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**EPA ADMINISTRATOR GINA MCCARTHY VISITS BURNSVILLE,
TALKS SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy was in Burnsville on Wednesday morning, May 28, where she visited with Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, City staff, Xcel Energy, Dakota Electric and Great River Energy officials on a number of environmental and sustainability topics.

McCarthy's visit was the result of an invitation from Mayor Kautz to share Burnsville's sustainability initiatives with the federal agency, and to seek federal support on the proper closing of Freeway Landfill in Burnsville.

The morning began with an overview of large-scale environmental issues and initiatives impacting Burnsville – including:

- The continued attempts to properly close Freeway Landfill, as well as the environmental and economic benefits that would result
- The City's use of surface water and drinking water-sharing partnership with the City of Savage, Kraemer Mining & Materials and the State of Minnesota
- Birnamwood Golf Course's renowned Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Certification
- Burnsville Ice Center's geothermal system
- Burnsville's comprehensive sustainability plan

Xcel Energy, Dakota Electric and Great River Energy also provided updates of their work in Minnesota. The visit concluded with a tour of the Freeway Landfill and Kraemer Quarry surface water site, before Director McCarthy left to continue her day in St. Paul, Minn.

(Photo Below)



Cutline: *(High resolution image available upon request).*

Like Burnsville’s resident superhero, “Sustainability Man,” EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy visited the City of Burnsville in search of “green projects and sustainable resources.”

Pictured from left to right:

EPA Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman; Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations Mark Rupp; Sustainability Man; EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz.

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