



# Welcome to Sabathani!

*The Heart of South Minneapolis*



# **Sabathani Community Center**

**Founded in 1966**

Our mission—grounded in our engagement with, service to, and advancement of the South Minneapolis community—is to provide people of all ages and cultures with essential resources that inspire them to improve their lives and build a thriving community.

**Youth &  
Senior  
Programs**

**Workforce  
Strategies**

**Food  
Distribution  
& Clothing  
Closet**

**Affordable  
Housing**

**Health &  
Well-being**

**Sabathani Community Center**

# Community Energy Project

*Transforming  
South Minneapolis  
for a greener future*



# *Objectives:*

## **GOAL**

Transform our community  
from energy burdened  
→ energy thriving!

- ✓ Create a safe, community-built Resilience Hub to serve our 87% BIPOC community.
- ✓ Reduce carbon pollution and high asthma rates in South Minneapolis.
- ✓ Create family-sustaining careers in clean energy technology and energy efficiency.
- ✓ Reduce energy costs and create wealth-building opportunities.

# *Key Actions*



Renovate building for energy-efficiency and upgrade with HVAC geothermal system.



Install solar array and microgrid for continuous power.



Provide a living laboratory and training center for geothermal and solar careers.



Expand to multi-family housing and neighboring community with future phases.

# Project Steps *Completed*

### 2020 – 2021

- Planning, energy audits and engineering studies
- Resilient Minneapolis application and planning

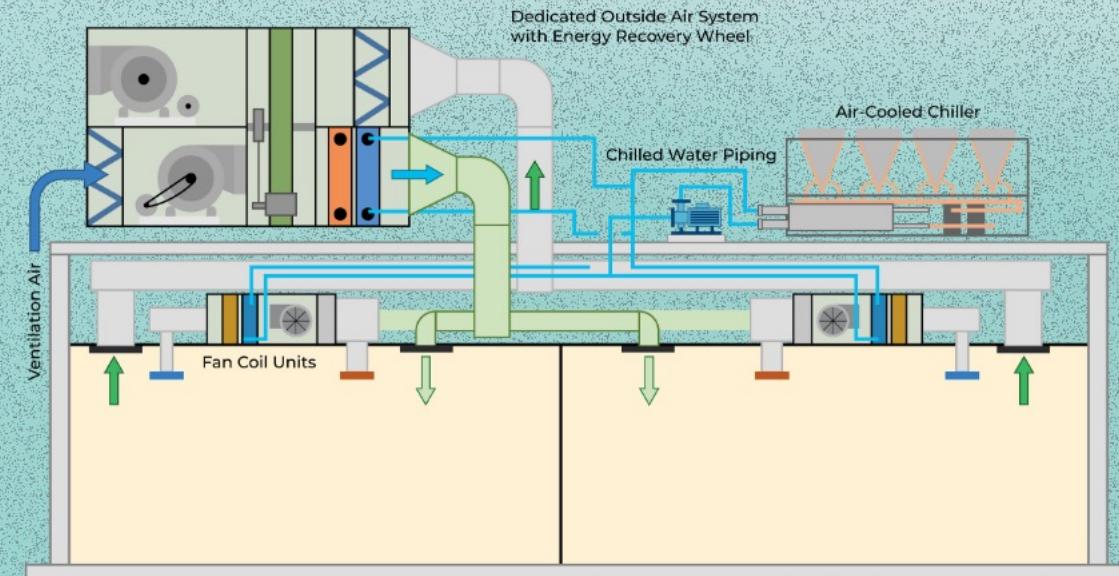
### 2022 – 2023

- Community Needs Assessment
- LED Lighting building retrofit
- 90 SMART thermostats
- New roof with insulation and reinforced for solar-ready
- Launched solar and energy-efficiency workforce training

# Next Steps

**Replace 2 boilers and 104 air conditioners with geothermal direct outdoor air system (DOAS)**

- Reduce natural gas usage by ~ 105,900 therms, or \$61,000 per year
- Remove ~ 1,100 metric tons of carbon per year
- Living laboratory and training center for geothermal and solar family sustaining – careers
- Extend to 72-unit multifamily housing on campus, and surrounding community





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# Meet *the Partners*

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