WE, THE YOUTH OF Sample City MN

endorse this Climate Report Card & call for immediate action to protect our future from the Climate Crisis.
## Sample City CLIMATE REPORT CARD

### ZERO EMISSIONS PLAN  
C
Rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions is the most important thing we can do to address the climate crisis.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY  
C+
Electricity generation caused 32% of US greenhouse gas emissions in 2012 (source: EPA), the largest of any source.

### WASTE  
B
Reducing the amount of waste we generate and recycling more of it reduces the amount of greenhouse gases from landfills. Waste reduction is also an indirect indicator that we're reducing the amount of completely new stuff we're buying. Production of new stuff can generate a lot of greenhouse gases.

### CARBON REMOVAL  
F
Removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere will reduce the impacts of climate change.

### YOUTH INVOLVEMENT  
None
The youngest generation will be most impacted by the climate crisis and should be involved when policies are being put in place. A city gets a half grade increase if they have youth involved in advising on or developing climate related policies.

### OVERALL GRADE  
C

## RATIONALE FOR GRADES

(see the Detailed Report for specifics)

### ZERO EMISSIONS PLAN  
50% Weighting
Sample City has done a Climate Action plan and is aiming for an 80% reduction in emissions by 2040.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY  
20% Weighting
Sample City knows the percent of its electricity that comes from renewable sources, which is great as many cities do not. Sample City received 15% of its energy from renewable sources in 2014. This is close to the national average. Sample City’s renewable energy percentage changed by 0.8 percentage point(s) from 2013 to 2014. This increased the grade 1/3 level.

### WASTE  
20% Weighting
Waste created per person in Sample City is decreasing which results in a better grade. The portion of Sample City’s waste that is being recycled or composted is increasing which results in a better grade.

### CARBON REMOVAL  
10% Weighting
Sample City does not have a program that will contribute to removing carbon from the atmosphere.

### YOUTH INVOLVEMENT  
Possible +1/2 grade
Sample City does not have youth formally involved in the process of creating and executing climate related policies and actions.