Drive. With door prizes, interactive activities and snacks, the day is meant to be fun and informative.

The free event will focus on bringing together home and energy experts to help residents care for their homes and learn about new technologies that will allow them to reduce energy use and save money. At the same time, the fair will be a family-friendly event with interactive exhibits, food and prizes.

"This event will be really accessible to residents who are interested in learning about ways to take care of their homes going into the fall and winter seasons," said Lauren Satterlee, Energy & Environment Commissioner. "It'll be a fun environment to swing by."

Exhibitors include Home Energy Squad teams, building contractors and solar farm vendors, as well as tables with information about renewable energy such as Windsource.

"We want residents to feel more empowered and knowledgeable on how they can save money on their energy bill and keep up their house," said the City's Sustainability Coordinator, Tara Brown.

The ultimate goal of the event is to help the City reach its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2025. The fair is the first step in empowering residents to help with this goal.

"We want to continue to support residents," said Brown. "We've heard that people want to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and Edina has the opportunity to do that. This is a great way for people to learn how they can take action themselves and save money."

Overall, the fair will be a great opportunity to get informed and empowered on reducing energy use.

"It will also just be a great time," said Brown.

For more information on the Home Energy Fair, contact Brown at [tbrown@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:tbrown@EdinaMN.gov) or 952-826-1621.



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## City Developing New Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan

Study to Identify New Ways to Support Walking and Biking

Every 10 years, the City of Edina updates its Comprehensive Plan to provide an outline for future development. Coinciding with this year's update, the Engineering Department's Transportation Division is completing a Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan.

"We want to be a healthy community. We want to provide the infrastructure and amenities to give our residents every opportunity to be healthy," said Transportation Planner Mark Nolan. "We want people to be able to live, work and play here for their whole lives, so that's why we're talking to kids, seniors and people of all ages."

To complete the Pedestrian & Bike Master Plan, the City of Edina and its consultants, Community Design Group and SEH, Inc., have been holding meetings and reaching out to community members online. In-person meetings are being held for specific user groups, such as seniors, low-income residents and minority groups, and feedback was collected through an online survey and interactive map.

"The big questions are about what community members want to see as the future of walkability and bikeability in Edina. We want to know what's going to make it easier for them as they live, work or visit Edina," said Community Design Group Director Antonio Rosell. "Edina has made tremendous strides over the

years. The City has added almost 14 miles of new biking lanes and 8 miles of sidewalks since the last master plan was completed in 2007.

"We want to have as many people participate as we can," said Rosell. "We want all of the different cultures, socioeconomic groups, homeowners, multi-family housing residents, and high- and low-income residents to get involved. We don't want a plan that has fantastic recommendations, but doesn't take into account the needs of seniors, multi-family housing residents or people who don't own a car."

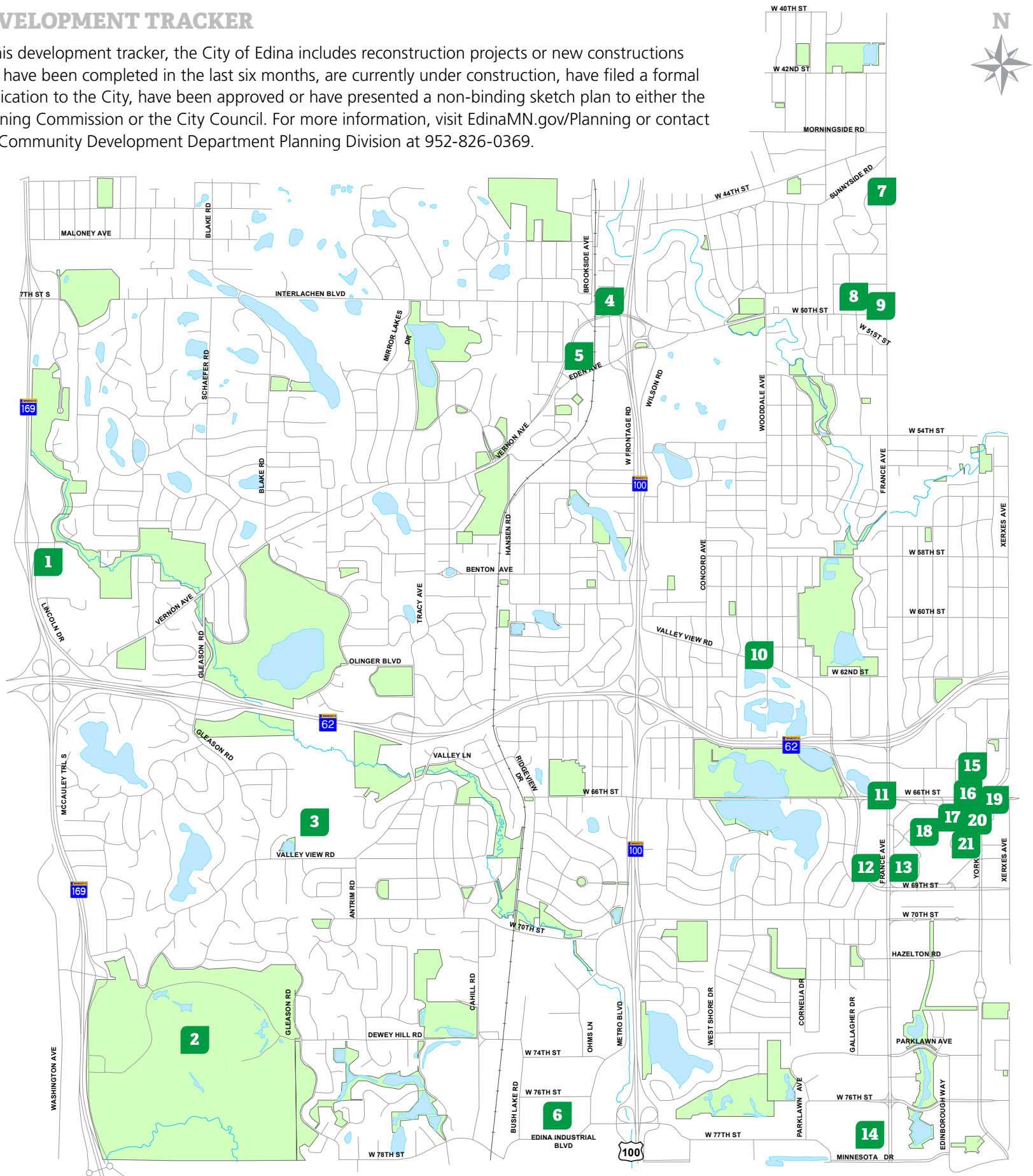
After the study has been compiled in November, Community Design Group will develop a summary document and provide a vision and set of principles that will guide the City as new developments and improvements are proposed. Several more meetings will be held throughout the process so residents can continue to provide feedback.

"The report will also offer recommendations on where to put bikeways, sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as suggestions to increase engagement and support for the biking and walking culture in Edina," Nolan explained.

To learn more about upcoming meetings or offer your feedback, visit [EdinaMN.gov/PedBikePlan](http://EdinaMN.gov/PedBikePlan) or contact Nolan at 952-826-0322 or [mnolan@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:mnolan@EdinaMN.gov).

## DEVELOPMENT TRACKER

In this development tracker, the City of Edina includes reconstruction projects or new constructions that have been completed in the last six months, are currently under construction, have filed a formal application to the City, have been approved or have presented a non-binding sketch plan to either the Planning Commission or the City Council. For more information, visit [EdinaMN.gov/Planning](http://EdinaMN.gov/Planning) or contact the Community Development Department Planning Division at 952-826-0369.



**1 Business/Project:** The Oaks Apartments  
**Location:** 5901 Lincoln Drive  
**Developer:** Opus Development  
**Status:** Under construction

*A portion of the former United Health Group site is currently being redeveloped. An existing, unoccupied office building has been torn down and replaced with a four-story, 250-unit apartment building with 250 spaces of underground parking. The site will include a dedicated entrance separate from the office building, and provide access to the new Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.*

**2 Business/Project:** Braemar Golf Course  
**Location:** 6364 John Harris Drive  
**Developer:** City of Edina  
**Status:** In progress

*The 27-hole regulation course is under construction to become a better 18-hole course. In addition to creating wide fairways and a golf course for all talent levels, 4.37 acres of wetlands will be restored and 33 acres of oak savanna will be introduced. The new 18-hole course will reopen in 2018. The Academy 9 remains open.*

**3 Business/Project:** Edina High School addition  
**Location:** 6754 Valley View Road  
**Developer:** Edina Public Schools  
**Status:** Substantially complete

*The 142,000-square-foot addition to Edina High School includes space to house the ninth grade, previously at South View and Valley View middle schools.*

**4 Business/Project:** Hawthorne Place  
**Location:** 5109-5125 W. 49th St.  
**Developer:** Great Oaks Development and TE Miller Development  
**Status:** Approved

*Two apartment buildings and a single-family home will be torn down and replaced with a 12-unit condominium building and five single-family homes.*

**5 Business/Project:** Senior Housing Project  
**Location:** 5220 Eden Ave.  
**Developer:** Trammell Crow Co.  
**Status:** Approved

*A six-story, 165-apartment unit building for seniors is to be built on the 1.64-acre former school bus garage site. It will have underground parking and be right across the street from the Edina Senior Center.*

**6 Business/Project:** Edina Schools Transportation Facility  
**Location:** 7600 Metro Blvd.  
**Developer:** Edina Public Schools  
**Status:** Complete

*The 9.25-acre site accommodates the current school district bus fleet with room for expansion.*

**7 Business/Project:** Gateway Bank  
**Location:** 4528 and 4530 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Orion Group  
**Status:** Complete

*The project included removing a former oil change station and building an addition above the existing parking garage.*

**8 Business/Project:** North Parking Ramp Expansion  
**Location:** 3930-3944 W. Market St.  
**Developer:** Edina Housing & Redevelopment Authority  
**Status:** Approved

*The existing parking ramp will be expanded to add 330 new public stalls and put 10,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. Construction should be finished in September 2018.*

**9 Business/Project:** Edina Collaborative  
**Location:** 3925 W. Market St.  
**Developer:** Buhl Investors, Saturday Properties  
**Status:** Approved

*The project includes 25,000 square feet of commercial space and 110 luxury apartments centered around a new outdoor plaza and pedestrian space. It will include underground parking. Construction is slated to begin in April 2018.*

**10 Business/Project:** Town Hall Station  
**Location:** 4500 Valley View Road  
**Developer:** Town Hall Brewery  
**Status:** Complete

*The restaurant at the former gas station building is open.*

**11 Business/Project:** The Avenue on France  
**Location:** 6600 France Ave.  
**Developer:** DJR Architecture/Wildamere  
**Status:** Approved

*The developer plans to redevelop the 22-acre site at 6600 France Ave. At full build-out, the site will include a new six-story medical building, six-story hotel, eight-story residential apartment and two two-story retail buildings. A new Bank of America recently opened on the site. Existing six- and seven-story buildings will remain in addition to the Tavern on France restaurant.*

**12 Business/Project:** Bank of America  
**Location:** 6868 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Bank of America  
**Status:** Complete

*The 6,993-square-foot, LEED-certified Bank of America has a drive-up ATM. Merrill Lynch is also a tenant.*

**13 Business/Project:** RH Gallery  
**Location:** Northeast corner of West 69th Street and France Avenue  
**Developer:** Restoration Hardware  
**Status:** Approved

*Restoration Hardware plans to build its flagship furniture gallery in a stand-alone building in the Southdale Center parking lot. The building will feature three levels of showrooms, a rooftop deck and a wine café.*

**14 Business/Project:** Twin Cities Orthopedics  
**Location:** 7700 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Twin Cities Orthopedics/Frauenschuh  
**Status:** Under construction

*The 358-space parking deck in the first phase is complete while the 68,000-square-foot medical office building is under construction. The second phase will include a 200,000-square-foot expansion with additional levels or parking added to the parking deck.*

**15 Business/Project:** The Millennium at Southdale  
**Location:** 6550 Xerxes Ave. and 3250 W. 66th St.  
**Developer:** DLC Residential  
**Status:** Approved

*This development project will be built in two stages. The existing office building at 3250 W. 66th St. will be razed and replaced with a six-story, 227-unit apartment building. In a future phase of development, the office building at 6550 Xerxes Ave. will also be razed and a four- or five-story, 145-unit apartment building would be built. Each building includes one level of at-grade parking. The two buildings, comprising 421,268 square feet, will sit on the site's 5.65 acres.*

**16 Business/Project:** 66 West  
**Location:** 3330 W. 66th St.  
**Developer:** Beacon Interfaith Housing  
**Status:** Complete

*The 39 studio apartments house young adults who have experienced homelessness.*

**17 Business/Project:** Hilton Homewood Suites  
**Location:** Southwest Corner of West 66th Street and York Avenue  
**Developer:** Noble Investment Group  
**Status:** Under construction

*The four-story, 146-room hotel is being built in the northeast corner of the Southdale Center property. The upscale, all-suites hotel will include an indoor swimming pool, fitness room and meeting rooms.*

**18 Business/Project:** Shake Shack  
**Location:** Southeast corner of West 66th & France Avenue, near Macy's  
**Developer:** Simon Properties  
**Status:** Under Review

*The 5,000-square-foot restaurant with exterior patio would be the upscale burger chain's second Minnesota location. It opened in Mall of America in June 2016.*

**19 Business/Project:** Gateway Pointe  
**Location:** 3101 W. 66th St. and 6612 Xerxes Ave.  
**Developer:** Doran Construction  
**Status:** Approved, Details Under Review

*The developer plans to remove the existing structure and build a six-story, 190-unit apartment building on the two-acre site. The building will have one level of underground parking.*

**20 Business/Project:** The Onyx  
**Location:** 6725 York Ave. S.  
**Developer:** Lennar  
**Status:** Complete

*Tenants have moved in the six-story, 296,000-square-foot building with 242 luxury apartments. Fitness club Alchemy and Plada, which offers fast casual Italian food, are the first two tenants in the four available spaces of first-floor retail.*

**21 Business/Project:** Lifetime Fitness and new retail  
**Location:** 200 Southdale Center  
**Developer:** Lifetime Fitness/Simon Properties  
**Status:** Pending Building Permit Review

*This would be the company's flagship fitness center featuring four stories of fitness equipment and spaces, a rooftop garden and an outdoor pool. It is slated for 120,000 square feet of the spot formerly occupied by JCPenney, with other retail going in the remaining 65,000 square feet.*