

The Vision OF THE MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The Minnesota Sustainable Development Initiative envisions a future where businesses grow and prosper while respecting the natural and human environments that support them. In this future:

- We Minnesotans make commitments and choices to preserve the options future generations will need to secure the quality of life we now enjoy. We see sustainable development as a positive, fundamental change in the way we define social progress, do business and protect the environment.
- We view the health of our natural environment, the strength of our community and our economic security as interdependent. We maintain our quality of life through the sustainable use of energy and natural resources, recognizing that population growth, resource consumption and lifestyle choices determine the options we leave for future generations.
- Our communities are places where all citizens enjoy rich opportunities in education, employment, involvement in community and appreciation of the environment.
- Our economy is healthy, diversified, globally competitive and in harmony with Minnesota's ecosystems; it provides all citizens ample opportunity for a fulfilling life.
- Our natural environment is biologically and ecologically diverse and able to provide the resource benefits, products and services needed for the indefinite future.
- We continually work to change our political and economic systems so that they consistently reward economically efficient, socially beneficial and environmentally sustainable behavior.

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