# **City of Greeley Energy Action Plan**



# **Our Commitment**

Greeley promotes a healthy and diverse economy and a high quality of life that is responsive to all of its residents, businesses, and neighborhoods. Through Xcel Energy Partners in Energy, the community will create an affordable and reliable energy future based on increased residential, commercial, and industrial energy efficiency and alternative energy opportunities to improve economic health and stimulate growth.

# **About this Plan**

Representatives from the City of Greeley, Greeley-Evans School District 6, University of Northern Colorado, Aims Community College, Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association, Atmos Energy, and local businesses and non-profit organizations have worked together to create an Energy Action Plan with the help of Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy. By supporting families and businesses with energy efficiency measures identified in the plan, the entire community can benefit from energy and cost savings, improved building comfort, and increased community resiliency. Partners in Energy supports communities like Greeley in developing and implementing their energy goals.

# Starting Point: 2018 Energy Use\*





Residents consumed **287 GWh** of electricity

Businesses consumed **478 GWh** of electricity



Municipal operations consumed **25 GWh** of electricity



Spent **\$74 million** on energy community-wide

\*The baseline energy use and costs for Greeley are based on 2018 data from Xcel Energy, Greeley's primary electricity provider, and does not include electric data from the Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association or natural gas data from Atmos Energy.







# **Our Strategic Priorities – Your Support**

The plan has four focus areas, each with opportunities to participate!

#### Residential

We're focused on making it simple for households to participate in home energy improvements by:

- ✓ Sharing information at community events and school activities
- ✓ Connecting relevant information and programs with cost-burdened homes, renters, and households interested in renewable energy options

#### **Business**

We'll connect Greeley businesses with energy efficiency opportunities through:

- ✓ An annual Greeley Business Expo that will highlight energy efficiency efforts of local businesses, provide information on utility rebate programs, and ask attendees to pledge to complete an energyefficiency measure in the upcoming year
- ✓ Sector-specific outreach to connect businesses with rebates and other energy efficiency and renewable energy project funding opportunities

#### **Educational Institutions**

We'll engage students in the importance of energy efficiency and renewable energy by:

- ✓ Distributing energy efficiency information and materials for students to take home
- Connecting students with opportunities to support energy outreach  $\checkmark$
- ✓ Conducting energy audits in school facilities

#### **Municipal**

The City of Greeley will lead by example by:

- ✓ Conducting energy audits in the largest and most energy intensive municipal facilities
- ✓ Defining opportunities to integrate energy efficiency and renewable energy into new development

### By reaching this plan's near-term targets, we will:

Save 9 GWh of electricity through energy efficiency



Increase residential efficiency rebate program participation by 50% and business participation by **35%** 



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 4,640 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e - the equivalent of taking more than 985<sup>\*</sup> cars off the road!

\*https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gasequivalencies-calculator



