



The Minnesota Project works to ensure that conservation farming systems provide rewards for family farmers growing diverse crops while protecting soil and water resources. We do this by bringing together agricultural and environmental interests at the state and national level to create policies that benefit family farms and rural communities.

The Minnesota Project is a national leader in the development of a whole farm planning process that is being instituted within the Conservation Stewardship Program and that will provide farmers and government the ability to coordinate resource management in conservation programs. Our goals are to maximize farmer adoption in conservation farming systems and to support practical state and federal policies that contribute toward our goals.

Our Local Foods Program works to make sure that all Minnesotans have affordable access to fresh, healthful local foods. Our initiatives are based on community food systems, urban agriculture, and a philosophy of food security and justice.

Fruits of the City helps Twin Cities residents grow and harvest fresh fruit. Projects such as fruit gleaning, community orchards, fruit tree education, and an online fruit map empower urban residents to feed their own communities.

Heartland Food Network supports and promotes restaurants, caterers and cafeterias that buy ingredients from Minnesota farmers.

Urban Farm Incubator assists women, particularly immigrant women, in becoming successful small agricultural business owners.

We also work in partnership with other organizations to promote policies and systems change to support food farmers and food justice.

We work to greatly expand development of Minnesota’s renewable energy resources – wind, biomass, and solar. We also promote through policy and projects the efficient use of energy. We bring together community groups, environmental and agricultural interests to advance the knowledge, capacity and policies necessary for a thriving clean energy industry in Minnesota and the Midwest.

Through our collaboration with environmental organizations, our work on renewable energy projects, our leadership on Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) community-based energy effort, we ensure that renewable energy becomes reality.

The Minnesota Project established anaerobic digesters on two Minnesota dairy farms which provide local, distributed electricity while reducing methane, a major greenhouse gas, and the odor associated with methane. The Minnesota Project continues to fill a vital roll of coordinating digester information.





## Our mission

Through projects, partnerships and policy, The Minnesota Project encourages the sustainable production and equitable distribution of food and energy in communities across Minnesota.

To assure the prosperity and health of people and the land, we currently work as a collaborator to:

Promote the development and efficient use of clean renewable energy.

Promote profitable farms that protect the environment.

Promote the production and consumption of local, sustainable grown food.

The Minnesota Project works in ways that emphasize collaboration, community building, and capacity building. For over thirty years we have fostered local empowerment, bridged diverse interests, encouraged shared values and initiated working dialogues that create positive action.



## Join us in our efforts

The Minnesota Project encourages citizens to get connected, informed and involved in policies and projects that reduce global warming and build local sustainability.

Visit our Website [www.mnproject.org](http://www.mnproject.org) or our Blog (site) to learn more about our programs and to make a tax-deductible gift. Sign up for newsletters, join The Heartland Food Network or receive our e-mail action alerts when important issues require a stronger citizen voice.



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