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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN PREPARES FOR POLLINATOR GARDEN AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS

Rockford, MN (November 5, 2019) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) recently began the process of converting 1.25 acres of land near two WH solar communities at its Rockford headquarters into a pollinator garden. The property will provide habitat for birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife and turn unused land into a useful resource.

MN Native Landscapes, a local company located in Albertville, Minn., prepped the ground this fall by eliminating weeds in the area where the pollinator planting will be completed. Next spring, they will return to plant the seeds. It will take a few years to be fully mature, but over time, it will be converted into a rich landscape of wildflowers and animal nesting, resting and feeding habitat.

“WH is excited to work with MN Native Landscapes on this project,” said Andrea Unger, marketing and member service director at WH. “We believe the planting will help the environment as it provides a habitat for bees and other pollinators, butterflies, birds and more. It will also provide beauty for the employees who take walks around campus during break times and the members who come to see their solar arrays. We look forward to seeing what kinds of creatures make this area their home.”

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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WH is converting 1.25 acres of land to a pollinator prairie in front of two WH solar communities at its Rockford headquarters. Planting will be done next spring by MN Native Landscapes and will become fully mature in a few years.