

Affirm Minnesota's responsibility to prepare for a changing climate



Minnesota's climate resilience work should be formalized in law.

Challenge

From more extreme storms to unhealthy air, Minnesotans are seeing the effects of our changing climate. But many communities don't have capacity to protect against impacts to infrastructure, health, and homes. MPCA's climate resilience work is essential to protecting their residents.

Proposal

Codify state government's role in supporting communities as they prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Currently, Minnesota statute does not reflect the full scope of MPCA's climate resiliency work. Articulating this in statute will clarify the agency's authority to assist communities in adapting to a changing climate – and make clear why doing so benefits Minnesotans.

Why it's important

The Legislature has recognized the need for support by allocating \$100 million in community grants, and we expect the need for both funding and program support to continue to grow. Formalizing MPCA's climate resilience work in law will ensure that communities continue to receive the support, capacity, and resources they need to address climate change.



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