



# ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY

What would make Red Wing a better place to live?

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responses across all community engagement events and surveys mentioned attention to environmental resiliency as something that would enhance life in Red Wing. The top suggestions are shown to the right.



## Preservation, Conservation, and Pollution Prevention

Red Wing's parks and natural setting are highly valued by its residents. This fact is reflected in the 412 community engagement responses that cited strong support for open space preservation efforts, conservation, and pollution prevention.



## Investments in Renewable Energy

92% of respondents to the Community Survey (366 people) support continued efforts by the City to encourage the use of renewable energy for businesses and homes. See the sidebar on the following page for more on what the City of Red Wing is doing to promote renewable energy by using solar power.



## Recognizing Climate Change

86% of respondents to the Community Survey (343 people) think that global warming should be recognized by the City in its actions and policies.

# What do folks like most about living in Red Wing?

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Natural Surroundings and the River

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Opportunities for Environmental Education

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Resource Preservation

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Other Preservation



## Encouraging Green Living and Sustainability

90% of Community Survey respondents support Red Wing's efforts to become more sustainable, and a full 45% believe it's "very important." During summer engagement events, people mentioned ways that the City could encourage residents to make smart choices a part of their everyday lives -- by improving non-motorized and public transportation networks, incorporating modern, efficient technologies, and expanding local food



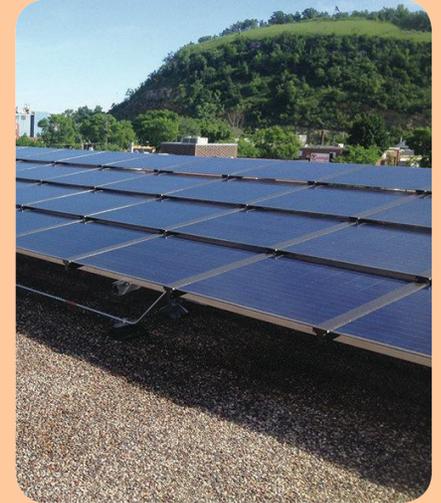
## Improving Waste Management

A variety of waste management practices were mentioned by summer engagement participants, such as reducing littering; providing organics recycling or composting services; adding more recycling receptacles downtown; and moving toward single-sort recycling.



## Promoting Education and Awareness

Exploring nature can build people's attachment to a sense of place and encourage people to take care of their surroundings. Educating residents and visitors about the value of Red Wing's natural landscapes was important to some participants, including the role that Red Wing plays in the health of the Mississippi River ecosystem.



## Did You Know?

### Red Wing is Powered by the Sun

The City of Red Wing has installed six solar panels that produce 240,000 kWh (kilowatt hours) of energy, or about 3.6% of the City government's electricity needs. In 2016, the City entered into a solar garden subscription for 5.6 million kWh annually with a solar garden provider (Innovative Power Systems) that will eventually supply all of the City government's energy requirements and save an estimated \$6.6 million over the course of the 25-year agreement.