



Morris Model

Morris, Minnesota

Morris Model Partnership Plan

We call our partnership “the Morris Model” (morrismodel.org), which includes the city of Morris, Stevens County, Morris Area School District, University of Minnesota Morris (UMN Morris), and UMN West Central Research and Outreach Center (UMN WCROC).

Our Morris Model Partnership Plan is focused on **3 broad goals in our community: expanding solar PV, implementing energy storage, and increasing our public engagement.** Specifically, we propose **4 new solar projects** across the city, our campuses, and school district. We also propose **2 new energy storage projects** and **3 public engagement initiatives**, focused on clean energy outreach, energy storage, and youth engagement. We have made progress on our Morris Model Strategic Plan, which established a goal of locally producing 80% of the energy we consume in our county. **The city wants to install solar at our new Freshwater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant.** City electricity bills skyrocketed after the new Freshwater Treatment Plant went online. We want to **add agrivoltatic solar PV to a pasture** next to campus and **add solar at the Morris Area School District bus garage.** We also created a new partnership – the Center for Renewable Energy Storage Technology. Prize funding will help us advance these goals. Specifically, we need funding to support the coordination of our partnership activities.

Online Video Pitch: <https://youtu.be/qoIBftGP96s>

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