



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) M.L. 2014 Work Plan

Date of Report: January 15, 2014
Date of Next Status Update Report: January 31, 2015
Date of Work Plan Approval:
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2016
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PROJECT TITLE: Youth-led Sustainability Initiatives in 40 Greater Minnesota Communities

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Location:

Regions: Central, Northeast, Southwest & Southeast

Counties: Atkin, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Cass, Chippewa, Cook, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dodge, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Houston, Itasca, Jackson, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobels, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Pine, Pipestone, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Sibley, St. Louis, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabash, Wadena, Waseca, Watonwan, Wilkin, Winona & Yellow Medicine.

Total ENRTF Project Budget:	ENRTF Appropriation:	\$350,000
	Amount Spent:	\$0
	Balance:	\$350,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b

Appropriation Language:

\$350,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in cooperation with Laurentian Environmental Learning Center to complete over 100 youth-led sustainability action projects in 40 communities in southwest, southeast, central and northeastern Minnesota.

I. PROJECT TITLE: Youth-led Sustainability Initiatives in 40 Greater Minnesota Communities.

II. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The Youth Energy Summit (YES!) program mobilizes entire communities through youth-led sustainability action projects initiated by local teams of 8-20 youth in grades 7-12. Over the past seven years YES! has expanded from 8 teams in southwest and west central Minnesota to 32 teams in the north-central to lower half of the state. The current project is to expand a successful model to mobilize up to 40 YES! teams including 8 to 10 communities in NE Minnesota during 2014-16.

Specific goals for YES! Project 2014-16:

- Activate 40 YES! teams in Central, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast MN including the expansion of up to 10 teams in the Northeast mobilizing over 20,000 volunteer hours per year.
- Complete over 150 youth-led sustainability projects providing long-term environmental and economic benefits to local Minnesota communities.
- Engage & educate 650 students who are directly working with YES! as team members and impacting another 12,000 students (K-12) and 17,000 community members each year through YES! sustainable living projects and educational events.
- At least 5 YES! teams will incorporate middle school students to explore the benefits of including teams with students in younger grades (7th and 8th).
- Transition established YES! teams from relying on ENRTF grant funds for project seed funds to local public and private sector partnerships.

HOW:

YES! staff will reach out to new schools to recruit teams and work with existing schools to retain teams to attain the goal of 40 teams. These efforts will expand the outreach of YES! to include up to 650 students and up to 50 coaches/adult advisors each year. YES! team members will work with over 400 community members and 200 local businesses to achieve their energy-related goals each year. Through YES! energy action projects such as school gardens, improved recycling systems, composting, designing and building high mileage cars; community members, students and businesses will be engaged in sustainable living best practices.

YES! staff meet directly 3 to 5 times per year with each team to: assess community assets and needs; identify and involve community partners; create action-plans; link teams with funding resources; and assist in the implementation of energy efficient and waste reduction projects involving solar, wind, biomass, recycling and composting. YES! staff provide on-going support to teams through; weekly updates, evaluating and offering relevant workshops and tours, organizing a Summit each year bringing all teams together for learning and networking and an opportunity in the spring to showcase their youth-led projects in community celebration events.

This project works with our Northeast partners to bring this unique program to their region. The Northeast coordinator will be provided materials including the YES! Coordinator Guide, YES! Coach Guide, sample recruitment letters and other relevant resources to ensure success. The Northeast coordinator will join weekly coordinator meetings and have weekly contact with project leader, in addition to having access to support materials for effective initiatives such as Black Out Day tips, composting how-to and designing and building an Electronic Vehicle (EV). Team project highlights from the Northeast cohort will be featured on the YES! website. YES! staff will gather in person for an orientation and provide continued support and guidance throughout the season.

III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of January 15, 2015:

Project Status as of July 15, 2015:

Project Status as of January 15, 2016:

Project Status as of July 15, 2016:

Overall Project Outcomes and Results:

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Recruitment and retention of up to 40 YES! teams in Central, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast Minnesota communities.

Description: YES! coordinators secure coaches, confirm participation of existing teams for 2014-16 seasons and recruit new teams as needed to fill vacancies in four regions of the state. “Coaches” are typically teachers or similarly trained professionals serving in an active advisory role with teams of youth. YES! staff will work to train and mentor the Northeast Cohort Coordinator to ensure success in development of a cohort in that region. Each cohort, comprised of approximately 8 to 10 teams, will be served by a YES! Coordinator.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:	ENRTF Budget:	\$32,470
	Amount Spent:	\$ 0
	Balance:	\$32,470

Activity Completion Date: June 30, 2016

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Recruit and retain up to 10 teams in Northeast regional cohort.	Nov. 2014 & 2015 & on-going	\$6,900
2. Recruit and retain up to 30 teams in Central, West Central, Southwest & Southeast regions for grades 7 - 12.	Nov. 2014 & 2015 & on-going	\$22,323
3. Five (5) teams of approx. 10 students will incorporate students from grades 7 and 8.	June, 2015 & 2016 & on- going	\$3,247

Activity Status as of January 15, 2015:

Activity Status as of July 15, 2015:

Activity Status as of January 15, 2016:

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ACTIVITY 2: Workshops, Tours & Educational events to connect students & coaches with local experts, network with each other and connect with sustainability project partners.

Description: (1) Annual Summit Event: Teams gather for orientation, networking, education, goal-setting, and project planning. The event has been held at SMSU, Gustavus Adolphus College, Prairie Woods ELC & Redwood Falls.

(2) Annual Workshops and Industry Tours: YES! coordinators organize 6-10 tours and workshops, per year, specific to team project goals. Topics have included: composting, recycling, renewable energy, lunch room waste reduction, energy efficiency strategies for schools and communities, visits to solar and wind farms and local food initiatives. Each team participates in 1 or 2 workshops or tours per year. Workshops are typically held at Prairie Woods ELC, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, schools, community centers or regional businesses and organizations. Many organizations have participated in the past including: power cooperatives, county waste facility managers, waste haulers, Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), renewable energy businesses, University of MN/Extension educators and other relevant organizations.

(3) Annual Spring Celebration and Judging: public recognition of team project outcomes and prize awards (prizes from local foundations such as SWIF & Initiative Foundation), plus wrap-up activities.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 2:	ENRTF Budget:	\$75,425
	Amount Spent:	\$ 0
	Balance:	\$75,425

Activity 2 Completion Date: June 30, 2016

Outcome	Completion Date	Budget
1. Over 600 (total for 2 years) team members attend YES! Summits, Workshops & tours, and participate in Spring Celebration/Awards (annually)	May, 2015 & 2016	\$37,713
2. Each team demonstrates connections with over 5 experts and allies who can assist them with completing sustainability projects in their communities	June, 2015 & 2016	\$18,856
3. Each team identifies at least one regional partner for project support per year.	on-going	\$18,856

Activity Status as of January 15, 2015:

Activity Status as of July 15, 2015:

Activity Status as of January 15, 2016:

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ACTIVITY 3: Team Action Projects; complete 150+ Energy Action Projects benefiting at least 40 Communities in Central, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast Minnesota.

Description:

YES! teams assess needs in their community and school, evaluate and help find local resources to meet the need, create an action plan and implement their projects with the support of their adult coach, YES! staff and community experts. Projects may include: energy efficiency upgrades, energy audits, waste reduction, composting, recycling, hydration stations, renewable energy installations, school gardens, educational events for k-12 and community to promote sustainable living practices and more.

YES! staff provide on-going guidance, resources, information, networking and other assistance as teams carry out action plans. YES! provides support and information to coaches/adult advisors, team leaders (youth) and assists with identifying organizations and businesses that share an interest in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy. YES! coordinators maintain a website, blog, facebook, and frequent e-mail contact to help teams stay informed and in contact with each other to share information on best practices and lessons learned.

ENRTF funds provide support for YES! staff time, in-state travel, program-related school district/organization expenses, and project seed funds. The school district/organization expense reimbursement allowance is intended to offset expenses incurred by school districts and/or community organizations that sponsor a YES! team. This support allows them to participate in YES! in a cost-effective manner. Eligible reimbursable expenses may include: 1. Reimbursement to offset the cost of hiring substitute teachers in order to allow YES! coaches/adult advisors to attend YES! events during the school day, and 2. Transportation expenses for buses or vans for students and coaches/adult advisors to travel to YES! events. The total allowance will be distributed equally among participating teams.

YES! project seed funds will be used for projects that will be brainstormed and initiated by youth on YES! teams. Projects will vary depending upon school/community needs and student interest. YES! coordinators will have a good understanding of team projects by mid December or early January. See "Project Seed Funds Eligible Expenses" attachment.

Eligible expenses may include:

1. Energy saving devices for installation in public buildings such as schools, city buildings, or county buildings.
2. Materials and supplies to construct energy-saving or energy-generating installations, for use in public spaces or as demonstration projects made available to the public.
3. Materials for energy education activities.
4. Energy conservation kits for community distribution.
5. Equipment for tracking/measuring energy consumption and savings, to be made available for or directly related to public use.
6. Professional or technical services with qualified individuals for consultation or labor relating to teams' energy action projects.
7. Materials and supplies for reducing and mitigating solid waste generated in schools and communities.
8. Materials and supplies for increasing the production of and/or consumption of locally-produced foods in school cafeterias and communities.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 3:	ENRTF Budget:	\$242,105
	Amount Spent:	\$ 0
	Balance:	\$242,105

Activity 3 Completion Date: June 30, 2016

Outcomes	Completion Date	Budget
1. All teams identify sustainability issues in their community and school and then create a sustainability action plan each year.	Jan. 1, 2015 & 2016	\$48,421
2. Over 150 energy action projects completed. YES! teams use seed funds to help reimburse project expenses. All teams will seek and be awarded cash, in-kind or volunteer support. PWELC will report non-ENRTF funds as Other Funds.	June, 2015 & 2016	\$121,053
3. Project accomplishments are recognized and made public via website, newsletters, conference presentations and news media at least 3 times/year. Staff meet in person with teams approx. 2 to 3 times per year or more and provide support to teams & networking amongst teams on a regular basis.	June 2015 & 2016	\$24,210
4. YES! staff and partners develop a sustainable program strategy & establishment of a Northeast YES! cohort	June, 2016	\$48,421

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Description: Information, updates and reports will be made available via the YES! website (www.youthenergysummit.org), YES! e-newsletter, Prairie Woods ELC newsletter, Foundation communication vehicles (such as Southwest Initiative Foundation) & local media as available and on an on-going basis. YES! will present at relevant opportunities such as Sustainability/Earth Day events, CERTS (Clean Energy Resource Teams) conferences and relevant science events.

Activity Status as of January 15, 2015:**Activity Status as of July 15, 2015:****Activity Status as of January 15, 2016:**

Activity Status as of July 15, 2016:

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VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget Overview:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Explanation
Personnel:	\$230,000	1.0 FTE Project Leader (Shelli-Kae Foster) @ \$ 46,000 each year for 2 years totaling \$ 92,000 (new team training and development, program sustainability, grant management/reporting & direct service to regional teams) Three (3) .5 coordinator positions @ \$ 23,000 each year for 2 years totaling \$138,000 (Typically a .5 coordinator facilitates approx. 8 to 10 teams creating a regional cohort) (75% Salary, 25% benefits for each position for 2 year period)
Professional / Technical / Service Contracts:	\$46,000	Laurentian Environmental Center will provide .5 FTE coordination @ \$ 23,000 total each year for 2 years totaling \$ 46,000. (Develop program and support up to 10 teams in the Northeast region). LEC will serve as fiscal host for the contract. LEC will provide travel and meal allowance (approx. \$ 5,000 per year). (75%Salary, 25%Benefits for 2 year period)
Supplies:	\$500	Supplies and materials for hands-on experiential activities at events and tours. Provide local, healthy & light breakfast for students at Summit events: to 1) illustrate importance of sourcing regional produce and products, and 2) provide a nutritious breakfast due to the fact many schools travel approx. 1.5 hours to attend.
Travel:	\$25,500	Approx. 1,600 miles per month total for staff x 24 months = 38,400 x .56 = \$21,500. Plus \$4,000 total for meals and lodging (as deemed necessary for working with out-state teams and events) allowance for a total of \$25,500. (Required for serving widely dispersed rural communities). All travel expense reimbursements as per Minnesota State Commissioner plan. Additional requirements to be covered by non-ENRTF funds.

Other: Team Project Seed Funds	\$24,000	Allows teams to purchase materials and services needed to start and often complete energy action projects. Dollars will be dispersed amongst participating teams each year. Dollar amount may vary depending on number of teams - but will not exceed \$ 24,000. (for example: \$ 300 per team x 40 teams x 2 years = \$ 24,000). If fewer teams are recruited in year one, funds will be apportioned to participating teams based on their project needs. See "Eligible Expenses for Project Seed Funds" attachment for guidelines.
Other: Coach/District Allowance:	\$24,000	Provides reimbursement necessary for teams and coaches to attend YES! workshops, tours and events. Expenses may include: 1. Substitute teacher expenses and/or 2. Transportation expenses for YES! events. Dollars will be dispersed amongst participating teams each year. Dollar amount may vary depending on number of teams - but will not exceed \$ 24,000. (for example: \$ 300 per team x 40 teams x 2 years = \$ 24,000).
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$350,000	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater than \$ 5,000: N/A

Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation: Directly funded FTEs = 2 (1.0 FTE per year x 2) plus 3 (3, .5 FTE per year = 1.5 per year x 2 = 3) = 5 total FTE

Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: 1 (.5 for 2 years) FTE contracted with the Laurentian Environmental Center.

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
Southwest Initiative Foundation	\$44,000		Funds to support additional staff capacity and seed funds for team action projects. July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016.
Laurentian Environmental Center	\$5,000		Funds to cover meals & mileage for Northeast coordinator.
University of MN Central Regional Sustainable Partnership	\$4,000		Fiscal year Jan. 1, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2014.

Team Registration Fees	\$ 32,000 for 2 years		Each participating team pays approx. \$ 400 per year. These funds are used for things not eligible with the ERNTF dollars.
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$85,000	\$	

Note: YES! teams provide over 20,000 volunteer hours to complete projects and educational events which will engage & educate over 12,000 students (k-12), 17,000 community members and students will work with over 200 businesses each year.

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners:

YES! 2014-2016 will be implemented through partnering organizations including Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC), the Laurentian Environmental Center (LEC), the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability (IRPS), the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF), and up to 40 YES! teams in communities throughout Central, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast Minnesota. Prairie Woods ELC, Laurentian EC, and participating school districts will receive funding through the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Prairie Woods ELC and Laurentian EC will receive funding to support staffing and each participating team (sponsored by a school district or community organization) will be able to submit for reimbursement for eligible project-related expenses and program participation expenses such as transportation and substitute teacher costs. (Expenses will meet the eligible and ineligible guidelines).

Please note that Prairie Woods ELC has secured additional funding to increase the amount of funds for supporting team projects and other YES! activities. In addition, each participating community becomes a partner towards building environmentally and economically strong communities. Teams typically receive voluntary and in-kind support from local businesses and community organizations.

Project Partners Not Receiving Funds:

- Southwest Initiative Foundation, 15 3rd Avenue NW, Hutchinson, MN 55350
ph: 320-587-4848 website: www.swifoundation.org
- Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability.
Contact: Don Graves ph: 218-875-3904 website: www.ironrangeearthfest.org

Project Partners Receiving Funds:

- Prairie Woods ELC, 12718 Tenth Street NE, Spicer, MN 56288
ph: 320-354-5894 website: www.prairiewoodselc.org
- Laurentian Environmental Learning Center, 8950 Peppard Road, Brit, MN 55710.
218-749-1288. website: www2.moundviewschools.org/laurentian/

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:

This project will expand a successful model and initiate youth-led energy conservation and waste conservation projects in at least 40 communities in greater Minnesota. The project will mobilize public and private partnerships to raise awareness of issues and opportunities related to sustainable living practices for rural Minnesota; and produce lasting economic benefits for schools, businesses, and communities through energy conservation and efficiency. Students participating in YES! will gain valuable hands-on learning experiences encouraging them to contribute to the environmental and economic health of our state and expose them to

valuable employment and training opportunities. Through YES!, students are learning by doing – building solar panels, doing energy audits, designing and building composting bins and small wind turbines, growing local food for their cafeterias and more! One student from Royalton commented “after learning CAD drawings in tech class I loved it and decided to go into engineering. Then I joined YES! and now I want to go into engineering so I can create things that are better for the environment.”

Over the next two years YES! staff and participating organizations will make a concerted effort to identify regional allies in the private, public, and non-profit sectors which have a shared interest in supporting the continuation and expansion of YES! teams. Initiatives such as waste oil collection sites generating donations have been established in 4 YES! communities. These types of income generating operations will continue to be explored. Entities that derive financial benefit resulting from YES! projects will be asked to contribute a percentage of their energy savings to support future YES! projects.

C. Spending History:

Funding Source	M.L. 2008 or FY09	M.L. 2009 or FY10	M.L. 2010 or FY11	M.L. 2011 or FY12-13	M.L. 2013 or FY14
MN Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund				\$246,000	
Southwest Initiative Foundation	\$34,736	\$23,300	\$72,174	\$196,300	\$44,000
Minnesota Renewable Energy Marketplace	\$25,000	\$177,500			
AgStar		\$2,500	\$7,500	\$10,000	
McKnight Foundation			\$75,000	\$40,000	
Southern MN Initiative Foundation		\$10,000		\$30,000	
Initiative Foundation				\$5,000	
Center for Energy & Environment				\$1,500	
University of MN Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership					\$4,000
University of MN Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership				\$20,000	
Other Supporters	\$7,500	\$4,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	
Other funds for expenses: \$ 300 team fee collected for 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons and \$ 350 for 2013-14 season				\$17,100	\$8,050
Matching funds/support from local community towards team projects for 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons				\$112,430.92	

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST: N/A

IX. VISUAL ELEMENT or MAP(S): See attached visual

X. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS WORKSHEET: N/A

XI. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted no later than January 15, 2015, July 15, 2015, and January 15, 2016. A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2016.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for M.L. 2014 (FY 2014-16) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects											
Project Title: Youth-led Sustainability Initiatives in 40 Greater MN Communities											
Legal Citation: M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b											
Project Managers: Dave Pederson and Shelli-Kae Foster											
Organization: Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center											
M.L. 2014 ENRTF Appropriation: \$ 350,000											
Project Length and Completion Date: 2 years, July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016											
Date of Report: February 6, 2014											
	Activity 1 Budget Recruitment & Retention	Amount Spent	Activity 1 Balance	Budget Workshops and Industry Tours	Amount Spent	Activity 2 Balance	Budget Team and Project Support	Amount Spent	Activity 3 Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Recruitment and Retention			Workshops and Events			Team and Project Support				
Personnel: 1.0 FTE Project Leader (Shelli-Kae Foster) @ \$ 46,000 each year for 2 years totaling \$ 92,000 (new team training and development, program sustainability, grant management/reporting & direct service to regional teams)	23,000		23,000	57,500		57,500	149,500		149,500	230,000	230,000
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Travel: Approx. 1,600 miles per month total for staff x 24 months = 38,400 x .56 = \$21,500. Plus \$4,000 total for meals and lodging (as deemed necessary for working with outstate teams and events) allowance for a total of \$25,500. (Required for serving widely dispersed rural communities). All travel expense reimbursements as per Minnesota State Commissioner plan. Additional requirements to be covered by non-ENRTF funds. (Amount adjusted from .565 to .56 as per DNR notification.)	2,570		2,570	6,425		6,425	16,505		16,505	25,500	25,500
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COLUMN TOTAL	\$32,470	0	32,470	\$75,425	\$0	\$75,425	\$242,105	\$0	\$242,105	\$350,000	\$350,000
* Notes:											
1. Additional funds have been secured to increase seed funds to teams. Additional support to teams is expected through other community partners..											
To meet budget parameters, dollars were decreased to teams because we have found it is easier to find community support for project dollars vs. staff.											



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Projects range from recycling 30,000 lbs of e-waste to reducing utility bills by \$5,000, cutting school lunch waste by 75%, growing thousands of pounds of produce for school lunches, designing and building a vehicle that can achieve 500 miles per gallon, and decreasing school recycling contamination rates from 70% to 5%.

"You can think about saving energy or you can talk about it, but really you need to get out and do something to protect the environment. I think YES! is a great way to do that"

Kennedy YES! student

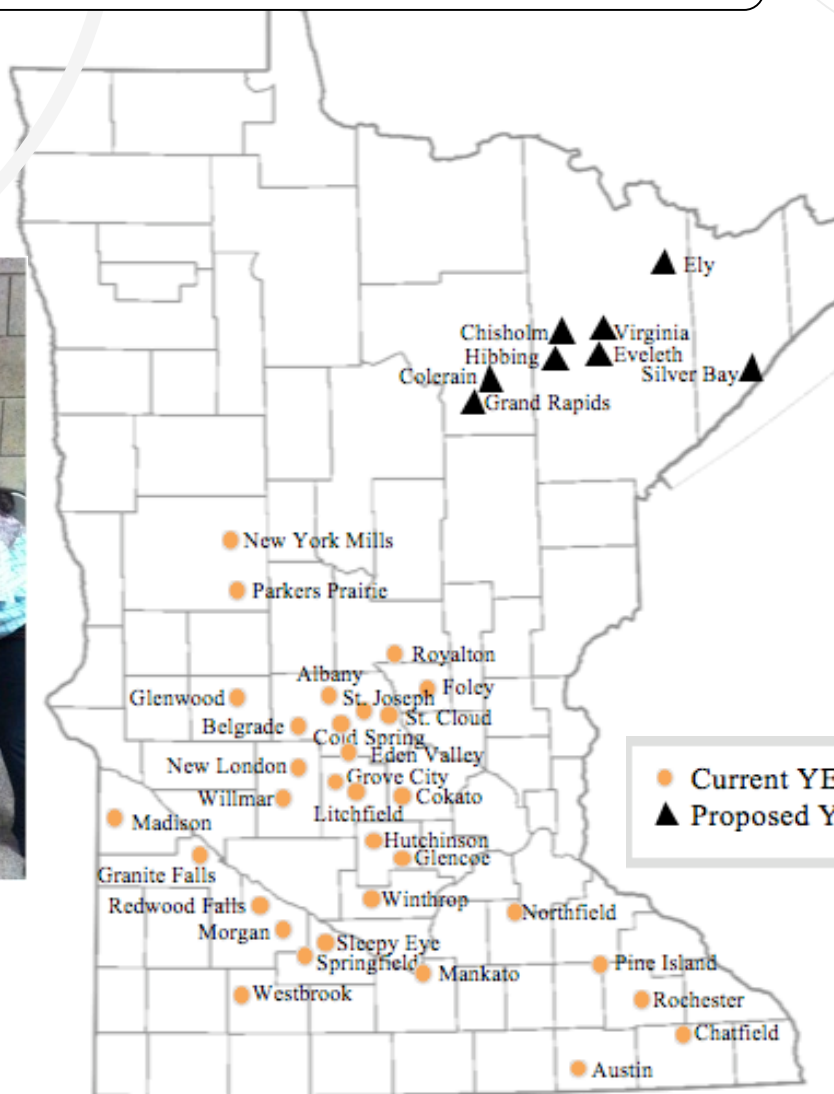


Since 2007, YES! has engaged more than 1,500 students, 1,300 businesses and organizations, and 80,000 community members



"YES! is the gift that keeps on giving because it connected us with the people and resources we need to get things done!"

YES! coach



● Current YES! teams
▲ Proposed YES! teams

YES! won the Minnesota Environmental Initiative Award in Environmental Education in 2010 and 2013!



"Youth are going to be the people to make the change"

YES! student

