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STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

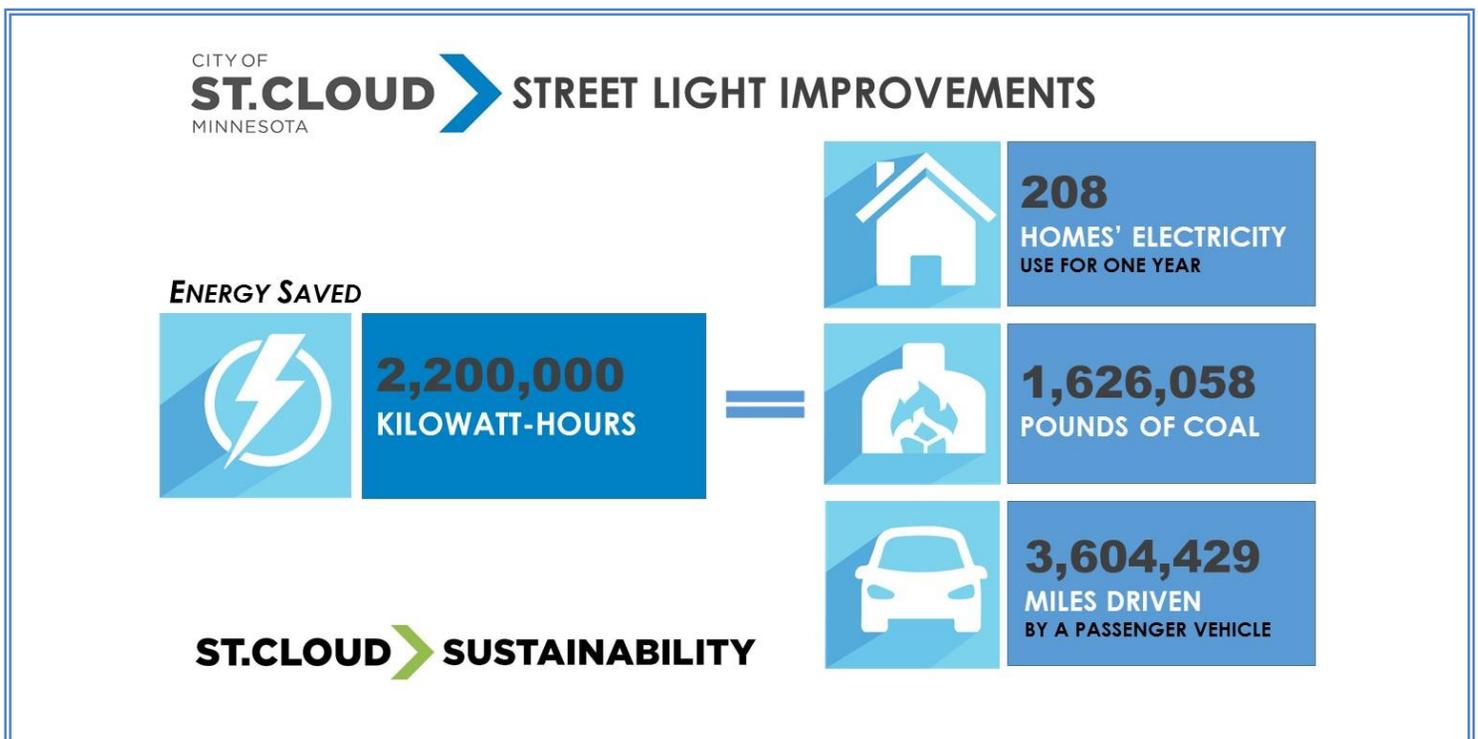
The City of St. Cloud will complete a city-wide LED street lighting and facilities upgrade in 2016 & 2017. LED street lighting will begin in July 2016 with the primary lighting corridors in St. Cloud including Division Street and several other major arteries. Also included in the lighting upgrade will be street lights attached to traffic signals, downtown street lighting, parking ramps and several parking lots. The LED lighting will provide better quality light that is also more efficient than current lighting sources ultimately reducing electrical use and expense. LED street lights also last much longer and reduce maintenance costs and improve reliability.



The LED street lighting project will continue into 2017 when the final downtown street lighting will be installed along West St. Germain and adjacent to the River's Edge Convention Center. This lighting will include digital banners, emergency notification lighting, audio, and special lighting functions including dimming – another energy reduction method. The project also include residential LED lighting upgrades in areas that have decorative lighting and in other areas that have major corridor lighting such as Cooper Avenue South.

Another aspect of the project will be the change from flat rate lighting to metered lighting. In the past, power companies charged the City using predetermined unmetered rates. However, with various and continuously changing wattages of LED street lights it is much more advantageous for the City to meter electrical use. In order to meter the electrical power, new service cabinets with metering capabilities and new generation control equipment.

SUSTAINABILITY BENEFITS:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. Is there a schedule for various locations and when new lighting will be installed?

A. Most of the lighting will be changed out as lighting devices are received. More complex lighting equipment such as decorative lighting takes more time to manufacture and will come in later in the project.

Q. Will all of my neighborhood residential lights be changed out?

A. Many of the street lights in neighborhoods are owned by a power company. The power companies will change out street lighting on their own timetables. In residential areas with city owned decorative lighting or primary corridor lighting, current lighting devices will be upgraded to LED.

Q. How is this project being funded?

A. The project is being financed through a performance contract. The electrical and operational savings are guaranteed and are used to pay for the improvements.

Q. Will the LED lighting upgrade increase my street light utility charge?

A. No. At this time there will be no changes in street light rates on your street lighting utility billing.

Q. Who can I contact if I have a question about the LED lighting upgrade project?

A. Please contact (320)650-2900 or publicworks@ci.stcloud.mn.us and reference the Street Light Improvement Project.