

## Legislatively Determined Goals

**100% by 2040 (Carbon-Free electricity):** Require that electric utility must generate or procure electricity from carbon-free energy technologies equivalent to at least the following standard percentages of the electric utility's total retail electric sales to retail customers in Minnesota by the end of the year indicated: 80% by 2030 for public utilities, 60% by 2030 for other electric utilities; 90% by 2035 for all electric utilities; 100% by 2040 for all electric utilities. ([Chapter 7, Section 10](#) Amendment to [216B.1691](#) Subd. 2(g))

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Reduction Goal:** Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors producing greenhouse gas emissions by at least the following amounts, compared with the level of emissions in 2005: 30% by 2025; 50% by 2030 and to net-zero by 2050. ([Chapter 60 Article 12, Section 61](#) amendment to Mn. Statute [§216H.02 subd.1](#))

**Renewable Electricity Standards:** Derive 25% of retail electricity sold in the state from renewable resources by 2025, 55% by 2035. ([Chapter 7, Section 5](#) Amendment to Mn Statute [§216B.1691 subd. 2\(a\)](#))

**Solar Electricity Standard:** Generate 10% of public utility retail electricity sales from solar energy by 2030. ([Chapter 7, Section 9](#) Amendment to Mn. Statute [§216B.1691, subd. 2\(f\)](#))

**Renewable Energy Goal:** 25% by 2025 of total energy used in the state from renewable resources for heating, industrial processes, transportation, and electricity generation. (Mn. Statute [§216C.05](#))

**Energy Savings Goal:** Annual energy savings equal to at least 1.5% of annual retail energy sales of electricity and natural gas be achieved through cost-effective energy efficiency. (Mn. Statute [§216C.05](#))

**Building Energy Use:** Energy savings of 2.5% of annual electricity and natural gas retail sales through conservation programs, efficient fuel switching, energy efficiency, rate design, energy codes, appliance standards, market or consumer behavior transformation and utility load management programs. (Mn. Statute [§216B.2401](#))

**Energy Savings Goal and the Conservation Improvement Program:** Energy savings of 1.75% of average annual retail sales each year for electric utilities and 1% of average annual retail sales each year for natural gas utilities, unless adjusted by the commissioner to no less than 1.0% (Mn. Statute [§216B.241, subd. 1\(c\)](#))

**Energy Conservation and Optimization:** Individual consumer-owned utility subject to this section has an annual energy-savings goal equivalent to 1.5 percent of gross annual retail energy sales, to be met with a minimum of energy savings from energy conservation improvements equivalent to at least 0.95 percent of the consumer-owned utility's gross annual retail energy sales. (Mn. Statute [§216.2403, subd. 2](#))

**Energy Conservation and Optimization – Low-Income Programs:** A consumer-owned utility subject to this section must provide energy conservation programs to low-income households. (Mn. Statute [§216.2403, subd. 5\(a\)](#))

# Minnesota's Climate Action Framework Goals

**Climate Action Framework and State Action Steps:** The Climate Action Framework (CAF) sets a vision for how Minnesota will address and prepare for climate change. It identifies immediate, near-term actions we must take to achieve our long-term vision of a carbon-neutral, resilient, and equitable future for our state. The CAF identifies six goals for the framework; specific, selected clean energy related action steps which will help with goal attainment are listed below.

## 1. Clean Transportation

**Goal:** Connect and serve all people through a safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation system.

**Action Step:** *Initiative 1.2: Clean and efficient vehicles.* Accelerate the transition to electric vehicles, alternative fuels, and greater fuel efficiency.

## 2. Climate-smart natural and working lands

**Goal:** Enhance climate benefits by absorbing and storing carbon, reducing emissions, and sustaining resilient landscapes.

**Action Step:** *Initiative 2.5: Investments in emerging crops, products, and local economies.*

## 3. Resilient communities

**Goal:** Provide each Minnesota community with tools to plan for and become resilient to its unique climate impacts.

**Action Step:** *Initiative 3.3: Resilient buildings, infrastructure, and businesses.*

## 4. Clean energy and efficient buildings:

**Goal:** Expand the use of carbon-free energy and create healthy, comfortable buildings that are cheaper to operate and pollute less.

**Action Step:** *Initiative 4.1: Clean energy.* Transition to 100% carbon-free, reliable, and affordable electrical power and heat through policies, investments, and partnerships. *Initiative 4.2: Smarter buildings and construction.* Reduce GHG emissions in the building sector by promoting conservation, efficiency, and lower-carbon design, materials, and fuels.

## 5. Healthy lives and communities

**Goal:** Protect the health and wellbeing of all Minnesotans in the face of climate change.

**Action Step:** *Initiative 5.1: Healthy communities.*

## 6. Clean economy

**Goal:** Build a thriving carbon neutral economy that produces goods and services with environmental benefit and equitably provides family-sustaining job opportunities.

**Action Step:** *Initiative 6.1.1 Become a national leader in clean innovation.* *Initiative 6.2: Equitable access to jobs and a just transition.*